



# Durham News Notes

 *Fall 2018*

## New Light Rail Line to Bridgeport Village Recommended

In August, the Southwest Corridor Steering Committee unanimously recommended a route for a new 12-mile MAX light rail line connecting downtown Portland to Bridgeport Village. The plan also includes roadway, bicycle and pedestrian improvements and strategies to ensure that development along the light rail line addresses the region's workforce, economic development and housing needs.



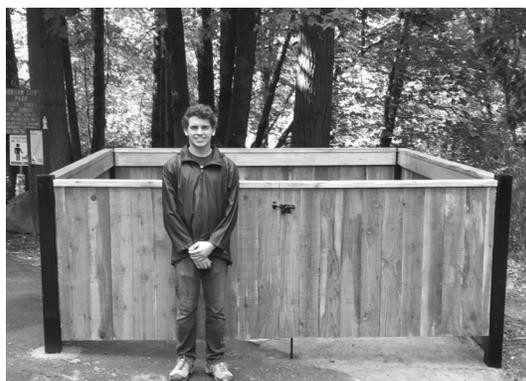
With an anticipated travel time of just 30 minutes between Bridgeport Village and downtown Portland, the MAX line is projected to attract 43,000 riders per weekday by 2035. This means light rail could carry almost a fifth of the southbound rush hour commuters from Portland.

This fall, local jurisdictions will discuss and formalize support for the route recommended by the Steering Committee. Finally, the Metro Council will vote to adopt the final route into the Regional Transportation Plan. Once adopted, the Final Environmental Impact Statement and design phases can begin. After the FEIS is completed, voters may decide on a regional funding measure which could fund about half the project. In early 2023, the project will compete for funding through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program.

Over the next few years, TriMet will work with partners and communities to refine designs including Park & Ride designs. Significant public input will be needed during this phase.

## Durham Scouts Complete Service Projects

Durham resident and Life Scout **Abraham Jehnke** led 13 volunteers to construct a new garbage enclosure at Durham City Park. The garbage enclosure provides a more attractive setting at the park entrance and to reduce smells on the adjacent path.



Jehnke volunteered to plan and construct the enclosure as a service project to earn his Eagle Scout rank as part of the Boy Scouts of America Scouting Program. Jehnke developed the work plan, raised funds, and collected material donations for the project. Jehnke and his volunteers completed the project over two weekends

in September. First preparing the site and pouring concrete and then building the enclosure.

**Andrew Husband** of Troop 530 also planned, fund-raised, and completed his Eagle Scout service project in Heron Grove. With his group of volunteers, Husband restored the surface of fire lane that connects Heron Grove to Ellman Lane. The surface had become choked with moss and weeds making it difficult and costly to maintain. With his team, Husband removed all the moss and replaced it with gravel. Now, the fire lane looks great and will be easy to maintain.

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement attainable in Boy Scouts of America. Scouts seeking to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout must complete a service project to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community. Great job, Abe & Andrew!

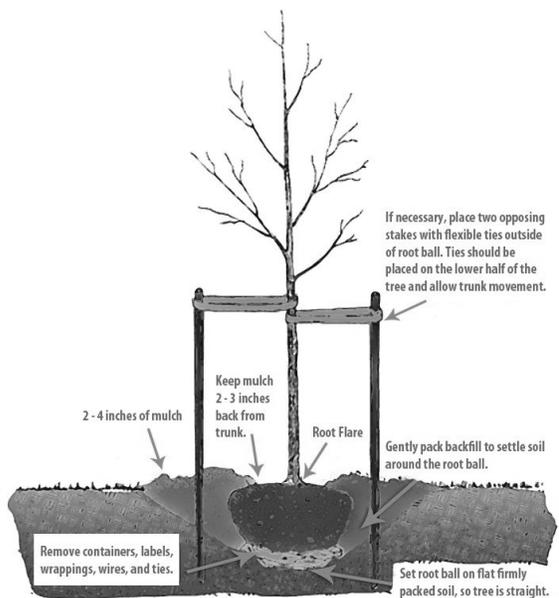
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## Planting Trees for Success

If planting a tree is on your fall to-do list, there are some things you can do to help your tree move in. John Punches, a forester with the Douglas County office of the Oregon State University Extension Service, says when it comes to planting trees, timing is everything.

- Most importantly, consider how tall the tree will grow, the shape, and the lighting requirements when deciding where to plant your sapling.
- Plant when the upper 10 inches of soil is moist, the soil is not frozen more than a half-inch deep, and air temperature is between 30 and 65 degrees. It also helps if the wind velocity is less than 20 miles per hour.
- Keep the roots moist and the trees cool. Dried out roots are dead roots. Plant in the rain if possible.
- Dig a good hole. Many planting errors can be blamed on holes too small for the roots going in them. Holes should be deep enough to hold the root system with ease and allow for broken soil all around the root system to promote root growth. If the roots are nine inches long, dig the hole at least 12 inches deep to provide broken soil under the seedling.
- Plant at the right depth. Trees should be planted at the same depth they experienced in the nursery or a bit deeper. Planting too shallow leaves upper roots exposed, leading to their death. Planting too deep can be a problem if lower twigs and needles are buried.
- Unwrap and place the roots in a natural position. Be sure the roots are not crowded, bent at several angles, or wrapped around the trunk.
- Firm the soil around the tree. While holding the tree in an upright position at the correct depth, fill the hole with loose, moist soil. Do not let dry soil, rocks, or surface litter fall in the hole, or roots in these dry spots could be damaged or killed. Press the soil down firmly. Add a layer of mulch around the base to retain moisture and keep weeds down.
- Don't forget your new tree. Planting is only part of the battle. It takes two full years for a tree to become established and more in drought conditions. Take time to water it after planting and during the next two summers. Continue to remove competing plants around the dripline.



A little extra time spent during planting can yield big dividends in young tree survival and growth, Punches said, so plant your trees correctly for best success.

Source: Oregon State Extension, John Punches, 2008.

## Free Leaf Disposal For Durham Residents



Dumpsters for free disposal of leaves will be available at Durham City Park on:

**November 10 and 11**

**November 17 and 18**

**December 1 and 2**

Pride Disposal and Clean Water Services provide the leaf dumpsters to Durham residents only. Please do not overfill the dumpsters or leave extras outside the dumpsters. When piles or bags of leaves and branches are left outside the dumpster, the City has to pay to have someone clean them up and haul them away. Because the contents will be composted, the dumpsters are for **leaves and needles only**.

Paper leaf disposal bags are ok but no plastic bags, woody debris, or branches.

## Summary of Recent Activity

- ◆ The City approved requests for two rate increases from Pride Disposal. Durham garbage rate increased beginning August 1, 2108 to address disposal costs related to the recycling market disruption. The second rate increase is the annual rate adjustment which will be effective January 1, 2019.
- ◆ The City repaved Afton Lane.
- ◆ The City installed two new streetlights at the north end of Upper Boones Ferry Road.
- ◆ The City landscaped the streetscape on the southwest corner of Rivendell and Upper Boones Ferry Road.
- ◆ The City repaired cracks and seal-coated the asphalt path in Durham park.
- ◆ The City migrated to a new, faster website server and updated the website design.
- ◆ The Tualatin Police Department has conducted several traffic enforcement operations on Upper Boones Ferry Road. Since July, the TPD has made 110 traffic stops and issued 59 citations. The TPD is concerned with vehicles travelling in the left turn lane.

**Monthly Meetings**  
**City Council—4th Tuesday of**  
**the Month**

**Planning Commission—1st**  
**Tuesday of the Month**

**Both meetings start at**  
**7:30pm at Durham City Hall.**

## Friends of Trees Welcomes Volunteer Tree Planters at Durham Park

On Saturday January 5, 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm, anyone interested in participating in a volunteer native seedling planting at Durham City Park is invited to join. No prior planting experience is needed. Volunteer leaders with planting expertise will guide small groups of volunteers, demonstrate how to plant, and help throughout the morning.

Clean Water Services and the City support this project and other native plant restoration work occurring at the park. Native trees and shrubs help to cool water temperature, reduce sediment in our waterways, provide shade to park users, and enhance wildlife habitat. Please come dressed for the weather, wearing closed-toe shoes, and be ready to have some fun getting a little dirty!

Individuals and groups are kindly asked to RSVP to save your spot(s) by going online and filling out a quick registration form. Registration is highly recommended but not required, please contact Friends of Trees at 503-595-0213 with any questions. Friends of Trees have been planting trees in the greater Portland metro area since 1989. To learn more about this and other planting events, visit Friends of Trees' calendar at [friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar](http://friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar).



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## City Seeking Input on a New Play Structure for the Park

The City is seeking suggestions on a new play structure for Durham City Park. The new structure will be installed in the summer of 2019. You can email your suggestions to [cityofdurham@comcast.net](mailto:cityofdurham@comcast.net).

## November 6th Election

Durham City Councilors Gery Schirado and Chris Hadfield are running for reelection on **November 6, 2018**. The incumbents are seeking additional 4-year terms on the City Council beginning January 2019 through December 2022.

Residents have until October 16, 2018 to register to vote in November. Citizens can register to vote online on the Oregon Secretary of State's website. Voters should mail their ballots by November 1 or drop them off at the Ballot Box at the Tualatin Library until 8pm on November 6.

### About the City Council

The City Council includes five councilors. Positions are nonpartisan. Councilors also serve on the City Budget Committee along with citizen appointees. Councilors elect a councilor to serve as mayor for one year at the January Council meeting.



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### Take Five to Survive

The Durham MYN Committee recommends steps to take and things to proactively purchase in case of a natural disaster. The Committee recommends a minimum of 21-day supply of consumables, food and water. By taking a year or so to put your disaster kit together, the cost is spread out and the tasks are more manageable. Here are things you can purchase and tasks to complete in the next three months to help you BE PREPARED, NOT SCARED.

#### Purchases:

- Heavy rope
- Large and kitchen size (for your human waste buckets) garbage bags
- Flash drives to download your records on
- Toiletries, including toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Child proof latches for cabinets
- Liquid dish soap
- Whistle

#### Activities:

- Replace stored water if its older than 6 months
- Learn how to flush your hot water tank, flush yearly
- Make sure your hot H2O tank is secured
- Review your MYN cluster information sheet
- Add extra (even if old) eye glasses to your kit
- Secure shelves to keep items from falling out
- Take a HAM radio class. Contact [TualatinHAM@gmail.com](mailto:TualatinHAM@gmail.com)

### The Great Oregon Shakeout – Oct 18

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold on at **10:18 am on Oct 18** during Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills!

Oregonians can join them today by registering for the 2018 Great Oregon ShakeOut. Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes– wherever you live, work, or travel. Learn tips on how to get 2 Weeks Ready and craft your own emergency kit.

Go to [www.shakeout.org/oregon](http://www.shakeout.org/oregon) to find out information and to share your shakeout stories, photos, and videos.