



BATTLECREEK COMMONS COMMUNICATOR



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“And hope
if it had a scent,
would smell like
spring, like rain, like
something new and
alive.”



~Jennifer Rush, Reborn 



CONCERTS!!




Concerts are back!! Battlecreek Commons has been doing “House Concerts” in our clubhouse since 2018. A house concert provides a small friendly environment to attend a concert with your neighbors. It is a style of concert appreciated by the artist and the attendee. For the artist they have the full attention of the audience and can have conversations with people. For the attendee there is no chatter or blender drowning out the performance. You get to hear the music! If the artist is a songwriter, you get to hear the meaning behind the lyrics. The audience may be small but every artist I have spoken to loves to do performances in venues like this. We ask that you pay the artist a minimum of \$15 and bring a snack to share with others including the artists. Concerts are once a month on Sundays and start at 2PM and are done by no later than 5 PM. Mark your calendars!



May 17th -- Bernie Sims, singer/songwriter. Bernie has performed for us before, has a regular gig at the Resort at the Oregon Garden and several wineries in our area. I was particularly impressed with Bernie’s ability to engage the whole family and even have one of our neighborhood children sing with him. It was a very special event. And he is one of our neighbors!

June 7th -- Steve Hale. Steve is described as singer/songwriter with a soul edge. Steve grew up in our area and even admits that in his youth he would sneak into to the former golf course (now the park) at the 3 tee to play. Steve’s voice has a wonderful quality to it and his songs can be both heartfelt and funny. You can find Steve playing at many venues in the area.

So, bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice and enjoy an afternoon of music with your friends and neighbors. Some cushions are available to make the folding chairs more comfortable. The recommended donation to the artist is \$15 per adult. Sharon Grassetth 

Social Committee Planned Events!!

Saturday, June 20th there will be a Sack Lunch Social 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse

Saturday, December 12th a Holiday LUNCHEON is planned at the Clubhouse!

So mark your calendars and plan to attend!! Bonnie Shaughnessy-Smith, Social Committee 



“April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring?
Answer: Pilgrims!”

CALENDAR

May 2026 – July 2026

HOA Activities

These meetings are all open to all members.

For the time being, follow the instructions provided in the emailed meeting notices about how meetings will meet or contact the Chair of the committee you wish to attend.

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Finance – Jean Dalton, Interim</u>	<u>Planning & Projects</u>	<u>Neighborhood Watch – TBD</u>
May 26, 2026-5:30p - ZOOM	May 20, 2026-4:00p - Clbhse		
June 23, 2026-5:30p - ZOOM	June 17, 2026-4:00p - Clbhse	TBD	
July 28, 2026-5:30p - ZOOM	July 22, 2026-4:00p - Clbhse		

<u>Grounds – Megan Trow & Virginia Ferguson, Co-Chairs</u>	<u>Maintenance/Repair/Paving –</u>	<u>Architectural –</u>	<u>Emergency Prep – Aline Autenrieth</u>
May 12, 2026-6:00p - Clubhouse	Paving project in progress!	Meets as needed-contact Chair	July 7, 2026-7:00p -Clbhse
June 9, 2026-6:00p - Clubhouse	Meets as needed-contact Chair	TBD	We'll meet quarterly unless
July 14, 2026-6:00p - Clubhouse	TBD		needed and called sooner

We hope you will join these meetings to share your concerns and views, and become more involved in our community. Please come join us! 🌲

Social Activities: Thirsty Thursday – Thirsty Thursdays are BACK!!! The clubhouse is reserved every Thursday 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for this fun gathering. Bring your own drink and an appetizer to share. 🌲



Grow a reader. Grow a future.



**BOOK DRIVE
MAY 1 - 31**

Help us bridge the literacy gap!

Drop off new or gently used books to:
Heritage Grove FCU
631 Winter St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Next month we are partnering with **The Reading Nest** to expand access to books and financial education in our community.

May 1-31, donate new or gently used books in English or Spanish. Your donation helps build knowledge, confidence, and brighter futures.

Drop off books this May to our Salem branch (Heritage Grove Federal Credit Union, 631 Winter Street NE) and make a difference!

Chris Stewart, Contributor 🌲

Northwest Championship Sheepdog Trials

May 15-17, 2026. The event will be held for the 14th consecutive year at Wolston Farm, one mile East of Scio.



From the North: Take I-5 to exit #238 (the Scio Exit). At the bottom of the ramp turn left. At the stop light in Jefferson turn right onto Jefferson-Scio Road. Follow this road into Scio. At the stop sign turn right, go through downtown then turn left onto highway 226 just over the bridge. **After about 1.2 miles turn right on Franklin Butte Road.** **The entrance to the trial field is about 400 yards up on the right. WARNING: On Saturday morning this route will be blocked going through downtown Scio during the Lamb & Wool fair parade.**
Your Editor 🌲

D&O Garbage Service Dumpster Arrival



D&O Garbage Service will drop off a large dumpster bin in the maintenance yard by the office on Monday morning, May 4th with pickup scheduled for Friday morning, May 8th.

Residents are invited to bring unwanted items to the dumpster from **Monday, May 4, through Thursday afternoon, May 7, 2026.** Items can be dropped off between **7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily**, until the dumpster is picked up on Friday morning.

You are invited to bring your unwanted items and load them into the dumpster bin.

Please keep in mind we **cannot** accept tires, car parts, appliances with freon, televisions, computers, laptops, or computer monitors. Paint cans can be placed in the front area of the bin (not by the back doors).

Once the bin is full and level, the event will be over. Please call the office if you have large or heavy items and need help getting them to the dumpster, our crew can assist with pickup.



Anna Flores, Battlecreek Commons Association 🌲



“My favorite way to shop online is just to yell out what I’m looking for and wait for Facebook to post an ad for it.”

Are You Ready for The Unexpected?? (from Emergency Preparedness Committee)

Unexpected does not have to mean unprepared. It is only a Crisis if you are not Prepared! Remain Calm and Be Prepared!!!

An Emergency is The Absence of Choice....

Disclaimer: Please remember information shared here are ideas and suggestions presented for your consideration and are not recommendations by the BCC Board of Directors.



Wildfires. Because of our very dry winter and spring, our summer is expected to be very prone to wildfires. I recently had occasion to visit the Tillamook Forest Center on Highway 6 between Tillamook and Forest Grove. I've been there several times and find it to be a great exhibit. It's also a great learning center for children.

"The Tillamook Forest Center is the region's largest forest-based learning center and outdoor classroom – a special place to develop a deeper connection with Oregon's state forests through hands on exploration of the past, present, and future.

An inviting escape, nestled in the forest and overlooking the Wilson River, awaits your discovery.

Build a deeper connection with Oregon's forests through experience and exploration. Through innovative programs and hands-on exhibits in the 13,500 square-foot Center, visitors can gain a greater understanding about what a forest is, how it works, and forest history.

The Center also showcases the historic Tillamook Burn, the public spirit behind the monumental reforestation effort that left a permanent mark on Oregon history, and how it shaped sustainable forest management today.

It also features a 40-foot tall fire lookout tower that offers a unique view of the area and the surrounding forest canopy."

If you have the opportunity to stop at this great center, I'm sure you will appreciate it and learn from the history movie and many of the learning exhibits. And it's FREE!! 🌲

!! Items of the Month !! Preparation is a year-round effort, and everyone has a responsibility to be ready:

Emergency Plan. Have an emergency plan that includes where you can go in the event of an outage, especially if you rely on electricity for a medical condition or medication. Planning checklists and resources are available on portlandgeneral.com/beprepared.

Outage Kit. Everyone should have enough supplies to sustain their family for **at least three days**. We recommend placing items in waterproof and rodent-proof containers and reviewing and replenishing your kit at least once a year. Planning checklists and resources are available on portlandgeneral.com/beprepared. 🌲



PLEASE send in your Emergency Prep Information Form to Mary Schroeder. (If you need another one contact Mary at felines@comcast.net!!!!)

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse**. Emergency Preparedness meets the **1st Tuesday of each quarter (July 7, October 6, 2026) at 7:00 pm** in the Clubhouse unless called sooner to which **ALL are welcome!** Please contact one of us if you wish to join the meeting, have questions, or something to contribute. Stay healthy, happy, and safe!! 🌲



*"I'm not old!
I just need some WD-40 and a little duct tape."*

Finders Keepers!

Our Rock Hider continues to hide these beautiful rocks with crocheted coverings. So, go out there and find them!! They are placed around the beginning of the month!! We Love It, whoever you are and **thank you so very much** for this very fun activity!! So search on, everybody!!



“If you ever picked up a rock and thought, “now this is a good rock,” then we’re family.” 🌲

Contributors to this month’s Newsletter: Sharon Grassetth, Bonnie Shaughnessy-Smith, Chris Stewart, Anna Flores, Crocheting Rock Hider, Steve Starkey, and me!,-Aline Autenrieth. 🌲



BCC Spring Beauty 🌲

If you have a recipe or several you would like to share, please send them to me – always searching for good contributions!! Thanks!

Recipe Corner!

Mediterranean Olive Oil Dip



Ingredients:

- ¾ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons sundried tomatoes, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon Kalamata olives, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 teaspoons red chili flakes
- 1 teaspoon sumac
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon flaky sea salt (adjust to taste)

Instructions

Combine Ingredients:

In a small bowl or shallow plate with a lip, add the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, Parmesan cheese, sundried tomatoes, Kalamata olives, rosemary, thyme, crushed garlic, chili flakes, sumac, and lemon zest.

Mix Well:

Stir thoroughly to ensure all the ingredients are evenly combined. Taste, then add additional flaky sea salt if desired.

Serve:

Serve the dip directly from the mixing bowl or transfer to a small serving bowl for a lovely presentation. This dip pairs beautifully with fresh bread, like focaccia, crusty baguette, or rosemary Parmesan bread. 🍞



“If you eat 50 Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups that’s about 100 grams of protein. It’s not difficult to get enough protein in your diet.”

Do you have something to share with the community? The Newsletter is a good place to get out the word. Write it up and send it to me (aautenrieth@juno.com). Please send the article rather than just the idea! Articles should be from 100 words to 600 words. We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Microsoft Word compatible is desired. PDF files are more difficult! **DEADLINE: 10th of the month, please!** 🌲



BCC Office Hours
Monday thru Friday (except holidays):
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
 NOTE: The office will be closed for holidays on
May 25
 July 4, Sep 7
 Nov 26, Dec 25

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