

Raleigh Hills Business Association to host fourth annual shred and recycle event

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The Raleigh Hills Business Association met on March 1 for their monthly meeting to catch up on the latest news, network, and hear the latest economic information of the area. Chair Marie Morris welcomed nearly 30 members who appeared to be at an afterhours social event rather than a 7 o'clock meeting on a cold, damp morning.

The main presentation was provided by Emily Starbuck, an economist from the State of Oregon Employment Department.

"Employment in Washington County has increased almost 4 percent in recent years," Starbuck said. "This is a bit lower than the 19 percent growth seen in Portland."

According to Starbuck, Raleigh Hills provides approximately 2,000 jobs, a third of them in retail, and 16 percent in professional business services.

Starbuck went on to describe an increase in jobs in Tigard, Hillsboro, and Beaverton.

"The county population is around 584,000 and is much more diverse than Portland," she continued. "People of color make up 33 percent."

A Washington County sheriff described a proposed levy for the May election. If passed, it would renew a previous levy and earmarks

increased law enforcement services and funds advanced trainings in crisis interventions.

The fourth annual shred and recycle event sponsored by the business association will be held on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. until noon at 8555 SW Apple Way (in the AAA Oregon parking lot).

Community Warehouse, a nonprofit furniture bank, will be accepting household items. EcoBinary, an electronic-waste recycling business; Interstate All Battery, and Cartridge Network will all offer recycling. West Slope and Garden Home libraries will be accepting donations as well.

The association meets at 7 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Raleigh Hills New Seasons Market, 7300 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway.

Raleigh Hills appears to be named after Raleigh Robinson, a native of Washington County who owned and operated a portion of the farm where he was born in 1857. A post office named Raleigh was established in the area April 1892. Southern Pacific's Red Electric line had a stop in Raleigh from 1914 until the line ceased operation in 1929. For more information, please go to <http://raleighhillsbusinessassn.org/>.

Grand opening of Garden Home library annex set for April 18

Nick Wilczek, Garden Home Community Library director, announced that the library is about ready to open a new community space called the Annex. Located directly



Nick Wilczek, Garden Home Community Library director, shows off the new community library annex. "When the yellow gnome is outside, we have an event happening," he said. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

across the street in the west side of the Lamb's Thriftway strip mall, the Annex will serve as a meeting space, resource room, and hold events for children.

"We have been saving money for this project," Wilczek said as he showed off the almost completed room to this reporter. "Our library has no extra room whatsoever so when this space became available, we jumped at the opportunity."

Complete with laptops computers, a 3D printer, and a Blu-ray entertainment system, the room will open in early April.

"We have scheduled a meeting for the community on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Annex," announced Wilczek. "We're looking for ideas and public use for this room."

The Annex is located at 7306 SW Oleson Road. Hours will vary.

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