

# New board members ascend to leadership roles at SKPS

The Salem-Keizer Public Schools (SKPS) Board of Directors unanimously elected new board leadership during their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 13. Osvaldo F. Avila was elected as the new board chairperson and Ashley Carson Cottingham was elected as the new board vice chairperson effective immediately. Both of these positions can be held for up to two years.

This is Avila's and Carson Cottingham's first month serving on the board.

"As school board directors, we have

a responsibility to serve our communities, our school district, our students, staff and educators," Avila said. "We must do so with integrity and through diverse perspectives to elevate educational outcomes that prepares them with the tools and resources to make their best decision in pursuing, high-skilled career training, college or university opportunities."

Former Chairperson Satya Chandragiri will remain on the school board as a director, as will former Vice Chairperson Danielle Bethell.

# Willamette ferries close temporarily

Both Willamette River ferries in Marion County are closed or closing for several weeks this summer for required maintenance.

## Wheatland Ferry

The ferry is scheduled to close on Friday, July 19, through the end of Aug. 2021. The closure may be postponed due to weather or supply constraints. The Wheatland Ferry is located north of Keizer off Wheatland Road and connects Marion and Yamhill counties.

The county has received federal funds for work at the Wheatland Ferry site: (1) to install tie-off structures, (2) to install a backup generator, and (3) to repair and resurface the ramps.

The county has awarded the contract

for construction to Stayton-based Legacy Contracting, Inc. Work is in progress.

## Buena Vista Ferry

The Buena Vista Ferry was closed Tuesday, July 13, to conduct U.S. Coast Guard required dry dock inspections and routine maintenance. The closure is expected to last approximately four weeks. The ferry crosses the Willamette River south of Independence and connects Marion and Polk counties.

To receive updates about ferry operating status, email [mcpwdispatch@co.marion.or.us](mailto:mcpwdispatch@co.marion.or.us) to subscribe to ferry notification lists. Include your email address in the body of your message and indicate if you would like to be added to the Buena Vista or Wheatland Ferry list.

# Plant sale supports parks conservancy

The Mission Street Parks Conservancy's annual plant sale returns to Bush's Pasture Park in Salem this weekend.

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days on Friday, July 16, and Saturday, July 17.

In addition to plants of all varieties grown at area nurseries, local gardening experts will be in attendance answering

questions.

Plants will be on sale near the Bush House Museum.

On Saturday, the sale will feature family activities, including art and planting projects for kids, and 20-minute talks about flower drying and herb gardening. All proceeds benefit the conservancy.

More information is available on the group's Facebook page.



# Cat of the Week

**Name: VISION**  
**Age: 3**

**HISTORY:** Vision is a domestic medium hair Ragdoll. He was adopted in 2018 but was then returned back to the shelter.

**PREFERRED HOME:** This cat does best in a home with no other animals or children. He is very active and playful.



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By Charles Preston

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