

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ARGUS



Meiva Gage works out in the Strength and Stretch class in the PrimeFit Gym at The Ackerly at Timberland, a newly opened retirement living community with 147 units in a six-floor building just off Southwest Barnes Road at 117th. Photos by Benjamin Brink

## Welcome to The Ackerly

Seniors find a range of living options at the new retirement community

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The room is silent except for the slow, calm voice of the instructor. "Rotate your neck to the left. One, two, three, four. Now, slowly come back to center."

It's 10 a.m. From Monday through Friday that means it's time for the "Strength and Stretch" class in the PrimeFit Gym at The Ackerly.

The Ackerly at Timberland is a newly opened retirement living community with 147 units in a six-floor building just off Southwest Barnes Road at 117th. The Ackerly has a range of living options from independent living to memory care. The community has two restaurants, a pub, a fitness center, an activities room, a salon, a library, a theater, a tech center, bocce ball courts, walking trails, a gardening area, and outdoor dining areas.

A glance at the "Activities at The Ackerly" weekly schedule shows there's a little bit of everything for everyone. Residents even have access to an indoor garden that is called the ElderGrow. Ken Huang, a client who had never gardened before, said, "I love being close to nature. Now I don't have to wait to go outside."

Lorna Olsen, who moved into The Ackerly in October, said, "I love it. I'm tired of the big house and everything that needed doing."



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Caitlin VanDerSchaaf, the general manager, said most of the residents are in their mid-70s and older. She notes that many of them are in great shape and very active. "There is one 94 year old lady who walks faster than I do," she said.



Garrett Hasenkamp, the program director tells Ken Huang, a resident, which plants need watering at the ElderGrow cart in The Ackerly.



James, a Maltese, strolls down the first floor hallway at The Ackerly getting ready for a trip outside.

### ELECTION 2016

## Tigard voters end light-rail opposition; gas taxes defeated

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Tigard voters narrowly approved a ballot measure on whether the city should drop its formal opposition to light rail — something voters approved in 2014.

The vote — 50 percent to 49 percent — could provide a boost for the Portland-to-Tualatin "Southwest Corridor" proposal that has been in the works for nearly five years. The project has been projected to cost \$2.4 billion to \$2.8 billion in 2025 dollars, reflecting the time when construction would be underway. It would either use Barbur Boulevard or run alongside Interstate 5 to Tigard before ending at Bridgeport Village.

In other Washington County measures, voters expressed their opinions on three gas tax increases, two school bonds and a public safety bond:

- › Tigard voters rejected, 59 percent to 40 percent, raising the gas tax from 3 cents to 8 cents a gallon. The added nickel is expected to raise an additional \$1 million annually and, proponents say, ease a 20-year paving backlog.
- › Cornelius voters rejected, 71 percent to 28 percent, increasing the city's gas tax from 2 cents a gallon to 4 cents. Money raised from the tax is expected to be used to pay for paving, curbing, street lighting, sidewalks and ramps.
- › King City voters rejected, 57 percent to 42 percent, a 3 cents-a-gallon fuel tax. The \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year expected from the tax would be spent on street improvements, repair and maintenance.
- › Tigard-Tualatin School District: Voters approved, 60 percent to 39 percent, a \$291.3 million bond to modernize schools and reduce overcrowding. The current tax rate is expected to increase by about 37 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value or about \$111 a year on a home assessed at \$300,000. Three projects are expected to be funded: a rebuild of Templeton Elementary School; a substantial rebuild of Twality Middle School; the completion of a master plan for Tigard High School renovations.
- › Sherwood School District: Voters approved, 54 percent to 45 percent, a \$247.5 million bond that would allow the district to build a replacement Sherwood High School, build additional athletic fields, make existing buildings safer and make needed repairs on school buildings. The current tax rate will increase by about 50 cents

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