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Vermont Street sidewalks to be upgraded from 30th to 37th avenues

HILLSDALE NOTEBOOK

By Jillian Daley
The Southwest Portland Post

PBOT project manager Kyle Chisek shared details with the Hillsdale NA on a \$2.2 million proposed project that includes upgrades to the sidewalks on Southwest Vermont Street from 30th to 37th avenues.

Chisek also described improvements to the stormwater system at several intersections: Southwest Idaho Drive and Vermont Street; Vermont Street and Capitol Highway; Terwilliger Boulevard, Seventh Avenue and Caldw Drive; and Terwilliger Boulevard, Sixth Avenue and Chestnut Street.

Construction should not be done until a neighborhood issue is settled, said HNA board member Don Baack, also chairman of SW Trails, a group that promotes walking and biking in Southwest.

The neighborhood association submitted a letter to the Mayor's office

saying that HNA would prefer a different location for the signal Home Forward (the housing authority serving Multnomah County) has proposed at 26th Avenue, Vermont Street and Capitol Highway.

This is the site of a new entrance for Stephens Creek Crossing, Home Forward's planned housing development.

The letter says the new signal should be at Southwest 25th Avenue, Vermont Street and Capitol Highway [near Fanno Creek Clinic].

Baack said the latter site would reduce bike crashes and accommodate heavy traffic on Vermont Street. Motorists "don't see them; they pull out in front of the bikes," he said.

Baack's motion failed. Chisek said the proposed improvements would not impede the installation of a signal regardless of location.

HNA chairman Mikal Apenes said the neighborhood should not stop proposed construction because it is an opportunity to overhaul infrastructure, and neighbors will pursue the signal issue in the future.

During his SW Trails presentation,



Portland Bureau of Transportation project manager Kyle Chisek presented information on some upcoming projects at the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association meeting last month. (Post photo by Jillian Daley)

Baack said there is a gap in the bike path on Terwilliger between Chestnut and Barbur, and that gap should be filled.

Baack moved that the HNA write the

Portland City Council, Bureau of Transportation and Portland Parks & Recreation to support the path's completion. His motion got unanimous support.

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Rehabilitation planned for Newbury and Vermont bridges on Barbur Boulevard

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

This year the Oregon Department of Transportation will be doing repair work on two Southwest Barbur Boulevard overpasses. As part of the project they propose "improvements" for bicyclists which, they concede, are "not ideal."

As ODOT's Jilayne Jordan told the South Portland Neighborhood Association last month, the agency will do repairs to the Newbury bridge ("I have no idea why it's called Newbury; perhaps there were plans to build a street there") and the Vermont bridge, both south of Capitol Highway.

Vermont is "one of the few bridges in the state that has wooden caps," Jordan said. "It has deteriorated and rotted, and is starting to crack. The wood has to be replaced with steel or the bridge has to be weight restrained," meaning that buses couldn't use it. ODOT will also replace the concrete at the joints, Jordan said.

The \$5 million project will start in 2014, she said. At times the work will require restriction of traffic to one lane in each direction, she said.

As part of the project, ODOT will look at improving bicycle and pedestrian movement on the bridges. Currently they share a space that is "challenging at best and downright scary" to negotiate, Jordan said.

However, she said, "We can't fix this entirely. We can't remove the walkway without compromising the integrity of the bridge." A true fix would cost \$25 million, five times the project budget,

she said.

ODOT is offering three options: They can widen the southbound shared walkway by two feet; they can remove the center median and widen the car lanes, which are currently a substandard 10.5 feet, for shared use by bikes and cars; or they can do nothing and leave things as they are.

"I acknowledge that these are not ideal options," Jordan said.

South Portland board member Sharon Fikety said, "I'd prefer a road diet (the elimination of a traffic lane), but that's not on the table. You should widen the lanes."

Another board member, Jim Gardner, countered. "Widening the lanes won't make much difference. There's still not enough room for a car to pass a bike safely." He said he would like "at least one wider sidewalk." Another board member, Lee Buhler, said he also supported wider sidewalks.

Jordan said, "The minimum envelope for a bicyclist is three feet. If they're offered less on a path, they won't feel safe and they'd rather stay in traffic."

Fikety supported this, saying, "I don't care what you do to the sidewalks, I'm not riding on them." The board eventually voted to call for widened lanes.

Roger Averbek, chair of the Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. Transportation Committee, told *The Post* his own preference would be to remove the median and have "pro time" traffic configurations, with three northbound lanes in the morning and three southbound in the afternoon. Jordan said ODOT planned to decide on a design approach by February.

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Ghost hunting in Multnomah Village simply a ploy to bring in traffic

Regarding "Clyde Lewis goes ghost hunting in the basement of Fat City Café," *The Post*, December 2012.

Just when I thought there was hope for the human race. Besides the fact that there is no such thing as ghosts.

The sad deaths of others is nothing to groom a story over, not to mention having to dig back to 1973 ... meaning that the Village has nothing else going than hoping "ghost hunters" will bring traffic in.

The only ghosts seen here are the loss of brain matter and those who follow the walking deadheads down the basement steps actually thinking that there will be something there besides old town mold.

Not a letter, a comment. Not looking to escalate a conversation to put into a newspaper to further this story any more than it has already been displayed day in and out in that cafe like they are notorious and keep the small town "ghostly story."

People are fickle when it comes to

what catches their attention enough to follow it, especially with electronic media of "all you can get." The less attention, the more it fades. Going with the less attention. There is a reason that they say "rest in peace."

Anonymous via e-mail

Get plugged in to Multnomah Village

We need your support. Capitol Highway between Southwest 35th and 36th avenues will be undergoing a major renovation starting the beginning of March.

There is a desire to install 110V electrical outlets in the tree wells that would make it easier to put up holiday tree lights and even other lighting throughout the year.

You can help by writing a letter of support. You can mail that letter of support to MVBI (Multnomah Village Bloc's Initiative).

This is a 501c3 organization working on behalf of the community on safety and accessibility of the Multnomah Village Business District. You can mail your letter of support to the following address:

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Time is of the essence so please get your letters sent in today! Thank you for your support.

*Moses Ross
Chair
Multnomah Neighborhood Association*

COMMUNITY LIFE

By Don Snedecor
The Southwest Portland Post

1 Pacific Woodturning Guild is featured in an exhibit Feb. 1-27 at the Center Gallery, Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Artists reception will be held Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Free. For more information call (503) 823-ARTS or visit www.multnomahartcenter.org.

7 The Sapphires (Australia, 98 minutes) will be shown Friday, Feb 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Whitsell Auditorium, Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave. "Catapulted onto the world stage as Australia's answer to the Supremes." Tickets to this film are \$11 adults, \$10 students & seniors. This is one of some 100 films shown Feb. 7-23 in the 36th annual Portland International Film Festival, (503) 221-1156. Full PIFF program is available at <http://festivals.nwfilm.org/piff36/>.

19 Kurt Rosenwinkel, a composer and jazz guitarist, will play on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Evans Auditorium, Lewis & Clark College. \$30 general, \$15 students. Tickets and more information at www.pdxjazz.com.

26 Spilt Milk, a comedy showcase featuring local comics and writers, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at O'Connor's Vault in Multnomah Village, 7850 SW Capitol Hwy. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:00 p.m. \$5 cover, adults only. For more

information visit www.facebook.com/SpiltMilkinSWPDX.

KBOO, the Willamette Bridge and the Psychedelic Supermarket. Author Polina Olsen will talk about her latest book, "Portland in the 1960s: Stories from the Counterculture" on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 6:45 -7:45 p.m. at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. Free, for adults.

MAPLEWOOD NOTEBOOK

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Schools faces a \$22 million shortfall in its 2013-14 budget year (equivalent to more than 220 teaching positions) under Gov. John Kitzhaber's proposed budget for the 2013-15 biennium.

The school district's budget has not yet been finalized and is scheduled to be adopted this summer.

Barbur Concept Plan hearing set for Feb. 26

Land use committee chairwoman Claire Carder announced that there will be a public hearing on the Barbur Concept Plan on Feb. 26.

The hearing on the long-term vision for improvements on Southwest Barbur Boulevard will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. during the Portland Planning Commission's meeting at 1900 SW Fourth Ave., second floor.

The Commission plans to make a recommendation to Portland City Council to adopt the plan by resolution in the spring, according to the city's website.

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Police arrest burglary suspect in Maplewood neighborhood

POLICE BLOTTER



Beau Daniel Rappaport

Thursday Jan. 24, at 11:45 a.m., Portland Police officers assigned to Central Precinct responded to the report of a burglary in progress at a residence in the 6800 block of Southwest 63rd Avenue.

As officers were enroute, additional information was broadcast that the homeowner returned home to find the suspect inside the house. The suspect then ran out of the house with some of the homeowner's property and disappeared into the neighborhood.

Arriving officers established a neighborhood perimeter and a Police K-9 Unit from the Beaverton Police Depart-

ment responded to assist in a search for the suspect.

Officers, including the K-9, searched the neighborhood and located the suspect in a nearby backyard, also recovering the victim's stolen property.

The suspect, identified as 26-year-old Beau Daniel Rappaport, was charged with one count of Burglary in the First Degree. Detectives from the Burglary Task Force learned that Rappaport lived a few houses away from the victim's residence.

Rappaport was booked into the Multnomah County Jail and was arraigned Jan. 25.

Police investigate a stabbing in West Portland Park neighborhood

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at 7:35 p.m., Portland Police officers assigned to Central Precinct responded to the report of a stabbing at Southwest 49th Avenue and Dickinson Street.

Officers and medical personnel arrived and contacted the 18-year-old male victim who was suffering from non-life-threatening stab wounds. He was transported to a Portland hospital for treatment.

Officers learned that the victim got into a verbal altercation with some men, one of whom stabbed him.

The suspects are described as Hispanic males and they left the scene in a blue minivan.

UPDATE: Portland Police Bureau Gang Enforcement Team detectives arrested two juveniles on January 25

in connection with the stabbing of an 18-year-old man in Southwest Portland on January 24.

18-year-old Juan Antonio Bermudez was treated for non-life-threatening stab wounds at a Portland hospital. Gang Enforcement Team detectives responded to conduct an investigation and determined that three juvenile males pulled up to the victim and his friend at the corner of Southwest 49th Avenue and Dickinson Street and began a verbal confrontation.

Based on initial information, it appears the stabbing was gang-related.

Two of the suspects got out of a blue minivan and physically assaulted the victim. One of the suspects used a knife to stab the victim multiple times. The suspects then fled the area in the minivan.

Investigators were able to locate the vehicle nearby and arrest the two primary aggressors without incident.

A 14-year-old male was charged with Attempted Murder and Assault in the First Degree and a 15-year-old male was charged with Assault in the Third Degree. The third person in the van was a 13-year-old male. He was not charged and was released to his parents.

The 14 and 15-year-old suspects were lodged at the Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Home.

Community members are encouraged to visit the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention page at www.portlandonline.com/oni/cp for crime prevention tips and resources.

New institutional zoning worries college and university neighbors

PORTLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

As part of the pending Portland Comprehensive Plan, the City is considering changing the zoning of the campuses of several major hospitals and colleges, including Oregon Health Sciences University and Lewis and Clark College. Some community activists are concerned about this.

As planner John Cole of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability told *The Post*, most such campuses are zoned for residential use. The institutions there are allowed by a conditional use permit, which strictly governs their activities.

Most such institutions create master plans governing their growth and development plans for the next 10 years. Any deviation or addition to such plans requires an amendment that includes a public process.

Cole said that the City is considering changing the process for 19 such campuses across the city, all of which comprise at least 10 acres and employ at least 100 people.

Among other things, there is a proposal to change the underlying zoning of the land on such campuses to an employment zone where at least some

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Retirement ideas from the Ultimate Cheapskate

By Joyce De Monnin,
AARP Oregon Outreach Director



We frequently get asked, how much do you need to retire? (Find out at <http://bit.ly/TWNYf8>)

There are all sorts of things people suggest – and it usually depends on getting started early. But what if you are 50+ and you are behind in your retirement savings – like a good portion of boomers. What then?

Well you are not alone. Half of people over 55 have saved less than \$50,000. Another survey shows almost half of all Americans aren't contributing to a retirement plan, such as an IRA or 401(k).

The National Retirement Risk Survey reported in late 2012 that more than half of today's households will not have enough retirement income to maintain their pre-retirement standard of living, even if they work to age 65.

So what are some ideas to

help you get from where you are, to where you want to be? One great source, is AARP columnist, Jeff Yeager, the self-proclaimed Ultimate Cheapskate (my dad might have argued with him, but that is a different story!)

Here are some tips from Jeff to help you save for retirement:

- Get the facts! Find out where you are in terms of planning for retirement. It can be a great motivator to pack a lunch for work. Use the free AARP calculator to get started: http://www.aarp.org/work/retirement-planning/retirement_calculator/
- Join the Portland craze and commute by bike – it's estimated to save \$4,000 a year in transportation costs – and all of that savings should go right into your IRA or 401(K).
- Repurpose (recycling!) everyday household things – from new uses from fabric softener sheets (freshen up

the vacuum cleaner bag) to finding new uses for old nylons, such as putting soap slivers or samples into panty hose and using them in the shower.

- Reduce the number of times you eat out each week, and make coffee at home. Every penny counts. This is one of the hardest ones for me, but when I took the AARP retirement planning calculator, I gave up lattes and put an additional \$1,000 a year into my 401(k).
- If you're having trouble saving money, consider working a little longer. In Oregon about 7% of the workforce is 65 or older. You can keep saving and postpone taking Social Security until full retirement age, which is 66 or older.

To get more ideas on saving money and retirement, check out Yeager's book, "How to Retire the Cheapskate Way." And I do mean check it out – at the library.

Banfield Pet Hospital opens in Burlingame

THE COUNTRY STORE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

The 816th Banfield Pet Hospital in the nation recently opened at the old Hollywood Video location near Burlingame Fred Meyer.

Located at 7461 SW Barbur Blvd, the hospital is the fifth stand alone pet hospital in the region offering physical examinations, affordable wellness plans, vaccines and surgery.

The chain, which has its origins and corporate offices in Portland, is named after the Banfield Freeway (Interstate 84). Banfield was founded in 1955 by veterinarian Warren Wegert, who wanted to provide human-quality care to pet owners living in Portland.

A partnership with PetSmart came in 2007 which allowed the opening of hospitals in their stores. Over one million pets are enrolled nationwide in the Optimum Wellness Plans.

"Banfield Pet Hospital is excited to open its doors in the Burlingame community," said Dr. Sara Gravens, lead veterinarian at the hospital. "[We have] a strong focus on preventive medicine, which helps keep pets healthy and happy."

Banfield Hospital will be coordinating soon with the Southwest Hills Kiwanis to secure pet food for seniors

who receive Meals-on-Wheels. Apparently, many seniors are giving half of their meals to their pets.

"Pets need pet food, not human food," said Teri Mills, Lieutenant Governor of the Kiwanis Club. "We'll be working with Loaves and Fishes to work out the details so everyone eats healthy!"

A free office visit and consultation are available for new pets through March 8. Some additional services are extra.

The hospital is open everyday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, pay them a visit or go to www.banfield.com.

New Walgreens opens at Barbur Crossroads

The new Walgreens at the corner of Capitol Highway (south) and Barbur Boulevard has finally opened after months of speculation and delays with construction issues.

Originally slated to be almost 18,000 square feet, the new store was scaled back to one of its smallest footprints at 7500 square feet. It has 17 employees.

According to the store manager, Erick Alsvig, this specific Walgreens is designed as a "Well Experience" store built around a full-service pharmacy.

"There are only 300 of these stores in the nation," stated Alsvig, as he pointed out the immunization room. "We're striving to bear a resemblance to a clinic where almost all health insurance plans



The new Walgreens at Barbur Crossroads opened in January. A grand opening is scheduled for March 8-9. (Post photo Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

can be billed."

Other features include a large colorful mural with *Eat Well* and orange slices painted on the wall, solar lighting used for several aisles and large windows producing natural lighting.

Despite having 30 parking spaces, the store is located along several major TriMet bus lines (12, 44 and 64) and is right near the Barbur Transit Center.

In addition, there are two drive-through pharmacy windows and a green digital photo processing machine.

"This machine does not use any chemicals so it doesn't pollute the watershed," explained, Alsvig. "There is

only one other store that has this new technology."

Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm daily with pharmacy drive-thru hours on weekends until 6:00 p.m.

Walgreens, founded in 1901, has over 70 drugstores throughout Oregon and over 8,000 stores nationwide. The grand opening is slated for March 8-9 with giveaways and public dignitaries.

New Raleigh Hills Business Association has 57 members

Fifty-seven businesses, and counting, are now on the roster of the new
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THE COUNTRY STORE

Traffic issues biggest challenge for RHBA

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Raleigh Hills Business Association. Hosted by New Seasons, members gathered on a bright, sunny morning the day after New Years to get a jump start on all the business at hand.

First and foremost, officers gave a warm welcome to new members, old members, and the friends of Raleigh Hills- individuals who volunteer at many of the events.

More than just a "beautification project that hangs flower baskets", the association's mission is to support the community, promote a vibrant business environment, and maintain a safe and healthy climate with maximum livability.

RHBA [pronounced "reba"] was established in 2011 and soon became a member of Venture Portland, Portland's economic development organization that helps manage the many business associations throughout the city.

Since then, membership has tripled; an annual community fair is held in the summer; open houses are held monthly (at a variety of different businesses).

Most unique, a monthly lunch group is organized to support local eateries as well as provide an alternative meeting time for those who cannot come to the morning monthly meetings.

Finally, every quarter, an after-hours networking event is held to raise funds

and to get to know one another better. Members are encouraged to join LinkedIn, Facebook, as well as connect on www.raleighhillsbusinessassn.org for all their communication needs.

When asked what the biggest challenge was for the area, several members stated that, as always, traffic issues top the list.

The main traffic issue is, and continues to be, "Deadman's Corner", the dangerous intersection at Southwest Scholls Ferry Road and Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. The realignment has been held up due to lack of funds according to Washington County.

"We're trying to get more people to stop in the area," said Vivian Winnig of Faces by Vivian. "That intersection has killed or injured 8-9 people over the years."

Winnig mentioned getting something more identifiable in the area that makes Raleigh Hills stand out as well as increased signage. Sign toppers are one way of identifying the neighborhood boundaries.

The next RHBA meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 a.m. at New Seasons Market.

"Planning the summer community fair will be a top priority," said board member Toni Curry of TLC Promotions. "A date has not been set for the community fair yet, but the location has been moved to Ernesto's parking lot which is expecting a record 80 vendors."

For more information, go to info@raleighhillsbusinessassn.org. Have a business story idea for The Country Store? Call 503-244-6933, fax 866-727-5336, or email news@multnomahpost.com.

Car-sharing OHSU employees park along Terwilliger Boulevard and hike to work

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

Car2go, the Houston-based car sharing company, provides an alternative for people who'd like to escape car ownership but need a car sometimes. However, they have been known to cause some collateral inconvenience to property owners.

Members are equipped with electronic devices that allows them to locate the nearest free vehicle from their Portland fleet of 250, and gain access to it. The user is charged by the minute for the use.

When they are done, members leave the car in any legal parking space within the boundaries of their service, which includes most (but not all) of Portland.

For fees totaling slightly over \$1,000 per car, the company has secured the right to park their vehicles indefinitely in time-limited spaces, meter districts and permit districts within their operating boundaries.

Members can drive their cars outside

these boundaries, but here they must obey parking regulations and they cannot end their ride there.

Most of the west hills, including the Oregon Health and Sciences University, are outside the operating zone, but Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard is inside it.

Therefore, according to Anton Vetterlein of the Homestead Neighborhood Association, a sizable number of people drive their Car2go vehicles to Terwilliger Boulevard, leave them there, and hike up to OHSU.

So far, Vetterlein says, Car2go officials have not been responsive to complaints about the practice.

A Car2go employee, who asked not to be quoted by name, said the company was "aware" of the issue. Workers have been moving the cars to other areas, he said.

The company is also considering changing their service boundary – moving it further away from OHSU – to make the current practice less attractive, he said.



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Southwest coalition awards 12 small neighborhood grants

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. last month awarded a total of \$10,585 to 12 projects under the Neighborhood Grants program.

The funds, allocated from the City of Portland's General Fund through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, are distributed through SWNI and the City's six other neighborhood offices and coalitions.

They are awarded to neighborhood associations and other community groups for projects that are likely to "increase the capacity" of the organization, encourage partnerships, and encourage participation by "under-represented communities."

The winners were selected from among 22 applicants requesting a total of \$20,325. All but two of the grants were for less than the amount requested. The grants were as follows:

Neighborhood House: \$1,500 for operation of the Jackson SUN School program. Home Forward: \$536 for a National Night Out celebration at Ruth Haefner Plaza.

Multnomah Arts Center: \$1,465 for a performance by the Shakespeare Liberation Army as senior entertainment and outreach.

Multnomah Neighborhood Association and Friends of Spring Garden Park: \$550 for "People in the Park," a variety of events intended to encourage use of the park.

Maplewood Neighborhood Association: \$775 for "Arf in the Park," an effort to make dog owners stewards of April Hill Park through social activities.

Tryon Creek Watershed Council: \$650 for a day of volunteer restoration work.

Mary Rieke Elementary School: \$1,829 for their Outdoor Classroom.

The classroom will include seating beneath a shelter, rain barrels and a hanging vegetable garden. Volunteers and other grant dollars will help support the project.

South Burlingame Neighborhood Association: \$410 for a National Night Out celebration.

Bridlemile Neighborhood Association: \$400 for a movie night at Hamilton Park. Homestead Neighborhood Association: \$220 for parks preservation and a National Night Out celebration.

Marshall Park Neighborhood Association: \$1,500 toward restoration of playground equipment to Marshall Park. Crestwood Neighborhood Association: \$750 for movies at Dickinson Park.

This may be the last year during which grants are available. Mayor Charlie Hales has called for all bureaus to recommend 10 percent cuts to their budgets, and the Grant Program is a potential target for such cuts.

Jillian Daley contributed to this story.

HILLSDALE NOTEBOOK

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MJCC sportsplex receives nod

Mittleman Jewish Community Center representatives sought support for a letter the group wishes to submit to the city to extend the temporary permit for the Sportsplex at 6651 SW Capitol Hwy.

The 22,000-square foot, climate-controlled indoor sports facility also is called the Bubble. The community center got unanimous support for its permit renewal.

"They're a good neighbor, and we want to support them," Apenes said.

Chili cook-off Feb. 6 at The Watershed

In other business at the meeting, Apenes announced that the neighborhood association is hosting a chili cook-off at 6:30 p.m., just before the group's 7 p.m. Feb. 6 meeting.

Anyone can bring their prized chili to the event, held at The Watershed at Hillsdale, 6388 SW Capitol Hwy.

The meeting agenda will include Oregon Department of Transportation's planned reconstruction of the Vermont Street and Newbury Street bridges along Barbur Boulevard.

Work party Feb. 28 at George Himes Park

Fred Meyer employees, neighbors and Parks & Recreation staffers are teaming up for a work party at George Himes Park to remove invasive species such as ivy.

The first shift of the Feb. 28 event is 9 a.m. to noon and the next is 1 to 4 p.m. at the 32-acre park, with volunteers meeting at Terwilliger Boulevard and Nebraska Street.

Closed-toed shoes and rain gear are recommended. Gloves and tools will be provided. For more information, email Don Baack, baack@q.com.

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New Institutional Zoning

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of their activities are allowed by right. The intent is not just to make new development on such campuses less onerous, but to acknowledge that the institution “has a right to be there,” Cole said.

“Hopefully the process will still include meaningful input from neighbors, and robust off-site impact mitigation requirements,” Cole said.

Anton Vetterlein of the Homestead Neighborhood Association, whose boundaries include OHSU, isn’t so sure.

Since the university’s Marquam Hill campus’s zoning was changed, Vetterlein said, “Our experience (with an employment zone) is that the neighborhood has less means to deal with problems. There is mitigation, but they either do the bare minimum or they fail to anticipate problems.”

Specifically, OHSU’s latest master plan calls for employees to avoid using Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard to get to work, but there is little enforcement, he said.

The Collins View Neighborhood Association has at times worked cooperatively with Lewis and Clark College, but there have also been conflicts and the last master plan process was “horribly contentious,” according to Collins View’s Dixie Johnston.

Her husband Dave Johnston said that so far, “We don’t know enough about what’s being proposed to be concerned,” and that minor tweaks would be okay.

However, Dixie Johnston said that in the past Lewis & Clark College hasn’t shown enough concern about the welfare and safety of their own students and faculty, let alone those of their neighbors, and she fears a lessening of City requirements.

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Dear EarthTalk: I’ve heard that simply painting your roof white can reduce household electricity bills by 40 percent. Is this something any of us can do?

– Susan Pierson, Sumter, SC

Yes anyone can do it—and the benefits can be significant, especially for those in warmer climates who expend a lot of energy keeping cool. But most of the world’s roofs, including on some 90 percent of buildings in the U.S., are dark-colored.

Dark colored roofs absorb more heat from the sun’s rays than light colored ones, and as such get much hotter. A black roof exposed to full sun can increase in temperature by as much as 90 °F (50 °C), meaning the air conditioning inside has to work that much harder to compensate for the added heat load.

But a white or reflective roof typically increases temperatures only 10-25 °F (5-14 °C) above ambient air temperatures during the day. This translates into a savings of up to 15 percent on air conditioning energy use over a year for a typical one-story residence, according to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The upshot of this energy savings is not only cost savings for the consumer—annual energy bill savings of 20-40 percent aren’t uncommon for single story homes in America’s Sun Belt—but also reduced air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions generated in

the production of electricity.

A white roof also helps keep buildings and houses without air conditioning cooler in the summer than they would otherwise be. And it also helps mitigate the “urban heat island effect” whereby a city can be 6-8 °F warmer than its surrounding areas on warm summer days.

The non-profit White Roof Project promotes the concept across the U.S. and last year painted some 30 buildings, helping hundreds of families lower their energy bills in the process.

“A white roof project is low cost, easy to implement, relieves stress on the power grid, cuts down on smog, and creates tangible change for individuals, our communities, and even globally,” reports the group, which is looking to expand its work across the country significantly in 2013 and expand internationally in 2014.

The White Roof Projects gives away instructions (via a free downloadable “DIY Packet”) to help do-it-yourselfers paint their own roofs white without hiring a painter or roofer.

All it takes is a few painting supplies, a couple of cans of highly reflective elastomeric white paint, and a plan for how to cover all relevant surfaces properly and safely. Those who would rather hire someone to do the ladder climbing and paint application can hire any local painter or roofer.

While green roofs may be preferable from a strictly environmental perspective in that they contain plants that filter pollutants and reduce run-off, white



Some 90 percent of U.S. buildings have dark-colored roofs which, when exposed to full sun can increase in temperature by as much as 90 °F. A white roof typically increases temperatures only 10-25 °F above ambient air temperatures during the day. (Photo courtesy White Roof Project)

roofs may indeed provide more overall environmental benefit for the cost of a couple of cans of special white paint.

Indeed, painting the roof white might be the best energy efficiency improvement you can make to your building or house.

CONTACTS: White Roof Project, www.whiteroofproject.org; DOE Cool Roof Fact Sheet, http://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/pdfs/cool_roof_fact_sheet.pdf.

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Grant brings Maplewood closer to finishing park project

MAPLEWOOD NOTEBOOK

By Jillian Daley
The Southwest Portland Post

A local grant brought the April Hill Park boardwalk and bridge project one step closer to fruition.

Maplewood Neighborhood Association chairwoman Jill Gaddis announced at the January meeting that Southwest Neighborhoods Inc., a nonprofit coalition of neighborhood associations, had awarded MNA a \$775 grant through its Small Grants Program.

The grant will support fundraisers

at April Hill Park, which will bring in dollars to build a boardwalk over a forested wetlands area at the park with delicate wildlife such as salamanders and newts. The fundraisers also will help create a bridge over Woods Creek.

"It will get people to experience the forest without disturbing the forest," Gaddis said.

The project-supporting fundraisers are "Arf in the Park" in September, which will feature dog obstacle courses, and an ice cream social in August during National Night Out.

Construction on the project could begin in 2014, and it has an estimated cost, including in-kind donations of labor, of \$100,000.



Maplewood Neighborhood Association is looking to add a boardwalk over wetlands and a bridge across Woods Creek at April Hill Park. (Post photo by Jillian Daley)

School district faces shortfall

In other business, the neighborhood association's schools chairwoman Keena Hormel mentioned Portland Public Schools' funding woes.

According to an article on the school district's website, Portland Public

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Gaddis is seeking volunteers to remove invasive species such as blackberries, garlic mustard and ivy from the wetlands area at April Hill Park.

To volunteer for a Maplewood parks event, email aprilhillpark@gmail.com or maplewood@swni.org.

South Portland land use chair Jim Davis dead at 72

OBITUARY

Jim Davis, longtime land use chair of the South Portland Neighborhood Association, died last month of health problems related to lung cancer. He was 72 years old.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 15, 2013 at the Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst, 935 NE 33rd Ave in Portland. Burial arrangements were by Riverview Cemetery.

Davis, proprietor of the Running Outfitter athletic apparel shop at 2337 SW Sixth Ave., was aggressive and often acerbic in defending what he saw as threats by development to the livability of his neighborhood.

Among many campaigns, he led the fight against the installation of a federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in South Portland.

"He had a gruff exterior, but if you got past that he had a soft heart," fellow South Portland board member Lee Buhler told *The Post*. "He went to bat for anyone in the neighborhood

having a land use issue. He took his job seriously."

Another board member, Jim Gardner, was often at odds with Davis on issues. However, Gardner told *The Post*, "We got along well. He had a great sense of humor and a dry wit."

According to Gardner, Davis "was relentless in fighting for the neighborhood, and he kept his eye on the big picture. It's hard to come up with people who give that much time and energy to their neighborhood."

In addition to his neighborhood volunteer activities and business, Davis published an annual calendar, "Portland Remembered," with each month illustrated by a vintage photograph of a familiar Portland street scene.

He donated proceeds from the calendar to Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., and other worthy causes.

"No one had more knowledge of land use law than Jim did," South Portland chair Ken Love said. "He was a great colleague and friend, and he will be missed."

— Lee Perlman

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