



Sunday Parkways combines with Terwilliger Centennial for grand event July 22

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

July 22 is not only Southwest Portland's first experience with Sunday Parkways, but Sunday Parkways first

experience with Southwest. It has been, and will be, a learning experience for both.

From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., a roughly circular route is declared off limits to motor vehicles for five hours, allowing bicyclists and pedestrians a unique

chance to experience the community.

The route is usually on local streets but, this time, Friends of Terwilliger won out in their efforts to incorporate the event into their centennial celebration.

However, since *The Post* last wrote about this event in April, there have been some new developments. Both neighborhood and City of Portland planners thought the Charthouse Restaurant, 5700 SW Terwilliger Blvd (at the Eagle Point overlook) was closed on Sunday.

In fact, they later learned, the Charthouse is open for Sunday brunch and its patrons need auto access. Thus there will be a detour involving Southwest Cheltenham and Chestnut streets and Westover Drive.

The route will also take in parts of other major streets. It is a departure, organizer Linda Ginenthal of the Portland Bureau of Transportation told *The Post*, but "the people in Hillsdale and Multnomah Village were so enthusiastic, we decided to go with it."

Another innovation: for pedestrians, a spur route will go off the pavement. Organizers will encourage pedestrians to take Trail 3, a two-mile journey from

Hillsdale Town Center to Gabriel Park, introducing southwest's famed trail network to "a whole new audience of folks," Ginenthal said.

Along the way, participants will find events and attractions. For instance, in Gabriel Park the Portland Bureau of Parks will provide a climbing wall for youngsters, and Kaiser Permanente will have a vintage photo booth.

There will be a Community Market Place for businesses and agencies to show and tell at Maplewood School, for whom this is also a 100th anniversary. There will be music and food giveaways at Food Front Market in Hillsdale.

In Multnomah Village, Annie Bloom's Books will have a sale, and Lovin' Spoonful Pies will have a booth on Southwest Capitol Highway to show off their wares.

PBOT has always worked with community groups on this event, but never to the extent that they are sharing responsibility with Friends of Terwilliger.

Friends of Terwilliger will manage events on Terwilliger Parkway between the Charthouse and the Southwest Sam Jackson Road intersection at Duniway Park. At Duniway Park there will be
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SAFETY ROCKS These three were among the six winners of PGE's "Color Me Safe" contest held this spring. Rachel Demary (left) attends Maplewood Elementary School in Southwest Portland. The other third graders are Monique Rabago (center) and Maria Sanger (right). The third graders got to ride the float "Safety Rocks" in the Rose Festival's Starlight parade on June 2. *(Photo courtesy of PGE)*

Soil at Corbett home to get contamination testing

Having discovered high lead levels at one Corbett neighborhood home, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will test the soils of its neighbors this summer.

DEQ's Scott Manzano told the South Portland Neighborhood Association last month that his agency's attention was called to the property at 236 S.W. Flower St. when it was mentioned in an article in USA Today dealing with former Brownfield sites in 14 states.

A single-family house has occupied the site since 1976, he said, but from 1910 to 1965 Multnomah Metals operated a smelter on the property.

Between 2002 and 2003, DEQ collected soil samples on the property, and found lead levels up to 12 times greater than the maximum levels acceptable for residential property. According to Manzano, there were also traces of arsenic, barium and cadmium.

In response to the press coverage, Manzano said, DEQ has tested soils on eight other nearby properties.

On two lots immediately adjacent to the former smelter site, the lead levels were lower, but still in excess of acceptable residential levels, he said. On six others – all to the south, the lead levels were acceptable, Manzano said.

DEQ now proposes to do additional testing on other properties within two blocks of the site, and especially to the north of it. Access is an issue, Manzano said.

The agency has the legal authority to demand access for testing, and would exercise it if "there was a site where we had reason to believe there is a really bad pollution problem, but we respect private property rights."

Manzano quickly added, "The feedback from the neighbors is that they're concerned and want to help."

One neighbor, Aimee Hester, asked if the contamination might make the fruit of fruit trees unsafe.

DEQ's Barbara Zeal replied that there was little danger, especially from the
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Seven-story housing project approved on west side of Ross Island Bridge

In a rare coup, a new seven story, mixed use tower in the South Waterfront won approval from the Portland Design Commission at its first hearing.

The project, by Jonathan Ledesma's Project Ecological Development, represents the first redevelopment of the industrial holdings of the Zidell Company, which owns 33 acres on the north end of the South Waterfront.

It is located on three irregularly shaped parcels totaling 18,000 square feet on Southwest Moody Avenue at Grover Street, just south of the Ross Island Bridge. It will be predominantly residential, with 118 units ranging in size from studios to two-bedroom, but will include two restaurants at the ground floor as well as an open "porch" at the northeast corner.

The building will have no off-site parking. Spokesperson Kathleen Mazocco said that a building so close to both the Portland Streetcar and the new

Portland to Milwaukie light rail line should be "transit-oriented." However, she said, "We do realize that some tenants will have cars," and noted that in the short term, at least, Zidell's property will offer ample parking opportunities.

However, planner Mark Walhood, who had recommended approval of the project in his staff report to the Commission, told *The Post* that such parking plans may be problematic. There is a statutory limit on the number of spaces in surface parking lots allowed in the South Waterfront, he said, and this cap has already been exceeded.

Commission members praised the project as a "gateway" and "anchor" to the newly developing neighborhood in a difficult development site. Contrary to normal practice, they did not ask the development team to make any changes or refinements.

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Reader's questions help shed light on Walgreens development

By Jillian Daley
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Many area residents have been keeping an eye on the Walgreens development at Southwest Capitol Highway and Barbur Boulevard – including Michael Ossar.

Ossar isn't sure the layout is appropriate, and he shared his concerns in a letter to *The Post*, which was published in the June 2012 edition. A city planner and Walgreens spokesman addressed issues Ossar raised about the future retail store and pharmacy.

"The footprint of the new Walgreens and its parking lot seems to take up almost the entire lot, coming within about a foot or so of the sidewalks," Ossar said. "I'm wondering whether this leaves any room at all for landscaping."

Ossar asked what landscaping is required for such a structure?

At least 15 percent of the 36,000-square foot lot located at 9855 SW Capitol Hwy must be set aside for landscaping, said Marguerite Feuersanger, a planner with the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. The building plans complied with city regulations,

Feuersanger said.

The 17,610 square-foot building's walls must be close to the street along Taylors Ferry Road and Capitol Highway, which are transit streets, Feuersanger said.

Buildings developed along transit streets are set near the road to make entrances convenient for people getting off of the bus.

Ossar said the city should look to the future when reviewing permits, paying attention to the Barbur Concept Plan, a city project intended to create a long-term vision to improve Barbur Boulevard, from central Portland to Tigard.

"It seems paradoxical that at a time when we have a Barbur Concept Plan looking into what to do about one of the ugliest streets in the city we should be allowing new outrages that we will have to live with for a long time," Ossar said. "Or am I unaware of planned improvements?"

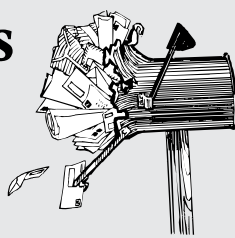
Robert Elfinger, a Walgreens spokesman said the building will have lots of attractive foliage.

"The plan calls for street trees, trees along the perimeter wall, smaller accent trees, shrubs, and ground cover," Elfinger said. "Maples, cypress, crabapple, rhododendron, and blue fescue are among the plants planned."



City officials say the new Walgreens building plans comply with setback and landscaping regulations. (Post photo by Jillian Daley)

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Cutting down 800 trees damaged the forest canopy

I am enclosing this photo of myself standing near a tree cut down near the west end of the Sellwood Bridge.

Eight hundred trees, including old growth trees like this one, were killed by Multnomah County crews working at night during the month of April (2012).

The photo shows a fresh Douglas fir stump. As it grew, it would've supported many wildlife species.


The cutting [of the 800 trees] opened the forest canopy, which will allow more drying and erosion stress on the remaining trees.

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Macadam Bay houseboats to use new driveway next to Freeman Motors

SELLWOOD BRIDGE

By Lee Perlman
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The new Sellwood Bridge development team has decided to make the new entrance to the Macadam Bay houseboat moorage through the Freeman Motors driveway, with some improvements.

As noted in the June edition of *The Post*, the west side approach to the new Sellwood Bridge will make the existing Macadam Bay moorage entrance unsafe to use, in the eyes of transportation planners.

The development team proposed a number of alternative approaches that had the effect of pitting houseboat residents against the Southwest Miles Place and Miles Street community and businesses. Macadam Bay moorage residents favored routing an entry road to Miles Place to take advantage of an existing traffic control to Southwest Macadam Avenue.

The Miles Place community protested vehemently against this, calling instead for an entrance at Freeman Motors.

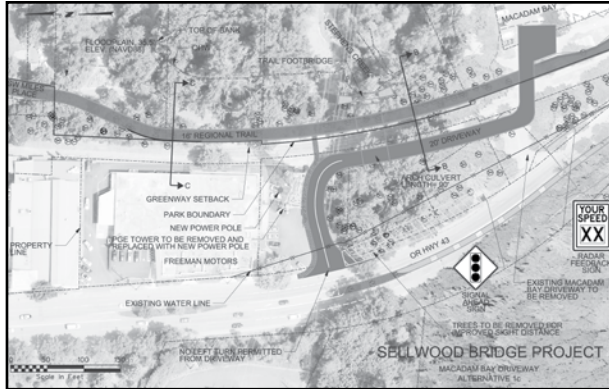
The moorage residents rebelled against being asked to drive through an auto business, a transmission tower and an uncontrolled intersection to get to their homes.

The newest plan, called Option 1C, will utilize Freeman's existing driveway, but with a new access roads that will not go through the business.

As to the four-legged transmission tower, it will be replaced by a new structure with a single vertical support.

The option's cost will be about \$5 million; the estimates for other options have ranged from \$3 to 6.5 million.

The Sellwood Bridge Citizen Advisory Committee voted to recommend Option 1C as the Macadam Bay entrance last month.



A drawing of the proposed access for the Macadam Bay floating home community. (Courtesy of Mike Pullen, Multnomah County)

A meeting of the Stakeholders Advisory Committee, with representatives of participating jurisdictions such as the City of Portland and Multnomah County, was postponed until July 16 to provide for an agenda that will include other aspects of the bridge project.

Editor's Note: Concerns persist about motorists hoping to turn left from the Macadam Bay moorage drive toward Lake Oswego. Such a left turn is not being planned. Miles Place residents recommended (instead) a turn-around at Taylors Ferry Road (near Zupan's Market) which would have allowed motorists headed northbound to get back on Macadam Avenue headed southbound without crossing traffic. The turn-around also is not in the current plans.

Multnomah business advocate makes budget pitch to City Council

Randy Bonella, Multnomah Village business advocate and former chair of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association, testified at the Portland City Council's final budget session to extol the success of the Multnomah Village Business Association's Golden Ticket program and plead for funding of programs that promote business health.

For the past two years Bonella has been executive director of Multnomah Village Bloc's Initiative, a main street-type business advocacy program.

Bonella explained the Golden Ticket

program, whereby shoppers get discounts from some merchants by making purchases from other merchants. This season, he said, "With average purchases of greater than \$50 per ticket, we generated nearly \$1.2 million in gross revenues."

Then he said, "Amazing, yes. But consider the environment: 18 months of continuous construction on Multnomah Boulevard and a full closure of this major commuter arterial just as the holiday season was ramping up, while

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Author Amy Stewart cheerfully tackles creepy insects and poisonous plants

BOOK REVIEW

By Stephanie Lodromanean
The Southwest Portland Post

If you're interested in a fascinating summer read there is a two-volume collection by best-selling author Amy Stewart that tackles the wicked side of plants and bugs.

The books are published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill and are affectionately titled *Wicked Bugs: The Louse That Conquered Napoleon's Army & Other Diabolical Insects* [\$18.95 hardcover, 2009] and *Wicked Plants: The Weed That Killed Lincoln's Mother & Other Botanical Atrocities* [\$18.95 hardcover, 2011].

Etchings and drawings in *Wicked Bugs* are by Briony Morrow-Cribbs. Etchings in *Wicked Plants* are by Morrow-Cribbs, with illustrations by Jonathon Rosen.

Stewart is not a scientist, nor does she claim to be; she is a writer with a passion for the misunderstood bugs and plants of the world that don't get much attention, but left to their own devices can wreak havoc.

Wicked Plants is the first of the duo. Partly why the book is so entertaining comes from the passion that Stewart clearly has for botany; they are not explained in scientific monotone. The introduction to these chilling plants is

instead an adventure.

We learn about the tobacco plant with "a leaf so toxic that it has taken the lives of 90 million people worldwide; so addictive that it led to a war against Native Americans; so powerful that it led to the establishment of slavery in the American South."

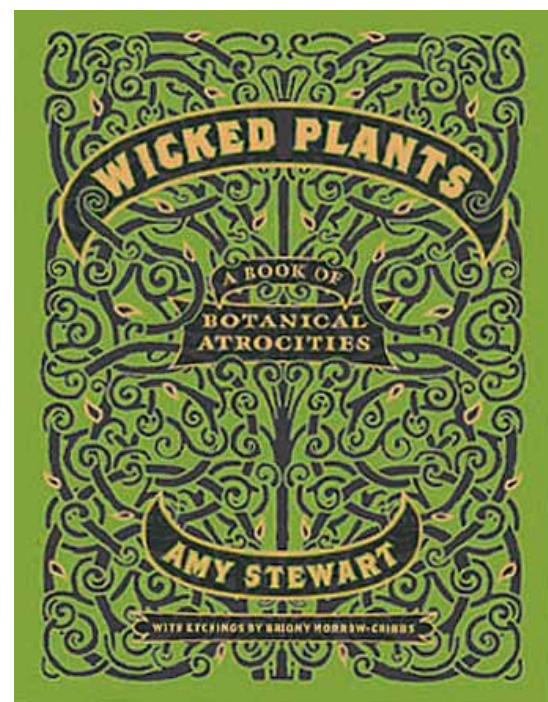
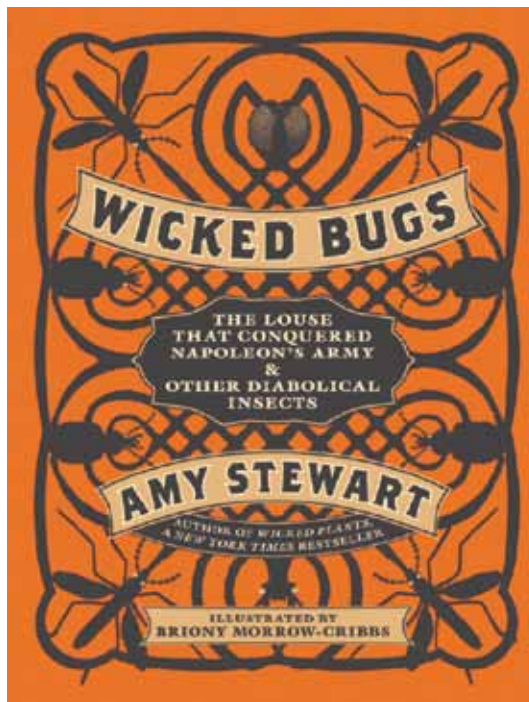
We also learn about the ergot, a parasitic fungus that most likely led to the Salem Witch Trials of 1691.

Regarding the effects of ergot, Stewart writes: "Records going back to the Middle Ages show that from time to time, an entire village would succumb to mysterious illness. Villagers would dance in the streets, go into convulsions, and eventually collapse."

Wicked Bugs is equally as captivating as its predecessor. The term "bug" is used loosely in the context of this book.

As Stewart explains, "Entomologists will be quick to protest that the term bug is misleading and they are quite right. Most of us use the word to describe any number of tiny slithering and crawling creatures..."

The "bugs" explained in this book are sure to leave an unsettling feeling on your skin and leave you a lot more



aware of those creepy crawlers that linger just about everywhere in our natural world.

They are equally as fascinating and incredible as the plants explained in *Wicked Plants*. The bugs all have a creepy trait that can lead to death, infestations or other awful endeavors.

One of the more eerie insects you'll meet is the Human Bot Fly. The fly will attach itself to a mosquito and lay eggs. After the mosquito lands on a human, the eggs will fall off and become enlivened by the warmth of the human host.

The host will be left with something like a wound that won't quite heal: "The wound can be painful and itchy, it can ooze a foul-smelling liquid, and some people even claim they can hear the creature moving around." Definitely gives bug bites a new meaning.

If you're looking for a quick and interesting summer read, definitely check out Amy Stewart's *Wicked* books. When you're outside gardening or just walking along some beautiful Portland trails you'll find yourself more aware of what may be around you.

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Rieke School teacher wins Fulbright Award, faces a year in England

By Jillian Daley
The Southwest Portland Post

Mary Rieke Elementary School teacher Jeff Sturges and his family were spending spring break at his mother in law's Arizona home when he got the email.

Sturges, his wife Rebecca and their two children were about to head to a spring training baseball game on a sunny day in late March.

Sturges paused to check his messages when he noticed a letter from the Institute of International Education, which administers the Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.

The letter said he had 10 days to accept an invitation to participate in the exchange program, an opportunity to trade jobs and residences with a teacher in Britain.

"I just screamed: 'Rebecca, you better come in and view this right now,'" Sturges said.

"And I said: 'How do you feel about moving to Melton Mowbray in England?' and she was like: 'What? Oh my God, oh my God' and started screaming. Then, my mother in law came in, then the kids. We were very excited, very excited."

He leaves for his yearlong gig this August. He is among 41 U.S. teachers offered exchanges for this coming school year, according to Fulbright Teacher

Exchange Program records.

Sturges soon learned the honor was huge but comes with big changes and some sacrifices: His life and his counterpart Robert Pearce's life are very different.

The Sturges family of four will squeeze into Pearce's three-bedroom terrace house in Melton Mowbray. There is a washing machine in the kitchen, no dryer because the British line-dry their clothes, and no dishwasher.

Sturges' wife will leave her job at the Oregon Convention Center to be by his side, making them a one-income family.

The British school where Sturges will work, in a village called Waltham, was built in 1847 and has less than 100 students, Sturges said. He will be one of four teachers.

Pearce, a single man, will occupy the Sturges family's four-bedroom home. Mary Rieke Elementary, built in the 1960s, had 420 students last school year, and the school has about 20 teachers, not counting teaching assistants, Sturges said.

Sturges is the first Mary Rieke Elementary teacher to receive the honor and one of 42 Portland Public Schools to participate since the program began.

He and Oregon Episcopal School eighth grade Spanish teacher Tessa Daniel are the only teachers from Portland selected to participate this year.

More than 14,000 U.S. teachers have participated in the Classroom Teacher Exchange, one of many Fulbright

programs, since it was established in 1946 under legislation that former Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas introduced.

Seven countries participate, and Sturges chose Britain because it was the only country where he could teach primary school and did not have to be fluent in the country's mother tongue.

Applicants to the program must have at least 5 years of classroom teaching experience, and must demonstrate a seriousness of purpose and a commitment to the program.

"They want men and women who will make a difference," Sturges said.

Sturges said he hopes to become a better teacher by putting himself in a new environment-- to find out what he is doing right and what he could improve. "Life is about taking chances and opportunities," he said.

Sturges, whose parents, grandmother and sister are educators, previously worked in the food industry, choosing to follow in the family tradition a decade ago.



Mary Rieke Elementary School teacher Jeff Sturges is one of 41 teachers in the U.S. to be awarded a Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange. Sturges accepted and will be teaching in England this coming school year. (Post photo by Jillian Daley)

He was inspired to take on a classroom full of children after quitting his job to stay at home for a year when his daughter was born.

Armed with a bachelor's degree from the University of California-Santa Cruz, he enrolled in a Masters in Education program at Portland State University. He graduated summa cum laude.

He's now been teaching for eight years, six of which he spent at Mary Rieke, where he seems to have made a good impression, at least on fourth-grader LilyAnna Chin.

"It feels like I can trust him, and it's good for everyone to know that he won an award for something he really cares about," said Chin.

Rieke School principal Andrea Porter is excited for the knowledge he will bring back, and Porter said this is a bright spot amid a mass of budget cuts at Portland Public Schools.

"There's so much bad stuff going on," Porter said. "This is a really good thing, so we're very proud of him, and we're very excited for ourselves. It's a win-win."

Former Terwilliger School building purchased by Montessori school

Sunstone Montessori School has purchased the former Terwilliger School building at 6318 SW Corbett Ave. from the Portland School District, Sunstone principal Cathy Newman told the South Portland Neighborhood Association last month.

The school is moving to the property after eight years in the Bridlemile neighborhood, Newman said.

The building had previously been leased to the Portland French School, and its relationship with its neighbors was sometimes strained.

The private school installed fences to curtail access to open areas previously used by neighbors, and its policies on after-hours use of the building were so restrictive that the neighborhood association, which had been meeting there, sought other quarters.

Newman said she welcomed use of the grounds by neighbors, and that she had had a volleyball net installed in the front yard.

The principal was somewhat more equivocal about another issue: a desire by some neighbors to use the yard as an off-leash area for dogs.

"I'm a dog owner myself, but this is where children will be playing," Newman said. At the least, dog owners will be required to clean up after themselves, she said.

- Lee Perlman

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Why some neighbors may be sporting binoculars this summer

HILLSDALE NOTEBOOK

By Jillian Daley
The Southwest Portland Post

Locals are taking a closer look at the wildlife flourishing in their backyards.

In a presentation before the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association on June 6, Portland State University assistant professor Marion Dresner detailed an effort to assess back yard and front yard habitats.

Dresner said, starting in mid-June, a group including local volunteers would be exploring the Laurelhurst and Hillsdale neighborhoods armed with binoculars, spying on birds, plants and insects.

Part of a larger study, the aim is to determine the impact on wildlife that

some neighbors had when they removed non-native species and planted native varieties through the Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

"We really don't know what the impact is of all of these backyard habitats," Dresner said. "People who put them in think they are doing a good thing. We're trying to find out by actually collecting data."

On Aug. 5, ecologists with the Ecological Society of America will lead a Bioblitz, an intense survey of the little habitats spread throughout Hillsdale and Laurelhurst neighborhoods.

For more information, email Dresner at dresnem@pdx.edu.

How to protect yourself from identity theft

Also at the Hillsdale meeting: Portland Police Neighborhood Response

Team Officer and Acting Sgt. Brian Hughes and Hillsdale resident Robert Hamilton gave a presentation on how to protect oneself from identity theft.

Hamilton inspired the discussion after catching a Caucasian woman with facial scars rifling through papers in his recycling bin.

The woman told Hamilton at the time that garbage is public property. Hughes said at the presentation that it is not.

Hughes said neighbors should be on the alert and report suspicious activity, adding that the woman, who has hazel eyes and brown hair, may be in the company of a 6-foot-tall Caucasian male with brown hair and brown eyes.

The two may be seen driving a Subaru with bins in the back, but Hughes asked that neighbors only report sightings (503-823-3333 non-emergency) of the pair if seen rummaging through someone's recycling bin.

Budget Pitch to City Council

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struggling with the down economy." Bonella thanked Mayor Sam Adams, commissioners Amanda Fritz, Randy Leonard and Dan Saltzman, the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. office, Stephen Sykes of the Bureau of Environmental Services, the Portland Development Commission and the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

Bonella then asked for continued funding for the Small Business Development Center, storefront improvement grants, neighborhood coalition offices, and the business association umbrella Venture Portland.

He also asked for "marketing money for business districts that are impacted by major capital improvement projects. Make it standard practice by your bureaus. It helps improve our success."

- Lee Perlman

Southwest Sunday Parkways

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five kilometer and eight kilometer races and a walk.

For the Friends of Terwilliger, the Sunday events are the conclusion of an entire weekend of activity. At 10 a.m. Friday, July 20, there will be a new Gateway sign unveiled at Duniway Park. The morning of Saturday, July 21, there will be an ivy pull near the Charthouse.

During the day there will be a guided walk to Marquam Nature Park. In the evening there will be a free concert by Trashcan Joe, and a re-enactor will imitate suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway.

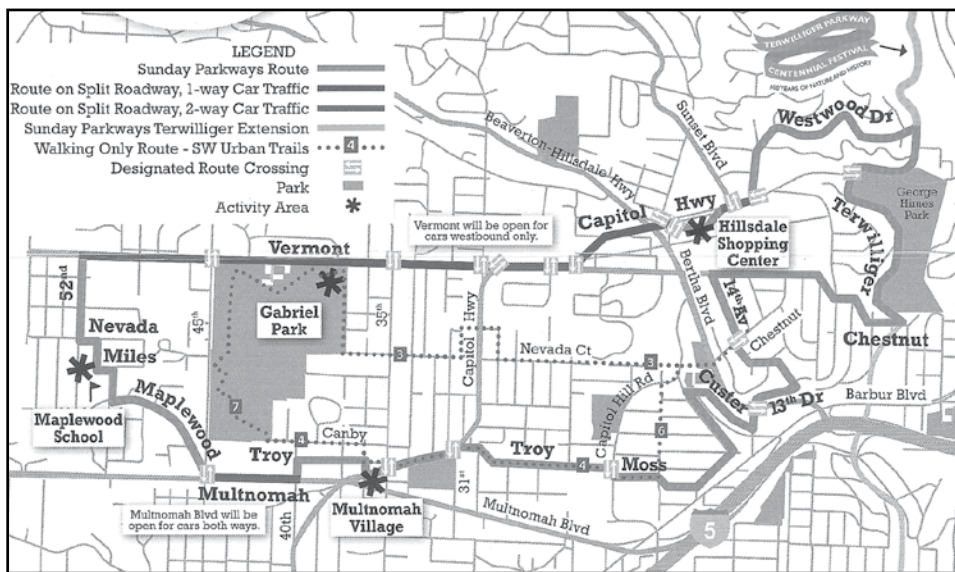
There is much anticipation of the

event, and not all of it is joyous. "This is a new route, and people are nervous," Ginenthal said.

In some cases, residents are afraid they will be locked into or out of their homes for five hours. "There isn't a standard grid here, and the detour routes aren't obvious," Ginenthal said.

However, an army of volunteers, called Intersection Superheroes, will be standing by to move barriers to accommodate local residents. If you have an hour or two to spare, they could use you.

For more information about Sunday Parkways, visit www.portlandsundayparkways.com. To find out about the Terwilliger Centennial, visit www.terwilligerfriends.org.



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Dear EarthTalk: I've seen a lot of warm and fuzzy TV ads, some sponsored by BP Oil, urging me to vacation in the Gulf of Mexico. But are things really "back to normal?"

— Paul Shea, Dublin, OH

The Gulf of Mexico may be open for business and eager to attract tourists, but it's still unclear whether or not marine and coastal ecosystems there are healthy two years after BP's offshore drilling rig exploded 40 miles off the Louisiana coast, eventually releasing 205.8 million gallons of oil into the water column.

Five months after the April 2010 disaster the Obama administration released a detailed recovery plan, calling for spending up to \$21 billion—most which would come from BP's civil penalties—on clean-up and long-term ecosystem restoration.

With much of this work—designed to complement the restorative powers of Mother Nature—well underway, some observers are pleased with the results so far.

"The natural recovery is far greater than what anybody hoped when it happened," says James Morris, a University of South Carolina biologist.

Morris is a member of the National Research Council committee tasked by Congress to assess the effects of the spill on the Gulf's ecosystem.

"The fears of most people—that there would be a catastrophic collapse of the ecosystem in the Gulf—never materialized," says Morris.

"The fisheries have come back like gangbusters," Morris reports. "One of the interesting findings was that after the oil spill, bait fish populations collapsed, and predator populations boomed."

According to Morris, "The reason was that there was no fishing pressure on the top predators because people stopped fishing after the spill. So the predator fish populations rebounded, and they grazed down their prey."

Not everyone shares such a rosy view. The international environmental group Greenpeace reports: "Throughout the food chain, warning signs are accumulating."

The organization notes "Dolphins are sick and dying. Important forage fish are plagued with gill and developmental damage."

Additionally, "Deepwater species like snapper have been stricken with lesions and their reefs are losing biodiversity. Coastal communities are struggling with changes to the fisheries they rely upon."

Greenpeace also reports that "Hard-hit oyster reefs aren't coming back and sport fish like speckled trout have disappeared from some of their traditional haunts."

Still other observers argue that two years is not enough time to tell whether the region's ecosystems will be severely damaged long term.

"We really don't know the effects the Deepwater Horizon spill had in the deep sea because we know little about the ecosystem processes there," reports Gary Cherr, director of UC Davis' Bodega Marine Laboratory and a lead author on a recently released paper published in the journal *Bioscience*.



It's been two years since BP's offshore drilling rig exploded 40 miles off the Louisiana coast, eventually releasing 205.8 million gallons of oil into the water column. (2010 photo courtesy U.S. Coast Guard)

Cherr and his fellow researchers, including leading oceanographers, ecotoxicologists, and ecologists, conclude that scientists need more time to study how to contain damage from such accidents, especially given the trend to seek new sources of oil in off-shore regions around the U.S. and beyond.

"The deep sea is not a dead zone. It's not a desert. There's a lot of life down there," adds Cherr.

"Unfortunately it's not until a disaster happens that we try to piece together the impacts. That's difficult to do when you don't have a complete—or even partial—understanding of the ecosystem."

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Soil at Corbett to be Tested

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fruit of large trees. There is a greater danger from root vegetables grown in contaminated soil, she said. "Getting your soil tested is always a good first step," Zeal said.

The representatives were asked why they hadn't conducted these tests earlier. "I don't have an answer to that," Manzano said.

— Lee Perlman

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Richard Stein's proposed food carts fire up Hillsdale residents

By Jillian Daley
The Southwest Portland Post

At the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association meeting on June 6, Richard Stein discussed his proposed food cart development. Most of the crowd of 40 people attended to hear Stein, leaving as soon as his presentation was over.

"Last November, I came here and floated the idea of the possibility of bringing some food carts to the Hillsdale neighborhood," said Stein, a developer and architect.

"And, over the past five months, that idea has continued to develop, and now a design has been worked on and is ready. So I've come back again and show you what I have in mind – and field your thoughts and questions."

Stein had to field plenty of questions about his proposed four-cart development on the southeast corner of Southwest Sunset Boulevard and Capitol Highway. The discussion, scheduled for 30 minutes, lasted for more than an hour.

The plan is to have three carts in place by the beginning of August, adding two more within the next year. "Will the food be healthy?" asked Corinne Paulson, a neighborhood association board member.

Part of the inspiration for the project was to provide high-quality food during lunchtime for high school students and to create a place for the community to socialize in the afternoons and evenings, Stein said.



Richard Stein on June 6 presented a design for a plan to place a cluster of food carts at the corner of Southwest Capitol Highway and Southwest Sunset Boulevard. (Post photo by Jillian Daley)

"Will they look good?" asked Glenn Bridger, also a neighborhood association board member. "I have never seen an attractive food cart."

The project will be "aesthetically pleasing" with a trellised walk and landscaping out front, Stein said. To cut back on paper trash, vendors will use a token exchange system of reusable plastic dishes. This is the same "Go Box" downtown Portland food carts use. Two portable toilets and hand-washing facilities will be tucked away behind a screen.

Southwest Crime Prevention Program coordinator Stefanie Adams asked if he intended to get a liquor license.

"There is no intention," Stein said. "I

think that has a lot of complications."

Hillsdale Neighborhood resident Jason Miner asked if the food cart sites were being leased and if Stein was the manager.

"I am leasing the property from the owner, and the vendors will be leasing their carts from me," Stein said.

Stein, who has lived in Hillsdale for 22 years, will be paying for the improvements himself. He said he cares about the community, so it is a good investment, and he has figured out how to get his money back "eventually."

One cart will offer tacos only and will not be competing with Casa Colima, a nearby Mexican restaurant and cantina, Stein said.

"We are being very careful not to compete," he said. "How so?" asked Alonso Ochoa, manager of Casa Colima.

Stein told Ochoa he gave Casa Colima the first chance to have its own cart in the Hillsdale food cart court, and the restaurant turned it down. He added that the sit-down restaurant has a full menu, far different from a taco cart.

Several potential food cart operators were in attendance, including Violetta owner Dwayne Beliakoff, who would serve up locally sourced beef and sweet potato fries. Matt Feiner said his cart would dish up sweet and savory waffles. Gary Evans said he didn't wish to divulge what his cuisine could be.

Meals will cost about \$6-\$8 with \$2-\$4 menu options for students.

A couple of other neighbors asked about security and crime, and one man suggested a good neighbor agreement

as a possible remedy. Stein said he would be amenable to that arrangement but deferred questions on such an agreement to Adams.

"Such an agreement is not legally binding but would keep the owner and neighbors in direct communication when problems arose," Adams said.

Though not all feedback was positive, Stein took the Hillsdale residents' interest in the project as a good sign. "It is a great thing this community is talking about it and concerned," he said.

Many of the questions area residents asked at the meeting have been posted on the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association website: www.hna-pdx.com. Stein said on June 20 that he planned to post his answers online.

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