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Homeless camps, crime in South Burlingame drive community action

By Jack Rubinger
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According to Lisa Conrad, the South Burlingame neighborhood has had an increased number of burglaries lately. One of Conrad's neighbors went searching one day down under the Terwilliger Bridge ramps.

Her neighbor found several homeless camps full of garbage, waste, heroin needles and stolen items such as garden equipment, a surfboard, a laptop computer, and packages with addresses of neighbors and prescriptions.

Conrad's neighbor alerted the neighborhood on Nextdoor and posted many pictures. It was also discovered that her neighbor across the street had someone come into their backyard with knives demanding food, water and clothing.

Conrad and several neighbors contacted the Portland Police Bureau and the Oregon Department of Transportation many times.

Conrad helped organize neighborhood

work parties and cleared out an enormous amount of overgrown vegetation that ODOT had let go, picked up garbage and painted over graffiti. Neighborhood businesses donated materials to help in the clean-up efforts.

On Sept. 8, the South Burlingame Neighborhood Association held a board meeting.

The main discussion at the meeting focused on the discovery of these homeless camps under the Terwilliger Bridge and highway access ramps south of Interstate 5.

These camps contained drug paraphernalia and stolen items



Portland police officers comb through a homeless camp underneath the Terwilliger Bridge. (Photo courtesy of South Burlingame Neighborhood Association)

from the neighborhood, including prescription drugs.

Police were called, no arrests were made, but the camps were vacated

soon after the police left. Since the posting on Nextdoor of discovery of the camps, neighbors organized a
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Policy advisor to Mayor-elect Wheeler attends neighborhood association meeting

MULTNOMAH NOTEBOOK

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post



Nathan Howard is Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler's policy manager.

Portland Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler doesn't take office for another three months but his office is already participating in listening sessions around the city. His staff was invited to the September Multnomah Neighborhood Association meeting.

Policy advisor Nathan Howard, who was Wheeler's deputy campaign director, sat and listened quietly to a barrage of issues afflicting the neighborhood.

A short film began the presentation. It was created by local resident Ken Klein featuring the neighborhood association marching in the Multnomah Days parade. Chair Carol McCarthy then gave Howard an overview of the century-old neighborhood.

"These neighbors, leaders, and the generations who have lived here before

us," McCarthy began, "have been fighting City Hall and the ongoing struggles with the latest rezoning plans.

"Environmental plans are void," McCarthy added before opening up the floor to comments. "Neighborhood associations are no longer the active groups of participatory democracy. They aren't even mentioned in the city's proposed comprehensive plan. Put us back in!"

Joe Zender, a local neighbor, was first to speak up. "We're not against density," Zender said. "Lots under 5,000 square feet are not protected under the tree code."

McCarthy interjected: "We need a better process. The city asks for [our] input but then ignore us. It's like water boarding us with thousands of pages [of documents] to review."

"Is it intentional?" Howard asked. "Yes, but then there are illogical sequences," land use chair Jim Peterson replied. "There are last-minute meeting notifications and items added in without our knowledge. The comp plan is not fully approved yet but already a party is being planned," said Peterson.

McCarthy said that city planning committees are stacked with people with vested interests and said that the Multnomah neighborhood would work with the state next on these issues afflicting the area.

After several more comments about the city's plans for the neighborhood, Howard spoke.

"This is one of the most organized neighborhood associations I've seen," Howard commented. (By the way, the mayor-elect is still the state treasurer and is at a national treasurers' conference.) However, we have absolutely no



Bremik Construction demolishes the former Children's Center at Southwest 33rd and Capitol Highway. Multnomah neighbors have dubbed the planned 71-unit, four-story building to be constructed on this site as "the tower," a symbol of the association's opposition to high-density infill. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

resources from the mayor's office," Howard said. "We receive over a thousand emails and 25 phone calls a day."

Howard explained there are only two staff at the moment but so far have

met with over 40 associations, with 55 more to go.

Howard said that Mayor-elect Wheeler plans to attend neighborhood meetings once a year.

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'Middle housing' amendment would make new zoning code meaningless

OPEN FORUM

By Martie Sucec

"The City that works" is Portland's motto, but it doesn't seem to be working for everyone.

There's a lot of work, certainly, in reshaping the city from its comfortable middle-class neighborhoods into more and more multi-story apartments and condos, with little or no parking.

Modest, affordable houses are being plowed under. Renters and homeowners are being displaced and increasing homelessness continues to pose challenges the city can't handle.

To allegedly deal with some of these problems, Commissioner Steve Novick, with support from Mayor Charlie Hales, introduced an eleventh-hour amendment called "Middle Housing" into the new Comprehensive Plan recently adopted.

This policy would allow multiple units on any lot within a quarter-mile of "centers" and "corridors." Multnomah is a center, so all of the

neighborhood would be subject to this policy.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has come up with a set of rules to implement this policy, but these rules would leave the determination up to the Bureau of Development Services to determine on what lots are appropriate.

So, in other words, the zone that's on the zoning map for your property will no longer mean anything. You won't be able to do anything about several units going up on any lot on your street, even in the middle of single-family houses.

The rules say nothing about the environment or stormwater management. Also, the new tree code allows demolishing trees on any lot zoned R5—now meaning a house on a 5000 square-foot lot.

We have seen what city policies and support of rampaging mega-developers have already done to the character of many neighborhoods across the city. Good housing stock has been destroyed and hundreds of trees plowed down that are vital to shade, habitat, soil stability, and storm water management.

What's worse is that an organization called "Portland for Everyone" is pushing a new rule that would allow this policy to apply to any residential lot anywhere in the city. This group is made up of 1000 Friends of Oregon, developers, and some community organizations.

They say this kind of wholesale density is needed to preserve farm and forest land (urban growth boundary) and provide "affordable housing."

But the new plan itself says that Portland already has the capacity for new growth and the UGB is just fine. And the kind of wholesale clearance and redevelopment of still-expensive housing units will eventually come to threaten the UGB, not protect it.

If you don't like what you see happening to Portland's neighborhoods, you can help in the campaign the Multnomah Neighborhood Association has mounted to stop the out-of-control development.

Get more information—go to DontRezoneUs.org. Give testimony at the City Council on the middle housing rule on Nov. 9 or write a letter to City Council (cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov) telling them you want the zoning map to determine what goes on a lot, not a city bureau whose salaries are largely paid by developers' fees.

Donate your time and money to mount an effective campaign that will preserve single-family neighborhoods, trees, and the environment. Elect city officials that support healthy policies that will protect its neighborhood character, its tree canopy and habitat, and historical resources.

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South Burlingame Crimes

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detail to clean out the camps of the garbage and stolen items.

Neighbors also spent two days removing underbrush along the fences and around the camp sites making them visible from the streets with hopes of making it less appealing for the drug users and criminals.

Since the abandonment of the camps in the South Burlingame neighborhood, there has not been a report of any petty crimes on Nextdoor.

Portland Police Officer Andrew Caspar attended the South Burlingame meeting and gave praise to the quick action taken, but warned that this will likely happen again.

Caspar shared various Portland resources. He expressed the importance of reporting crimes. These reports are used to delegate resources citywide.

Caspar briefly discussed the broken window theory. The theory is that maintaining and monitoring urban environments to prevent small crimes (such as vandalism) helps to create an atmosphere of order and lawfulness, thereby preventing more serious crimes from happening.

The broken window theory is not without critics, but during the last year the neighborhood has had an increase of burglaries from cars, garages, delivered package thefts, and break-ins. The frequency and aggressiveness of these crimes has also escalated.

It is understood that neither this response, nor the broken window theory addresses the underlying drug epidemic and homelessness. The individuals inhabiting the camps appear to be addicts and are still in the city, somewhere.

South Burlingame neighbors are currently spending more time on the trails monitoring the camps. There is also a renewed interest in the Neighborhood Watch program, but neighbors understand most of these crimes happened during the late night and early morning hours.

Neighbors said they are frustrated by the uptick of burglaries and forced entries. And while they appreciate police efforts, neighbors also realize that they are the eyes and ears of their own communities.

No one wants to enable a drug abuser, nor do they wish to see neighbors held up at gunpoint. Stories about crime in South Burlingame have been broadcast recently on Fox 12 and KGW television news programs.

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Still can't decide? Here are two great opportunities to see local candidates live and in person

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Election Day is right around the corner—November 8, to be exact. But we all know that ballots will be in the mail much earlier. Who are you going to vote for locally? If you're not sure, there are a couple of opportunities to see the candidates and hear their positions, up front and personal.

The **Westside Voters Forum** will be held on Monday, Oct. 10 at the Multnomah Arts Center auditorium, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

This year's forum will first feature Steve Novick and Chloe Eudaly, who are running against each other for Portland City Commissioner. Second will be Sharon Meiran and Eric Zimmerman who are running against each other for Multnomah County Commissioner.

There will be a meet-and-greet with candidates from 6:15—7 p.m. and the forum will take place from 7—8:30 p.m. It's free.

Hosted by Courtenay Hameister, Portland writer, director and former host of Live Wire! Radio, **Candidates Gone Wild** is a fun and offbeat version of the traditional political debate,

sponsored by the folks at Willamette Week.

Candidates Novick and Eudaly will face each other at this event as well, so it will be interesting to see how they manage to be in two political debates in one night at the same time on opposite sides of the Willamette River.

Rumor has it that there will also be lively discussions centering on the presidential race, the statewide corporate tax, the technical education measure, and much more. Crazy antics including comedy and arm-wrestling are guaranteed at this one!

It all takes place on Monday, October 10, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Revolution Hall (1300 SE Stark Street). All ages. \$5 ticket in advance. \$10 ticket at the door.

Much ado about a proposed amphitheater in Spring Garden Park

The Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, the commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, made opening remarks at a public meeting in Spring Garden Park on Sept. 20.

The meeting was an opportunity for Multnomah neighbors to vote for their favorite gathering space options. Option 1 included a concrete pad and seating wall (with electric outlet). Option 2 was no concrete pad, keeps the seating wall.



Multnomah neighbors discuss options for a gathering space at Spring Garden Park on Sept. 20. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

Option 3 called for boulders and trees instead.

Some 100 folks filled out the yellow sheets, including pros and cons, and stuffed them in the ballot box to be counted later behind closed doors at City Hall. Commissioner Fritz and other bigwigs will make the final decision.

Everyone was quite earnest and serious at this event except for observer Mike Roche of Multnomah, a veteran of the Southwest Community Plan, and two college-age audiophiles named

Ray and Alex who host a comedy podcast called "Everything About It Is A Podcast" on Soundcloud.

If everything is in order, by the time you read this you can listen to Commissioner Fritz's opening remarks as well as Ray and Alex's lively take on free ice cream, Spring Garden Park and investigative journalism by clicking on a link on the Southwest Portland Post website (www.SWPortlandPost.com) entitled, "A Four Dollar Word for a Fifty Cent Park."

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Several Hillsdale businesses close; Cuttlefish and Coral coming soon

THE COUNTRY STORE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

Besides the Hillsdale post office recently shutting its doors, several other businesses have recently closed in Hillsdale and one new business will be relocating to the town center.

Hillsdale Arts Supply, a few doors down from the former post office, shut its door Aug. 31.

The store featured recycled art supplies and showcased art from Robert Gray Middle School and Wilson High School students over the years.

"My lease was up at and I decided not to renew," owner Denise Rumsey told *The Post*. "I am considering a new location, but at this time, that has yet to be revealed."

Bellamy Studios relocated into Rumsey's old space at 6327 SW Capitol Hwy.

Rumsey said to check her website at <http://www.hillsdaleartsupply.com/> for future updates on her plans. She wanted to convey her appreciation for the community's support all these years.

Queen of Diamonds Jewelry also recently closed. Located at 6315 SW Capitol Hwy., in the same building as Bank of America, the jewelry store had been in operation for several decades.

According to property manager Julie Seid, the business owner closed the store for personal reasons. The owner could not be reached for comment.

"The storefront is being renovated,"

Seid commented. "A new tenant has not been identified yet."

Across the highway, another art store, **Paint Pots**, has closed its doors after losing the lease. Located at 6360 SW Capitol Hwy., the business provided a studio for painting mugs, bowls, and other ceramics for over 20 years.

"I am choosing not to relocate the store so I can focus on my personal pottery," said the business owner, Laura Berg. "Despite several leads, I have been unable to find someone willing to purchase the contents of the store and relocate. If anyone is interested in a creative business opportunity, please contact me on Facebook."

Landlady Ardys Braidwood is making some changes to the space. "I'm updating the storefront with better windows and central air as well as upgrading requirements for the Americans for Disability Act," Braidwood explained.

Braidwood did not divulge who may occupy the space after improvements are completed.

The retail space next to OnPoint Community Credit Union, located at 6367 SW Capitol Hwy., has finally been leased. Braidwood, who owns this building as well, recently announced that the new tenants will be **Cuttlefish and Coral, LLC**, a saltwater aquarium business.

Owned by Jeffrey Slemp, the store specializes in aqua culturing practices growing coral and offering a variety of exotic saltwater fish. Slemp will offer saltwater tanks and servicing for businesses and residences. The store will feature a two-foot shark.

Located the last four years on North Mississippi Avenue, Slemp will be setting up his space during the coming month.

"The unit has been vacant for several years," Braidwood said. "I was waiting for the right fit and the aquarium will be a great addition to the Hillsdale Town Center."



Laura Berg, the owner of Paint Pots, has closed the business after 20 years in Hillsdale. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

MULTNOMAH NOTEBOOK

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Houston Markley, who helped lead the association in the recent Multnomah Days parade, brought up various groups in the city like Portland for Everyone who are in support of density development.

"That organization has made it clear it makes no sense when a standard 50 by 100 lot, within easy walking distance of a center, can't be used for anything more than a single-family house," Markley said after the meeting. "That group is for density."

Jessica Wade, a long time activist, said she is not against density but said, "We need to bring the infrastructure improvements with the development, but developers get waivers of remonstrance."

She questioned whether the west side was getting its fair share of the developers' contributions for improvements elsewhere in the city.

"We don't want stupid, arrogant development," said another audience member. "We want the mayor to stand up to these values."

Someone suggested having a moratorium on development until there is further research looking into the issues being brought up tonight.

Another stated that the village was not a Hawthorne Boulevard or Division Street. Both neighborhoods have experienced high-rise development in recent years.

Testimonials continued as Howard sat patiently although without taking notes. Members described homes being flooded due to improper developments, solar panels being shaded by large houses built up next to their property, trees being cut down, and livability issues not being fully addressed.

Beth Omansky, who volunteered at the Sears homeless shelter earlier this year, described the empathy the community has for the homeless.

"Over 200 neighbors helped contribute meals and supplies for the temporary residents who resided at the old armory," she reported.

"This November," Howard responded, "Measure 26-179 is on the ballot to create 1,300 permanently affordable homes for those who need them most. The \$258.4 million affordable housing bond marks the first time that Portlanders will be able to vote in support of affordable housing."

This was McCarthy's last meeting as chair of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association. Her two-year term is dictated by the organization's bylaws. Nominations and elections will be held at the October 11 meeting.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

By KC Cowan
The Southwest Portland Post

6 Film Fest: The Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway, in partnership with the Institute for Judaic Studies, continues the Israel Film Series on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. with "Rock in the Red Zone," a film about the Israeli town of Sderot that has been bombarded with rocket fire from the Gaza Strip. Despite this, Sderot has become an epicenter for rock music in Israel. Director Laura Bialis is scheduled to join the audience for discussion via Skype. Screenings continue each Thursday into November. Go to www.oregonjcc.org for more information.

7 Dance Photos: The latest exhibition at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery opens with a reception Friday, Oct. 7 from 7-9 p.m. for "Fuse - Portland Dance Portrait," an exhibit of photography by Jingzi Zhao. His work captures 45 dancers in everyday moments using the city as a stage to show the distinctive character of life in Portland. Dance and Portland are fused together in this exhibit with a dash of drama and humor. Up through Oct. 25 at the MAC, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Visit www.MultnomahArtsCenter.org or call 503-823-2787 for more information.

Sustainability Fair: The Garden Home Community Library is hosting their sixth annual Sustainability Fair on Friday, Oct. 7 from 5-7 p.m. in the Garden Home Recreation Center gym, 7475 SW Oleson



Apple Fest is Saturday, Oct. 8, from 2-5 p.m. at Tryon Life Community Farm, 11640 SW Boone's Ferry Road. This is a fundraiser for TLC Farm educational programs and includes apple cider pressing, apple cocktails, apple pie baking contest, and tours of the orchard. Suggested donation is \$5-20. No onsite parking. Ride your bike or park and ride the shuttle bus at Riverdale High School (9727 SW Terwilliger Blvd). Visit www.tryonfarm.org for more information. (Photo courtesy TLC Farm)

Rd. Attend workshops, learn about solar power, see a Tesla X electric automobile, and more. Plus, bring a broken item such as a coffee maker or bike for repair on the spot! For more information, contact Heather Waisanen at heatherw@wccls.org.

8 Take a hike: The October walk for SW Trails is Saturday, Oct. 8. Get ready to explore the western part of the community, through the Stephens Creek Natural Area, through Gabriel Park and Woods Park and heading back via Multnomah Village and Hillsdale. The walk is about 6 miles long. Meet behind the bleachers, near the food carts, at Wilson High School, Southwest Sunset Boulevard and Capitol Highway, and be ready to go at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.swtrails.org.

Portland Open Studios: Here is your chance to visit artists in their home studios, see their work, ask questions and purchase original works of art. The artist studio tour kicks off the weekend of Oct. 8 & 9 and continues on Oct. 15 & 16. This is a ticketed event; you must have the guidebook to find the studios. Go to <http://portlandopenstudios.com/tourguide/> for more information.

9 Book Signing: Meet local author Kate Ristau and hear her read from her newest young adult novel, *Clockbreakers*. It's an action-packed adventure with a mission. Can eleven-year-old Charlie save her father, and perhaps even save the world? Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m. at Annie Bloom's Books, 7834 SW Capitol Hwy. Free.

15 Witches! Just in time for Halloween, the Hillsdale Library will host the lecture, "Demon Among Us: The Salem Witch Trials." What really happened? This talk takes place Saturday, Oct. 15, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Free. The lecture will explain how, in 1692 and 1693, 19 men and women were put to death for practicing witchcraft. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

16 Earthquake: In 1906, San Francisco was leveled over four tragic days by a Magnitude 8 earthquake that struck without warning and the firestorm that followed. Learn how this epic event changed the city forever and what lessons it holds for us in a possible Cascadia quake. Sunday, Oct. 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. Free.

23 Mystery Writers: With its vibrant neighborhoods, lush parks, and free-spirited citizens, Portland is the perfect setting for writing stories of crime and mayhem — at least in the eyes of some local mystery writers, who will join together for this panel discussion. Zoe Burke, Warren C. Easley and others will discuss how living in Portland informs and inspires their work. The discussion takes place on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave. Call 503-988-5123 for more information. Free.

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Dear EarthTalk: What's the latest in the battle over whether or not to permanently protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge? The issue seems to come up every few years around election season but I haven't heard anything about it lately.

— Gerald LaPlante, Boston, MA

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, located on Alaska's northeast coast, has been a conservation-versus-development battleground for decades.

The 1.5 million acre coastal plain at the foot of the Brooks Range where the land meets the Arctic Ocean is the crown jewel of the 19 million acre refuge—and a magnet for iconic Alaskan wildlife like caribou, polar bears and wolverines.

But oil interests say the coastal plain is covering huge oil and natural gas reserves and should be drilled for the sake of the U.S. and Alaskan economies.

Some 250 wildlife species consider ANWR home, while another 180 species of birds migrate through every year (from all 50 states and beyond).

The coastal plain itself is a birthing ground for the region's iconic caribou herd and also

provides safe haven and sustenance for hundreds of other marine and terrestrial species.

Environmental advocacy groups cite studies showing that industrial operations would deter animals from the area, robbing them of one of the last protected areas to raise their young.

Beyond biological pragmatism, conservationists argue that opening the refuge up to drilling operations would set a dangerous precedent, potentially opening the door for similar pressures on federal wilderness areas and even in national parks.

Some of the key defenders of ANWR include the Alaska Wilderness League, Defenders of Wildlife, EarthJustice and others.

The other side champions the economic potential of the region. Alaska Governor Bill Walker has strongly supported drilling operations in ANWR, a stance shared by Alaska's federal representatives.

A 2007 Yale study showed the potential for \$374 billion dollars of oil beneath ANWR. This would be vital income for the state government, which relies heavily on oil and gas tax streams for its budget.

Alaska politicians say they need the extra revenue to pay to relocate climate refugees from villages inundated by rising seas. "We are in a significant fiscal challenge," Walker told the BBC. "We have villages that are washing away because of changes in the climate."

Nationally, supporters of drilling also cite economics: Every barrel of oil produced domestically puts tax money in the national coffers and creates local jobs.



Senate Democrats Michael Bennet and Ed Markey introduced legislation last December calling for permanently designating the most sensitive sections of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. (Photo courtesy U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)

Shell has been the major commercial supporter of opening the refuge, though 78 percent of Alaskans share the sentiment. The state legislature has passed legislation opening ANWR to oil exploration—but it's not theirs to decide since it's on federal land.

But that doesn't mean ANWR is safe from development. Inside the Washington, D.C. beltway, the Republican-dominated House passed a dozen resolutions in support of opening it up to oil exploration in the last session alone—although Democratic filibuster efforts were able to block any such legislation.

Meanwhile, Senate Democrats Michael Bennet (Colorado), Ed Markey (Massachusetts) and 32 Democratic co-sponsors introduced legislation last December calling for permanently designating

the most sensitive sections of ANWR as wilderness, off limits to development.

With bigger fish to fry right now, lawmakers might not consider the legislation until a new president is in office, but backers of protecting ANWR can urge their senators to support the bill via an easy-to-send customizable online form letter courtesy of the non-profit EarthJustice.

Contacts: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, www.fws.gov/refuge/arctic; Alaska Wilderness League, www.alaskawild.org; Defenders of Wildlife, www.defenders.org; EarthJustice, www.earthjustice.org.

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Lower bridge will carry peds and bikes southbound toward Lake Oswego

SELLWOOD BRIDGE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

It's getting down to the wire. The new Sellwood Bridge will soon be void of all construction equipment, detours, and closures.

That's the latest news from Multnomah County spokesperson Mike Pullen as construction workers try to wrap up the project before the December holidays.

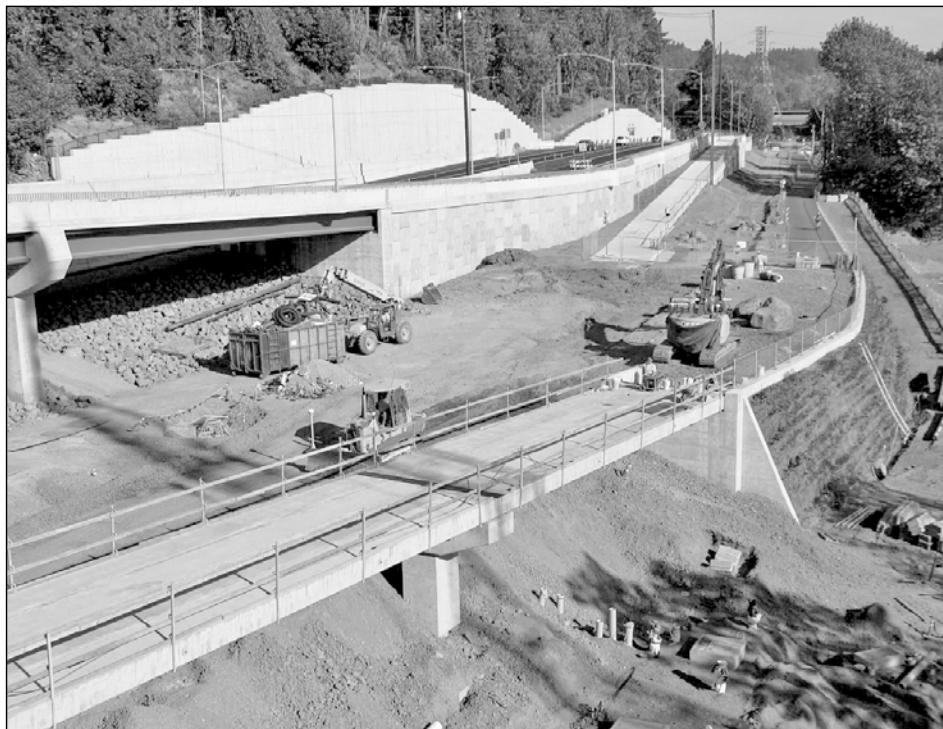
Westbound traffic across the bridge can now turn left at the west end to access Highway 43 south (Macadam Avenue). The turnaround loop for southbound traffic at Taylors Ferry

Road has closed.

New signals have been installed at the west end of the bridge and have caused some additional congestion on onramps entering the bridge from the highway.

City transportation engineers are making incremental adjustments to the signals to determine optimal timing to reduce congestion. Staff members are considering timing of the signals at the east side of the bridge on Southeast Tacoma Street (at 6th Avenue, 13th Avenue and farther east) and the volume of traffic at different days and times.

"It will take some time to finalize the signal timing for traffic flow through all the signals in the area," said Pullen. "Continue to expect delays during this necessary process



The lower bridge will carry bicyclists and pedestrians from the westside trail to the south side of the Sellwood Bridge. (Photo courtesy of Multnomah County)



"Stratum Project," is a series of ecologically inspired geologic sculptural totems created by artist Mikyoung Kim from Boston. (Photo courtesy of Multnomah County)

and drive with caution."

As for the multiuse path bridge, the concrete has been stained rust red to match the arch spans. The bridge will carry bicyclists and pedestrians from the regional trail under the main bridge to reach its south sidewalk.

Topsoil has been installed on adjacent slopes and drainage near the trolley corridor. A sub-ballast will be placed on this later. The contractor has removed the last piles from the detour bridge and piles are also being removed from the old dock at Staff Jennings.

"They continue to cut the old bridge steel into smaller pieces," Pullen said. "The pieces are then placed on a barge for transport to a

local recycler."

The first set of statues by artist Mikyoung Kim has been installed on the south side of Tacoma Street between Southeast Sixth Avenue and the bridge.

Statues on the north side of Tacoma Street will be installed this fall. Kim's concept, "Stratum Project," is a series of ecologically inspired geologic sculptural totems.

According to Pullen, layers of various recycled and formed materials create a quilted surface that represents earth, water and sky as the gateway to the Sellwood neighborhood.

For information on the bridge project, please visit <http://www.sellwoodbridge.org/>

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Don't be surprised if 4,000 goblins show up for Halloween in the Village

By KC Cowan
The Southwest Portland Post

If you have an aversion to ghosts, goblins and the occasional Pokémon critter, you might want to avoid Multnomah Village on Oct. 31. If, however, you love to see youngsters dressed up as their favorite "alter-ego," by all means come on down and join the fun.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Halloween in the Village, a merchant-sponsored event that brings thousands of kids and families to "trick-or-treat" in the local businesses.

Jason Lensch, co-owner of Switch Shoes and president of the Multnomah Village Business Association, is chair of the event. The annual candy-grab was begun by his wife, Jen Robinson, and Luke Huffstutter, owner of Anastasia Salon. It's grown every year.

"It started the first year about 500," said Lensch. "And each year it's grown a couple hundred or more. Last

year, it was the wettest day of the year, and we still had 3,500 kids show up."

Families need to check in at Starbucks Coffee (34th and Capitol Highway) to get a map of who is participating, but they won't find many stores that aren't getting into the Halloween spirit.

"This year, all the businesses that have retail store fronts along Capitol Hwy. are taking part," Lensch explained. "About 120 in all, from the west end of the village where the bridge starts, all the way up to Canby Street on the other end of the village."

"Riversgate Church at the far east end of the village has an indoor play area set up with activities. Last year they did cotton candy."

And the last stop is, fittingly, at the dentist's office. Dr. Lisa Jensen and her team at Multnomah Village Dental Care (7717 SW 34th Ave) have a special treat for everyone—toothbrushes, perhaps?

Halloween in the Village is popular with families of young children, because the Southwest community can be a challenging place for trick-or-treaters.

"The area is not well lit, and there are not a lot of sidewalks, and it's hilly," Lensch said. "So it really makes it easier for parents to bring their children down to the village."

The event also takes place during daylight hours from 3:30–5:30 p.m. And volunteers help make sure the village streets are safe for youngsters.

Lensch arranged for volunteer Portland Police Cadets to divert traffic



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through the village so everyone can walk without danger. So, all in all, it's great for families. They can satisfy their children's desire for Halloween candy in a couple of hours, then go home to have dinner.

There are other fun events, too. You can have your photo taken at Neighborhood House. The \$5 fee is a fundraiser for the program. They're also holding a food drive, so parents are encouraged to bring a can of food to help their neighbors.

With 4,000 children expected to flow in and out of businesses, merchants need to stock up with a lot of goodies. It's not inexpensive, but Lensch said

everyone is happy to do it.

"It's part of the responsibility of being a small-business owner, to be in connection with the community. They're the ones who shop local and support you, so it's a small fee to show our appreciation."

Lensch said business owners talk about the event for weeks afterwards. "It's such a cool atmosphere with the kids, to have so many in costume in one concentrated area. It's a fun time."

For more information on Halloween in the Village, visit www.MultnomahVillage.org, or the business association's Facebook page.

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