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Earthquake preparedness event set

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Natural disasters are a global fact. Beyond that acknowledgement, a natural disaster can move from fact to in-your-face phenomenon when one descends locally, such as the magnitude 2.5 earthquake just north of Silver Falls State Park along Highway 214 reported by the U.S. Geological Survey on Dec. 21. No damage or injuries were reported in that quake, which was centered about 8.7 miles northeast of Sublimity at a depth of just over 10 miles.

But a mild quake does trigger thoughts, such as “What if it had been stronger?”

Answers to such questions will be coming to Silverton as a legion of public-safety entities team with the American Red Cross in “Prepare Out Loud,” an earthquake and disaster-preparedness

presentation fair set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Silverton High School, 1456 Pine St.

The event is free, and it will be teeming with pros primed to provide preparation tips, including Silverton Fire District, Mt. Angel Police, Marion County Emergency Management, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) from Mt. Angel and Silverton, Marion County Search & Rescue, Silverton Senior Center, Map Your Neighborhood and American Red Cross.

Featured presentations tucked within the fair will take place at 6:30 to 7 p.m. and 8:30 - 9:15 p.m.

Red Cross regional spokeswoman Monique Dugaw noted that presentations directly address the seismic significance of the Cascadia Subduction Zone and what to expect following an earth-

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The Mt. Angel Fire District will be among the entities involved when the Red Cross-hosted Prepare Out Loud fair comes to Silverton on April 27.



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Crowds fill the colorful fields during the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival on Saturday at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm in Woodburn. In addition to tulip viewing, there are tram rides, a children's play area, food booths, wine tastings and more.

A blooming festival

Hundreds flock to see Woodburn's tulips

LAUREN E HERNANDEZ
STATESMAN JOURNAL

Hundreds of families flocked to Woodburn's 33rd annual Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival to kick off Easter weekend.

Despite the harsh winter, dozens of vibrant varieties of tulips extend for 40 acres on the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm.

Some visitors endured a two-hour drive due to heavy traffic on the holiday weekend.

Crowds of families with dogs in tow sloshed through the muddy soil to stroll through rows of colorful tulips, many stopping to take photos among the blooms.

While visitors can't pick tulips from the ground, there is a greenhouse tent where people can purchase flowers and order tulip bulbs for their own gardens.

In addition to viewing the blooming tulips, visitors hitched hay wagon rides, children slid down a slide overlooking the tulips and Albarino Vineyard.

Adults were able to sip locally



Festivalgoers walk among the vibrant pink blooms during the tulip fest Saturday at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm in Woodburn. The festival runs through April 30.

made wine while bouncing on a tractor tram as it weaved through the farmland.

For woodworking aficionados, visitors can watch a wooden shoe making demonstration and even try on a

pair on weekends.

The festival will run until April 30, daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.woodenshoe.com/events/tulip-fest/>

City Council OKs next year's to-do list

Upcoming projects include finishing Old Mill Park, updating street signs

CHRISTENA BROOKS
SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

Curious what your Silverton city councilors hope to work on over the next year?

Their to-do list for the fiscal year beginning in July is just over 30 items long. With general goals, it includes a number of specific projects.

Some of these include

installing water meters that don't require onsite meter-readers, asking voters to pay for pool operations via a bond measure, considering banning plastic shopping bags and establishing no-smoking areas in town.

Upcoming projects include completing Old Mill

Park, updating street signs and completing a physical assessment of the pool. Items for discussion include expanding utility bill assistance, the feasibility of a park and recreation district and gray water irrigation systems.

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Silverton site offers eclipse camping

The Oregon Garden secures city permit

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The Oregon Garden has secured a permit from Silverton to transform an 11-acre parcel of municipal property into a temporary campground on the days surrounding the solar eclipse in August.

For a permit fee of \$5,000 – plus a \$5,000 refundable deposit – the non-profit Oregon Garden Foundation will be allowed to turn the Westfield Property, behind the Senior Center, into a campground featuring up to 150 campsites, onsite security, and portable toilets.

The temporary campground will augment “Total Eclipse of the Garden” events scheduled for Aug. 19-21. These campsites will be in addition to others already offered on its property, across Cascade Highway.

City staff and councilors attached a number of conditions to the special event application they approved April 3. Among other things, the permit requires two entrances, a \$2 million insurance policy, crossing guards for pedestrians, and no alcohol or illegal drug consumption onsite.

Councilors stipulated that campers at the Westfield campground must also pay transient occupancy tax, which is levied on hotel, RV and other vacation rental stays. Funds collected help pay for projects that promote tourism.

Several councilors said they want to be sure that city taxpayers feel they're sufficiently benefiting from the temporary campground. Councilor Jim Sears noted that the garden will gross \$45,000 if all campsites fill, but agreed with others that it's unlikely that netted profits will be anything near that figure after expenses are paid out.

“We're blazing new ground. There is no history here,” he said.

After much discussion about charging more, less, or two separate fees for property rental and the permit, councilors returned to straight-up \$5,000 special use fee, noting that, in the future, they'll consider different structures.

“If it's too much, we can lower it, but

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