

Defining the downtown core will be part of the process as Silverton City Council mulls smoking bans on its Dec. 4 agenda. JUSTIN MUCH/STAYTON MAIL

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in recent meetings. City Manager Christy Wurster said the smoking ban emerged from an Environmental Management Committee formed in 2015 to consider environmental issues that may directly impact the city and its residents.

Last summer the council heard a recommendation from that committee to ban smoking and vaping in city parks, and another to ban it in the downtown core. The council agreed to review the proposals and subsequently discussed it during its Sept. 18 and Oct. 16 meetings.

City Councilor Laurie Carter broached the smoking ban topic during the Town Hall meeting.

Carter, who owns a downtown shop, said affected businesses have been responsive to the issue.

"I would like to thank the bars downtown," she said. I've noticed they've started sweeping their sidewalks after closing at night so on Sunday mornings the area is not full of cigarette butts."

'Smokers have started smoking in the private parking lots," she added. "I think it's to show that it's not that big of a problem. And I really think that it's great that they have taken those efforts." She encouraged everyone with thoughts on the issue, one way or the other, to attend the meeting and voice those thoughts.

Among the factors, the council will consider is the zone or area in which a downtown smoking ban would entail. There have been several proposed, and each comes with a different price tag.

During its November work session the panel examined the three: Walk Your Wheels perimeters, which include Water and 1st streets between Park and Lewis streets along with Town Square Park; Figure 8, which includes Water and 1st streets from High to Main streets along with a block of main south of Silver Creek; Park to Jersey, which includes Water and 1st be-

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tween those streets along with Town Square Park. One element that could determine which option the council chooses is the price tag, which revolves around posting the necessary signs alerting the public to the

ordinance.

A city report noted that material and labor costs for the installation of a sign are \$382. Given that, the smallest defined core, Figure 8, would cost \$13,752 to post the necessary signs; Walk Your Wheels option would cost \$22,156; Park to Jersey \$30,560.

During that work session, Councilor Matt Plummer

emphasized a couple of factors within the considered prohibition for clarification purposes. One was that the bans only apply to public properties. He also stressed that the \$2,500 fine issued for violations is a cost that is likely to be reduced in court.

Wurster said another topic that will likely emerge in January is the city's system development charges fees collected from developers to offset the costs of additional infrastructure necessary to accommodate their development.

Council President Jason Freilinger has brought up the topic during recent meetings, including the Town Hall, and has been studying the feasibility of Silverton's fee structure, which he noted often covers only a fraction of the additional infrastructure cost; the rest is paid by city residents.

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Mt. Angel BB already has quite the resume, including a champion title at 11 months, a grand champion one at 14 months, and at the National Dog Show in Philadelphia this year, she received 15 of the 25 points needed in one weekend. SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

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during the semifinal races. Mt. Angel came later, which happened to be as the finals were in progress.

The event sparked a fair amount of attention that day and an equal amount of follow-up curiosity in the ensuing months.

"I've had so many people ask, 'whatever happened to those puppies?" Keller-McCormick said.

Meatloaf is now the proud pet of Kutzler, who is an

associate professor of Companion Animal Industries at Oregon State University, and a Greater Portland Dachshund Club member. "Jacque said that Meatloaf looked like a little meat-

loaf when he was a newborn puppy and the name stuck. We have owned him since he was 3 months old, Kutzler said, adding that he's been "very successful in show ring, earthdog test, and field trial competitions.'

Mt. Angel found her way to Thornton, Pa., and is a beloved pet of a Berkshire Hathaway broker Debbie

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series of programming tutorials on YouTube while he was in high school. I used these tutorials to teach myself "Lucas is now a college student at Cornell. Despite

only being in high school, his tutorials were excellent. He is really a very good teacher. It struck me as humorous that the man in his 50s would be taught by a high

Uricchio said he continues to follow Derraugh via Twitter and is interested to see where his life's path takes him.

He's equally interested and hopeful of seeing the app help Silverton visitors and locals alike locate and learn more about the town's uniquely prolific civic artwork.

"It is my hope that visitors to Silverton can take a self-guided tour and learn about the history of the murals and the artists that painted them," he said To that end, Uricchio furnished the app with a para-

graph on subject matter addressed by each mural, when it was painted and the name of the artist. Addi-

"It is my hope that visitors to Silverton can take a self-guided tour and learn about the history of the murals and the artists that painted them."

FRANCIS "CHIP" URICCHIO, REGARDING THE "SILVERTON MURAL SOCIETY" APP

tionally, there is a map outlining the location of each

mural which can provide directions from wherever the user might be.

Snow is delighted, especially with the possibilities of how that new tool can help kindle pride and ultimately preserve this part of Silverton's heritage. She recalled how longtime mural advocate Vince Till would provide tours for local school kids with that same aim.

That aim remains today, and this new tool created by her brother in his spare time has become a warm addition to that quest. imuch@StatesmanJournal.com or cell 503-508-8157

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Spill

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The spill happened after a semi-tanker carrying 11,600 gallons of unleaded gasoline slid on ice near Idanha, overturned and caught fire, killing the driver, 58year-old Ronald Edward Scurlock of Bend. Some of the fuel burned off in the fire, but an unknown amount spilled onto the road and into the river.

The crash happened about 45 miles east of Salem's water treatment plant. The city provides drinking water for about 192,000 people.

About 300 feet of the highway is contaminated on both sides, said Lou Torres, Oregon Department of

Transportation spokesman. The intense fire also damaged the road.

ODOT has contracted with SMAF Construction of

Prineville to remove contaminated soil and repair the road, Torres said. The highway remained closed between milepost 55, at the east end of Idanha, and Santiam Junction, where

Highway 22 and U.S. Highway 20 intersect until Friday. Officials recommended small vehicles traveling between the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon use U.S. 20, which passes through Sweet Home and follows the South Santiam River.

ODOT recommended large trucks use Highway 126 McKenzie Highway through Springfield, Highway 58 Willamette Highway, or U.S. 26 through Portland.

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