

# Mall proposes expansion

## Town Center seeks public money for additions

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Plans to renovate and expand the Clackamas Town Center mall may not pull through due to lack of funding.

The 240,000 square foot addition would include remodeling sections of the mall into open-air walkways, plazas and restaurants for pedestrians to enjoy. A larger theater would also be added, with 16-18 movie screens, and there are hopes for a five-floor parking garage.

The expansion is estimated to bring in an additional one million customers on top of the 12 million that already visit the mall each year. With such an increase in customers, parking will be an important part of the addition.

According to Karen Butler of General Growth Properties (the majority owner of the mall), county money will help pay for the expansion, but not all of the plans are possible without the help of public money.

This money would come from the urban-renewal district that surrounds the mall. The district gets its money due to tax-increment financing. This means that property values are set when the district is created, developments increase property values and the additional property taxes are saved for improvements within the district.

The lack of sufficient funds stems from the fact that the area planned to house the parking garage falls just outside of the urban-renewal district.

According to Gary Cook, the county's development agency manager, the boundaries of the proposed mall property would have to change in order to bring the parking garage inside the district.



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If money from the public is provided, plans to reconstruct Clackamas Town Center would include outdoor walkways and entrances to shops, as well as a 16 to 18 screen theater.

According to Kyle Gorman, executive officer of Clackamas County Fire District 1, the fire district is concerned that with property tax money being diverted into urban-renewal projects, the area will be too expensive to serve.

The areas of the proposed mall that lie outside of the district would immediately increase the area's assessed values, according to Cook. He also said that the county may reduce the size of the urban-renewal district after the mall expansion is

finished.

The proposed mall also faces safety risks.

David Bradley of the Southgate Planning Association is concerned about congested traffic, especially during the holidays.

Martha Waldemar of the Sunnyside United Neighbors worries that pedestrians will be more at risk between the mall stores and Sunnyside Road, as well as having to cross Sunnyside to get to the Clackamas

Promenade.

These issues, however, are being addressed. According to Butler, the mall planners will consider reconstructing entrances to make them more easily accessible, perhaps even moving the transit center.

Although money issues are temporarily impeding progress for this expansion, the first stages of planning are well underway.

Information in this story is from *The Oregonian*.

## campus SAFETY logs

All reports are taken from CCC's campus safety incident logs. Summaries are edited for clarity, not content.

2-26-04

9:14 a.m.

Honeywell reported general trouble signal at Wilsonville campus, advised an officer.

2-27-04

8:45 a.m.

Phoned Clark County DA's office about victim assistance letter.

2-27-04

9:45 a.m.

Advise ASG of BMX bike found by custodial staff in Barlow stairwell.

2-27-04

7:35 p.m.

Stopped to help someone with their vehicle hood up. Unable to assist.

## Spring term field trips

BI-160 Bird ID & Taxonomy class offering several field trips

BI-163 Malheur field trip, 4 days

BI-165 Natural History of SW Deserts, offers 9 day field trip

BOT-156 Plant Identification & Uses class offering field trips.

Check your spring term schedule to register.

## Brennan honored by colleagues



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President Joe Johnson, along with deans and colleagues, honored Forensics Coach Kelly Brennan and his Speech and Debate team last week in a ceremony with sparkling cider and cake. Over the past eight years, under Brennan's direction, his teams have earned many awards. Last year alone, the team won more than 2,000 individual awards. (From left) Dian Connett, dean of instructional services; Kay Slusarenko, associate dean of arts/humanities/social science; David Dickson, associate dean for college advancement; Johnson; Brennan; Frank Harlow, communications and theater chair; Beth Hodgkinson, division secretary; and Jane Rickenbaugh, retired communications and theater chair. Johnson and Brennan display the second place trophy and the team's award from the Spokane Falls CC tournament. "I think Kelly's a remarkable person, a wonderful instructor and an excellent example of someone who loves what he does," said Slusarenko. "He inspires not only students, but his entire department to be the best they can be and he does that by example and that's the best of what a faculty member can contribute to an educational environment for students and his peers."

## SALEM: Young parents meet with Kulongoski

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After meeting with the governor, the students took a tour of the capitol building, the House of Representatives and the Senate, as Schmidt talked about the history and purpose of each.

Student Rebecca Grace had visited the capitol building with a school group before but enjoyed her second visit.

"I hadn't gotten to see the Senate room before, so that was interesting," she said. "[It] was fun to meet the governor and a judge. I was impressed that the governor took time to talk to us."

For student Jessica Wells, meeting with Gov. Kulongoski was the highlight of the trip.

"He was very nice," Wells said. "He focused on us and seemed to really care about us."

Before heading home, the students returned to the Supreme Court building with Justice Durham to see the actual courtroom.

"This room is a very special one," he said. "I'm very pleased to have you come today."

Justice Durham told the students about his education and appointment to the Supreme Court by former Gov. Barbara Roberts, who spoke to the YPOP class several weeks ago.

"We've been very fortunate to have [Roberts] in leadership in this state," said Justice Durham. "In 25 years, one of you could be a judge."

According to Instructor Wendy Heinz, discussions with

the justice and the governor helped students realize that those in the capitol are real people with backgrounds similar to their own.

"They were inspired to think about careers in politics and law," said Heinz. "They realized it's possible for them to one day sit in one of those seats or to have their picture on the wall."

"My highlight was when we went in the Supreme Court room and sat in the judges' chairs," said student Monica Escobedo. "In the desk drawer we read about the first hearing that was held on March 2, 1914. One of the judges wrote it in there about 90 years ago."

The trip was exciting for the teachers as well.

"It was a highlight of my teaching career," said Linda Durham.



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