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Sunday Parkway planned for Terwilliger centennial anniversary

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Next summer the Friends of Terwilliger Parkway and their friends are planning to celebrate the road's 100th anniversary. One of their priorities is a Sunday Parkways event.

During Sunday Parkways, practiced for the last four years in other parts of town, auto traffic is removed from a roughly circular route along local streets, allowing pedestrians and cyclists to tour neighborhoods in a new way.

Activities, by the Portland Bureau of Parks or others, are held at local parks, and designated Community Market Places allow non-profits, businesses and community groups to provide information. Such an event attracted 31,000 participants in North Portland earlier this year.

Last month the event's head orga-

nizer, Rich Cassidy of the Portland Bureau of Transportation, met with the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. transportation committee to discuss a possible Southwest Sunday Parkways.

Cassidy initially envisioned a route through Hillsdale, Multnomah and Hayhurst, but Homestead and Hillsdale activists pushed hard for a route along Terwilliger, and for it to occur during the weekend of July 20 through 22, when festivities are planned. Cassidy indicated he would consider such a plan.

Anton Vetterlein of Homestead and Friends of Terwilliger said organizers are planning a variety of events for the anniversary weekend, including a road run, a "cake and speech ceremony," and a concert at Duniway Park.

Organizers are also working with the Bureau of Parks to spruce up the Parkway for its birthday.

"At six locations Parks will cut down non-native trees, prune other



Maplewood School students from Mrs. Dottie Alsman's 3rd grade class (1951-1952) and Mrs. Lucille Goyak Roger's 7th grade class (1955-1956) met for lunch on October 22. The classmates get together with their teachers every year or two to reminisce about the good old days at Maplewood School. Front row: Dottie Alsman, Lucille Goyak Rogers, Lani Graham Saunders. Back row: Sharon Miller Nelson, Patti Ransom Waitman-Ingebretsen, Glyn Brice, Jackie Warsech Haworth. (Photo courtesy of Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen)

trees, and clear away vegetation to restore the historic views that have been slowly lost over time," Vetterlein told *The Post*. At this time they are seeking sponsors to make the plans possible.

Girders to be installed for Gibbs Street Bridge

The five girders that form the superstructure of the proposed Gibbs
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This building located at 4310 SW Macadam Ave in South Portland will be home to a new federal jail. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

City Council approves federal detention facility on Macadam Avenue

By Lee Perlman
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Reversing a city hearings officer's ruling, the Portland City Council voted unanimously last month to approve a conditional use permit for a detention facility at 4310 SW Macadam Ave.

The ruling ends a nearly year-long battle and allows Lindquist Development to expand an existing building upon the site, and lease this to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the processing of immigrants either accused of crime or in this country illegally.

In August, Hearings Officer Gregory Frank had denied the conditional use application based upon what he found to be inadequate assurance that the few people ICE would release from the facility, as opposed to the vast majority who would be shipped to Tacoma and elsewhere, would not constitute a safety hazard for neighbors.

At a City Council hearing, ICE officials presented a more detailed release plan. The City Council withheld a decision due to a challenge by the South Portland Neighborhood Association, which argued that the development team was presenting new evidence on appeal.

City officials had originally found that the building, which with additions will contain 125,000 square feet of floor space, was allowed by right, subject only to design review.

The City Council ruled that a 5,200 square foot portion consisting of holding cells was a detention facility requiring a conditional use permit and a wider review process.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz quoted the Portland Zoning Code to the effect that if a land use request "complies with the Comprehensive Plan, or if it can be made to comply with it with conditions, it will be granted."

Fritz added, "It must be approved; there's nothing to base denial on. We're not allowed to consider if this is the best place in the city for this facility.

"It's ICE's job to deport people, so it doesn't seem likely ICE would release anyone who constituted a risk to the public," Fritz said.

"These are the kind of folks who are in my neighborhood and every other neighborhood in the city." However, Fritz said, South Portland land use chair Jim Davis and transportation chair Bill Danneman, who led the opposition, "are land use chairs after my own heart."

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