Gibbs Street Bridge

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hood off from the river." Williams said. "We thank the folks from the neighborhood for bringing the message to us that this had to change."

Williams also credited Hooley and former U.S. Senator Gordon Smith for "working together to actually get something done."

Others mentioned the area's history as well. Congressman Earl Blumenauer said that Interstate 5 and other roadways had "sliced and diced" South Portland. "We're working to put it back together," he said.

Longtime South Portland activist Jim Gardner said, "For six decades a variety of transportation projects divided a once-cohesive neighborhood into thin slivers." Despite this, when the bridge was first conceived, it was viewed as "a bridge to nowhere," Gardner said.

"There wasn't much down here patches of weeds, a few thriving operations like Zidell, and a plan for a greenway." Now the area is developing, and the bridge "lets us put the neighborhood back together," he said. He gave credit to contributors who "are here in spirit, and I know if they were here in person they'd approve of the bridge."

Adams introduced another activist, trails advocate Don Baack, by saying that Baack had once offered to take him on a trails tour. "Thirteen hours later..." Adams said.

Baack spoke about the bridge's significance as a connector to the 4T, Red Electric and other trails. He apologized for being late, saying that he had walked from Hillsdale.

Adams also paid tribute to South Portland Neighborhood Association chair Ken Love, calling him "an incredibly patient person who never gives up.'

The bridge's construction was plagued by differences with the Portland Design Commission and cost over-runs that required a new design.

The bridge ultimately cost \$13.1 million, of which \$10 million came from federal funds. Adams gave credit for securing these funds to former Congresswoman Hooley, who served from 1997-2009, and for this reason named the bridge for her.

Hooley thanked Adams for "this incredible honor." She noted that she had been an activist before she became a politician. Referring to local neighborhood volunteers she said, "By your consistency and advocacy, you made this happen.

As a companion piece to the bridge, the city has installed new pedestrian crossings at Kelley and Southwest Barbur Boulevard. As part of the opening day ceremonies, there was a trail walk and a walking tour of South Portland historic places.

COMMUNITY LIFE

By Don Snedecor The Southwest Portland Post

3 Broadsides, a juried group of mixed media will be on view at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) beginning August 3 and continuing through September 5. An opening reception will be held at the gallery on Friday, August 3, 7-9 p.m. Free. For more information please contact Jaye Campbell at 503-823-2787.

9 Outdoor Cinema continues this month in Southwest Portland parks: August 9, The Muppets, Elizabeth Caruthers Park in South Waterfront. August 23, Megamind, Dewitt Park in Hillsdale. Live entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m., with the movies showing at sundown. Bring a blanket, lawn chair and picnic. Free.

Muddy Boots Family Trail Day Muday Book Fam., is Saturday, August 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tryon Creek State Natural Area, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd. Experienced guides stationed along park trails will engage parents and children in fun, interactive nature investigation techniques that are designed to be useful in a variety of outdoor environments. Free. Please visit <u>www.tryonfriends.org</u> or call 503-636-4398 to sign up.

The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting **Society.** Learn basic knitting skills or get help with an existing project. Crocheters welcome too. For children 5 years and older as well as adults. Saturday, August 11, 10 am to 12 noon at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd, 503-988-5388.

17 Summer Concerts continue this month in Southwest Portland parks: "Toque Libre" plays August 17 and "Sassparilla" plays August 24 at Elizabeth Caruthers Park in South Waterfront. Shows start at 6:30 p.m. Bring a blanket, lawn chair and picnic. Free.

Raleigh Hills Community Fair is happening on Sunday, August 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Scholls Crossing Center parking lot, 4800 SW Scholls Ferry Rd. Bring the gang! Visit www.RaleighHills-BusinessAssn.org for details.

24 Spider-Man artist Randy Emberlin. Kids get to design their own comic book covers alongside Randy Emberlin, a 25-year design veteran of Marvel and Dark Horse Comics. Friday, August 24 from 2:30 to 4 p.m., at Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. Free tickets for seating will be available 30 minutes prior to the program. For teens and adults. Call the library at 503-988-5385 for more information.

Skippy's Report

(Continued from Page 6) Murphy, 57, was arrested in 2008 on unlawful delivery of marijuana.

Some neighbors began voicing concerns about Skippy's after learning of the Full On-Premises Sales alcohol license Goudge applied for in February. A full license permits the sale of beer, wine, cider and drinks containing distilled spirits such as vodka, rum or gin.

Skippy's will be located in the building that previously held House Market, a convenience store that had an off-premises sales alcohol license. Such a license permits the sale of

sealed containers of beer, wine and cider.

The OLCC has authority over licensing; however, the local government and neighbors may submit recommendation or opposition letters.

"The neighbors don't think that having a bar in the neighborhood there would be a good fit," said Marty Gallagher, Crestwood board secretary.

Liquor license aside, Goudge plans to start serving coffee and sandwiches this month when the business opens, said Goudge's husband, Jim Murphy, on her behalf. Plumbing issues delayed the opening, originally scheduled for May.

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