

SW CORRIDOR PLAN

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hoods, Inc. (SWNI) president Marianne Fitzgerald urged the assembled officials not to limit themselves to easy things.

"Planners may see some projects as too complex or too costly, but we see this as an opportunity to see big things happen," she said. "Even if they seem too daunting, if we roll up our sleeves, they can be done."

Fitzgerald later told *The Post* that an example of such a project is the South Portland Circulation Study, a 30 year old plan to reduce Southwest Naito Parkway to a local street and simplify the Ross Island Bridge access ramps.

This would remove barriers that have divided the South Portland neighborhood, and free up land for other purposes.

"There are a lot of projects on your list, and I would request that all of them be given a thorough and fair examination," said SWNI transportation committee chair Roger Averbeck.

"High capacity transit won't be possible without addressing major transportation issues," said Averbeck.

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey, co-chair of the Steering Committee, thanked Fitzgerald and SWNI "as a

partner to this project."

The City of Portland recently completed the Barbur Concept Plan, a study of current and potential uses in the 99W corridor inside Portland, and other jurisdictions have done similar work.

Commenting on this, Portland Mayor Charlie Hales said, "The world of big transportation projects has really changed. We used to lumber along toward a project we already had in mind, and local communities would react. Now we're reacting to the long-term dreams of local communities."

Referring to the ill-fated Columbia River Crossing project, Hales said, "These things aren't inevitable. They only work when everyone comes together. We don't get to sit back and wait. The default option is that nothing happens for a long time."

Michael Harrison of Oregon Health and Sciences University said the project is important to access their Marquam Hill campus where, he said, "Transportation access is our most vexing challenge."

OHSU's long-term plans call for moving many functions to their new South Waterfront campus, Harrison said, but "It doesn't mean we don't have a long way to go."

Multnomah Days Preview

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haircuts for a \$25 donation to Neighborhood House's Emergency Food Program.

From 12 noon to 4 p.m. will be a tour of seven gardens put together by the Multnomah Garden Club. You will see creative solutions to no-grass ethics, nature-friendly habitats and gardens appropriate for child play, fountains, edible landscapes, and sustainable plantings.

There will also be cookies and lemonade along the way. Tickets are \$15, cash or checks only, children under 12 free. Tickets are available at Handy Andy's, Jacqueline's Found and Fabulous, or the Multnomah Days Information Booth. Or you can contact Shay Nofsinger directly at 503-704-0913 or Nofsins@wlwv.k12.or.us.

On Sunday, Sip D'Vine will host Vine and Dine, a chance to sample fine wines and food from artisan vendors, plus an Aroma Sampling. All this for \$30, starting at 3 p.m.

For \$50 you can come in at 1 p.m., sample special limited supply wines, and hear a lecture from geologist and viticulturist Alan Busacca. The proceeds will go to the Multnomah Village Bloc's Initiative. For tickets visit www.vineanddinetickets.eventbrite.com. [For more Multnomah Days coverage, turn

to "The Country Store" on Page 4.]

One note of caution: Although much of the street construction will be completed by August 17, the parking lot at the Multnomah Center will still be under construction, so parking will be even more constrained than usual. Festival organizers suggest checking out Southwest Evans Street and areas south of Multnomah Boulevard. Also bike, carpool and walk. See you there.

COMMUNITY LIFE GOES OUTDOORS

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COMING SOON: Movies in the Park next month include: "Wreck-It Ralph" at the Multnomah Arts Center in Multnomah Village, Friday, September 6.

"The Princess Bride" shows Saturday, September 7, at Hamilton Park in Bridlemile. "Casablanca" shows Thursday, September 12 at Caruthers Park in South Waterfront.

Live entertainment at 6:30 p.m., film begins at dusk. There will be food vendors on hand, but feel free to bring your own picnic together with a blanket and something comfortable to sit on. FREE.

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