

Elephants Deli and Henry's Vault team up at new Corbett location

THE COUNTRY STORE

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The old Sorenson Photography building, located at Southwest Corbett and Boundary, has been transformed into a joint venture: food, wine, and socializing.

Frank Phillips, a longtime local real estate developer is the founder and owner of Henry's Vault.

Phillips has made a career of spicing up neighborhoods. What started out as a simple wine storage facility, turned into a wine shop, then, of course, a place to dine.

Over the last six months, he partnered with Elephants Deli to create a Mediterranean/Tuscan feel.

Elephants Deli opened in early August but Henry's Vault was yet to be completed. Phillips said opening night would be on Thursday, September 5.

"I wanted to create a special experience that's not available anywhere else," Phillips explained. "I have fun doing what I do. But also I expect the best and want it done right."

Established in 1979, Elephants Delicatessen, a locally owned company, has remained a pioneer in the gourmet food business in the Pacific Northwest. This location becomes their seventh.

The menu is created from scratch by in-house chefs and bakers. The Corbett Room will be a new private venue for meetings and celebrations. Box lunches are also available.

Henry's will feature lockers and a social club where members will be able to store their collections and celebrate their wine in a beautiful relaxed atmosphere.

"I'm [excited] to join such a historic neighborhood," said Scott Weaver, co-owner and executive chef of Elephants on Corbett.

"It offers great opportunities to help our employees grow and [explore] new challenges."

The local community and South Portland Business Association have received the project enthusiastically.

Elephants Deli and Henry's Vault is located at 055 SW Boundary. For more information, please visit www.elephantsdeli.com or call 503-224-3955. For information about Henry's Wine Vault, please call 503-319-3813.

Multnomah Boulevard bicycle/pedestrian project delayed once again

Like the sunny, warm weather, some of the construction will stop for the time being in the Multnomah Village area.

Business owners and customers have been patient; tourists have been curious; and residents and commuters have taken longer vacations due to a variety of construction projects taking place the last few years in Multnomah Village.

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) will be adding amenities on Multnomah Boulevard between 25th and 31st, as promised, after a

lengthy sewer project prolonged business delays and commuter headaches. But not quite yet.

Sidewalks, bike lanes, and repaving is in the works, however, it does not coincide with the redevelopment of the Sears Armory.

According to PBOT, the construction market is saturated with work currently. Thus, they have decided to delay bidding until late September. This means construction will still start this year but not until late November or early December.

No changes to either the funding or design are expected. So enjoy the commute, especially since school is now in session. Perhaps the city can wait on construction until after the holiday shopping season?

For more information, please contact Rich Newlands, project manager, at 503-823-7780 or rich.newlands@portlandoregon.gov

New Multnomah Village trees and shrubs waiting for the rain

No need to report the missing trees and shrubs in the Village; they were just on loan from Portland Parks and Recreation to enhance the Multnomah Days festivities.

According to Linc Mann, spokesman for the Bureau of Environmental Services, they will be back permanently in late October or when the rains begin, whichever comes first.

"We were very pleased to work with the horticultural program at the city," Mann replied. We need to wait for the rains."

In the meantime, paving will take place after all, before it rains, despite earlier rumors the streetscape was complete. That, and distinct striping for parking.

Organizers were sweating bullets at the last moment because of sidewalk construction going under way at the Multnomah Arts Center lower parking lot. But, miraculously, the cement dried in plenty of time for villagers to walk freely without detours.

"We should be completed in time for First Friday," Mann acknowledged. "We may need to finish up the stairs, but the lot will be open for business."

First Friday (after Labor Day) will celebrate the completion of the streetscape.

Benches will be the final touch. Sidewalk tables are beginning to pop up as well.

Joe Sysavaph, Nectar's owner, even rolled out the red carpet on Multnomah Days after working into the wee hours of Saturday morning in preparation for the festivities.

Recycling was in full force and the



There will be plenty of clowning around at the Raleigh Hills Community Fair on September 15. (Photo courtesy of Diane Snedecor)

entire festival was free of secondhand smoke!

It came together and by the look of the crowd, fun was had by everyone.

For key updates, the best place to go is the new Multnomah Village website, www.multnomahvillage.com.

Third annual Raleigh Hills Community Fair slated for September 15

Raleigh Hills holds its third annual Community Fair on Sunday, September 15, from noon to 4pm. Please come explore what the eclectic community of Raleigh Hills has to offer: arts and crafts, food and beverage, automobile displays, and educational

non-profit booths.

If you haven't been to Raleigh Hills in a while, business and a sense of community are budding. The community is now part of Venture Portland which offers exciting opportunities to conduct business or simply conduct some important errands. The Raleigh Hills Business Association received a small grant to help develop and market the area.

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Raleigh Hills Community Fair

"The heart of the Community"

Sunday - September 15th
Noon - 4:00 PM

Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy & Apple Way
Near Ernesto's & AAA

Check the RHBA website for information
www.RaleighHillsBusinessAssn.org

"FREE GIFT"
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this Ad to the RHBA booth



Marcela Larenas enjoys Nectar's new outside tables and foliage. Trees will be permanently planted once the rains come in October. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)