

THE COUNTRY STORE

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items are displayed next to carefully chosen thrift items.

The selection of lightly used items, including clothing, shoes, accessories, fabric and yarn, comes from donations provided through Spunkiest Legendary Consignment shop. Proceeds from each sale help support the Neighborhood House Senior Center.

The boutique is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To volunteer, please contact volunteers@nhweb.org or call (503) 246-1663 (x 2117).

Multnomah Village green street project will conclude by holiday season

You have to admit: the merchants of Multnomah Village have seen it all and still have a great attitude in

the end.

The October typhoon blew down some hanging flower pots —no one was hurt— but the new bio-swales were planted. The new parking lot is done, fully landscaped, but the trees in the heart of the village are still on their way.

According to Jennifer Devlin, with Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, the bioswales were planted in early October and the trees should be in by mid-November, except Renner's which has theirs already.

But, according to Dylan Rivera from the Bureau of Transportation, repaving of Capitol Highway is no longer scheduled down the main street. Both the city's fiscal year 2013-14 and 2014-15 budgets do not include funds for repaving.

However, local merchants were not happy with the t-hash parking marks on the south side of the street so they were removed by PBOT. What happened next was

Freeman Water Tank

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never had a for sale sign.

"Commissioner Nick Fish [of the Water Bureau] has acknowledged that the process to sell the Freeman Water Tank property was flawed and he is going to correct it for other tank properties, but his work should not end there," said McCarty.

"We are appealing to him as the Commissioner in charge of the Water Bureau to right the wrong that occurred under his predecessor and keep the Freeman Water Tank property as open green space." McCarthy continued.

According to McCarthy, "The claim that doing the right thing for our neighborhood would be a risk to the ratepayers is hugely exaggerat-

ed. The actual cost to any individual ratepayer would be miniscule under any conceivable scenario."

Solomon has lived across the street from the property for 13 years and still considers himself a newcomer. "I'm not an activist," he said. "I'm really just a neighbor and citizen and I enjoy the park and its nature."

Solomon has helped to finance and distribute yard signs for neighbors who agree with his stance to join the effort. The signs read: "Keep Public Land Public: Save the Freeman Natural Area." Neighbors may obtain a sign by contacting Solomon by email: jeremy@inkwaterpress.com.

Editor's Note: We received two letters on this subject from Post readers which can be found on Page 2.



Umpqua Bank branch manager Susan Schwemberger has been elected vice president of the Multnomah Village Business Association. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

not expected.

After PBOT sandblasted the striping marks off the payment, the old angled stripes reappeared. Visitors not familiar with parking etiquette but following parking guidelines, decided to angle park on the south side of the street as well.

TriMet buses squeezed through delicately but too tight for safety. Several merchants scrambled to reach as many businesses as possible, trying to find the rightful owners. Eventually, they were found and the parking chaos was abated.

The angled parking stripes were blackened over and everything hopefully will settle down now.

"Just in time for the holiday shopping season!" exclaimed Michele Cassinelli, owner of Village Beads.

Cassinelli recently ended a seven-year stint as co-chair of the Multnomah Village Business Association along with Thinker Toys owner Joan Steinbach.

Some of the new board members include: Switch's Jennifer Robinson and Jason Lensch as co-presidents;

Umpqua's Susan Schwemberger, vice president; and Peachtree Gifts' Petie Farkas, board member.

Be sure to come out to the Holiday Gala in the Village on Friday, December 6. Open late.

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