

Southwest Compassion Clinic to be held May 16 at Wilson High School

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Don Snedecor
The Southwest Portland Post

Local churches have banded together to offer the second annual Southwest Compassion Clinic to be held at Wilson High School, 1151 SW Vermont St, on May 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to Sheri Shimogaki, the clinic will offer free medical and dental services, in addition to other areas of medical care (podiatry, physical therapy, massage therapy, vision) and

complimentary lunch.

Last year, it served between 300-400 people at the one day clinic. For more information about this event, visit www.compassionsw.org.

More affordable housing planned for South Waterfront

On April 9, the Portland Development Commission, in partnership with the Portland Housing Bureau, released a request for proposals for a new South Waterfront development that aims to create at least 200 affordable homes as well as market-rate housing and commercial space.

According to Portland Housing

Bureau representative Martha Calhoon, Riverplace Parcel 3 is nearly 88,000 square feet located on the corner of Southwest River Parkway and Moody Avenue in the Riverplace neighborhood.

As many as 90 of the housing units will be affordable to households earning less than 30 percent of median family income, thanks to a commitment from public housing agency Home Forward to dedicate 80 rent assistance vouchers to the project.

“Through innovative thinking and collaboration, we are able to maximize affordable housing opportunities on this site,” said Commissioner Dan Saltzman. “South Waterfront offers many amenities and opportunities that should be available to Portlanders of all income levels.”

Willamette Park redevelopment project hosts open house May 7

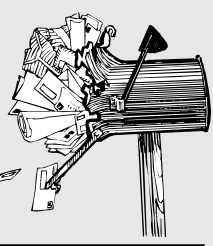
Back in 2012 friends of Willamette Park came together to envision a range of improvements that would make the park a better place for everyone.

Among the improvements which will take place this spring and summer are expanding and relocating the dog off-leash area. Also planned are widening of the multi-use trail on the west side, and enhancing three park entries.

The community is invited to participate in an open house on Thursday, May 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Umpqua Bank’s South Waterfront branch, 3606 SW Bond Ave.

Can’t make it? Comment forms and project information are online starting May 6 at www.portlandparks.org.

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East end of Red Electric Trail should connect to Slavin Road

Regarding “Southern Pacific’s Red Electric railroad may become regional trail,” by Lee Braymen-Cleary and Don Snedecor, *The Post*, April 2015.

The Red Electric Trail will help relieve the fears of helicopter parents when letting their kids walk and ride bikes in and around Southwest Portland.

However, it is very angering that Portland’s 2035 Comprehensive Plan identifies the overhauled Iowa Street Trail as the eastern edge of the Red Electric Trail.

That trail by Southwest Iowa Street is a very steep trail that is only suited for walking and running. It is too steep to be changed into a bike path, too.

The cheap plan for the Red Electric Trail should not be taken. The Portland City Council needs to make the trail connect to Southwest Slavin Road and Parkhill Drive. SW Trails has done their work and the city needs to do their work.

Rick Kappler
Raleigh Hills

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