

Shopping center awaits outcome Sewage prompts study

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BORING—Sewage disposal systems here will be surveyed this week to determine if they present a health hazard, state officials say.

Pete Ressler of the Department of Environmental Quality said there will be a "house-to-house, door-to-door" survey of residential and commercial systems.

"We've had numerous complaints from people in the area that there are problems with the sewage system," Ressler said. "There appears to be some raw sewage being dumped into Deep Creek."

Ressler will head a team of DEQ personnel that will survey the Boring area.

"We need to see if there's an area-wide health hazard," Charlie Gray, assistant Portland regional manager for the DEQ, said. He said downtown businesses in Boring appear to have faulty systems.

"It appears they're discharging

sewage into storm drains which go into Deep Creek," he said.

Gray said if a severe problem does exist, it could lead to formation of a sewer district in Boring. "We don't have any concrete ways of solving the problem if there is one. It might involve extension of sewers to the area. Since Boring is unincorporated, it makes it more difficult."

The sewage difficulties were the main reason for a denial recommendation Thursday by county officials for a proposed shopping center in downtown Boring.

However, Clackamas County Hearings Officer Richard Crist continued the hearing until 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in the courthouse in Oregon City.

Crist said he wanted more input from Jerry Marshall, chief county soil scientist, who had recommended denial of zone changes for construction of the center.

In a telephone interview Friday, Marshall said he recommended denial because of sewage problems.

"Boring has had severe sewage

problems in the past," he said. "We're concerned with bringing more people into the community when we have a known problem."

Fred Bender, president of Western States Development Corporation in Portland, who represented the applicant for the shopping center at Thursday's hearing, said the center would not compound sewage problems that may exist in Boring.

"It's apparent that the recommendation of denial is based solely on the problems of sewer," Bender said. However, he added that the shopping center would add no new sewage to the area because it would be contracted for and hauled out of the area.

"I think we are a positive solution rather than an addition to an already existing problem."

"We are advised that a study has been asked for many times. We have built into our rent structure the ability to pay \$10,000 a year to pay for sewer. We've also posted bond to hook up to public sewer should it become available," Bender said.

Dan Butler, architect for the center, said the proposal calls for a 500-gallon recycling sewage system with another 3,000 gallons being hauled away on contract.

"The system hooks nothing into the ground. Everything is hauled away. It's going to be better for Boring and would alleviate four potentially failing systems," he said.

Construction of the shopping center would raise four residential buildings currently on the site.

The \$1.6 million proposed shopping center would include a 20,000-square foot grocery store, 6,000-square foot hardware store and 24,000 feet for other retail shops.

In addition, there would be 175 off-street parking spaces.

Location for the center is at the southeast corner of the intersection of Highway 212 and Southeast 282nd Avenue in downtown Boring.

Applicants are Elbert Barnes and Jack and Geraldine Valberg, all of Boring.

Sno-park permits generate revenue for recreation road plowing

Oregon's sno-park permit system has in its first year generated more than \$213,000 in revenue to help offset the cost of plowing designated winter recreation areas.

The Motor Vehicles Division says more than 23,000 daily permits and almost 38,000 annual permits had been sold through the end of January.

In addition to the more than 50,000 daily and annual permits sold, DMV has issued about 3,800 free permits to licensed snowmobile owners who, because they pay a \$10 registration fee for a two year period, already are paying for use of winter recreation parking facilities.

Tad Michel, manager of Timberline Lodge, says the

permit system has been very well received at Timberline.

"We provide guests with the permits upon check-in, so we don't hear about tickets here," He added, however, "The parking lots are being constantly patrolled and a lot of tickets are being written."

Michel feels the people who are being fined are not buying the permits and "are hoping for the best. The signs (informing recreationists of the permits) start at the bottom of Laurel Hill. There are signs all over. Nobody can plead ignorance unless they are blind and then they shouldn't be driving," he said.

DMV says there are still some people who are

ignoring the law and warned that police are enforcing the permit requirement. A ticket may result in a \$10 fine plus court costs.

Although many ski areas have purchased bulk supplies of sno-park permits for re-sale to customers, DMV says it is a good idea to buy a permit before heading for the mountains. If the resort area has sold out its supply of permits, people may not be able to buy one without returning to town. On a weekend even that might not help.

Sno-park permits may be purchased at all DMV field offices and many winter sports equipment stores, particularly near ski areas.

Permits are required only where signs are posted designating an area as an official winter recreation parking area.



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Unemployment payments see increase

Seasonal farm employment in Clackamas County fell sharply between mid-November and mid-December, according to the Oregon State Employment Division.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment remained stable. Total unemployment insurance benefit payments by the Oregon City office rose more

than 28 percent between November and December.

Total value of county building permits in unincorporated and major incorporated areas jumped by nearly 40 percent, the division noted.

Total population in the county rose 5,200 to 211,000 between July of 1976 and 1977.

Meduna completes training

Marine Pvt. Donald P. Meduna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antone P. Meduna of 11923 SE Wiese Road, Boring, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, Meduna learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Meduna joined the Marine Corps in August 1977.

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Water quality focus of session

Clackamas County and the Department of Environmental Quality will team up Monday, Feb. 27, for a public water quality meeting for Clackamas County.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Federal Building, 256 Warner Milne Road.

The DEQ is lead state agency in drafting a statewide water quality management plan by November of this year. This meeting is part of a continuing series designed to involve the public in completing the plan, said a DEQ official.

Listed by DEQ as purposes

of the meeting are:

—To review goals and progress to date of the program.

—To review the statewide

Nonpoint Source Pollution

Assessment project's

draft local stream problem maps. To obtain public response and suggested changes on the maps.

—To discuss implementation alternatives.

—To discuss possible follow-up activities locally.

Information on the maps was obtained through a survey of local resource management agencies such as the Soil Conservation Service and the Department of Fish and Wildlife during the spring and winter of 1977.

According to DEQ officials, the planning process is largely at the problem inventory stage and local input is extremely vital. Implementation plans and project funding are dependent upon inclusion of local

problem priorities in the plan.

For further information, contact Ellen Core of the

League of Women Voters, 636-0187, or DEQ public participation coordinator Mark Fritzler, 229-5391.

Fielder to address Firwood Neighbors

A virtual who's who of county politicians may attend the Wednesday, Feb. 22, session of Firwood Neighbors.

The main speaker will be Robert Fielder of the State Department of Revenue. He will address the subject of property tax assessment and land use planning.

Walter J. Dennis, president of the group, said the club has invited other persons "in order to get a complete picture of these

related subjects."

Among those invited to attend are State Sen. Kenneth A. Jernstedt, State Rep. Jack Sumner, Clackamas County Commissioners Robert Schumacher, Ralph Groener and Stan Skoko, Clackamas County Assessor Juanita Orr, Planning Director David Seigneur and Extension Agent Ardis Stevenson.

Dennis said that the groups hope that "these people may be able to provide clear answers to our questions."

Traffic fines must be paid

Clackamas County residents with delinquent traffic violations will receive notice to pay the fines or face stiffer penalties and higher fines in the future, according to district court officials.

County commissioners in January allocated \$5,000 to have the state suspend licenses of traffic offenders who do not pay fines.

Letters will be mailed to offenders within a week, according to Virginia Keil, secretary to Judge Robert Mulvey. Persons who pay fines before the letters are

sent will be assessed a \$10 penalty. "But after the letters go out, you will have to pay bail plus \$10, which gets expensive," Keil said.

Offenders who ignore the letters for more than 14 days will have their license suspended by the state, to be replaced only after payment of an additional \$25.

Since county board action to collect the fines, there has been little effort to make payment, traffic clerks say.

Officials say that last month there was a total of \$22,640 in uncollected fines in the county.

home when the fire started at about 6:59 a.m. Firefighters said a flue fire started and spread to the attic.

Estimates of the damage were unavailable.

BANG to meet

BORING—Community group members here will elect officers Tuesday at a 7:30 p.m. meeting in the Boring Fire Hall.

Lloyd Hinkhouse, chair-

man of the Boring Action Neighborhood Group, said members also will discuss a proposed shopping center development and possible sewage problems in the area.

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