

Clackamas commissioners give OK to Boring drain project

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Clackamas County Commissioners last week gave the go-ahead for a storm drain improvement project that was scheduled to begin in Boring last Saturday, and they have considered a proposal to allow a beer garden on land zoned for industrial use.

Boring landowner Joyce Valberg and Vanport Manufacturing lumber mill will support the storm drain project.

The storm drain project has been proposed by the Boring Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Helen Lier, county liaison with the advisory group, said the project will be done on the weekend because of the volunteer labor involved.

Lier said the property owners have agreed to use their equipment and to round up the labor.

She said the materials will be purchased through a federal community development block grant program. Lier estimated the material cost at \$30,000.

County commissioners agreed to maintain the drains because the property owners granted an easement for the drain property. The county also will provide a job-site supervisor for the work, she said.

The drain is needed before the Boring Neighborhood Advisory Committee can proceed with plans to reconstruct Wally Road from School Avenue to the Vanport property, Lier said.

The stretch of Wally Road is full of chuck holes caused by water from rain runoff, she said.

County gains funds from bond sale

Clackamas County has received \$5 million from tax allocation bond sales, as construction begins on 10 projects near Clackamas Town Center shopping mall.

Dave Seigneur, director of the county development agency, said the money should have been deposited in the county's account last Friday.

Seigneur added that he signed the bonds last week, and the money would be deposited by the purchaser, Kidder, Peabody and Co.

The Portland financial firm offered the bonds for 10 45 percent interest over the six-year life of the bond issue.

The projects include the realignment of Stevens Road, reconstruction of Causey and Monterey

avenues, construction of police and fire stations, two water system improvements and a new school bus loading facility for the North Clackamas School District.

Seigneur said the bonds were rated by Moody's Investment Service of New York City. The county is the first unincorporated government to have bonds rated by Moody, he said.

Normally, tax allocation bonds are issued by cities, and he county may be the first there, too.

Oregon oil exploration seen within 12 years

Oil exploration off the Oregon coast is seen within the next 10 to 12 years by the dean of oceanography at Oregon State University.

OSU studies of the continental margin are helping build the data base for such oil drilling operations, Dean G. Ross Heath said.

"The costal margin off Oregon was drilled a decade ago without much in the way of follow-up developments. But, our level of geological understanding of ocean floor and costal margin structure is much more advanced now," Heath said.

"Oregon's costal margin probably doesn't rank in potential with the Gulf of Mexico or Alaska, or the coast off California, the oceanographer said.

"But I will be very surprised if we don't see some active exploration off the Oregon coast by the turn of the century."

"Because the geology off northern California is comparable to that off Oregon, additional insights to our prospects will be provided when and if Californian oil leases are sold and drilling operations by oil developers get underway," he said.

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County engineer hunt unsuccessful thus far

A Clackamas County official says the county has not been able to find an engineer to volunteer as an appeals board member for county and state building code review.

Dick Dopp, director of the county's development services division, said the job would consist of approximately two meetings a year.

Dopp said the civil engineer is needed when the boards consider appeals related to dangerous buildings. "Sometimes questions arise about interpretation of structural requirements, alternative

building methods or materials," he said. Appeals panels also include a fire district representative, a builder and an architect.

"I may have to go to the professional associations to get recommendations for engineer members," Dopp said. He said he would like someone from Clackamas County to serve on the two boards.

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Harvest festival set at Zigzag park site

Penny Wilburn, one of the coordinators developing a park on the site in Zigzag that raised concerns last spring when a heliport was planned for the area, announced that a Harvest Day Festival will be held over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5.

Wilburn said that the festival will be the "last hurrah to celebrate the end of summer," and will be held to promote the development of the unused tract of land that lies at the junction of Highway 26 and Salmon River Road. The festival will be held at the Women's Club.

Festival planners have geared the celebration towards everyone, from the young to the old.

Such things are planned as non-competitive games, a fun run, softball games and a potluck dinner.

Along with various festivities, the organizers are encouraging local arts and craft people, food vendors and other persons with things to sell to set up booths outside the Women's Club beginning at 9 a.m.

Wilburn said that no fee will be charged for space, but that those who have reserved space thus far have volunteered to donate a percentage to the park's development fund. Those interested in selling at the festival must provide their own table or booth.

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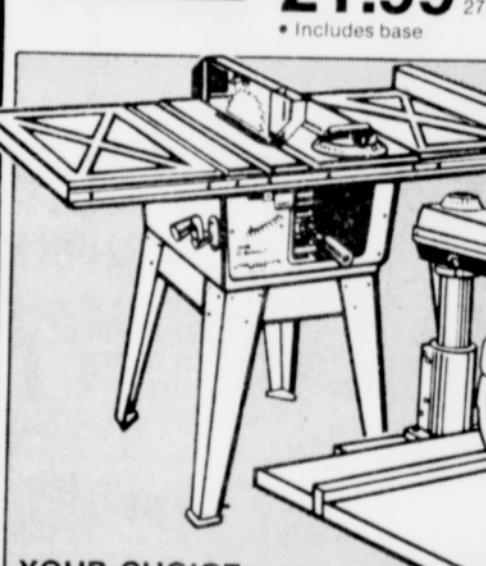
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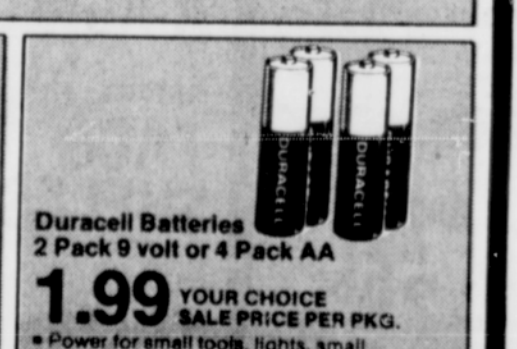


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