



Anna Drain Park Project gets 21st Century Upgrade

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The city of Drain is in the process of upgrading the Anna Drain Park into a magnificent public use project that will serve the community at large in high expectation. The Anna Drain Park is named for the wife of founder, Charles Drain. It has been here since 1948 along with the City Pool.

The Park project is an ambitious endeavor that will bring some surprisingly new and bright recreational elements to the current establishment. Drain has enjoyed the benefit of the Park and also the public swimming pool since 1948.

The city conducted surveys in 2019 during the creation of the City of Drain Parks and Open Space Master Plan (adopted in 2020). This master plan was used to guide the design for the Anna Drain Park Upgrade project. These surveys showed that residents have a strong desire for a splash pad, upgraded play equipment, trails, and additional covered gathering spaces. These were all prioritized during the park design process.

The splashpad is designed to be approximately 950-sqft, housed in a concrete slab measuring approximately 5800-sqft. The new pavilion will be

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Oregon Pinot Noir Uniquely Superb

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When you're talking about American wines, Oregon's Pinot Noir tops them all, rivaling even the finest from Burgundy. Its cool climate and diverse terroir makes a perfect crossroad for this delicate grape varietal. There are many vintages to this delicate wine so what is it about the unique Terroir of Oregon Pinot Noir.



A fresh harvest of dark, compacted clusters of Pinot Noir grapes, Photo courtesy of Knoll Vineyard

Before we go any further, it's important to understand what makes Oregon's Pinot Noir unique. Pinot Noir is among the four grape varieties that are most sensitive to their surroundings (i.e., terroir). In Oregon,

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Elkton Landmark A Pairing, to Dine for

Story by Rusty Savage



Tomaselli's Pastry Mill & Cafe has been a landmark in Elkton Oregon for many years. Originally started by Martin and Dayna Tomaselli, whose tradition of pastry baking has been a tradition that goes back over 40 years in Elkton. Initially Martin delivered his pastries in his VW bus. During their later years there, Marty and Dayna traveled extensively, delighting in bringing back to Elkton pastry delights and the tastes from the world over. It was in 2022 that Martin was ready to hang up his apron and after some heartfelt negotiations, in late 2023, Leslie and Steve Beckley, married for 33 years,

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The Last Stroll Oakland History - Bridging the Past and Future



On Sunday, April 7, 2024, the bridge that has stood for 99 years in Historic Oakland, Oregon, will become lost to time and relegated to the past. A celebration was planned for the community to say farewell with one final walk across the bridge and the opportunity to share years of collective memories. It is an early spring day and although clouds billow overhead, the blue sky prevails for the bittersweet occasion.

Story and Photo by Nancy Rodriguez
A scattering of red, white and blue, star shaped balloons, attached at intervals along the railing, are gently buffeted by a light breeze, adding a bit of color to the festivities. People stroll by pop up canopies that offer cookies, popcorn and brochures, giving it the look of a street fair but the

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