

GREEN & SUSTAINABILITY

Habitat Home Builds Green

In an effort to build a home on Haight Street in north Portland before the end of July, the non-profit housing provider chose to use a panelized system framing manufactured by Northwest Structural Components, a division of The Parr Company.

The wall panels were constructed offsite based on builder blueprints and specifications and replace the traditional site framing. The state-of-art process saves Habitat not only time and money, but will reduce waste and theft, leaving cleaner job sites and fewer environmental impacts.

"Using NSC panels saved weeks, if not a month, from the construction timeline," said Steve Messinetti, executive director of Portland Metro Habitat for Humanity.

Though The Parr Company has been a longtime supporter of Habitat for Humanity, this is the first time the panels will be used to build a Habitat home in the Portland Metro area.



Wall panels that were constructed offsite are installed at a home construction site in north Portland for Habitat for Humanity. The newest technology replaces site framing and has fewer environmental impacts by reducing waste and theft.

Renewable Power Picked

Portland General Electric has more renewable power customers than any other utility in the United States. That's according to the Department of Energy which recently released its annual rankings of the nation's top utility green pricing programs.

PGE has nearly 78,000 business and residential renewable customers, or 12.6 percent of its eligible customers, enrolled in a PGE renewable power program, which is well over the national average of 2 percent participation rate for other utilities.

This marks the second consecutive year the Oregon utility has received the No. 1 ranking for number of business and residential renewable power customers. PGE also continues to hold the top spot for selling more renewable power to residential customers than any other utility in the United States.

"Our customers again have proven Oregon continues to be a leader in renewable energy and sustainability," said Carol Dillin, PGE vice president, customers and economic development.

Pedestrian Bridge Links Bikes, Trails

Gresham has officially opened the newest section of the Gresham Fairview Trail with the new Powell Pedestrian Bridge.

The bridge is part of the city's two-mile extension of the Gresham-Fairview Trail from Burnside Road south to the Springwater Trail. Us-



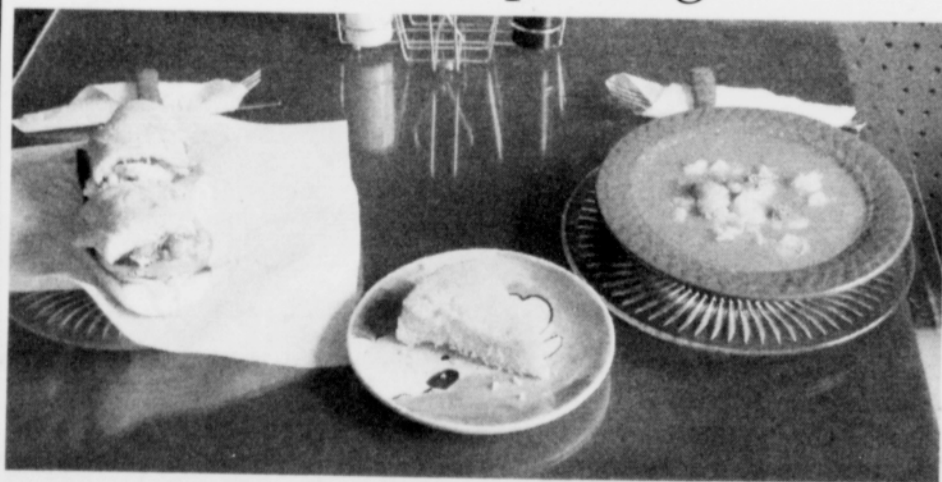
A local family enjoys using the new Powell Pedestrian Bridge, the first pedestrian bridge for the city of Gresham.

ing this new extension the public can now walk, jog, and bike 3.29 miles from Halsey Street at 201st Avenue South to the Springwater Trail.

The funding for the project was allocated through the federal Department of Transportation and a Metro natural areas acquisition program.

The bridge and trail section marks another milestone in Gresham's efforts complete bike lanes and trails that connect the city's businesses and neighborhoods together, and the city to the region.

Mom Harris Restaurant Grand Opening



"Come See" Best food In Town

Jambalaya w/Chicken or Fish \$ 7.99

Fish Sandwich w/Fries \$ 7.99

Greens Red Beans or Black Eyed Peas \$3.99

Gumbo \$3.99

Shrimp Creole \$7.99

7up Cake/ Sweet Potato Pie \$2.00

(All Items served with Corn Bread)

Mom Harris Restaurant
Buy 1 Get 1 @ half Price Expires June 30, 2011

839 N. Lombard St.

For to Go Orders call 503-477-7164

Works Project Uses Recycled Glass

Saves on mining gravel from streams, rivers

One of the largest public works projects in Clark County history is conserving natural resources by using recycled glass in its construction.

Mixed-color glass, collected at curbside from Vancouver area households, is being crushed and

screened to a uniform pea size and used as bedding for large pipes that will carry stormwater from road surfaces.

So far, more than 1,200 tons of recycled glass has been placed under and around pipes in the \$133 million Salmon Creek Interchange Project.

Brown glass is in steady demand locally for recycling into new beer bottles, but markets for clear, green and mixed-color glass aren't nearly as strong. Rather than waste this

resource, the county and Columbia Resource Company are working together to put it to constructive use.

Special crushing equipment produces a glass aggregate that can be used instead of gravel mined from streams and rivers.

Columbia Resource Company is donating the product used in the interchange project to demonstrate its quality to contractors involved in the project. The company's goal is having its product used in other construction projects.