

Downtown plan to include marketplace

Meeting on June 15

Plans for the transformation of the campus into an active civic center are progressing.

With an inventory and assessment of existing buildings, market analysis, transportation review, and creative spatial planning, tribal leaders and the design team will continue to engage residents in a discussion of work accomplished so far.

A community meeting will be held June 15 at the Agency Longhouse to present the various scenarios. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. after a six o'clock meal.

The proposed Downtown Development Plan can be implemented in phases. By taking small steps, the community can build steadily and realistically toward a thriving town center.

The first phase will be a Community Market Place designed to accommodate the growing number of vendors who are already setting up in the area.

Small portable carts like those typically used in "Saturday Markets" would roll onto all-weather surfaces and be connected to power and water.

This is a low cost improvement to the area located along the north side of East Wasco Street, adjacent to the park, and under beautiful old cottonwoods.

This improvement will establish a distinctive place for tribal members to sell their products, food, etc. It would also help create and enhance a lively outdoor market atmosphere with in-



Conceptual drawing of the market place.

Courtesy of Business and Economic Development

creased potential for enticing patrons from Highway 26.

"Increasing business for tribal members is the tangible economic benefit of the project phase," said John Nelson, lead consultant for the planning project.

He adds, "Of equal importance are the benefits associated with bringing the community together. Additionally, it is expected that this step will stimulate interest in the downtown, improve its visibility and image for passersby, and create momentum for completing subsequent steps."

Along with the Community Market Place, the historic Commissary building could be renovated and relocated, if the BIA agrees. The building could then serve as an all-weather structure in the Market Place, or as part of a public space development at the east end of the park.

At the west end, the "Clubhouse" can be renovated to provide for meeting space or other uses. The current newspaper offices could be reconfigured as a "hospitality center" at the Highway 26 intersection and Paiute Street, and might include a cafe or restaurant.

Another phase of the development plan is to provide new housing along the west side of Paiute Street. Existing structures, along with salvageable structures from elsewhere in the campus, can be clustered to the west of the proposed housing area to create a Tribal Services "neighborhood."

A small business "incubator" is proposed for the south side of Warm Springs Avenue, west of the Courthouse and upcoming Technology Center. This building could house small start-up businesses until they are ready to move out on their own.

This would complement the "Main Street" aspect of Warm Springs Avenue, which already has retail and civic uses.

Of most interest to the community discussion is the possibility of new retail in the downtown area. The consultants feel that there is enough space available for a grocery, hardware, and other shops at the east end of the campus area.

It is important that as many residents as possible join in the conversation to determine the strategies for developing this area. The team is looking forward to a lively discussion at the community meeting on June 15.

Other parts of the plan include renovating the basketball court, creating design standards for beautification of the campus, strengthening pedestrian connections to the rest of the community, and enhancing lighting and safety.

The plan also updates information about traffic and safety issues at some highway intersections: at Paiute Avenue and Miller Heights Road; at Hollywood Boulevard; at the Plaza and Museum entrances; and at the Mill entrance.

The consultants also looked at Hollywood Boulevard at Tenino Road.

Over the next 20 years, left turns onto the highway at Hollywood and turning south off

of Miller Heights (Route 3) will become increasingly difficult. One way to address both problems would be to change Hollywood Boulevard to right-in/right-out turns with a median, and construct a signal at the intersection of Highway 26, Route 3 and Paiute Avenue. Further study will be conducted by ODOT for the Warm Springs stretch of Highway 26.

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Young Achiever Kendall Main Sponsored by Les Schwab

Kendall Main is finishing his fifth-grade year at Warm Springs Elementary School. His favorite subjects are math and reading. After school he likes to skate at the skate park.

In nominating Kendall as Young Achiever, school principal Dawn Smith said, "He always challenges himself to be the best at everything he tries."

Kendall will be



attending the middle school next year, which he said he is looking forward to.

Kendall's parents are Rebekah and Nathan Main.

Keep up the good school work, Kendall!

A message from the clinic pharmacy

By Jim Gemelas
Chief Pharmacist

The staff at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Pharmacy would like to share information with you about pharmacy waiting times and accessing the pharmacy.

A recent survey has shown that our most frequent waiting time for new prescriptions is only 10 minutes. On average the waiting time for new prescriptions is 18 minutes.

Also, during the morning hours, many prescriptions are prescribed but not picked up by our customers.

We find that many customers return in the late afternoon hours to pick up the medications that were ordered in the morn-

ing visit. Because of the increased activity, the wait is longest at this time.

The pharmacy staff understands that waiting for medications can seem like a long process, especially after waiting to see the doctor.

While we continue to work towards making sure your medications are appropriate and safe for you to use, we ask that you wait for your medications, especially those who are seen in the morning times.

We are looking at increasing access to the pharmacy. Currently we have two counseling rooms and are looking at adding another customer window to one of the rooms.

Another matter is the medi-

cations that are never picked up by our customers. The law requires us to place medications back if they are not picked up in one week.

As an added pharmacy service, before we return those medications to stock, we attempt to call those customers and remind them there are medications here for them. Please help us by picking up your medications within a week of them being ordered.

The pharmacy continues to strive towards improving the pharmaceutical care and customer service to those we serve. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jim Gemelas, Chief Pharmacist at 553-1196.

An invitation to walk your way to health

By Carolyn Harvey
Community Wellness Coordinator

Warm Springs community members, are you looking for a way to stay in shape this summer? Or are you motivated to start a new fitness routine?

If so, the Community Health Education Team and Community Wellness Team invite you to participate in the Northwest Tribes Pedometer Challenge.

Beginning Saturday, June 11, we will begin our imaginary journey to all the tribes in the Northwest.

All participants will receive a pedometer to measure the number of steps and miles walked, as well as a journey map of Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

The map serves as a log sheet to record our miles and imaginary walk from one tribe to the next.

Participants will start the walking challenge in Ft. Hall, Idaho (Shoshone-Bannock), and

walk 12 miles to Pocatello, Idaho (Northwest Band of Shoshone).

The pedometer challenge concludes 20 weeks later in Portland.

Once registered, you can walk when you want and for as long as you want. Simply, wear your pedometer and record the number of steps you walk daily.

Also, please join us for the Walk for Diabetes on Wednesday, June 15 at noon at the Community Center. This will be the Pedometer Challenge Kick-Off Event.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the Pedometer Challenge, so it will be in your best interest to keep walking.

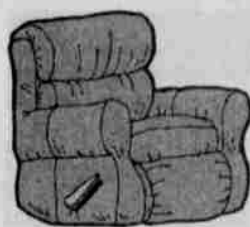
Additionally, Warm Springs is competing with other Northwest tribes. We want everyone to know that tribal members care about their wellness and "walk their way to health."

If you are up to the Challenge, please register with

Carolyn Harvey, Community Wellness Coordinator at 553-1196; or at the e-mail address: charvey@wsp.portland.ih.s.gov.

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