

## National Historic Register seeks more applicants

The National Historic Preservation Act turns 50 in 2016 and to celebrate, Oregon Heritage wants to recognize more of Oregon's historic buildings with a listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Oregon has over 2,000 individual buildings, sites, even trails, bridges and statues listed in the National Register. The National Register is the official Federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are deemed worthy of preservation for their importance in Ameri-

can history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. Properties listed in the National Register, which is maintained by the National Park Service under the authority of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, can be significant to the history of a community, the state, or the nation.

Does your building have an important birthday in 2016, too? The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is specially inviting property owners whose buildings will be 100

years old, 150 years old or even 50 years old to consider nominating their property for listing in the National Register in 2016.

For a property owner, the advantages of listing a building in the National Register include eligibility for tax credit programs, greater eligibility for grants, and leniency in the application of the building code.

Developing a nomination can take 100 to 150 hours. The nomination involves completing a form and documenting

the history and appearance of a building or site with a narrative, photographs, and other exhibits. It takes about a year to list a property once a nomination is submitted to SHPO.

Those interested can contact Tracy Zeller (tracy.zeller@oregon.gov, (503) 986-0690) at the SHPO to find out whether a property may be eligible for listing in the National Register and for more details.

## COUNCIL — FIRST VOTE ON HAYDEN REZONE PASSES

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After early sale, the most pressing decisions will be what, if any, changes the Council will make to its land use codes. Because state law restricts both medical marijuana dispensaries and commercial retail stores from locating within residential zones or 1,000 feet from established public and private schools, there are relatively few places left in Cottage Grove where another facility of either type could locate, according to City Manager Richard Meyers. However, where as medicinal dispensaries cannot locate within 1,000 feet of each other, state law will not enforce the same restrictions with retail stores. Cottage Grove could enact a similar buffer requirement of 1,000 feet, or smaller, for future retail stores, but by making it more difficult for retail marijuana facilities to locate within Cottage Grove, the City would forgo state tax revenues, which

are allocated based in part on the number of facilities located within a jurisdiction.

City Attorney Lauren Sommers recommended that if Cottage Grove intended to change its land use policies, it should aim to do so before the OLCC begins accepting applications for commercial marijuana stores on Jan. 4, 2016.

Further out into the future, the City Council could also consider time, place and manner regulations of commercial licenses, as well as a sales tax of up to three percent.

As far as action items on Monday's meeting agenda, the Council approved, by a vote of 4-2, two amendments to the land use plan for a 3.13-acre property, located at the northwest corner of Highway 99 and River Walk Place, from commercial to high density housing, and a rezoning from community commercial to high density multiple family residential.

During the public hearing, Kevin Hampton, who lives on nearby Tyler Avenue, spoke out against the amendments. He said that when he purchased his lot, he was told that Hayden Homes, which owns the 3.13-acre parcel, did not intend to develop the neighboring property high-density housing. Hampton said he now feels misled and cautioned the Council about the negative impacts of high-density housing on what he feels is a strong neighborhood community.

Community development director Howard Schemer explained that the amendments are recommended for future growth in Cottage Grove, and that he was unsure about any promises made to Mr. Hampton because there was nothing in writing.

Councilors Heather Murphy and Jeff Gowing, who voted against the amendment, expressed their concerns about moving too quickly on this issue. Councilor Murphy said that

the City of Eugene is currently oversaturated by high-density housing due to rapid construction of student housing complexes.

While acknowledging his colleague's concerns, Councilor Jake Boone reminded them that the vote was simply to change the designation on the property, and that the Council would have the opportunity to review any development plans for its use.

Councilor Mike Fleck, who is the executive director of Community Sharing, a non-profit organization that offers housing assistance, among other services, added that there is a huge shortage of available rental properties in Cottage Grove for low-income families.

As the vote was not unanimous, there will be a second vote at a future Council meeting for adoption of the land-use amendments.

## LAKE

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Low water has already closed the boat ramp at Wilson Creek on the far bank of the lake, however, and at Dorena Reservoir, low water has caused the closure of the Harms Park boat ramp, while the ramp at Baker Bay will remain usable at lower water levels. As of Friday, Dorena Reservoir was about nine feet below its maximum conservation pool, and the Corps said that, based on planned outflows and current projections, the lake may be 27 feet below maximum pool by Labor Day.

The Corps said that water at Cottage Grove Reservoir will not be

used to augment the flow of water at other area reservoirs, water that is necessary for the survival of fish and other animals there. Dorena Reservoir has already been used to augment other reservoirs, however, and the projections for its levels take into account a potential increase in flows that may happen in mid-August to "help meet flow targets for the Willamette River in Albany," the Corps stated.

The Corps said both reservoirs should be usable for recreation purposes until their normally scheduled drawdown in September.

## FLETCHER

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Colton said that she did not believe Fletcher came back to the accident scene on her own. She said that a note of apology from Fletcher did not prompt Kimery's family to forgive her.

According to Colton, her mother's death represented "an extreme hardship" for her family.

"She was my dad's caregiver," Colton said. "It's been really hard on every-

body. We just wanted to see some justice, and it's taken a very long time."

Colton said she hopes that Beard, who did not return to the scene of the accident, receives a jail sentence.

The accident at the crosswalk on Highway 99 prompted additional signage and the installation of flags that pedestrians can carry for added visibility as they cross the street.

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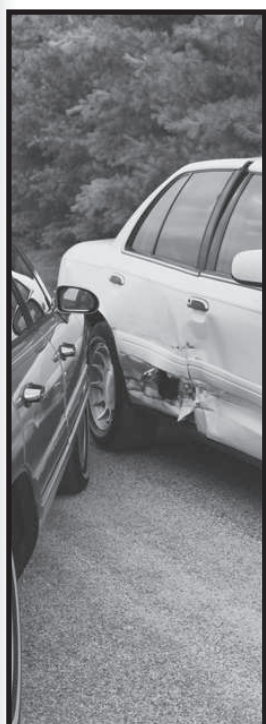


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