

Committees move 'Engaged' forward

By Emily Mentzer
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MONMOUTH — The city of Monmouth's visioning process, Monmouth Engaged, has had four committees working to make citizens' visions of the future a reality.

The retail-restaurants committee has come up with a comprehensive guide for small businesses, said City Manager Scott McClure.

"It has helpful tips on how to run your small business," he said. "It talks about anywhere from basic setup, taxes and state regulations, and marketing. The group has been out delivering those to our local businesses."

The gathering spaces committee has laid low during the summer months, but before they took a break, members of the committee created a comprehensive guide to where someone can have a meeting, McClure said.

"They compiled a list from Western Oregon University to the city and businesses who have meeting spaces that people aren't aware of," McClure said. "Like the OSU Credit Union has a community meeting room, for example."

The WOU-city relations committee worked on linking calendars, he said.

McClure said that often people in the community don't realize what is going on at Western's campus, and vice versa.

To aid in communication, a link has been established

from Western's online calendar that takes people to the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce's calendar page, and the chamber has a link to WOU.

"Hopefully it's a step on getting things a little easier for folks; just one click away," McClure said.

The last committee is the bicycle-pedestrian friendly town committee. Members have focused on many things, from bicycle repair stations at Main Street Park to clearer, safer routes for walkers and bicyclists.

"They're trying to get out in the community, trying to find out what they're needs and wants are," McClure said. "How do you commute? Why don't you?"

Each committee is citizen directed, with a city staff member assigned to each group. McClure said the city employee is helpful to point out what's feasible when it comes to policies, ordinances and money.

"We're here to help," he said. "For example, we can say here's a pot of money you can use, and then we have awareness of where there might be possibilities for grants."

As for the actual writing of the grant, that will be up to members of the committees.

"We'd be here to fill out the blanks for the city, but we have someone who could actually step up and write the grants," McClure said.

For more information or to apply to join one of the Monmouth Engaged committees: ci.monmouth.or.us.

Businesses may pay registration fee

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — If approved by the Dallas City Council, businesses operating in the city will be required to provide basic information and, for some operations, a registration fee starting in 2017.

The program will ask businesses to register with the city and pay an initial fee of \$25, and \$10 annual renewal fee. For the first year, those businesses in operation by Jan. 1, 2017, will be exempt from paying the initial fee.

Jason Locke, the community development director for the city, said the purpose of the program is for the city to have basic information

about business operating in the city, including ownership, location, management, and the storage of dangerous or hazardous material. The latter will help police and fire services if they have to respond to an emergency, he said.

Locke said the requirement also will provide the city with basic economic statistics about the number and types of businesses open in the city. The data provided to the city may also be posted to the city's website.

Registration will have three categories. The first is for those that will pay the initial fee and annual renewal. Those will be most for-profit businesses. The second category is for nonprofit

entities, such as churches and charities. They will be required to register, but not pay the fee.

The last group of businesses already need to have licenses or registration in some form, such as taxicabs, solicitors, itinerant merchants, hotels and motels, garage sales and home occupations. Those would be exempt from the requirement entirely.

The fees will be used to help pay for the software needed to maintain the information collected through the program. Locke said the city isn't considering the registration requirement a money maker, but a way for the city to have information

it doesn't have now.

"When we have this in place, it's going to allow us first contact with businesses," Locke said.

He said that will streamline the process for making sure businesses are operating in the correct zones, abiding by sign codes and applying for building permits for improvements, if needed.

After months of consideration, on Aug. 22, the Dallas City Council reviewed the final draft of the program ordinance.

The proposal will be back for "second reading" and vote of the council on Sept. 19. A resolution establishing the fees will be presented that same evening.

POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

• Mark William Nienhouse, 37, of Monmouth, in the 1100 block of Dale Court on Aug. 25 for first-degree theft from a building, and felon in possession of a weapon.

MONMOUTH Arrests/Citations

• Cole Jennings Robertson, 20, of Monmouth, in the 1900 block of Laurelridge Street on Aug. 19 for fourth-degree simple assault and physical harassment.

• Bo Lee Highburger, 20, of Monmouth, in the 400 block of Southgate Drive South on Aug. 20 for unnecessary noise.

• Benito Villegas Delgado, 22, of Albany, at Pacific Highway South and Clay Street East on Aug. 20 for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering.

• Cody Harrison Ekwall, 18, of Grants Pass, at Ecols Street South and Clay Street East on Aug. 20 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Gerardo Betancourt, 35, of Monmouth, at Ecols Street South and Clay Street East on Aug. 23 for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering.

• Seth Andrew Wellons, 33, of Monmouth, in the 500 block of Main Street East on Aug. 27 for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering.

• Douglas Logan Turley, 37, of Salem, in the 500 block of Main Street East on Aug. 27 for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless endangering.

• Jesse Manolitto Marraquin, 21, of Monmouth, at Edwards Road South and Madrona Street East on Aug. 27 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Jonte Lyall Hasau, 24, of Vancouver, Wash., at Jackson Street West and Monmouth Avenue North on Aug. 27 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Dean Edward Green, 50, a transient, in the 300 block of Whitesell Street West on Aug. 27 for first-degree burglary, first-degree criminal trespass, first-degree criminal mischief and unlawful controlled substance — prohibited acts.

• Nicholas Walter Stachowiak, 33, of Monmouth, at Main Street East and Edwards Road South on Aug. 28 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

DALLAS Arrests/Citations

• Gary C. Fairchild, 44, of Dallas on Southwest Fairview Avenue on Aug. 23 on a charge of failure to carry or present an operator's license.

• Ruben L. Blakeslee Jr., 37, of Vancouver, Wash. on Aug. 24 in the 700 block of Main Street on charges of failure to carry or present an operator's license, driving while suspended or revoked and driving uninsured.

• Brandon M. Boggs, 22, of Dallas at Safeway, 138 W. Ellendale Ave. on Friday on a charge of third-degree theft, shoplifting.

• Walter J. Hoyt, 45, of Dallas in the 200 block of Southeast LaCreole Drive on Saturday on charges of second-degree criminal trespassing and possession of methamphetamine.

• Michael A. Smith, 25, of Salem in the 900 block of Main Street on Saturday on a charge of second-degree disorderly conduct.

• Marco T. Corado, 42, of Salem on Southeast Miller Avenue on Saturday on a charge of failure to carry or present an operator's license.

• Kenneth R. Grimberg, 26, of Dallas on West Ellendale Avenue on Sunday on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Chris S. Bender, 45, of Salem in the 900 block of Southeast Greenbriar Avenue on Sunday on a failure to appear warrant.

INDEPENDENCE Arrests/Citations

• Allysa Nicole Bastuscheck, 27, of Independence, in the 100 block of South Ninth Street for identity theft, fraudulent use of a credit card — less than \$1,000, and second-degree theft.

• Michael Alan Kurg, 54, of Willamina, in the 0-99 block of Deann Drive on Aug. 20 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

• Brian James Fouse, 29, of Monmouth, in the 300 block Ecols Street North on Aug. 23 possession of methadone.

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Sept. 6 School Begins!!

Sept. 14 M-I Chamber Forum — 12 to 1 p.m. Join us in September and learn how you can grow your customer base and increase sales using ORPIIN and other State resources. Become an approved vendor, complete certification programs, or access info to think outside of the box to build your customer base and increase your sales! Forum is Free but lunch costs \$12.00 - boxed lunch from Main Street Pub & Eatery. Includes wrap, pasta salad, fruit, and bottled water. Lunch orders must be received by noon 9/13/16. Location: Independence Public Library (175 Monmouth Street, Independence)

Sept. 16 Downtown Historic Independence Ghost Walk. 6 pm. Tour downtown Independence, go into some buildings, hear spooky stories, learn some history, have fun! Contact Marilyn Morton 503 580-8525.

Sept. 16 & 17 The Independence Hop & Heritage Festival is part of the rich history which fills the Willamette Valley. Independence, Oregon is the former Hop Capital of the World, boasting over 20,000 acres of hops in the 1930's. Join our celebration of hops and community heritage! Admission is FREE! For more information, go to: www.hopfestival.org Also, September 14th look for your guide in the *Itemizer Observer*.

Sept. 21 NEW STUDENT FEED — 5:30 to 7 pm. Location: The Grove Western Oregon University, between Werner University Center and New PE. Over 1400 freshmen and transfer students will arrive to Western Oregon University's campus during New Student Week this year. Join the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce and the Monmouth Business Association as we welcome the new students with free food and an opportunity to learn about businesses and services in our community. For more information, contact Jean Love 503-838-4268.

Sept. 22 Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center hosts a public forum to help educate our community on Measure 97. Representatives for those in favor and those opposed to Measure 97 will provide opening remarks followed by a Q&A session. This public forum is open to all community members. 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Location: Monmouth Public Library (168 Ecols Street S, Monmouth) Purpose: To educate our community at large on Measure 97 to help voters make an informed decision on the November ballot.

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