

Four-way stop about to get some loving

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Above: Well landscaped bulb-outs on a well landscaped street in Washougal, Wash., are examples of improvements that could be made on Warrenton's Main Avenue.

Right: Preliminary drawings of a new veterans memorial park near the post office at the four-way stop.



A landscaped plaza and community gathering place is planned at the four-way stop.

The plaza is No. 1 on a list of new projects being conceived and prioritized by the city's Urban Renewal Agency.

The agency, which has city commissioners at its helm and an advisory board doing the planning, is at the half-way mark of a 20-year funding cycle.

What did the agency do in its first decade?

A major overhaul of Warrenton Marina with new docks, lights, a harbormaster's office and shower building.

"That's probably the most flashy," said Frida Fraunfelder, head of the Urban Renewal Advisory Board.

The group also set up a storefront façade program whereby businesses within the urban renewal district could be reimbursed for improvements made to their storefronts.

The district includes the marina,

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History lurks in county road vault

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Clatsop County Surveyor Vance Swenson needed to find some information on an old military road for the state.

He found the records in a box containing a treasure trove of other historical documents from the 1870s.

Among them: a road petition from 1873 for a road from Knappa to the John Day River. Signatures on the petition include early settler Peter Svensen, for whom the town of Svensen is named, and the name-

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Courtesy of Clatsop County

County Surveyor Vance Swenson (left) and surveyor technician Will Lawrence (right) conduct research in the vault at the Roads Division Office.

Athletes, educators, volunteers to be inducted in WHS Hall of Fame

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Winning teams, acclaimed athletes, a longtime educator who helped children succeed and community volunteers will live on as Hall of Fame members.

Warrenton Schools Foundation will have its 10th biennial Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony next weekend.

This year's inductees are Ed Chase, Joanne Hellberg, Misty Wade Tynkila,

Butch Johnson, Dick Maize, the 1971 Football Team and the 1978, 1979 and 1980 Girls Warrior Track Teams.

The foundation has its roots in 2004, when severe budget cuts forced the district to cut funding for most sports coaching positions. The group held a dinner and auction that year and sponsorships were sold, raising \$50,000 per year until 2007, when funding was reinstated.

At the fourth annual event, the auction became a Hall of Fame induction

banquet and the group transitioned from fund raising to recognition.

The money the group raises these days supports sports and educational programs. Recent foundation donations include a \$10,000 sound system for the high school, microphones for the drama program and turf for the baseball batting cages.

The banquet is at 5 p.m. at the high school. Reservations should be made by calling Jeanne Hyatt at the high school at 503-861-3317. Tickets are

\$25, which will be collected at the door. All proceeds support 9th through 12th grade programs.

The event begins with an open house followed by dinner at 6 p.m., a live auction at 6:45 p.m. and the induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Dress is semi-casual.

ED CHASE

Chase, the voice of Warriors football, basketball and baseball games for 20 years, had an extensive knowledge of

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