

Business and development tidbits

MIDDLE SCHOOL DESIGNS

Warrenton-Hammond school district's project to build a new middle school south of Walmart is at the end of the design phase and project leaders have moved on to construction bidding documents, a consultant told the school board.

Bidding for utilities and foundation work will take place in March, with shovels to the ground in May.

The school board approved a \$29.4 million project budget Wednesday night.

"We're meeting all of our criteria," consultant Scott Rose said.

After an erosion-control system is installed a ground-breaking will be held in mid-May. The school will be open for classes in Fall 2021, he said.

NEW CITY PARK

The city is working with residents in the Forest Rim neighborhood to build a park on Honeysuckle Loop.

It "will be a grassroots, barn-raising, 100 percent



Chamber ambassadors Judy Huff Curnow and Kimberly Bolin hold the ribbon for County Commissioner Pamela Wev at last week's grand opening of the new Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Behind them are Public Health Director Michael McNickle, Commissioner Mark Kujala, Rep. Tiffany Mitchell, D-Astoria, and County Manager Don Bohn.

volunteer-driven effort," the city wrote on its Facebook page. "This will be a park for you, designed by you, and built by you."

The collaborative effort includes a planning meeting on the evening of Jan. 16.

RADIO WOES

A failing transmitter has knocked KAST-AM radio off the air.

"We are dealing with a serious transmitter failure and have had engineers and the manufacturer involved in solving the problem," a company representative said. "We hope to have the station

back on the air as soon as possible."

The station has been replacing parts, but had some issues resolving the problem.

NEW HAZ-MAT CENTER

Last weekend's opening of the county's new Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Astoria drew 50 people who took advantage of the long-anticipated service to safely dispose of potentially harmful materials.

The center, at 1789 Williamsport Road next to the dump, is designed to receive and handle toxic, flammable and otherwise hazardous

products.

The project's completion was officially recognized Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Saturday's opening day brought in 24 propane tanks, 64 fluorescent tubes, 15 pounds of poly-chlorinated biphenyls, 5 pounds of lithium-ion batteries, 134 pounds of regular batteries, 25 pounds of lead-acid batteries, 6 pounds of hydrogen peroxide, 36 pounds of acids, 187 pounds of corrosives, 11 pounds of ammonia products, 55 gallons anti-freeze, 110 gallons of gasoline and other flammables plus toxic aero-

sols, liquids, paint and solids.

The county contracts with waste management company Clean Harbors to collect, process and remove the material.

The next collection day is Feb. 8.

CO-OP EVENT

Astoria Co-op has its grand opening from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at the store, 2350 Marine Drive.

A free reusable bag will be given to the first 500 shoppers who make a purchase, plus there will be prize drawings, samples, activities for kids, and cake.

PUBLIC NOTICE
MAYOR'S TOWN HALL MEETING
JANUARY 23 - 6:00 p.m.

The Mayor of Warrenton will hold a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Warrenton Community Center. The purpose of the town hall is to discuss Land Use Law and Planning. A representative from the Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD) will also be present. The Town Hall is open to the public.

The meeting location is accessible to the disabled. An interpreter for the hearing impaired may be requested under the terms of ORS 192.630 by contacting Dawne Shaw, City Recorder, at 503-861-0823 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting so appropriate assistance can be provided.

Houseguest accused of turning on his host

The Columbia Press

A homeless man who'd been given a place to stay by a friend turned on that friend after she asked him to leave, according to a police report.

Norris Alden Jones Jr., 51, was booked at Clatsop County Jail on seven charges related to a disturbance at the woman's home Jan. 12.

The woman told officers she allowed the man to stay in her home on Northwind Court in Hammond for several days because he had nowhere to live, according to a probable cause affidavit written by Officer Robert Wirt.

Over the course of several days, the man became suicid-

al and verbally violent in the unlocked back door.

house and she asked him to leave, return his key, and not return, according to the affidavit. "He became violent in the house, threatening to kill himself and her dog," the woman told officers. She left the house to stay with a friend.

When she returned in her car, Jones followed her in his black Ford Bronco and rammed her car once and attempted to ram it several more times, according to the affidavit. She parked down the street and called 911. Meanwhile the man entered the house through an



Jones

When officers arrived about 6:30 p.m., they asked her to contact the man by phone and urge him to come outside, which he did. Two Warrenton officers and two sheriff's deputies attempted to take him into custody, but the man

fought with them, according to the affidavit.

Jones was booked at Clatsop County Jail on suspicion of burglary, criminal trespassing, hit-and-run, criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, reckless driving and resisting arrest.

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