

Business and Development tidbits

FORT POINTE

The purchase price has dropped on one of Warrenton's largest areas of vacant land.

Fort Pointe, originally listed for sale at \$6.2 million, recently was reduced to \$5.6 million.

The 270-acre project is off Ridge Road south of the KOA campground.

The parcel includes preapproved plans for a development of 300 homes, apartments and courtyard cottages with 53,000 square feet of parks and other open space.

The project, brought to the city by San Antonio, Texas-based Mission DG, received initial approval in December 2017. Eighteen months later, the property was up for sale.

Those interested can contact broker Sally Conrad at Cascade/Sotheby's.

LIFE FLIGHT'S NEW BASE

The air ambulance service Life Flight opens its new base at Astoria-Warrenton Regional Airport this month.

"We're very close," company spokesman Jake Dalstra said. "Our final walk-through is April 20. Hopefully, we'll have occupancy soon after that."

The facility includes a crew quarters and kitchen for the pilot, nurse, paramedic and mechanic as well as space inside to accommodate a helicopter – similar to how a fire station works.

Life Flight, which is based in Aurora, is the largest non-profit air medical transport service in the United States and opened a base at the local airport in 2015.

The locally based helicopter can travel from Warrenton to Portland in about 30 minutes.

The company was awarded a state grant in 2017 to build the permanent hangar.

The Fenton Building today and 75 years ago. It housed a grocery, bus depot, pharmacy, liquor store and dental office.



FENTON FAÇADE

In addition to seeking a façade grant from Warrenton's Urban Renewal Agency, owners of the historic Fenton Grocery building could have more help coming their way.

Spruce Up Warrenton, a grassroots citizens group, will apply for a Diamond in the Rough grant from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, according to organizer Brenda Hoxsey.

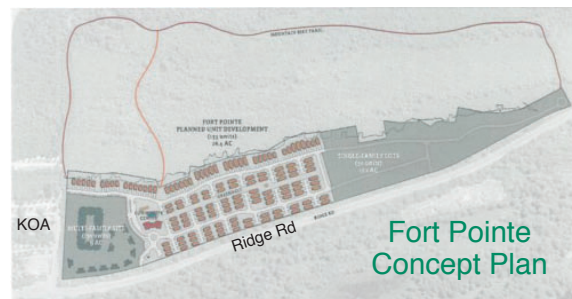
The two-story building, which is in the heart of

downtown Warrenton, was built in 1925 and is 10,200 square feet. Initially the building was owned by Jake Bosshart, a logging company owner. J.J. Fenton operated the city's first grocery store, which moved into the building in about 1930.

The state grants are designed to restore the historical appearance of buildings that have been heavily altered and, potentially, help them qualify for historic register designation.



Plumbing, painting and finish work is underway at the 37-unit Skipanon River Apartments on Skipanon Drive, north of the four-way stop.



The large Fort Pointe project is on Ridge Road between the KOA and city soccer fields. It includes an approved concept plan.

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