

Trillium: Project will include community garden, play areas

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get much,” Yuill said.

The four-story Trillium House is slated for 42 one-, two-, and three-bedroom units with a community garden, outdoor play area and gathering spaces both inside and out.

The project is in response to last year's Housing Strategies Report, which found there was a dire need for affordable housing in Clatsop County.

“This housing project is seen as a new model for rural Oregon family housing,” according to a press release announcing the grants. “Chelsea Gardens will promote the connection of health and housing, with health ser-

vices, healthy food through the community garden, and other connections. Stable housing is a foundation for a healthy lifestyle.”

The development is a collaboration of Walsh Construction, a 60-year-old Northwest company dedicated to innovative and affordable “green” projects; Emmons Design, an Astoria architectural firm owned by Stuart Emmons, who has been interested in Chelsea Gardens since he heard about it a year ago; and Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, the team's sponsor and owner-manager of the project after completion.

Warrenton's Planning De-



partment spent much of the past 18 months developing a master plan for Chelsea

Gardens, initially called Spur 104, and sorting out details of traffic, design and zoning.

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“It's a slippery slope. ... If you allow one group, you'll have to let the neo-Nazi's do it.”

People have a right to express their First Amendment rights of free speech, Mayor Henry Balensifer said, but those rights don't include creating traffic hazards or holding events that ensure other businesses can't use their parking lots, as happened to Dairy Maid and the post office during the barbecue at Warrenton Memorial Plaza.

“We don't want people in



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A group supporting gun rights and sporting “All Lives Matter” signs gathered in Warrenton Memorial Plaza last month.

the streets,” Mayor Henry Balensifer said. “I think

it's important we figure out what's needed so we can keep the streets clear.”

Blocking political events from city properties probably isn't an option, the police chief said.

City Manager Linda Engbretson disagreed. “I believe we can say that it has to be a content-neutral event.”

People have a right to protest as long as they don't damage property or cause civil unrest, Balensifer said.

Commissioners asked Workman to prepared amendments to the municipal code that will give them better enforcement options during future events.

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