

# Vernonia Council hears proposal for realigning California Street

A proposed realignment of California Street that would cost the City of Vernonia about \$4,500 and create a safer area for parking next to Washington Grade School, was presented to the City Council Sept. 5 by Jim Tierney of Community Action Team (CAT).

California Street, which runs north-south along the east side of WGS, will become the primary egress for people living at Blue Heron Hollow, a 24-unit townhouse/apartment development proposed by CAT for an area just east of the school. There is already concern about safety in the school's parking area, which encompasses both sides of the street. The proposed realignment would curve the street to the east, leaving the existing street for use as a parking lot.

In order to cover the cost of the alternative route, CAT has asked the city if it would waive part of its water and sewer hook-up fees. Since the development will have a master water meter instead of individual meters for each residence, reducing the city's installation, the difference is approximately \$4,500.

While taking no action at this time, the council expressed tentative approval for the proposal.

The council was presented with a petition from the owners of properties bordering Columbia Street between First and Second Avenues, asking the city to vacate that section of the street. According to the petitioners (Bruce Herb, Arthur and Enid Parrow, Benny & Rhonda Cutright, Mark and Debra Hall), the street hasn't been im-

proved in that block and is not maintained as a street.

A city sewer line runs the distance of the street, however. City Attorney Tom Kohl will review the situation and report to the council at a later meeting.

The council has scheduled

interviews with representatives of three architectural firms that bid on remodeling at City Hall. The interviews will be held prior to the Sept. 18 Council Meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Another loan has been repaid to the City/CAT revolving

loan fund for residential rehabilitation, making \$10,500 available for new loans. The rehab loans may be used by low income residents for improvements such as roofing or foundations, or to weatherize homes. For more information on the rehab project, contact City Hall.

## SWCD enjoys picnic, annual meeting

Directors of the Columbia SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation District), members, and approximately 65 guests met at Camp Wilkerson Park Aug. 20 for a picnic barbecue and annual meeting.

The annual meeting hosted by Chairman Warren Nakkela, included a presentation of the District's Outstanding Cooperator Award to Don Rice of the James River Fiber Farm.

Nakkela briefly detailed the highlights of Rice's achievements, including management of 11,000 acres located in several areas of Columbia and Clatsop Counties.

"Don has set a standard for conservation awareness that is unique in this day and age," said Nakkela.

Rice, of Clatskanie, hosts informational gatherings for

Oregon and Washington SWCDs, and others.

Also recognized for their services were Don Bellows and Coby Luttrell. Resource Conservationist Bill Eagle expressed his gratitude for the assistance of district volunteers.

"Increased conservation awareness is the highest priority of our Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and assistance from community volunteers is essential to conduct many of our programs," Eagle said.

## Dist. 1 convention to replace Federici will be held Sept. 19

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YMCA. Josi, of Bay City, was serving his second term in the legislature; he is a landscape contractor.

The Dist. 1 convention will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m. at Florence I. Tagg School in Westport. All delegates will be from Clatsop and Columbia Counties. They will select nominees to replace Tony Federici.

So far, three candidates have announced their interest in the position: Robert McKee, a retired attorney from Scappoose; Agnes Petersen, a St. Helens attorney; and Jackie Taylor of Astoria, a former Dist. 2 representative who lost her position when redistricting put her in Dist. 1.

## Country to the Core

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### VERNONIA

AFS	1st Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8 p.m., 1st Baptist Church
American Cancer Society	2nd Wednesday	12:30 p.m., Golf Course
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scouts	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Boy Scout Parents	4th Thursday	8-9:00 p.m. WGS Cafeteria
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	7:30 a.m., Country Kitchen
Community Center Project	2nd Wednesday	6 p.m., School District Ofc.
Cub Scouts	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., WGS Gym
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Jamboree Committee	1st Tuesday	7 p.m., VHS library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
MTC Training & Placement	2nd Thursday	1-2:00 p.m., School District Ofc.
Nehalem Valley Car Club	1st Tuesday	7 p.m., Crazy Charlie'
Preschool Story Hour	Wednesdays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Ridge Riders Saddle Club	Last Thursday	7:30 p.m., City Library
Senior Center Directors	1st Friday	1 p.m., Senior Center
Society of Arts & Crafts	2nd Thursday	City Library, 429-7605 for time
TOPS	Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., 627 Adams
Vernonia Cares Directors	2nd Thursday*	7:30 p.m., 627 Adams
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:30 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Grange	2nd Saturday	10:00 a.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Preschool Directors	1st Tuesday	7 p.m., 627 Adams
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Library

Vernonia Pride	4th Thursday	7 p.m., VHS Library
Vernonia Rural Fire District	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School District	2nd Thursday	8 p.m., School District Office
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7 p.m., WOEC
Women's Aglow	4th Monday	7:00 p.m., Sidetrack Restaurant

### MIST-BIRKENFELD

Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Bd.	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays	7 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursdays	7 p.m., Main Fire Station
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall

### COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
Columbia ESD	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., 800 Port Ave.
County Fair Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7 p.m., 4-H Bldg., Fairgrounds
County Parks Commission	2nd Wednesday	7 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist.	3rd Tuesday	7 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713
Traffic Safety Commission	1st Wednesday	7 a.m., Village Inn

\*January, April, July & October only  
Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410, or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 1206 State Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064.