

Business Notes

Interest in revitalizing Nehalem Valley CPAC is on the increase

With the increase in population and associated new development, there is increased interest from local citizens about land use planning and the subsequent permitting and building processes implemented in the county. The Columbia County Board of Commissioners has been made aware of interest in the unincorporated area of Vernonia to reinstitute the Upper

Nehalem Citizen Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC), which has been inactive for several years. For this reason, Columbia County is soliciting interested parties for the Upper Nehalem CPAC.

In Columbia County each CPAC is divided into neighborhoods, with members representing neighborhoods where they live or own property. The

Upper Nehalem CPAC has seven neighborhoods with one representative from each. The seven neighborhoods are Pittsburg-Stoney Point, Pebble Creek, Highway 47 South, Timber Route, Keasey, Treharne and City of Vernonia.

The CPAC's purpose is to solicit and collect citizen input on land use actions and represent citizens by making recom-

mendations concerning land use applications to the Columbia County Planning Commission, the Board of Commissioners and to the Land Development Services Department.

For more information on be-

ing appointed as a CPAC member, contact Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, Land Development Services, Courthouse, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, 503-397-1501, ext. 7217.

Free budgeting seminar scheduled

A Financial and Budgeting Seminar teaching budgeting principles will be held June 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the basement of Vernonia Assembly of God, 662 Jefferson

Avenue, in Vernonia.

The seminar is free, though a \$5.00 donation is suggested. This is offered as a public service and nothing will be sold.



Now up and operating for drive-thru business is Bridge Street Espresso, located on the back side of the Pihl Logging building.

Can arts help build Vernonia's future

How the arts can be more significantly involved in Vernonia's future is the topic of a public meeting to be held Saturday, June 15, from 9:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Fire Station Conference Room, 555 E. Bridge Street. Light refreshments will be provided.

The meeting will share the ideas and projects of work un-

derway by various groups, including Vernonia Community Development Corporation, the Community Response Team, and other citizen organizations; gather new ideas and create "next steps" for moving forward; and teach methods designed to make ideas into realities.

Discussion will be framed

around the following questions:

How can public art and design speak to our values and history and improve our downtown?

How can artists and their skills support our families and kids, both in and out of school?

How can artists, craftspeople and other creative workers increase their skills and businesses?

How can all of the above help to shape the image of Vernonia?

Many towns have discovered that intentionally including arts and culture in business and development plans leads to positive quality of life and, often, to economic revitalization.

Anyone interested in shaping Vernonia's future should attend this meeting. The meeting is sponsored by the City of Vernonia and presented with assistance from the Oregon Arts Commission's Arts Build Communities team.

Free OSHA seminar in Vernonia

OSHA Health & Safety for Small Business, a free seminar, will be presented by Joe Clothier, Training Specialist, OSHA Dept. of Consumer & Business Services, on Wednesday, June 12, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Scout Cabin, 901 Park Drive, Vernonia. The seminar is sponsored by Oregon Employment Department, Management & Training Corporation and the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce.

Attendees will receive The Program Overview, Instructor Manuals for Phase I and Phase II, A Guide to "Written Requirements", 10 Abbreviated Training Modules, Employee Training Manual, a packet of 16 forms suitable for copy, and much, much more!

To register, contact Diana Riggs Nish at 503-397-6495 or Jeanette Sharinghousen at 503-397-4995 x-26.

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