

One grand prize winner will get a Wildfire Home Makeover

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er government agencies, Wildfire Home Makeover will review homeowners' contest entry questionnaires in which they have described the survivability of their homes in the event of an encroaching wildfire. A panel of judges will select the winning home, and then in consultation with the winning homeowner, will choose which projects are most needed to improve its wildfire survivability.

The exterior makeover could: put on a new fire-resistant roof; landscape the yard with fire-resistant plants; move firewood next to the house away from the house; install an in-ground sprinkler system; and, attach wood skirting around the deck.

The interior makeover could: mount smoke detectors; and, conduct a "safety walk" to en-

sure baseboard heaters are clear, extension cords are being used safely and identify any other fire hazards.

One grand prize will be awarded, a free home makeover to include smoke detectors and fire extinguishers for the inside and a variety of projects outside the house. If the winner lives in an area that allows outside burning, s/he will receive a free safety burn barrel as well as a Metro Composter to reduce the amount of burning needed. The winner will also get a free fire-resistant landscape design for the yard, with all of the landscaping done at no cost, including an in-ground sprinkler system. If the home needs a fire-resistant roof, wire screens over the outside vents, spark arrestor screen on the chimney, or

wood skirting around an outside deck, these projects may also be done for free in consultation with the winning homeowner and within the constraints of the contest budget.

Four runner-up prizes will be awarded. Each runner-up will receive a gift certificate from the MetroPaint store for a free Metro Composter, a \$100 gift certificate from Farmington Gardens retail nursery, and a \$100 gift certificate from PARR Lumber company.

The Wildfire Home Makeover contest promotion period will run May 6-12 to coincide with Oregon Wildfire Awareness Week. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2007, at the Oregon Department of Forestry Office, Attention: Wildfire Contest, 801 Gales Creek Road, Forest

Grove, Oregon 97116. Contest Rules and entry forms can be picked up beginning Monday, May 7, at the Oregon Department of Forestry office in Forest Grove or at any participating Washington County Fire Department. The rules and en-

try form will also be available online after 5:00 p.m. on May 4, from the Oregon Department of Forestry's website, www.oregon.gov/ODF/. The contest winner will be announced on May 25, with the makeover to be completed by July 1.

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ber of the Vernonia Police Department started with the department. Please welcome Jeff Dalrymple as our newest police officer. Officer Dalrymple was selected out of twenty-two (22) applicants and six (6) finalists. Officer Dalrymple is a certified officer and comes to us from the Milwaukie Police Department where he most recently was a Reserve Ser-

geant. Officer Dalrymple is very familiar with Vernonia as he has volunteered his services as an officer at several of the past Friendship Jamborees. Officer Dalrymple will be sworn in at a ceremony at the May 7 City Council Meeting. Please welcome Officer Dalrymple as he prepares to serve our community as a Vernonia Police Officer.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Vernonia is eligible to apply for a 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. Funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$14 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2007. Approximately \$479,000 is available for Regional Housing Centers. The maximum annual grant that a city or county can

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receive for Regional Housing Centers is \$60,000.

The City of Vernonia is preparing an application for a 2007 CDBG from the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department for the Northwest Oregon Regional Housing Center. The project will assist low and moderate income families in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties with affordable housing program services. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 400 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the Vernonia City Council at 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 2007, at the Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.

The purpose of this hearing is for the Vernonia City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about:

- Community Development and housing needs, especially the needs of low and moderate income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with the Community Development Block Grant project.
- The proposed project.

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Written comments are also welcome and must be received by May 16, 2007, at Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the Vernonia City Council in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please let Kate Conley, City Clerk at 503-429-5291 know if you need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City of Vernonia's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at Vernonia City Hall during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Kate Conley, City Clerk at 503-429-5291 so the appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low and moderate income housing which is demolished or con-

verted to another use will be replaced.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Conditional Use Permit for Improvements at Former OA Mill Site on Tax Lot Nos 4404-000-00708; 4404-000-00711; 4404-000-00710

City of Vernonia and Nehalem Valley Development are requesting a Conditional Use to the Low Density Residential Zone & General Commercial Zone for uses to the former OA Mill Property adjacent to Vernonia Lake, Vernonia OR 97064

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing regarding the former OA Mill Property on May 17, 2007 in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 1001 Bridge St, Vernonia OR 97064. The applicants are proposing the construction of the following facilities: Amphitheatre, Bicycle Skills Park, Food Pantry, Interpretive Center, Recreational Vehicle Park, Skateboard Park, Senior Center in General Commercial Zone and Low Density Residential Zone, as provided for by Section 3.030 and Section 3.050,

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respectively, of the Vernonia Zoning Ordinance No. 711. A copy of the application will be available for inspection seven days before the hearings at Vernonia City Hall located at 1001 Bridge Street, and may be copied for a nominal fee.

The Public Hearing will be held before the Planning Commission on Thursday, May 17, 2007, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon at or after 7:00 p.m., at which time proponents and opponents of the proposed Conditional Use Permit will be heard.

The Public Hearing is governed by Vernonia Ordinance 711. A staff report will be available to the public at City Hall one week before the hearing, and may be copied for a nominal fee. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, in person or by letter or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the board based on that issue. Public testimony is welcome, and written statements will also be received before the hearing.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request

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Obituary

MADELYN VIRGINIA MCPEAK

Madelyn Virginia McPeak, 83, Banks, died April 18, 2007. A memorial mass was held April 24 at St. Matthew Catholic Church. A rite of Christian burial was held in Willamette National Cemetery.

Mrs. McPeak was born October 15, 1923, in Hoopston, Illinois, to Hobart and Pearl Wilson. She was raised in Illinois.

In 1957, she married Clair William "Bill" McPeak Jr. They made their home in Illinois and Wisconsin before moving to Banks in 1975. She was a secretary for the owner of Wrigley Stadium in Chicago during World War II and also

worked in a defense plant riveting airplane wings. In Banks, she worked for Banks School District before retiring in 1989.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Cathy McPeak in Banks and Laurie Jones in Fairview; three sisters, Mary Lou Jensen of Indianapolis, Indiana, Delores Wilson of Glenwood, Ill., and Linda Wilson of Salem; and two grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Banks American Legion or Hillsboro VFW.

Duyck and VanDeHey Funeral Home of Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.