

Donate to Plant, Book & Art Sale

The Friends of the Banks Public Library are gearing up for their Annual Plant, Book and Art Sale. The sale will include local crafts and garden art, in addition to a broad selection of plants and used books. The sale will be held at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park on Friday, May 6 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This sale is a perfect opportunity for last minute Mother's Day shopping.

Plants are coming from local nurseries and gardeners, and will include vegetable starts, annuals, perennials, planters, herbs and trees. The Friends always strive to have some unusual varieties available. All are offered at reasonable prices, and the Friends receive a portion of all sales.

Books for all levels of read-

ers will be offered for sale as well as some videos and other materials. Items for sale will include private donations as well as withdrawn library materials.

If you wish to donate plants or books for the sale, please contact the Banks Public Library at 503-324-1382.

The Plant, Book and Art sale is a major fundraising activity for the Friends of the Banks Public Library. The Friends' funds are used by the library to purchase bestsellers and current titles, CDs, DVDs, equipment and programs for the library throughout the year. The Friends fund a weekly Story Time for preschool children, a summer reading program for early readers through teens, and provide books for the Banks Community Auction.

County seeks input on draft Road Maintenance Work Program

Washington County would like to hear from the public by April 22 about the DRAFT 2011 Road Maintenance Work Program. Comments may be submitted using the online form at www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/Programs/review-draft-work-program-2010.cfm, by e-mail at lutops@co.washington.or.us, or by calling the Operations and Maintenance Division at 503-846-ROAD (846-7623).

Each year, the Department of Land Use and Transportation prepares a road maintenance work plan for approval by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. The plan identifies maintenance activities that preserve the public's investment in the county's transportation infrastructure, providing the highest level of service possible within the resources available.

Banks Curves food drive now running

During the month of April, Curves of Banks will participate in the 13th Annual Curves Food Drive to collect non-perishable food and cash donations to benefit their local food bank. Current members who make a \$30 donation or an equivalent donation of food are eligible to receive a Curves reusable Food Drive grocery bag. And, from April 4-17, Curves will waive the membership fee for new members who donate a bag of non-perishable food or make a minimum donation of \$30.

"Our goal is to top the donation that we made last year," said a Curves of Banks staff member. This is a great opportunity for the members of our Curves community to help strengthen the Banks community, too. Everything that our members donate at our club will benefit local families in need."

In addition to the food and monetary donations that each gym collects, Curves International is offering gyms the opportunity to win cash prizes for their local food banks. Prizes will be awarded to clubs with the most food collected, clubs

who beat their 2010 donation level by the largest amount and to two randomly selected clubs drawn from all the clubs who enter the contest. Curves clubs have donated more than 61 million pounds of food in the U.S. and Canada since 2004.

"The past few years have been difficult for many families," said Curves founder Diane Heavin, "Curves annual Food Drive is one way that everyone in the Banks area can make a real difference for a local family that is struggling. We encourage everyone, not just our members or those who are thinking about joining our gym, to make a cash donation or drop off a bag of non-perishable food items in April."

For more information about Curves of Banks, located at

672 South Main Street, and the 2011 Curves Food Drive, contact a Curves of Banks staff member at 503-324-9262 or bankscurves@gmail.com. For more information about Curves, please visit www.curves.com.

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