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Seniors look forward to graduation, bid farewell to Wilson High School

By **KC Cowan**
The Southwest Portland Post

On June 10, some 300 seniors from Wilson High School will march through Memorial Coliseum for their graduation ceremony.

At the end of their four years, they are taking with them not only their diplomas, but also a treasure trove of experience and friendships. Let's meet four of them.

Madison Schulte graduates as a member of the National Honor Society. She was Photography Club president, and lacrosse varsity team captain. She will attend the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada to study business and marketing.

McKenzie Hopfer was a peer counselor at Wilson and an Honor Society member. She won the Smith Book Award and Joe Loprinzi Scholarship, and was the editor-in-chief of the Troyan yearbook. She is headed to the University of Portland to study biology.

Perry Taylor was the student body

president and played basketball and baseball. He also worked on the school newspaper and magazine. He plans to major in civic leadership at Portland State University.

Dana Nathanson said it feels surreal to be graduating. A Wilson scholar who never failed to make the honor roll, she was active in soccer, cross-country, leadership, and choir. She'll attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

The Post: Do you feel Wilson prepared you for college?

Schulte: Yes. Wilson's Advanced Placement classes, even though they are challenging, have helped me understand what college classes are like. Further, Wilson's counselors and other staff are extremely supportive.

Nathanson: I do feel like Wilson prepared me for college, especially my sophomore and senior English classes. Wilson also helped me develop into a young adult. Wilson really succeeded as a high school by letting me express my individuality while also guiding me

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The Post interviewed four graduates of the Wilson High School Class of 2015. Back row: Perry Taylor and Dana Nathanson. Front row: Madison Schulte and McKenzie Hopfer. (Post photo by KC Cowan)

City holds second open house on Tryon-Stephens Headwaters street plan

By **Erik Vidstrand**
The Southwest Portland Post

The Tryon-Stephens Headwaters street plan is being designed to establish a more connected local street and pathway network and to improve stormwater management systems

within an area including Burlingame and Multnomah neighborhood streets, as well as Barbur Boulevard.

There have been a layer of decisions, budget considerations, and improvements promised for infrastructure for cars, cyclists, and pedestrians.

A second open house was sponsored

on May 7 by a joint partnership of the city of Portland bureaus of Environmental Services and Transportation.

This team has made improvements in the Cully neighborhood (2012), and Division-Midway (2014).

"This project is more involved," explained Denver Igarta, of the transportation bureau, "and will take longer due to the nature of the typology and number of challenges in this area."

On this bright, sunny afternoon, children amused themselves on the new playground equipment outside the Stephens Creek Crossing community center as a few dozen individuals joined city staff for the latest workshop.

Barbara O'Neill, a 12-year resident of Multnomah Village, has been involved from the very beginning when the city first introduced the project at the Southwest Sunday Parkways last summer. She attended the first open house held last winter.

"I take long walks to the village," O'Neill replied, "but it's difficult to walk with a stroller or a wheelchair."

She lives off 31st Avenue near Barbur Boulevard and there are no sidewalks let alone a safe shoulder.

"That's why I'm at all of these events, to provide input into a better way," said O'Neill.

Since the first open house in January, over 70 community members provided the city that allowed them to collect lots of data and created several maps.

"What we learned is that you value trees, want to keep some roadways unpaved, and to provide sidewalks at least on one side of the street," Igarta said.

The bureaus found that more community space and safe pedestrian crossings were also important. Slower

traffic speeds, keeping natural features and landscapes while retaining a unique neighborhood character rounded off the lists.

According to city records, 88 percent of Southwest streets are paved; the rest are dirt and gravel and right-of-ways for non-motor vehicle use.

Sixty-three percent of these paved streets lack sidewalks and 31 percent have no stormwater systems at all.

The small group was tasked with identifying four types of streets which could withstand improvements of some sort.

Type 1 streets are by nature impassable and Type 6 streets—like Barbur and Multnomah boulevards—are extremely busy and have less flexibility for improvements.

Naomi Tsurumi, from Environmental Services, discussed matching the street with the best stormwater system.

"There are traditional streets and green streets," Tsurumi explained. "Other options are separated streets. Some have curbs and others have pipes."

Tsurumi said that planners are still trying to figure out the process for Capitol Highway. "It's its own planning process."

The audience broke into teams to work on street designs. In the next couple of months, the city will collect this information and sort it out.

"We'll use this information to refine the solutions by July," Igarta promised.

"How is this in alignment with current construction and development?" someone asked. "Take the sidewalks to nowhere," one participant remarked.

"We're coming up with a system," Igarta responded. "There is a need to

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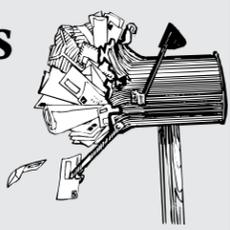


Denver Igarta, from Transportation, explains data from an earlier open house regarding aligning streets and stormwater projects. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

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Neighbor objects to proposed four-story apartment building in Multnomah Village

I have lived in Multnomah for the past 20 years, and raised three kids here. This is my home. I just came from a neighborhood meeting [May 20] that was very discouraging. Essentially, the Village as we know it is going to go away, and is never coming back.

A developer met with the neighborhood tonight. He will be replacing both properties next to Starbucks on the corner of Southwest 33rd and Capitol Highway with a four-story mixed use apartment building.

Seventy-one studio apartments, with parking provided for only 60 percent of the units. Imagine a massive structure taller and wider than the Lucky Lab, as tall as all the light posts.

There will be expensive commercial spaces in the bottom that I can only imagine chain stores will be able to afford, much like the ones already gradually taking over - Bishop's, Zoom Care, Umpqua Bank, etc.

If this trend continues, we can say goodbye to little family businesses in the Village. We can also most certainly say goodbye to the free parking that makes shopping in the area so attractive.

A Neighborhood House representative was also there and announced the possibility of doing the same. A friend of the developer commented that the buildings in the Village are mostly old and ugly anyway and that you can't fight progress.

We do not have the infrastructure to support the traffic, pedestrian safety issues, and parking problems this growth will bring to the side streets

that are not supported by the city, not to mention the precedents this will set for more development.

I think urban density is a good idea if done thoughtfully, but if you look at what has happened to the Fremont neighborhood, or Mississippi, or Northwest 23rd, you know those neighborhoods will never again have the charm they once had.

According to the land use guy mediating the meeting, I believe he said that over 150 homes in the Village have been demolished so far.

I was essentially told by another supporter of the developer—in the kindest possible tones—that if I object to the inevitability of this, I always have the option of moving.

If you love the Village as I do, please come to the [Multnomah Neighborhood Association] meeting on June 9 at the Multnomah Center to voice your concerns. We can push back if we all work together.

Steve Novick had a staffer there, but Amanda Fritz was not in attendance. Sadly, Fritz was only sending out automatic responses when contacted about this issue.

She advised us to contact staff members instead. When my husband Michael Banks tried that, no response has been forthcoming as of yet.

Editor's Note: Novick and Fritz are Portland city commissioners. They need to hear from us. Thanks for reading.

Brynn Baron
Multnomah

Multnomah School alumni appreciate service at Fat City Café

A special thank you to Tom at Fat City Café. My friend and I came to Multnomah [last month] to celebrate our birthdays. We were students of Multnomah Grade School in the 1950's - Fat City is still the place to be.

Tom was wonderful, remembering our names and singing "Happy Birthday." Thank you so much. You made our day.

Trudi Raz (Frengele)
Karen Sears (Lowrie)

It's obvious from a brief stroll that River View Natural Area is a very special place

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Don Snedecor
The Southwest Portland Post

If you take a look online at the draft plan for River View Natural Area restoration, you will notice that officials aren't going to allow dogs, on leash or off, and until there is a citywide master plan for mountain biking, bicycles won't be allowed either.

After visiting the park for the first time last month, I get it. This is a very special place.

So just where is River View Natural Area? It's located next to River View Cemetery, roughly 150 acres between Macadam Avenue and Terwilliger Boulevard.

When folks from Portland Parks and Recreation gave me the nickel tour on May 18, we accessed the park from Palatine Hill Road and Brugger Street, not far from Lewis and Clark College.

Kendra Petterson-Morgan, a natural resource ecologist with the park bureau, led the walking tour. Emily Roth with Parks was there as well. Cathy Bushman and Shannah Anderson of the Bureau of Environmental Services tagged along.

And just for fun, I invited Steve Manton, a neighbor who has lived next to the park for 29 years to join us. Manton mentioned that at one time Lewis & Clark College wanted to build soccer fields here!

So the six of us headed down the trail, in a loop around the west (upper) part of the park.

Petterson-Morgan explained that significant amount of restoration has already been done. English ivy that was infesting the forest and killing the fir trees was tackled, carefully, by professionals with small tools and chainsaws.

An herbicide used in Roundup has been used by the park bureau, sparingly, to deal with certain invasive, non-native species.

The east side is very steep, and six unnamed creeks flow downhill toward the Willamette River. It was very peaceful and I had a sense that I was out in the wilderness somewhere, not in the city of Portland.

Every now and then we ran into folks along the trail, the way you would if you were going on a hike from Multnomah Falls to Larch Mountain. Bushman pointed out a unique wetland that is under development.

Wildlife to watch for include deer, coyotes, chipmunks, and mountain beaver. Birds include winter wrens, evening grosbecks, black cap chickadees, and wild turkeys.

According to Manton the forested property had been surplus land owned by River View Cemetery from the 1880s until recently when it was acquired by the park bureau.

And while mountain bikers are upset, so far, folks in the adjacent Collins View neighborhood have liked the plan.

You can weigh in yourself, by taking the park bureau's survey.



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Multnomah's five elected officials gather for legislative town hall

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

On May 9, a legislative town hall was held at the Multnomah Arts Center. In attendance were Sens. Richard Devlin (Senate District 19) and Ginny Burdick (SD-18), and Reps. Margaret Doherty (House District 35), Jennifer Williamson (HD-36), and Ann Lininger (HD-38)

All are members of the Democratic Party.

Why so many at one meeting? District lines cut right through the heart of the Multnomah neighborhood. One may have a different legislator than their neighbor across the street.

"I had no role in redrawing the district lines," Sen. Burdick began with a chuckle. Her district is right across the street north of Capitol Highway extending beyond Hillsdale.

A graduate of Wilson High School, Burdick has been serving in the Senate for the last three terms.

As co-chair of the House/Senate conference committee on implementing Measure 91, the senator said she is working to ensure that Oregon sets a national example on implementing recreational marijuana use.

The senate has been struggling with legislative directives on medical versus recreational marijuana this session.

"We're trying to strike a balance," she said, "without interfering with access to medicinal cannabis."

She has been working on some other contentious issues.

"Passing universal background checks was a massive deal to get across the House floor," Burdick confessed. "I have been grateful that my constituents have my back when it comes to gun safety."

Sen. Devlin is co-chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee where appropriations are sorted out. His district is south of Capitol Highway.

A former Metro councilor and park district commissioner, Devlin has been an avid environmentalist and social justice crusader.

"I just had 85 visits in three weeks," Devlin said, "with 90 requests!"

Over 3,400 bills have been proposed this year. Devlin has been sorting about 90 with the highest priority.

Rep. Lininger's district also cuts through the middle of Multnomah. Similar to Devlin's district, the dividing line is Capitol and she represents the south portions.

Lininger just began her second term. A public interest lawyer and former Clackamas County commissioner, her priorities are strong schools and affordable college.

"We're looking at strict rules for tax credits and electric vehicles," Lininger announced firmly. "There's no money to spend on these services if we keep providing attractive credits."

Lininger stated that there needs to be new revenue sources which are not too popular with many of her colleagues, but she said she will support it nonetheless.

Lininger also sits on the conference

committee for Measure 91 and relayed that she is working on a fair process as the voters intended.

Rep. Doherty was up next. She attended Multnomah School and graduated from Wilson. Doherty has been a lifelong educator, teaching locally and then as an administrator. She is the chair of the House Education Committee.

Doherty said, "All of the chairs of the various education committees are educators. This is a first." The audience of almost 200 citizens expressed their delight.

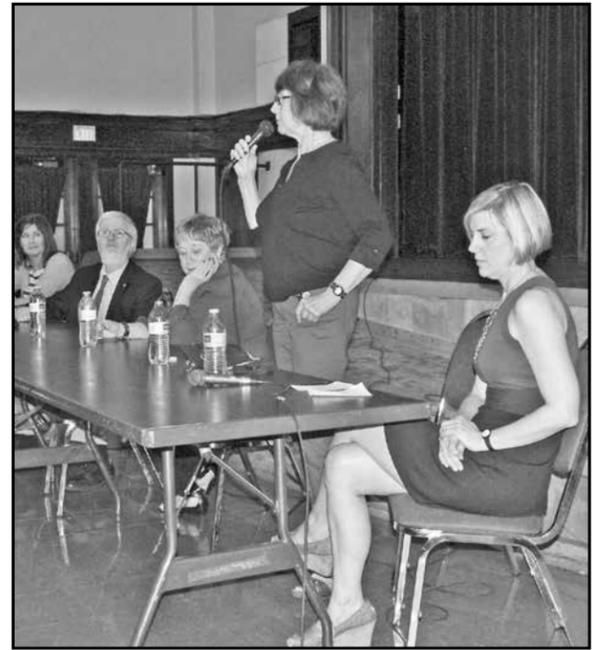
"My highest priority is child nutrition and free lunch, not reduced lunch!" Doherty stressed.

The last to speak was Rep. Williamson [who also represents part of Multnomah].

Williamson sits on the judicial and higher-education committees. She also chairs the House Ways and Means Committee.

Williamson, a lawyer, is a big advocate for public safety but wants to cut the Department of Corrections in order to fund higher education.

"We need to look upstream," Williamson said. "We're close to opening another women's prison. We need to look at alternatives to community corrections."



Sen. Ginny Burdick greets a crowd of 200 people on May 9 at a legislative town hall at the Multnomah Arts Center. Rep. Lininger, Sen. Devlin, Rep. Doherty, and Rep. Williamson join her. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

Questions were organized by theme and facilitated for the sake of time. These included the recent Oregon Supreme Court ruling on the Public Employees Retirement System and how it might affect the state budget.

"Would there be a need to raise taxes?" added a member of the audience.

Devlin replied that the ruling would certainly increase the state's expenses including Obamacare costs.

"It will be difficult to fund," Devlin (Continued on Page 6)



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Community farm meant to be a place for people to reconnect with nature

By KC Cowan
The Southwest Portland Post

In 2005, a group of people had a dream of saving seven acres of property in Southwest Portland from becoming a 23-house subdivision.

Ten years later, they celebrated their victory with an event called "Bloom Fest" at the Tryon Life Community Farm.

"Bloom Fest" is one of three annual open houses, although the site is open for drop-in visits six days a week.

A non-profit, Tryon Life is described as a "Community Sustainability Education and Demonstration Center" whose mission is to connect people to the land and nature.



The open-air tea house is one of many places on Tryon Life Community Farm you can relax. Pamela Zigo was hosting at the teahouse during Bloom Fest. (Post photo by KC Cowan)

Located just off Boones Ferry Road, adjacent to Tryon Creek State Park, it is easy to miss the small parking area and sign next to a dirt road that pulls you away from city traffic and down into a bowl of green nature.

If you want to see the goats, you'll have to make your own path through knee-high grass to get there.

The largest area to hang out is the "village green," an open space where, during Bloom Fest, some families sat on blankets enjoying live music. It's surrounded by the 30 foot yurt, the composting toilets, a large sauna and fire circle.

Rustic? Yes. But that's how the members of this space designed it. It's meant to be a space for people to reconnect with nature.

Brenna Bell, a board member, said although 15 people live there, everyone is welcome to come and make themselves at home.

"We have a farm, inside the forest, inside the city," explained Bell.

"Just by getting people on the land, in a place that's very different from the typical urban landscape, with other people they can meet, talk to and share food and drink, it's a way of making those connections."

A lot of what the folks on this farm want to do is re-introduce people back to the land that nurtures us, Bell added. And that is absolutely the vibe.

According to Bell, "One of the things we're working at is to counteract to the alienation of industrial culture, where everyone's in their own box, doing their own thing, looking at their own screen."

At Bloom Fest, there was not a cell phone to be seen, and children made their own entertainment, hunting for bugs and playing in the yurt, unconnected from modern technology.

Doing your own thing is the intention. However, there are many community workshops and hands-on sustainability programs.

Among those are fermenting wild foods, cheese making and carpentry for women. The farm even offers immersion programs of two to eight weeks to study sustainable living skills.

There is a Waldorf-style preschool called the Mother Earth School. Classes are held in the large yurt.

In a covered outdoor kitchen area, kindergarten teacher Traci Jo was baking biscuits for the Bloom Fest dinner in the hand-built, wood-fired cob oven.

The nearby open-air tea house was decorated with festive lights and scarves and created a cozy place to hang out. It offered not only tea, but also kombucha and herbal tinctures for sale.

Jenny Leis was the capital campaign coordinator to save the property. The farm raised \$400,000 in order to get a loan and to match city and state funds.

Leis said they try to be accessible to everyone, but agrees it's not your typical park. Instead, it's a place for people to enjoy a yoga class or dig in the garden at a Saturday work party.

"We're proud of being scrappy. It's open to everyone and anyone to connect and weave the human world and the natural world."

Leis is also a member of Cedar Moon, the "intentional community," where 15 people share housing in the two original houses on the property.

Each member is required to spend 16 hours a week in contributing to the



Traci Jo, kindergarten teacher at the Mother Earth School, also baked biscuits for the Bloom Fest dinner. (Post photo by KC Cowan)

community in such ways as fundraising, gardening, cooking and cleaning and participating in workshops.

Leis explained that Tryon Life members make their mortgage payments in part through renting the site for retreats. They can accommodate up to 100 people. "We've never missed a payment," she said proudly.

How does it all run? Aside from the members who live on site, there are a host of volunteers and a board of directors. Everyone is dedicated to the proposition of creating a haven of sustainability and social change.

As Jenny says, "You never know who you're going to meet here, because everyone shows up. There's something that feels really good here."

Tryon Life Community Farm is located at 11640 SW Boones Ferry Road. It is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The next open house will be the Apple Fest this fall.

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Brand new Oak & Olive Ristorante offers Italian fare in Hillsdale

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Lee Braymen-Cleary
The Southwest Portland Post

On April 24, Maria Rosengreen proudly opened doors of her Oak & Olive Ristorante situated at 6363 SW Capitol Highway. Featuring Italian eats like *nonna* (grandma) used to make, its brand new building was a long time coming.

But potential diners' interest was piqued; the place has all but overflowed from the get-go. I, for one, have eaten there several times, my eyes taking in the restaurant's clean Modern Italian country decor and the inspired 12-foot-high chalkboard that entertains creative children as their parents wait for orders.

"We're excited to be part of this neighborhood," said Rosengreen, who lives nearby with her husband and her own children. She named her family-oriented eatery a "*ristorante*" rather than "*trattoria*" or "*osteria*," all of which, she said "share overlapping features."

Today Rosengreen with her years of experience in restaurants puts in 10-hour days. "I don't ask crazy prices," she states. "This is a family restaurant serving good meals from various Italian regions. Taste and health are important, so we use fresh local ingredients. Our pork, for instance, comes from Carlton Farms."

Their eat-in/take-out lunch and dinner menu features salads, sandwiches, pizzas, pastas, entrees, not to mention desserts, Italian beers and wines and "*bambini*" (a menu for children under 12).

Customers can select from six eye-catching salads housed in a glass cooler. I chose their tasty, \$10 large-enough-for-four signature Oak & Olive salad.

This romaine-based mélange includes house-marinated ricotta, red pepper, cucumber, carrot, fresh herb vinaigrette. Large green olives and mini-tomatoes sliced lengthwise add an elegant touch.

"Everything is made in-house except for the sandwich bread," said Rosengreen. Executive Chef Cody Lucchesi makes the pastas and pizza doughs, sorbets, gelatos, salads, soups and entrees.

Los Angeles-born Lucchesi, who worked for Southern California's classic, classy French fine dining restaurants and most recently for Portland's South Park now revisits his culinary childhood *con brio*.

A warm, low-key man, Lucchesi delights in preparing Italian family fare. "My Italian grandmother taught me to love food with her Italian home cooking when I was five and six and seven..."

Lucchesi takes pride in the ristorante's six pizza varieties making up 40 to 50 percent of business. They range in price from \$11 to \$15.

"These are artisan pizzas baked in a Washington-made wood stone oven. We use a thin crust and traditional, fresh ingredients for Italian style—not American style—pizzas."

Those pizzas include "*Formaggio*" (all cheese); roasted garlic; olive; Italian with pepperoni, salami, chilies and mozzarella; the classic "*Margherita*"; and a "*Picnic*" with mozzarella, arugula, apples, pancetta and pickled mustard seeds. Anchovies and arugula can be added for \$3 each.

Feeling adventurous, I tried a "*Picnic*." What a nice surprise. A light sweet/savory pizza with that touch



Unusual Italian country lighting can be seen at Oak & Olive Ristorante in Hillsdale. (Post photo by Lee Braymen-Cleary)

of apple, it can serve as a main course or as an appetizer or, at my house, a breakfast! Its *pancetta* isn't the thin stuff you buy packaged at the market, but rather the thicker, chopped variety that says "bacon."

Then there was the lasagna! For \$13 I received a piece that easily serves two. If their pizza is light, so too is this multi-layered concoction. It was cheesy, yes, but in the good sense. Fresh tomato and basil definitely got their say.

If it is not particularly spicy, it is also not heavy, not settling like glue in the stomach. This, I think, is the lasagna to introduce to children. Not that you

wouldn't like it yourself if you shun the very spicy.

I've eaten from the entrée menu twice, too. First it was the lamb *osso bucco* for a reasonable \$16. Served over creamy polenta with mildish Italian flavors, it was as intended—a comfort.

Apparently, this *osso bucco* sells out midway through each evening. My only criticism is that my serving was too well done to my taste. Maybe it sat under the warming lights too long.

The roasted trout was also tasty, good sized and interesting served on a bed of finely diced zucchini caponata along with pine nuts and herb butter. I gobbled, but again, I thought it slightly overdone.

Oak & Olive is currently open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., but plans to

extend hours are in the offing. "We will open at 8 a.m. soon. We won't offer a large breakfast menu, but I'll be making an Italian-style quiche," says Lucchesi.

And Rosengreen is eager to offer an early morning gathering time for mothers with kids meeting other mothers with kids.

For now, the establishment offers early comers a coffee bar manned by barista Adam

Brown. I tried his tasty Café Umbria brand coffee and liked its richness. I also liked his biscotti. His quite crunchy chocolate espresso cookie was good, too. But because I like chewy cookies, it was not quite my bag. It could easily be yours, though.

If you like wholesome and interesting Italian cuisine, visit the Oak & Olive. And don't forget dessert. I tried *affogatto*. That's olive oil gelato with espresso! Way too cool!

For all of the restaurant's Old World charm, modernity makes ordering take-out or eat-in a snap. You can order and pay online at www.oakandolivepdx.com. And there's more. Soon their new, electric Fiat will thread through neighborhoods delivering not only pizza but also full meals.



Restauranteur Maria Rosengreen and Chef Cody Lucchesi team up to bring Hillsdale its own family-style Italian meals at Oak & Olive Ristorante. (Post photo by Lee Braymen-Cleary)

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Wilson Graduates

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in positive directions academically and through sports.

Taylor: I think Wilson prepared me for college in terms of how to conduct myself, study habits, and how to be a good citizen. Wilson succeeded in producing high-caliber scholars.

The Post: Who was your favorite teacher?

Schulte: Profe Flores, my Spanish teacher in 10th and 11th grade, helped me better understand the world by teaching us about different cultures and the Spanish language. Further, she helped me become confident in speaking in front of people in both Spanish and English, something I struggled with before her classes.

Taylor: My favorite teacher was Mr. Loveless and having Leadership with him was my favorite class.

Nathanson: My favorite class and teacher was Spanish with Profe Flores, who is now retired. Her energy made my days brighter and her compassion made me feel at home, which significantly helped me learn Spanish better.

The Post: What will you miss?

Schulte: The people – my classmates, friends, teachers, and teammates. I'm excited to meet new people in the fall, but I will miss everyone who has been a part of my past four years.

Hopfer: Having meaningful conversations with the teachers and eating lunch in the hallway with my friends. I'll miss the spirit days for sports (shout out to the women's soccer team for being Twitter famous for our spirit!).

The Post: Where did Wilson really succeed as a high school?

Hopfer: Teachers. I've never had resistance for help from teachers. They truly care about your success not only in the classroom, but outside of the education bubble as well. They've taught me beyond any of my expectations.

The Post: Where did Wilson not do so

well as a high school?

Hopfer: School spirit. The equality among men's and women's sports is still "in the works." I want students to support all teams and sexes rather than just one sport or group.

Taylor: Wilson didn't do as well at remembering that high school is more than just the actual schoolwork, it's also about the experience. I think staff, parents, and students all need to keep that in mind for the future.

The Post: What advice would you give an incoming freshman?

Nathanson: I would tell an incoming freshman to join as many clubs as possible and try anything and everything. When it comes time to apply to college, everyone wants to brag about how much one does!

Taylor: I'd tell an incoming freshman to be nice to everybody, make connections, and appreciate Wilson for the great school it is.

Schulte: Stay busy and be kind. Try to find something you're really interested in and stick with it.

The Post: What favorite memory do you have?

Hopfer: Finally beating Sherwood in the quarterfinals of soccer playoffs my junior year. I was injured, but I was so extremely happy that I started bawling.

Nathanson: The Homecoming Dance in the fall of 2014, because it showcased student spirit. The music was great and it was only \$1.00 so the student body was happy and excited. A real win for the leadership class.

The Post: How does it feel to graduate?

Taylor: It feels amazing to be graduating. It's weird to realize that so many of the people I've spent the majority of my life with will be going in completely different directions. It's sad to see friends go, but also exciting because I know I'm going into a whole new environment with many different opportunities, and I can't wait to live my life to the fullest.

Town Hall

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admitted. "I'm very concerned."

There were 15 questions on campaign finance reform. The legislators present all said they wanted limitations on funding limits but need to come up with something to fund campaigns fairly.

The example of the close race last year's GMO [genetically modified organisms] bill was used. It lost by 800 votes and its outcome was reportedly influenced by outside corporate interests.

Keep in mind, when money comes from all over, legislation is not influenced by just one perspective," said Devlin.

Will there be a transportation package? Devlin said he was not optimistic.

Doherty discussed the need for alternative career education such as technology and trade skills.

"We need good policy to retain students in the secondary grades before they could drop out," Doherty stated. "Not everyone thrives academically."

Debt from those in higher education was also brought up. Approximately \$750 million was asked for higher education costs.

Regarding a question about the "kicker," a unique law which requires legislators to refund state projected surpluses to taxpayers, some legislators suggested this instead be put in a rainy day fund.

Affordable housing that could provide opportunities for small house construction was discussed. There was also a question about inclusionary zoning, which allows government to develop a community with mixed incomes. This could benefit schools and families.

The panel asked for supportive, researched data to move bills and issues forward.

"Please hold us accountable," Devlin concluded. "We are available to meet with you in Salem. Write to us. Personalized correspondence, not mass postcards.

"Stability and compromise: that's how we get things done in Salem. We can't count on Washington where so little is done at the federal level."

And with that, the town hall finished on time.

Log onto <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov> to check out the latest in the Oregon State Legislature and to locate districts.

Tryon-Stephens headwaters open house

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build something, but what, we'll have to see." Collecting funds from the developer to design it another way was also suggested.

"Sometimes a waiver of variance for unnecessary parts of the project could be made, and the builder could help develop a different mode," said Igarta.

O'Neill said she will continue to be involved until she sees the changes hopefully she had some hand in creating.

"Please let your community know about the online survey," Igarta concluded. "We will be wrapping up this project by the end of June and will send a link to final plan materials to this email list."

Since the open house, approximately 30 surveys and comment forms were submitted which the city is busy documenting. These include the presentation, display boards, and the survey/comment form. These materials are available on the project website at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/65586>.

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Experts provide 'tunnel therapy' regarding future light rail alignments

SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PLAN



Metro councilors Bob Stacey and Craig Dirksen were on hand to show support at the Southwest Corridor Plan forum on May 12. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

All the stops were pulled out at the most recent Southwest Corridor Plan forum held on May 12 at Wilson High School.

Metro councilors Bob Stacey and Craig Dirksen were on hand to show Metro's support in leading this big endeavor.

Tunnel expert Isabelle Lamb, from McMillen Jacobs and Associates, was brought in from Seattle to provide "tunnel therapy" addressing fears and answering technical questions.

Lamb responded to numerous concerns about mitigation from noise, dust, traffic, and disruptions that could last up to three years due to tunnel construction.

The cities of Tualatin, Tigard, and Sherwood were represented as were Oregon and Portland departments of transportation, TriMet, and Metro staff.

Multiple easels fanned the room outlining the most recent components and options. Staff stood at attention next to each easel responding to comment after comment.

Maps featured details on each section: downtown connections; Marquam Hill and Hillsdale tunnels; Portland Community College and Barbur Boulevard alignments; the stations in Tigard, Beaverton, and Sherwood; and bus rapid transit basics.

All of this, for the reader's interest, is online as well as a comment form that can be submitted until late June.

The steering committee, made up of top administrators of each agency, will decide on whether to continue study of tunnel alignments to serve South Portland, Marquam Hill, and Portland Community College.

In what's being called the "July decision," the much anticipated outcomes will reveal what types of funding sources, implementation timelines, and secondary projects (roads, bike paths, and sidewalks) will be determined.

But much of the night involved the participants sitting with staff at tables around maps and reviewing factors that mattered the most to them. In this case, participants rallied around Marquam Hill, Portland Community College, and Hillsdale proposed alignments.

Susan Hanson, from the Oregon Department of Transportation, responded to vocal criticism of the proposed light rail tunnel options.

"We have vetted this entire concept with a variety of stakeholders including this community," Hanson said. "In fact, high capacity bus transit came out of these very workshops."

"We know people are concerned," said Hanson. "We can still serve these areas with or without tunnels. Portland gets behind transportation and has shaped one of the finest systems in the nation."

The coordinator summed up the next steps. "The feedback from tonight," announced Noelle Dobson, a senior specialist for Metro, "will be put online immediately. We urge more people to comment online until the end of June."

Editor's Note: In a May 13 article on the Southwest Corridor Plan's website, Metro staffer Craig Beebe writes, "Mount

Sylvania represents another difficult decision about how to bring faster transit to an area with a lot of potential but a lot of constraints. Come July, the Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee must decide which options for serving Mount Sylvania seem more promising for further study: largely bypassing it with light rail or bus rapid transit on Barbur Boulevard, digging a light rail tunnel under a residential street or weaving bus rapid transit up Capitol Highway to the Portland Community College campus." Additional information can be found at www.swcorridorplan.org.

COMMUNITY LIFE

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and discover resources and information on healthy homes programs. Free, but please register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

13 Take a hike! The monthly Southwest Trails walk is set for Saturday, June 13 and will include portions of Tryon Creek State Park and Marshall Park. Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School (Sunset Blvd. and Capitol Hwy.) and be ready to go at 9 a.m. Bring a snack and water and dress for the weather. Well-behaved dogs are allowed on leash. For more information, contact Sharon Fekety at fekety@hevanet.com.

14 Your neighborhood orchestra: The Jewish Community Orchestra holds its June concert and tackles Jacques-Francois Halevy, Rubenstein, and Tchaikovsky in an evening of musical magic. Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy. Affordable tickets start at \$5.00

for students, and are available at the door.

Two-wheel tour: The Tryon Creek Watershed Council will lead you on a bicycle tour through Tryon Creek State Park on Sunday, June 14 from 2 - 5 p.m. The tour will be a fun and educational ride on bike path and road lasting approximately eight miles with many stops along the way. Bring your bike, helmet, water bottle, and bright clothing. Meet at Riverdale High School Parking Lot, 9727 SW Terwilliger Blvd. For more information, contact Adra Lobdell at tcwc.volcoord@gmail.com.

20 Clear out the clutter: Recycle your old electronics safely and benefit local seniors. Bring your scrap electronics to the Meals on Wheels headquarters, 7710 SW 31st Ave., on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Your trash will be turned into cash to help feed homebound seniors. Acceptable items include computers, DVD/CD players, laptops, keyboards, and digital cameras. No televisions. For more information, contact Megan Stuart at 503-953-8130.

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THE COUNTRY STORE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

Two new businesses have recently opened in Multnomah Village. Right across the street from each other on Southwest 35th Avenue (near Capitol Highway) are Sarah J. Handmade and Vape + Co.



Sarah Instenes, owner of Sarah J. Handmade, recently opened a boutique in Multnomah Village. (Photo courtesy of Sarah Instenes)

Sarah J. Handmade

Sarah J. Handmade, a small clothing and jewelry boutique, opened on the first Friday in May.

Many may recognize Sarah Instenes from her many years at Paloma Clothing as their accessory buyer and model, or by her handmade jewelry line Sarah J.

"My life-long dream of opening my own boutique and workshop has finally become reality!" Instenes said, beaming.

Home to many businesses over the years including a pizza shop, craft store, and a hemp manufacturing business, Instenes hopes to attract customers visiting the new French Quarter or waiting for a table at Marco's Cafe.

The shop displays many trendy trinkets such as handmade perfume, body products, soaps, pottery, and jewelry sourced from local artists.

Located at 7824 SW 35th Ave., Sarah J Handmade is open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday - Tuesday. For more information, visit her website www.sarahjewelry.com.



David Wang, owner of Vape + Co., displays many types of e-juices for vaporizers and electronic cigarettes. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

Vape + Co.

Featuring electronic cigarettes and pipes, flavored liquid nicotine (e-juices), and cannabis vaporizers, Vape + Co. opened in early spring.

Just a stone's throw from the Ship Tavern, the vape shop is tastefully decorated in a minimalist look featuring an array of products.

Owner David Wang and his wife Kelly wanted to set up a shop in the Village with the purpose of drawing a clientele interested in offering an alternative to traditional smoking.

David used to smoke, albeit not that much, but liked the electronic version much better.

"I had a few respiratory problems when I smoked," Wang said, "but now my fingers, breath, and clothes don't smell anymore."

According to both a brochure the business has and the Oregon Health Authority, electronic cigarettes are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Agency and the jury is still out as to whether there is significant harm or not.

The vape shop location has recently housed a photography studio, educational testing center, and pie shop. Wang hopes to remain in the village as long as possible.

"The community has been welcoming and I plan on checking out the Multnomah Village Business Association," Wang said.

Vape + Co. is open most days from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and can also be found at www.vapeandcopdx.com.

COMMUNITY LIFE

By KC Cowan and Don Snedecor
The Southwest Portland Post

2 Native plants for your garden:

Metro will help you discover how native plants can both beautify your garden and bring helpful birds, bees and butterflies to your yard, helping fight pests and improve garden productivity. Learn how to plant and care for them without harmful garden chemicals. Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

Give a pint: The need for blood donations becomes vital during the summer months, so the American Red Cross has created World Blood Donor Day on June 14. All blood types needed, but especially O-negative, A-negative and B-negative. Here are the dates and locations this month for donations: June 2 and 3 at Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Ave., from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. June 11 at St. Clare Catholic Church, 8535 SW 19th Ave., from 1:30 to 7 p.m. June 14 at the Southwest Community Center

at Gabriel Park, 6820 SW 45th Ave., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

5 Celebrate the human body at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery. "Thirty Years of Figurative Art," is a group show of prints by Print Arts Northwest members, both current and from the Founder's Portfolio, including such artists as George Johanson and Jo Siddons. Opening reception is Friday, June 5, 7 - 9 p.m. The show runs through June 30 at the gallery, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. For more information, contact Jaye Campbell at 503-823-2787.

7 A healthy home is a happy home: Join the Multnomah County Health Department in an introductory class on the fundamentals of a healthy home. Sunday, June 7 at 3 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Learn the "Seven Principles of a Healthy Home"

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Los Estupidos, a local band, performed at Renner's Bar and Grill during Cinco de Mayo festivities last month. The masks on the musicians emulate the wrestlers called *luchador* which is a very common source of entertainment in Mexico called *lucha libre*. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)



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