

News in the Corridor

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Open House to Explain New Sewer Project on Columbia Blvd

Thursday, January 26, 2006
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
St. Charles Church Parish Center
5310 NE 42nd Ave.

The Portland Bureau of Environmental Services is holding an Open House to explain the status of current and future sewer lines in the Columbia Blvd area between NE 27th and NE 59th.

This is a major project to bring the first sanitary sewer service to the area. For more information and maps...

PDOT Budget Advisory Task Force Tries to Shave \$8 Million

The Portland Department of Transportation expects an \$8 million shortfall for fiscal year 2006-07. Over the next five years, the shortfall is forecast to be \$43 million. Looking between the couch cushions will help, but it won't get us all the way to the goal.

To help guide the budget cuts, Portland Commissioner Sam Adams and Department of Transportation Director Sue Keil have put together an Advisory Task Force, of which CCA is a member.

PDOT staff has taken a close look at all their operations. Some savings have been easy, such as recording the savings from unfilled positions. Others are more controversial: shifting bills to other bureaus, cutting back on maintenance, and reducing the number of new signs.

The proposed cuts are based on public input about what Portlanders want from PDOT. Perhaps the most important point made at public forums and on last month's survey was to avoid cuts that will end up costing more in the future. If street maintenance falls below a certain level, the road will deteriorate faster and

need replacement sooner. It's not unlike saving money by not changing the oil in your car.

The Department is also looking at increasing revenue from a few areas such as parking citations. Portland has one of the lowest parking fines (\$16) in the country. An increase of approximately \$5 would mean Portland would still be at the low end of average parking fines.

The Task Force has one more meeting before a budget proposal goes to the City Council. Commissioner Adams plans to keep the Task Force in place and continue his public outreach on transportation issues.

Metro Economic Development Speaker Series

Reservations are now being accepted to hear Michael Gallis, the first speaker in the 2006 Economic Development Speaker Series. Thursday, January 19, 2006, RSVP to speakerseries@metro.dst.or.us. Seating is limited and by reservation only. For more information....

CCA Annual Strategy Retreat

If it's January, it's time for the CCA Strategy Retreat. The Board of Directors will meet January 20th to sketch out the year and determine where our efforts will be focused. Budget, member recruitment, committees and events are just a few of the topics we will be discussing.

If you have suggestions, feel free to contact Corky at 503.287.8686. Staff and Directors are always receptive to comments from CCA members.

New Addition to the CCA Board of Directors

The CCA Board of Directors welcomes Peter Livingston to the group. Peter is a land use lawyer at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, teaches land use law as an adjunct professor on the faculty of Willamette University College of Law, is the board president of Chamber Music Northwest and serves as co-chair of the CCA Environment and Land Use Committee. He will be a valuable addition to the team.

For a complete list of CCA Board members, visit [our website](#).

New By-Laws in Effect

It has been eight years since the CCA By-Laws were last revised. As the organization evolves, the rules we operate under need to occasionally be

updated. Voting members received the proposed By-Laws last November and voted overwhelmingly for the changes.

Most of the changes were mundane, including typos and rearranging for clarity. More substantial changes included a clarification of what constitutes a quorum, new committee structures and granting the Board of Directors more authority to make future changes to the By-Laws.

Our thanks to Bob Eaton, Anne O'Malley and Stark Ackerman for spending considerable time parsing articles.

If you would like a copy of the By-Laws, contact the CCA office at 503.287.8686 or mking@columbiacorridor.org.

Well Field Protection Program Annual Report Nears Completion

CCA is very proud to be the managing contractor for the Portland Water Bureau's Well Field Protection program. Over a hundred Corridor businesses handle hazardous chemicals directly above the Portland Well Field—the backup drinking water supply for the area. The Well Field Protection Program was created to minimize the chance of contaminating a well, while keeping the costs to business under control.

The program focuses on Best Management Practices—efficient spill prevention and response—to prevent hazardous chemicals from getting into the ground, where they may leach into the drinking water system. Some infrastructure improvements and new equipment is needed to comply with the program, but the costs to regulated businesses are kept to a minimum by having proper training and practices. The program has proven to be popular with regulated businesses because it has minimized the impact of regulations and assisted businesses in maintaining healthy sites. It also received an award from the American Water Works Association for being an innovative public-private partnership.

The Final Report for the past year of the CCA contract is complete and on file at the CCA office and the Water Bureau. For a copy, contact CCA at 503.287.8686.

If your business has received a letter about the Well Field Protection Program and you've been putting off action, call the CCA office for help and visit [our website](#) for more information.

Columbia Slough Watershed Council 7th Annual Awards Celebration

Keynote Speaker – Commissioner Sam Adams

One of the awards recipients will be Bob Dolphin of Owens Illinois, a CCA member.

Friday, January 20, 2006

6 pm – 10 pm

Contact the CCA office for tickets (\$30): 503.287.8686 or
corky@columbiacorridor.org

Upcoming Events

January 25: Breakfast Forum on Columbia Corridor Levy System

February 10: Lunch with Speaker Karen Minnis

March Transportation Open House

April 26: Annual Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Breakfast Forum

May 24: Green Building Opportunities Breakfast Forum

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