

## **News in the Corridor**

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### **The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CCA Golf Classic** **Monday, September 17th**

Our 2006 Classic was sold out and was the most successful event in CCA history. We're already breaking records again in 2007. We will once again be walking the greens of the Riverside Golf & Country Club. The course will be ours for the day and the Riverside staff will be there to meet your needs. Join us for a great day of golf. [More information on sponsorships and registration...](#)

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### **Changing Transportation Solutions for the Columbia Corridor** **with Gail Achterman & Rex Burkholder**

Gail Achterman sits on the Oregon Transportation Commission and Rex Burkholder chairs the Metro Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation. They will discuss significant changes coming to the way we move freight in Oregon and specifically the Columbia Corridor.

**Wednesday, September 26th, 2007**  
7:30 am - 9:00 am

[For more information...](#)

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### **North Portland Rd Undergoing Repair**

The Columbia Slough Bridge at mile post 0.38 on N. Portland Road will be undergoing repair during September and early October. The 1932 bridge has 14 wooden piles that need replacement. Some or all lanes will be closed at various times, between N Columbia Blvd and Marine Dr. [For a closure schedule...](#)

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### **Brownfield Redevelopment**

Portland has plenty of brownfields, small or large; slightly contaminated or loaded with PCB's. While we have the properties, we're short of ideas to put those fallow lands into productive uses.

PDC, PGE, DEQ, City of Portland, Port of Portland and many others including CCA recently gathered eight experts from around the country to develop new ideas that could jump-start the development of brownfields, particularly in the

Portland Harbor. The team brainstormed for two days and will issue a public report October 3. If you would like an invitation to the October 3rd event, call Corky at CCA: 503.287.8686.

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### **PDC Introduces Small Business Loan Program**

The Portland Development Commission's new **Near-Equity Small Business Loan Fund** is intended for companies with fewer than 20 employees looking for up to \$50,000 in direct business support (working capital, equipment, etc.).

For more information, contact Kevin Johnson at 503.823.1176 or [johnsonk@pdc.us](mailto:johnsonk@pdc.us).

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### **June Economic Index**

The University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators™ fell 0.3 percent in June to 103.0 (1997=100). Just two of the indicators that comprise the index—Oregon help-wanted advertising and the interest rate spread—improved in June. The remaining six indicators—Oregon initial unemployment claims, Oregon residential building permits, Oregon nonfarm payrolls, Oregon weight distance tax, consumer confidence, and new orders for core manufactured goods—deteriorated.

Although the index has been in a sustained period of weakness, it still suggests continued economic growth in Oregon in the near term (three to six months). [Full pdf report...](#)

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### **Welcome New and Renewing Members!**

City of Portland  
Concordia University  
Davis Wright Tremaine  
Grubb & Ellis  
Northwest Natural  
PGP Valuation Inc.  
Portal Oaks  
Walsh & Sons Trucking Co.  
WRG Design Inc.

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### **Sam Adams Working on Transportation**

Portland City Commissioner Sam Adams spoke to CCA in June about his desire to improve street safety and maintenance. In July, he gave a similar speech to the City Club. An update of the Transportation System Development Charges (TSDC) is almost complete. Survey results for increased funding for safety and maintenance are in. [Read Sam's newsletter...](#)

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### **Oregon Economic Forum: The Economics of Aging**

The fourth annual Oregon Economic Forum will be held October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Zoo in Portland. University of Oregon Professor Tim Duy will give an overview and the keynote will feature Bill Novelli, CEO of AARP.

For more information, call Tim Duy at 541.346.4660 or go to <http://econforum.uoregon.edu/>.

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### **City of Portland Crime Prevention Training Series 2007**

As a follow up to the 2007 Community Needs Assessment Survey, the following trainings are being held at CNN (Central Northeast Neighbors) on a first-come, first-served basis. The classes are free but the space in each class is limited, so please RSVP to Galina Grigoryan, CNN, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator 503-823-2781 [ggrigoryan@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:ggrigoryan@ci.portland.or.us). More information at [www.portlandonline.com/oni/cp](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/cp).

**Graffiti Awareness Class**, September 24, 6:30 - 8:00p.m.

**ID Theft Awareness Class**, November 12, 6:30 - 8:00p.m.

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### **Aquifer Adventure**

Join the Portland Water Bureau and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for the Fifth Annual Aquifer Adventure, a fun pirate-themed day of canoe rides, treasure hunting, music and games. This event focuses on groundwater, water conservation, and groundwater protection actions that you can do at home. Fun games and activities teach kids and adults how to protect this important groundwater resource that serves as a supplemental and emergency drinking water supply to over 700,000 people in the Portland Metropolitan area.

[View the pdf invitation](#)

Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-4:00pm

Portland Water Bureau Canoe Launch ♦ 16650 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97230

**Contact:** Katie Meckes at (503) 281-1132 or [katie.meckes@columbiaslough.org](mailto:katie.meckes@columbiaslough.org)

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### **Vancouver Blues for the Blind**

Enjoy Too Slim and the Taildraggers, as well as Portlander Mac Potts at this benefit for the Lions Club Sight First campaign. [More...](#)

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### **Upcoming Events**

[September 17: CCA Golf Classic](#)

[September 26: Transportation Futures in the Columbia Corridor](#)

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