

News in the Corridor

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CCA's Annual Real Estate Trends & Forecasts

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Don Ossey of Capacity Commercial will peer into the future with help from Mark Childs and Paul Breuer.

Wednesday, April 25th, 2007

7:30 am - 9:00 am

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CCA Needs Office Space

CCA's office is going to be replaced with a Salvation Army complex, which means we need a new home. If you are aware of an available small office, please contact Marissa at 503.287.8686. We need at least 500 square feet, preferably with a shared conference room.

Boeing Puts AMC Hangers to Use

Boeing and the Port of Portland have reached a tentative deal to bring new 787 aircraft to Portland for painting. The work will be done in two giant hangers which have been underused for 13 years. A 15 year lease will likely soon be approved by the Port Commission, bringing 27 planes to the hangers between May and January. [Read the Oregonian article...](#)

Columbia Boulevard Construction Underway

That big pipe being laid into the center of Columbia Blvd is for new sewer connections. Yes, some in the Columbia Slough area are still on septic tanks.

Construction is scheduled through the end of 2007, with the construction area slowly moving westward from NE 59th to NE 27th. Crews have promised to do everything they can to keep access open to all the side streets and driveways. If you are aware of any problems, contact CCA at 503.287.8686.

Columbia River Crossing Moves One Step Forward

The Columbia River Task Force has voted to move forward with the staff recommendations for a new I-5 bridge over the Columbia River. In addition to the concept of a large new bridge, consideration will be given to renovating the current bridges while building a more modest new bridge.

The next phase of the project will be to conduct an environmental review of the four alternatives. Public comments will be accepted throughout the process. For more information, go to columbiarivercrossing.com.

Multnomah County Drainage District Receives State Award

The Multnomah County Drainage District (MCDD) recently received a statewide award at the annual conference for the Special Districts Association of Oregon. Bob Eaton, Executive Director for MCDD, accepted the *2007 Outstanding Special District Program Award*. While awarded to MCDD, the narration that went with the award made clear it was given because of the innovative, collaborative efforts of all four Columbia Corridor drainage districts that have saved landowners an estimated \$500,000. [More...](#)

January Economic Index

The University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators™ gained 0.2 percent in January. The index suggests continued slow to moderate economic growth in Oregon in the near term (three to six months). [Full pdf report.](#)

Metropolitan Diversity Institute

Mt. Hood Community College and Portland State University are excited to host the 2007 Metropolitan Diversity Institute on April 26th (at PSU) and 27th (at MHCC). This year's institute is dedicated to giving you the theory, tools and techniques you need to foster diversity in action. [Registration info...](#)

Northwest Intermodal Conference

The only event in the world that focuses on the dynamic Pacific Northwest cargo gateway of North America, where intermodal logistics is a prime factor. Topics will include the future of Pacific Northwest intermodal, industrial real estate growth, infrastructure spotlight and shipper perspectives.

Register to attend the Northwest Intermodal Conference in Portland, Oregon this May 20-22. northwestintermodal.com

Rigler Elementary Has a Dream

Rigler Elementary School has been chosen to be the 10th class of Dreamers in the Portland area. Dreamers are children from low income families who, with the support of the "I Have a Dream" Foundation, will realize their dream of college graduation or meaningful employment after high school.

The entire Rigler Third Grade class of 67 students will join four other "I Have a Dream" classes in the Portland area in April 2007, if funding is in place. About half of the funds have been raised, with continuing donations welcome. [For more information...](#)

Welcome New and Renewing Members!

Parametrix	American Equipment Co.
Parkrose School District	Clackamas Co Business Alliance
American Red Cross	Cushman & Wakefield
Oregon Humane Society	Far West Fibers
Owens Brockway	Holiday Inn Portland Airport
Metro Overhead Door	JR Simplot Co
PacTrust	LandAmerica
PGE	Market Transport LTD
Portland Habilitation Center, Inc.	Miller Paint Co., Inc.
The PPI Group	MWG LLC
Riverside Golf	Norris & Stevens
Providence Medical Center	

Job Fair on Columbia Blvd

Native American Youth and (NAYA) Family Center at 5135 NE Columbia Blvd. (former site of Whitaker-Lakeside Middle School) is hosting their inaugural Career Fair on March 31st, from 10:00am – 4:00pm, at the NAYA Family Center. [If you would like to participate...](#)

Upcoming Events

April 25: CCA's Annual Real Estate Trends & Forecasts

April 27: Lunch Tour of Calbag Metals

May 8: Lunch with Portland Commissioner Randy Leonard

May 23: Brownfield Re-development is Easier than You Thought

June 27: Sam Adams Presents the New Business License Fee

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