

News in the Corridor

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Q & A with Sam Adams

Sam Adams is a busy guy. Whether it's the Tram, Linnton or a new City government structure, Sam has been in the news. Off the front page (but still news), he has been working on a building moratorium on Hayden Island, improving the way PDOT handles traffic problems, and attempting to re-write the Business License Fee structure.

Join us for a wide-ranging Q & A with Sam Adams. Bring your questions, complaints and praises. You may not get what you want, but you'll get an answer.

Wednesday, June 27th, 2007

7:30 am - 9:00 am

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PDX is Getting a New Parking Garage

...and the Port of Portland is moving their headquarters to the top floors.

The garage has been planned for many years, due to insufficient holiday capacity. As planning proceeded on the new garage, it presented an opportunity to examine the cost and operational benefits of building a new headquarters facility and consolidating the staff in one location.

The new facility will be just south of the current garage. The Port will not use tax money to fund the new facility, and there will be no increase in airport fees. Construction on the garage begins this summer; the new garage opens in 2008; headquarters will be finished in 2010.

Oregon Benchmarks Report

Is Oregon making progress toward its goals? As required by law, the Oregon Progress Board answers using 91 "yardsticks" called Oregon Benchmarks. Benchmarks are the indicators chosen by Oregonians as fair, efficient ways to measure economic, social and environmental progress. [Read the report.](#)

Parkrose High School Needs a Little of Your Time

On June 7th and 9th, Parkrose seniors will make individual presentations to small groups of community members. The Senior Project (a new graduation requirement) and culminating speech is the bridge between high school and adulthood. Parkrose graduates will demonstrate that they take responsibility for their learning, make positive choices and can communicate in a mature manner.

Volunteer Board members will evaluate eight 10-minute presentations. A short orientation will familiarize you with the scoring and expectations. This is a great opportunity to help students with a couple hours of your time. Contact Kathy Scott, Kathy_scott@parkrose.k12.or.us, 503.408.2641.

Vancouver Ave. Bridge Update

The Vancouver Ave. bridge north of Lombard has been weight limited due to deterioration. Fortunately it looks like OTIA funds will pay for a replacement. Design phase will begin in 2008 with construction scheduled for 2009.

March Economic Index

The University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators™ held steady in March. Four indicators improved and four deteriorated. The index suggests slow to moderate economic growth in Oregon in the near term (three to six months). [Full pdf report...](#)

Radisson Portland Airport Wins Award

For the third time, the Radisson Hotel Portland Airport was selected as one of Radisson Hotels & Resorts top-performing hotels and resorts. The prestigious annual President's Award is based on performance in 2006. The hotel was one of 42 best properties from among more than 240 Radisson hotels in the Americas, Asia Pacific and a portion of the United Kingdom. [More...](#)

Problem-Solving Phone Numbers

The internet is great, but sometimes you need a printed list of phone numbers for reporting potholes, stray animals or whatever. [Here it is.](#)

Welcome New and Renewing Members!

Myers Container

City of Fairview

Calbag Metals

GeoDesign

IPD Company, Inc.

Jack Frank Fazio

The Halton Company

Three Oaks Development

Waste Management

Business Meet & Greet at the Jupiter Hotel

Portland City Commissioner Sam Adams has arranged a social get-together for businesses. Sam and the directors of PDOT and BES want to talk to you about your district and how the city is working for you. The business liaison corps will be there to get to know you and your businesses. Come mingle and enjoy the appetizers and no host bar.

5:30 – 7:30 pm, June 25 at the Jupiter Hotel, 800 E. Burnside 97214. For more information please contact Shoshanah Oppenheim, Policy Analyst, at 503-823-1125 or soppenheim@ci.portland.or.us

Real Estate and Brownfields Presentations Available

If you missed our April Breakfast Forum on Real Estate Trends & Forecasts, you can still get a [copy of the presentation](#). Our May Breakfast Forum on Redevelopment of Brownfields is also available by email: contact CCA at 503.287.8686.

Columbia Slough Watershed Council Events

June 9: Cycle the Wellfield A free bicycle tour through Portland's Groundwater Protection Area.

June 16: Explorando el Columbia Slough An afternoon of FREE family fun and festivities celebrating the nature and history of the Columbia Slough. More info at columbiaslough.org

East End Connector Update

The City of Portland is constructing a new roadway connection between NE Killingsworth and NE Columbia Blvd. The new connection will be a four lane road from NE 87th Ave. to NE Columbia Blvd near the Portland Conference Center. [More details...](#) [Photos of the Construction...](#)

Columbia Blvd Construction

The sewer pipe installation in the middle of Columbia Blvd is proceeding quickly, but not without frustrations for local traffic. As the construction moves westward, the contractor will shift work to a lateral connection at NE 47th. It's not currently known how much traffic will be blocked in this next phase.

If you experience difficulties with the construction, please call CCA at 503.287.8686.

Lean Manufacturing 101

Mount Hood Community College is offering a three hour seminar on the basic principles and benefits of Lean Manufacturing. It's designed for the small-to medium-sized business that is considering implementing this powerful tool in order to effectively compete in the new global economy. \$29 for this three hour class being held from 9am – noon on June 8th at the MHCC Gresham campus. Registration required. Call Melanie 503-491-7585.

Upcoming Events

[June 27: Sam Adams Q & A](#)

[June 22: Lunch Tour of the Portland Habilitation Center](#)

[July 11: Lunch with Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis](#)

July 25: 2007 Legislature Panel Discussion

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