

## News in the Corridor

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### CCA's Annual Real Estate Trends & Forecasts

Don Ossey of Capacity Commercial brings a few friends that happen to be experts on Real Estate in the Columbia Corridor to breakfast. They'll tell us everything they know and perhaps a little they're unsure of. The only hint they've given is that the news is surprising. [More information and registration...](#)

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 am – 9:00 am**

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#### CCA Golf Classic

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual CCA Golf Classic Scramble will be Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Golf & Country Club. Go ahead and pencil it on your calendar. First - Mark the date on your calendar. Second - Become a sponsor. (We need a Grand Tournament Sponsor and many more! Sign up now and get the advantage of 6 months of promotions on all tournament literature.) Third - Become a member of the organizing committee. (We have a job for people of all capabilities. You don't need to be a golfer to get in on the fun!) [More...](#)

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#### We're Looking for Your Opinion

The Columbia Corridor Association exists to make work and play in the Columbia Corridor a little bit nicer. Please take a few minutes to fill out our five-question survey. It won't take long and we'll use your answers to help CCA be more effective and help guide our position on the Columbia River Crossing. [Please take our survey](#)

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#### Colwood Golf Course Requesting a Zoning Change

The Portland Bureau of Development Services is reviewing a request by Colwood National Golf Course to change zoning from Open Space to General Industrial. This would allow the Portland airport to purchase the northern portion of the property as well as an industrial development on the southern portion. The land bordering the Columbia Slough would be donated to Portland Parks and Recreation. CCA supports the Colwood National Golf Course request. Take a look at the [CCA testimony](#).

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#### Portland Parks SDC Funds to Increase

Columbia Corridor Association recently finished more than a year on the Parks System Development Charges (SDC) Task Force. In order to bring Portland Parks SDC's more in line with surrounding communities, the charge on new residential construction will double and a new charge for some commercial construction will go into effect. If you would like to learn more about CCA's position on these fees, call Corky at 503.287.8686 or read our [letter to City Council](#). To see the new fees, which will be phased in over two years, go to [portlandonline.com](http://portlandonline.com).

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### **Columbia Children's Arboretum Bridges Dedication**

The Columbia Children's Arboretum is an amazing and expansive park hidden between NE 6<sup>th</sup> Dr. and NE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., a few blocks south of Marine Drive. Join us to celebrate the completion of the Pedestrian Bridges Project. Speakers will include CCA's Chuck Harrison and Corky Collier. Plus, there will be cookies.

**Saturday, April 12th; 10 – 11 am**

Enter at the end of [NE Meadow Dr.](#)

For more information, contact Gyrid Towle, 503.283.7925

The Bridges Project was successful due to the efforts of Dick and Gyrid Towle, who recently received the Bill Naito Community Trees Award. [Press release...](#)

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### **University of Oregon Economic Index**

The University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators™ fell a sharp 0.9% in January. The six-month annualized decline of 3.7% exceeded the largest decline experienced during the 2001 recession. [Full pdf report...](#)

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

American Equipment Co.  
American Red Cross  
Clackamas County Business Alliance  
Cushman & Wakefield  
Far West Fibers  
Holiday Inn Portland Airport  
JR Simplot Co.  
LandAmerica  
Market Transport LTD  
Miller Paint Company  
Norris & Stevens  
Providence Medical Center

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### **PDC Working on New Enterprise Zone**

The Portland Enterprise Zone designation in the Columbia Corridor expired last June. Since then the Portland Development Commission has been working on an improved version to be approved by City Council next month.

Since 2000, thirty-seven companies have applied for and received tax abatements through the Enterprise Zone program and have had significant economic and workforce

impacts. A minimum of 3,183 employees have been retained and 1,138 jobs have been created within the zone. Designation of the North/Northeast Portland Enterprise Zone for another 10 years would provide Portland with a strong economic development tool to encourage existing and new companies to invest in Portland's North/Northeast industrial areas. The primary beneficiaries of Enterprise Zone benefits are manufacturing and other more industrially-oriented facilities serving other businesses.

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### **Airport Way/I-205 Interchange Improvements Being Studied**

The Oregon Department of Transportation is studying ways to improve the Airport Way/I-205 interchange. Specifically, ideas are being collected to improve the flow of traffic from east-bound Airport Way turning north onto I-205. If you missed the Open House, consider taking the [survey](#).

[For more information on the project...](#)

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### **ResourceFULL Use**

Re-using something is always better than recycling or throwing away. The Port of Portland is phasing out solvent-based paints and has nine 5-gallon buckets of blue solvent-based traffic paint. The Port also has a few small portable fire extinguishers, similar in size to the type used in vehicles.

If you would like to put these materials to good use or have materials that could be re-used, call the CCA office at 503.287.8686 or go to <http://www.resourceFULLuse.org/>.

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### **Streetcars Anyone?**

Are you interested in having a streetcar in your neighborhood? The Portland Department of Transportation is gauging public support for streetcar corridors in various parts of the city. The Northeast Portland workshop will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at Grant High School and the North Portland workshop will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at the St. Johns Community Center Auditorium, both are 7-9 pm. [More...](#)

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### **Upcoming Events**

[April 30: CCA's Annual Trends & Forecasts](#)

[CCA's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic Scramble](#)

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