

News in Brief

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Help City plan for 2017

As West Linn prepares for the year ahead, the City Council would like to hear what you think it should focus on in 2017. Provide your input in a survey that can help ensure yours and your neighbors' needs are met and responded to.

All submissions are anonymous; the survey closes Jan. 13.

Visit surveymonkey.com/r/WLGoals17 to provide your feedback.

Industrial education building underway

Tech center to begin

Clackamas Community College will begin construction of its new Industrial Technical Center (ITC) this spring. The facility will allow the college to enhance career technical educational offerings in the area of manufacturing and renewable energy.

The 46,000-square-foot, two-story facility will include manual and computer numerical control machining space, two computer labs, five classrooms, a flexible lab and renewable energy learning space. There will also be space for industry partners and staff offices.

The project also includes the complete renovation of the adjacent Barlow parking lot, creating more than 600 parking spaces. The parking lot design includes stormwater swales and plantings, tree preservation and new tree plantings.

A new entry plaza to the campus and better pedestrian access through the parking lot will also be created.



SUBMITTED ART - Rendering of CCC's new Industrial Technical Center building

Teen art contest opens

The Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) invite interested teens to submit original artwork for its second annual Teen Summer Reading Artwork contest. This year's theme is "Build a Better World."

The contest begins on Jan. 2, and submissions are welcome until Feb. 12. Artists must be between the ages of 12 and 18 at the time of submission, and artwork must represent the theme. Entries should be in color with no text.



SUBMITTED ART - Clackamas County Libraries are sponsoring its annual Teen Summer Reading Program Art Contest, with a \$100 gift card for the winner.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Clackamas County libraries, school art departments, and our community of great teens to come together to promote our 2017 Summer Reading Program," said Teen Services Librarian Elaine Spence of the West Linn Public Library. "It's astonishing to see the creative interpretations teens bring to the theme and the skill these young people have!"

The winner of last year's contest, themed "Wellness, Fitness and Sports," was 14-year-old Katie Sherman of Damascus. Her winning entry is attached to this press release.

As was the case last year, the winning design will be used by LINCC throughout the county for all summer reading promotional materials such as posters, forms, fliers and social media. A \$100 cash gift card will be awarded for first place, and honorable mentions may also be recognized.

For more information, contest rules and an entry form, go to www.lincc.org. You can also obtain an entry form by visiting any of the 13 libraries in the county.

Sock drive exceeds expectations

Legacy Health employees in the metro area donated more than 37,000 pairs of socks in December to the homeless and those in need. This was the second year of the charity sock drive and employees exceeded the goal by 43 percent. Legacy Meridian Park

alone collected 2,635 pairs. The socks will be shared among 18 charitable community partners that work with people who are homeless and those experiencing economic hardship.

Support White Oak Savanna

Supporters of West Linn's White Oak Savanna Park can help the effort to add to the park's acreage by patronizing West Linn McMenamins Restaurant Jan. 23, when 50 percent of the proceeds will go to the park. The event runs from 5 p.m. until close and includes to go orders as well as eat in. No flyer is needed. Supporters can also attend a work day to remove invasive species from the park on Jan. 13 from 1-4:30. Email roberta.schwarz@comcast.net to sign up and receive more information.

Learn to be a Master Recycler

Concerned about recycling, natural resources and a healthier environment? The regional Master Recycler course is making its once-a-year visit to Clackamas County in spring 2017. It provides a hands-on opportunity to learn about recycling and waste reduction — and use that knowledge to make an immediate positive difference in the community.

Offered only three times a year, this eight-week class meets once a week in the evening and twice on Saturdays for half-day field trips. The spring session will start Wednesday, March 29, and run for eight consecutive Wednesdays, at Clackamas County's Development Services Building, 150 Beaver Creek Road in Oregon City.

The popular course includes two field trips and instruction in topics such as recycling processes, composting, alternatives to hazardous household products, thoughtful consumption and green building. The course is a blend of presentations by professionals in the field, peer group discussion and project development.

Participants agree to attend all classes and field trips and, after completing the course, put their skills to work to help others conserve natural resources by volunteering 30 hours of public outreach. Master Recyclers work at information booths at community events, provide presentations in the community, work on original projects and inspire their neighbors and co-workers.

A \$50 fee covers course materials. Limited scholarships are available. For more details and to apply, go to www.masterrecycler.org. Registration closes on March 8 at noon.