CITY PROPOSES TO REZONE THE WEB

The question about what to do with the West End Building has been a lingering issue for the City over the past several years. As part of its 2013 Action Plan, the City Council indicated it would like to make a decision this year on the future of the West End Building. Selling the property would return the property to more active private uses and benefit the City’s budget by both reducing the costs for services currently provided at the West End Building and restoring property tax revenues. The City Council has received various inquiries from potential buyers to redevelop the property with uses that would benefit the community but are not permitted by the current office and residential zoning on the property.

In July, the City Council directed staff to initiate a zone change from the existing Office Campus/High Density Residential zone to General Commercial. The General Commercial zone was chosen because it would allow for a broader range of uses, better align the site with the current market, and help with the potential sale of the property.

The City is in the process of preparing the zone change application, which is scheduled to be submitted later in October. The Planning Commission and City Council will hold public hearings on the zone change later this fall and early winter. For more information, contact Sidado Sin, Development Project Manager, at 503-697-7421 or email at ssin@ci.oswego.or.us.

HUGHES APPOINTED TO CITY COUNCIL

At the September 24 City Council meeting, Lauren Hughes was selected to fill the council position vacated by former Councilor Mike Kehoe. Hughes, a 10-year Lake Oswego resident, is an active community volunteer with a background in advertising and marketing and extensive volunteer experience in schools, church, politics and charitable non-profit organizations. Having regularly attended and participated in City Council, Planning Commission, and Comprehensive Plan meetings, Hughes is familiar with a majority of community issues and council goals. Councilor Hughes was sworn in at the September 24 meeting. The term expires on December 31, 2014.

WATER PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN LAKE OSWEGO

Construction of a new water pipeline under several Lake Oswego streets begins late October or early November. The new pipeline is part of a greater effort to address Lake Oswego’s aging and undersized drinking water system and to share water with Tigard. System upgrades will provide customers higher quality drinking water year-round and better protect the system from damage during earthquakes.

The 3.4-mile section of pipeline will be constructed in portions of 5th Street, Evergreen Road, 10th Street, Chandler Road, Iron Mountain Blvd, Upper Drive to Twin Fir Road, southerly leg of Douglas Circle, Lanewood Street, Lake Grove School driveway and parking lot, Douglas Way, and Quarry Road to the East Waluga Park parking lot. Construction of the pipeline will require trenching in streets and repairing streets afterward with either a full lane or full width repaving. Detours around some street segments will be required, but local access will be allowed.

LOOKING FOR UNSUNG HEROES

Do you know someone who has made a positive difference for your neighborhood or the Lake Oswego community? Someone who spends his or her free time volunteering or helping neighbors? If so, take a moment to nominate them for the 2013 Unsung Hero Award. Candidates nominated for selection should not have been paid or otherwise recognized for their efforts. Elected and appointed officials are ineligible, as are City employees.

The deadline for submission of nominations is October 31. Awards will be presented at an early December City Council meeting. Unsung Hero applications are available online at www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicaffairs/unsung-heroes, at the Citizen Information Center in City Hall, or by calling 503-635-0257.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS!

The City’s annual Photo Contest was a great success with 322 photographs submitted! After evaluating all eligible entries based on overall quality, creativity and how well the photograph portrayed Lake Oswego, the judges (a panel consisting of city of Lake Oswego staff and a City Council) selected finalists for each category. Now it’s your turn to vote for your favorites!

Vote online at: https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/publicaffairs/photo-contest-voting

Or mail in a ballot:
Cut out the ballot on page 4 and mail to:
Bonnie Hirschberger
City of Lake Oswego
380 A Avenue
PO Box 369
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Voting closes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, and all ballots must be received by this time. Category winners will be announced in early November. See photos on page 4.

WIZER BLOCK REDEVELOPMENT

UPDATE ON PROPOSAL

Portland-area developer Evergreen Group LLC has proposed a new mixed-use development for Block 137 in downtown Lake Oswego that would include 27,000 square-feet of quality retail space and approximately 220 high-end residential units. Block 137 is the site of the former Wizer’s Oswego Foods store. In September, the Evergreen Group submitted its Development Review application to begin the formal process for reviewing and approving the proposed project. City Planning Department staff is currently evaluating the application to make sure it contains all the necessary information. Once the application is complete, the Development Review Commission meeting and public hearing will be scheduled, most likely later this fall.

For more information about the proposed development, please go to: https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/lora/block-137-development-wizer-block.

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ALERT REGARDING WATER LINE PROTECTION (INSURANCE) PROGRAM

A few water customers have contacted the City regarding information about insurance for repairs or replacement to water supply lines. The City is in no way affiliated with the company offering such coverage and has had no involvement. The City does not endorse or have any partnership with any organizations offering this service. Questions regarding the information should be directed to the company listed in the material. This is also a good reminder that the City is responsible for maintenance of the water service line between the street and your water service to the water meter. For questions about this maintenance, please contact Public Works - Operations at 503-635-0280.

The property owner is responsible for maintenance of the service water supply line from the water meter to the home and all water pipes and fixtures inside the home. Property owners may want to check with their insurance companies regarding coverage for these lines.

SPOTLIGHT

CITY RESTORES WATER SERVICE AND REPAIRS ROAD IN RECORD TIME

In the early morning hours of August 30, an 8-inch water line broke on Cervantes in the Mountain Park area releasing nearly ½ million gallons of water. City Operations crews were immediately dispatched to find the break, stop the flow of water, repair the pipe and restore water service. Water service was fully restored by 9:30 a.m., however, the large amount of water released caused extensive damage to the roadway downhill from the break location and required additional time to repair.

After a few days, when the road dried out and settled, Engineering staff worked with S2 Contractors to peel off the damaged asphalt roadway in order to look at the damage underneath. Based on the assessment, the City decided to temporarily restore the roadway with rock and asphalt to allow access to the adjacent homes and for emergency services. Before and after pictures show the power of the water damage and the restored roadway.

This winter, the Engineering Division will be working to design a full pipeline replacement project for Cervantes. In addition to replacing the aging pipes, the project will also include a permanent reconstruction of the severely damaged roadway. If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Engineering Division at 503-635-0270.

WASTE PREVENTION AND WASTE-FREE HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP

You are invited to a unique, engaging, and informative waste prevention workshop sponsored by the Sustainability Advisory Board. During the holidays, from decorations and food to packaging and presents, there are many creative and meaningful ways to reduce waste. Betty Shelley, a waste prevention and recycling educator from Metro, will lead this free event focused on waste reduction with a holiday twist.

For more information, visit http://tinyurl.com/LOWWastePre or contact Susan Millhauser at 503-635-0291.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, FROM 2 TO 4 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 380 A AVENUE

The City is currently accepting applications for two upcoming vacancies on the Development Review Commission (DRC). These positions have a three-year term. Please go to www.ci.oswego.or.us/boc for more information. For an online application, please go to Boards & Commissions Vacancies at www.ci.oswego.or.us/boc/boards-commissions-vacancies.