

the MOSIER VALLEY NEWS

MOSIER CITY COUNCIL APPROVES TANAWASHEE DEVELOPMENT P.2



Water

Mosier's Aquafur drops approximately 1.5 ft. per year. Water Resource Engineer John Grim predicts that Mosier has enough water for about 133 years. Though good news for most of us now, it isn't such good news for our grand and great grandchildren.



✕ Moser Water ✕

To dispel rumors that the City of Mosier is in a water crisis, John Grim sets the record straight at City Council

MOSIER APPEARS TO HAVE ENOUGH H2O

During a City Council meeting May 7th, at a hearing on the Tanawashee Sub-Division proposal, John Grim, Water Resource Engineer stated that since the installation of Mosier's new water system a couple of years ago and with the addition of water metering, Mosier is

using close to 50% less water than before the repair. Leakage and over watering were tapping Mosier's water supply but now that leaks have been fixed and people are conserving water more, the city can sustain current population use PLUS all currently planned and proposed development.



Strawberries will soon be here

U.S. is top strawberry producer in the world with Spain coming in second.

Strawberry Mousse

Puree 2 pints of local strawberries with 1/2 C sugar.
Mix 1 pkg. gelatin with juice of 1/2 lemon to soften then dissolve over hot water. Stir into Puree.
Whip 1 C heavy Cream

Fold whipped cream into strawberry puree. Spoon into wine glasses and chill.
Garnish with Mint sprig.



TANAWASHEE SUB-DIVISION APPROVED

by Suzi Conklin

City Council approved the Tanawashee development plan Wednesday, May 21. Mayor Marc Berry, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Penny Wallace, Bill Akin and Andrea Rogers voted yes for approval, Councilor Harmon voted no and Councilor Allan Rodrick Abstained. Even though 35 citizens showed up for the meeting, council had closed public testimony per Roberts Rules of Order at the May 7th meeting. The May 21st meeting was designed for council to vote on the proposal.

Developers and engineers representing the Tanawashee Sub-Division testified before city council Wednesday, May 7 to address concerns raised in previous meetings. Testimony centered around three major issues: Fire Protection, Water availability, and Traffic.

Tanawashee proposes 44 home sites on the hill directly behind the Mosier Grange accessible by way of Center Street.

According to developers, the houses in the sub-division will not be built all at once but over time starting with as few as one

and as many as three homes to be sold before continuing further building of homes. The lots of the sub-division should, however, be in place by 2009 sometime.

According to a traffic study requested by the Council, once filled with all 44 houses, and the completion of all homes (which is dependent on the economy and housing trends) traffic down Center street could result at peak hours in 1 car every 2 minutes coming into the intersection of 3rd and Center. This is the “maximum flow scenario possible”. Such traffic flow is classified as “B” congestion in cities with a scale from “A to F”. This is based on all 44 homes occupied by an average family at the same time as well as those planned for Mosier Bluffs. A “B” flow rating requires no additional safety implementation at the intersection of Center and 3rd but the City Engineer recommended additional signage.

Fire Marshall Bill Reeves was satisfied that the development included legal turnarounds for fire trucks on all **public** streets in the development with adequate turnarounds for

Mosier’s smaller fire trucks on other private parcels. All homes will have sprinkler systems installed. Tanawashee developers testified that planned landscaping will be according to wildfire mitigation plans.

There seemed to be consensus among the Mosier Fire Chief and City Council that Mosier’s Volunteer Fire equipment is in dire need of upgraded equipment for any fire breaking out in Mosier but it seemed there wasn’t anything about the proposed development that would make Mosier’s fire department any less able to respond to a fire in Tanawashee than any other home in Mosier. Tanawashee Developers pointed out that they were just as concerned with fire protection and that hopefully with more homes in Mosier resulting in a larger tax base or more voters for a bond Mosier might have more money to put into their fire department. Regardless, Attorney Dan Kearns pointed out that no sub-division could legally be denied based on a city’s pre-existing fire protection capability. In short, developers take the same fire risk building in Mosier as anyone building here with our current fire equipment .

Traffic coming down from Tanawashee will be restricted to 25MPH per ODOT rules. The steepest grade in and out of the development would be 15% which is the current grade of Center street between 2nd and 3rd avenue. No parking would be allowed on the public streets in the sub-division so Mosier's little snow plow should be able to avoid problems with cars parked in the street. Mike Kennedy presented testimony on the difficulty of Mosier's snow plow on steep slopes and hoped Mosier City Council would consider our snow plow situation in terms of safety and difficulty for our one snowplower with the addition of Tanawashee.

Kathy Fitzpatrick noted that Tanawashee developers implied that they could sell parcels of the development to other developers. As conscientious as the Tanawashee developers are being with this sub-division in terms of aesthetics of the designs of the houses, drought resistant landscapes, preservation of trees, lower density, pedestrian and bicycle pathways, etc. Kathy cautioned to keep in mind future developers (if there are any) might not be as environmentally

considerate. It is the intent of Tanawashee developers to remain in control of all lots and home designs.

Holly Lund testified against the development based on what it would do to the "character" of Mosier as well as other issues such as water. She had gathered over 50 signatures on a petition to stop the Tanawashee development and reminded council that not only was that a large percentage of Mosier's population, she assured them she could have gotten a lot more signatures with more time.

City Engineer John Grim, a water systems expert, noted that the claim in Holly's petition that there is inadequate water capacity for the development was incorrect, suggesting her data was based on usage rates prior to the installation of metering and replacement of leaky pipes in 2005 which cut overall usage by more than half. He stated that even after all homes in Tanawashee and Mosier Bluffs are completed, the city will only be at 54% of well flow-rate capacity, and that the aquifer is estimated to have a 133 year life.

Dan Kearns spoke to "character" restrictions in cities and their subjectivity. He stated that cities could not legally

prevent private housing based on aesthetics. There are some restrictions cities can put on commercial buildings such as sign restrictions and building materials based on an aesthetic but not private homes.

Carine Schmitt of Crestline Construction testified that she thought Mosier fortunate to have the Tanawashee developers purchasing this property because of their sensitivity to density. She testified that legally, you could have twice as many homes on smaller lots up there and that from what she's heard, these developers are approaching Tanawashee with environmental sensitivity and with Mosier's best interest in mind. Ron Schmitt of Crestline Construction also endorsed the Tanawashee proposal.

On Council, Allan Rodrick remains disappointed at the number of proposed sites. He said he understands that 44 makes it economically feasible to do the development but he'd much rather see far fewer lots than that.

Councilor Penny Wallace saved comments for the May 21st meeting until the State Historic and Tribal report (SHIPO)

came out regarding mounds in the boundaries of Tanawashee. At the May 21st meeting, council said it had received the report but that the report was confidential. John Grim was able to say that in the report there were points of sensitivity regarding the mounds and that Tanawashee would need to develop according to the recommendations of the report. The City of Mosier however has no legal jurisdiction over the recommendations of the report. (It is the interpretation of this writer that Tribes tend to NOT want an issue made of the mounds. Instead, it would be preferable to have the mounds quietly preserved and allowed to just remain without a lot of public awareness that could lead to curiosity, people wanting to visit the mounds, see them, walk around them etc. all of which would ultimately disturb them and possibly cause them disturbance or even harm.) John Grim stated that because mounds exist on the site, there will be experts and archeologists on site to assure protection of cultural sensitive areas within the development.

The city of Mosier stands to gain at no net cost a new reservoir from the Tanasashee

deal to replace the existing undersized tank built in 1935 that is near the end of its useful life. Both the city and the development need another reservoir so the proposal is for Mosier and Tanawashee to share the cost. The development pays \$190,000 for the reservoir and gives the city the land on which it is built, and the city's part would cost approximately \$147,000 for system-wide improvements to support the new reservoir. However that cost is more than offset by approximately \$300,000 in revenue from System Development Charges (SDC) from the development and the sale of the property on which the current reservoir is located, for a net financial benefit the city of approximately \$150,000. If the city had to instead pay for a new reservoir, system improvements, and land without SDC revenues from the development or assistance from the developer it could cost close to \$500,000.

Perhaps the most relevant lesson for Mosier that came out of the hearing was stated by Allan Rodrick and reiterated by other council members. Roderick and Fitzpatrick both said that Mosier needs to take a pro-active stance on its future. It has been over 30 years since Mosier set zoning standards and set guidelines for development. and council reminded folks attending the hearing that now

is the time to put some ordinances in place before another development proposal comes up. There is still plenty of developmental land in Mosier and future developers may not be as environmentally and density sensitive as the Tanawasee developers appear to be.

One such group called Main Street Mosier has formed to look at ordinances and Mosier's future in terms of development. Such things as density, tree removal, Pedestrian and bicycle right of ways, traffic flow are all issues the city can put into place with ordinances. Those who missed testifying before council on the Tanawasee development have the opportunity now to visualize Mosier's future growth by sitting down with Main Street Mosier and discussing our future.

Tanawashee Developers, Who Are These Guys Anyway?

I asked one of the Developers, Steve Bachelder just how this group got together to come to Mosier. Steve said that Matthew Koerner, Former Mayor of Mosier and owner of the Mosier House Bed and Breakfast, became aware that the land might be available from the previous owner, Ron Schmitt of Crestline Construction. He first brought in a long-time friend John Grout, who is also a home

Tanawashee Developers cont.

builder, and had been a longtime fan of the Mosier area. Both are big proponents of sustainable and environmentally friendly construction. John is a good friend (since childhood) of Jeff Miller and Steve Bachelder. Back in the early eighties John and Jeff collaborated on trying to develop on a concept of small developments Jeff called ecottage- small economical and ecology-friendly homes that never really got off the ground back then due to the economy and their finances.

Jeff subsequently became a very successful residential architect, but has never given up on the idea doing a complete neighborhood, tying it all together design wise and environment wise, fitting in with the terrain, rocks, flora, etc., very tasteful and using natural materials appropriate for the location.

Steve's background is business (software), and he has always been involved in real estate investment as well, with Jeff as his partner in a number of properties over the past 15 years or so. Jeff and Steve are very close friends (mutual godfathers), and "trust each other implicitly. "Ditto for all of us, for that matter. " Steve said.

By the time John approached the other, personal finances had improved to the point where they could afford to try to realize Jeff's concepts, and the chance to do it in the stunning setting of Mosier was incredibly exciting!

Steve handles the business side of things, Jeff the design, and John and Matthew the building. They intend to take 5 years or so in order to do it right and minimize risk, and if the economy requires going slower than that, the Group should have the financial staying power.

Steve went on to say:

"We do have the integrity the council complimented us about, and will be very reasonable to work with. We obviously want to profit from our investment and the risk we are taking in what is presently a soft market, but just as important to us long-term is that we create something we can feel proud of from a design and community standpoint. We happen to believe good design and environmental-consciousness is worth more money, so that our two goals are mutually inclusive. Let's hope we're right!"

MOSIER SEWER PROJECT IN DEEP DOO DOO

by Suzi Conklin

A bomb of sorts was detonated at City Council Wednesday May 21st as John Grim described a shocking discovery by the construction company of the Mosier sewer plant project while digging a hole for a new septic tank. Without going into details of the original plan for the plant renewal, the construction company hit oil. Unfortunately it was not the kind that led the Beverly Hillbillies to fame. The company was digging a 15' hole for a new septic tank when about 10' down from ground level, what appears to be a diesel oil dump was discovered. The oil has hit ground water. By the location of the oil, right next to the railroad tracks, Union Pacific is a possible suspect as the dumpee.

This has nothing to do with how the construction company was doing its work so they are blameless. Grim called it "the Mosier Jinx." Not only has construction been stopped costing the City daily stoppage fees per contract but the removal of the

oil is estimated to cost \$70,000 JUST for the landfill fees. The oil has to be cleaned before it is taken to landfill.

DEQ was called immediately after discovery of the oil and Grim said they were being very cooperative. (it is of their best interest for Mosier to have a safe and functioning sewer plant after all.) and our local representatives have been asked to support us in hurrying the DEQ process along so the contractor can get back to work. But John said, this could cost the city a quarter of a million dollars beyond original construction costs before all is said and done. The city is waiting for results from DEQ as to the nature of the oil regarding hazardous waste. The city will work diligently to find out who or what dumped the diesel in the first place to try to hold them accountable.

A Lender & a Borrower Be

It is getting very expensive to drive to either Hood River or The Dalles for that one thing you are out of and don't discover until you are in the middle of dinner or some project of some kind. I am pretty good about making sure I have all of my ingredients lined up before starting a cooking project but often I decide I really want Thai curry or Indian Panak but am missing one or two ingredients. A call to Mosier Market is my first chance of finding what I need but when that doesn't pan out, I'm facing a minimum 20 mile journey round trip to either Hood River or The Dalles. At the very least in actual out of pocket cost that is going to add \$3.50 to my bill and that doesn't count wear on tires or oil used. By the new Federal reimbursement rate for mileage, the cost is actually closer to \$8.00.

I have been thinking for some time about suggesting people set up a "Borrowers Club". At first I thought perhaps it would be Mosier wide then I thought that people may not like strangers calling them to borrow this and that. Instead, I toss out this idea and suggest you start your own club among your friends. Coincidentally, at a gathering Friday night, a friend suggested a "gasoline borrowers club" in which anyone low on gas could call folks they knew who had reserves for a quick fix without having to drive all the way to The Dalles or Hood River on the spur of the moment.

Here's my thinking on how this would work: Get friends together and agree that each can call the other when they run out of something like a can of beans, an egg, gas, etc. The club would set limits: 24 hours if an emergency or just between the hours of 8am-7pm for food/gas etc. The club would decide. And depending on where you are to downtown Mosier, it should be something not available at the Mosier Market, etc. If I, for instance, ran out of capers, I'd get on the phone and feel comfortable calling my club members who may or may not have them. My club would decide on payback. Do we keep track? Do we consider one thing borrowed equal to another thing? Gas for example, Mark and I usually have a 5 gal of gasoline in reserve. If a club member needed gas and took ours we'd probably feel it fair to

replace the gas but wouldn't worry about an egg or cup of sugar. Still, it would be good to clarify the rules so everyone agrees.

I offer myself as the first member of my club. If anyone is interested in joining let's get together and discuss our guidelines. With some creative thinking this could actually be fun.

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ANOTHER FIRE IN MOSIER

A fire broke out in Mosier in May 11th. Land owners had burn piles three days prior, on Wednesday. Then they left. The wind kicked up, it does that here with a fury. Neighbors and The Mosier Volunteer Fire Department responded. Now, of course most of us wouldn't leave a burn pile smoldering I'm sure though I've seen a number of them around that appear to be unattended. The fact of the matter is that where there's fire there's potential for danger which is why every one of us out here needs our fire department. But we also need a second step, we have a responsibility to see that our homes have fire fighting elements in place such as reserved water tanks underground, fire extinguishers and common sense when it comes to everything from burning to BBQing. We need to have tools such as rakes and shovels, clothing, boots and water standing by to fight fires on any spur of the moment.

We really have to assume responsibility for fire potential on our properties for our own and our neighbor's sakes. Children should be taught fire safety and hazards. How many of us played with matches when we were children? I ignited weeds in a ditch behind the entire length of a trailer court when I was 7 playing with matches and luckily no harm was done to the trailer home park nor to myself. Children have an almost primal interest in fire around age 7 or 8 and need to be taught about the dangers of fire not just told "don't play with matches."

Secondly, we need to continue to support and build our wonderful volunteer fire department. Once a year is not enough to contribute to the efforts. As much as money, these guys need more person-power. They need more volunteers willing to take the training and be available for fire protection. Talk it up with folks you know. Enlist your neighbors and friends to learn more about Mosier's fire fighters and their needs. All of our homes and lands are under the protection of the few dedicated volunteers we have and they deserve every bit of help we can throw their way.

Mosier's fire department has had a good year as far as recruitment but they aren't there yet and their equipment is in dire need of upgrading. Those of you who live part-time in big cities, contact your fire departments and find out if they can donate older trucks, or where older yet still better trucks than ours go for retirement. Make some calls, get information then report back to Mosier. Find out about used equipment, or FEMA grants, or special organizations that support firemen. Get creative. Mosier is the little town that can. So let's get the best volunteer fire department we can.

Bernie Evans' Mosier Cherry Festival

Although she would not want the spotlight to be taken away from the Seniors for whom she is raising money, Bernie Evans deserves a lot of credit for single handedly conceiving and instigating the Mosier Cherry Festival out of a passionate desire to help the Mosier Seniors.

As Bernie explained to me, these folks have been getting together for lunch in Mosier for some 30+ years and now that they are in their 80's and 90's they find it almost impossible to keep up with the task of cleaning the Mosier Manor Community Room after their lunches. They also don't have a lot of money to spend on lunch so they pay a nominal fee to a cook but must bring their own dinnerware and take it home after lunch. Bernie wants to raise enough money for them to hire an assistant who can do the clean up for them so they can continue their social gatherings.

Many of these seniors carry with them Mosier's history. Anyone wanting to join in on lunch and who has a curious mind can probably get all kinds of Mosier stories just for the asking.

Bernie has planned a really fun day and an ambitiously long one June 7th in the lower parking lot of the Fruit Grower's Building. You can get in on a donation and once in there will be vendors of food, crafts and fun. That night there will be a street dance and since Bernie is still working in it who knows what else she has up her sleeve. One thing is for sure, we have a great opportunity to gather once more as a community and give back to those who have kept Mosier, Mosier all these years.

MOSIER CHERRY FESTIVAL (Oktoberfest in June) Volunteers needed!!!! 490-6882

Set up, take down, guide traffic, volunteer and be part of the fun.

June 7 noon to 8pm

Fruit Growers Parking lot

Dalene McBain of Mosier & Alice Yoo Announce the Release of O Koncepts' Web-Based Medication Manager

In July 2007, a patent was granted for **Dale's E-Z Medi-Kit**.

From there, they began developing the Web-Based Medication Manager.

The Web-Based Medication Manager tracks medications and also provides the history of medical contacts, notes and **MORE**.

They have included email, reporting and security features in their new system.

To check it out go to: <http://www.okoncepts.com>

You can try out the Web-Based Medication Manager using Id: friends@okoncepts.com Password: testing 123

To view the whole announcement of Dalene's exciting new business go to:

<http://www.okoncepts.com/okoncepts/announcements/05282008/>

Sometimes it Takes A Village to Raise a Dog

by Suzi

I mentioned a dog that appeared to have been “dumped” on state road previously and am happy to say that a number of people living in the vicinity of Marsh Cutoff and State Road have taken it upon themselves to put food out for the dog and to gradually gain its trust.

Gerry Stevens reports that she and her family have been giving the dog food and Gerry has even gotten the dog to take a biscuit from her hand. A dog catcher was called. He came out and checked out the situation and agreed to let Gerry continue to gain the dog’s trust then either keep it herself or get the dog to one of the half dozen or so people who’ve expressed interest in keeping the dog.

Because she’d worried the dog will get hurt hanging out on State road, Gerry has encouraged the dog to stay in her driveway. The dog seems to still be waiting for its owner to come get it.

Neighbors have donated food for the dog and have contacted shelters for advice on how to help him.

Unlike my original report, the dog does NOT have a bandaged leg. One of its forelegs is white giving it the appearance of a bandage from a distance.

I think it is safe to say the dog is having quite a nice life, is well fed, has other dogs to hang out with, and has adoption options.

It’s difficult to say what leads someone to just drop off a dog into the unknown but in this case it may actually turn out to be best for this pup anyway.



Mosier Community Day

Folks turned out Saturday, May 17 for clean-up day at Rock Creek thanks to the organizing efforts of Kathy Frizpatrick and Mike Igo. Full-time and part-time Mosier residents as well as a group of young men from Community Youth Services spent the morning pulling weeds, (see photo bottom right for one of the targeted weeds, Bromus) clearing a path and attacking blackberry bushes. Mosier Community School students had put their time in at Rock Creek the day before. Rock Creek has been a project for the community for about ten years. It was barren of vegetation in 1996 but over the years, locals like

Fitzpatrick and Igo have brought it back with the help of volunteers and a lot of personal time. Rock Creek serves as a place for wind surfers, hikers and folks wanting to hang out in nature.



Bromus, More Than Just a Weed

Igo explained the characteristics of Bromus. This is the weed that ruins socks with its tenacious seeds but worse, the weed puts out an herbicide that kills surrounding plants. Its seeds remain viable for many years.

Rock Creek Today

If you haven't been to see Rock Creek lately, check it out. Igo stated that water is still running and he hasn't seen water running in Rock Creek past the first of May since he's been recording the flow.

Photos at top: Mike Igo giving lesson on weeds, group listening to presentation on what to weed out, Ron Carroll unloading tools for clean-up, work crews tackling blackberries with Lynn Christian in foreground weeding. Middle: Mike Igo and Jeff Hunter in conversation.



Stir-Fry Transformed

I've been cooking stir-fried vegetables for 30 years. I've learned a lot over the years about how to keep the vegetables bright, crisp and flavorful. by suzi conklin

APPROACH LIKE A PROJECT

Stir fried vegetables have gotten a bad rap at times because of a misunderstanding of the preparation. Too often all vegetables are tossed into tepid oil all at once and then a bottle of Teriyaki Sauce is opened and dumped on the limp, pale ingredients. Stir-fry doesn't have to be like this. As a matter of fact, when done right, the combination of ingredients compliment each other, the vegetables are bright and beautiful with just the right amount of firm texture and you can't wait to eat the leftovers. This is a vitamin packed dish. Use organic vegetables.

SORT AND ORGANIZE

No matter which vegetables I put into my stir-fry I always have fresh or candied ginger, fresh pressed garlic (professionals claim it must be chopped but not true if cooked correctly and used immediately), fried tofu, and sesame oil. I don't always put in soy sauce or its healthy alternate Tamari but almost always I put in some fermented black beans in garlic paste.

Another key to a successful stir-fry is your patience and approach to it. It is a project. You have to reserve some time for it. If you try to shop, chop and stir-fry all at once, you are going to spend at least 1.5 hours on it and that's if you are fast and experienced. I like to shop and chop on one day then pull it all together the next or even a couple of days later. I always pull out all the vegetables I'm going to use, wash them and set them aside. I sort them according to firmness and cook time. All vegetables are cut thin and in varying shapes and sizes all on the small, bite size. The wok or cast iron skillet is heated very hot before putting in the

oil and no vegetables are added to the oil until it is very hot but not smoking. Cook hot and fast and there will be smoke so turn on the exhaust fan. I always start with the onions because I like to cook them until they are almost caramelized and golden. I also like to toss the cabbage in halfway through the onions and finish them together adding fresh pressed (through a garlic press) garlic close to finish of the onions and cabbage. When done, I toss in a few splashes of dry white wine and cook until it is evaporated. I remove these from the pan and set aside.

I then take the firmest vegetables and add them to the pan with very little added oil, maybe just a teaspoon. The vegetables should brown slightly. Broccoli, snow peas, zucchini are great to use.

Once all vegetables are tender but still firm, I add the onion/cabbage mixture back in and season. Finely chopped fresh ginger or bits of candied ginger, a tablespoon of black bean paste in garlic, either a splash of soy sauce or some salt and if I want it spicy I'll sprinkle in red pepper flakes. A sprinkling of rice wine vinegar and toasted sesame oil and it's done. If you want hot, sweet and sour, use brown sugar, cider vinegar and cayenne pepper to taste.

Hopefully, during all of this stir-frying you've been cooking your rice. Perfect brown rice: Bring 12 cups of water to a boil. Add 1 c long grain brown rice and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain through a sieve and immediately put back in the hot pot. Cover and leave 10 minutes. The rice is fluffy and perfectly cooked. Thanks to Cook's Illustrated Magazine for the rice cooking method.

Yes, Laurie, This Place *IS* Different

by Gerry Stevens

In the future I hope to reveal some examples of our community's difference on my life experience.

But you, Laurie started something. Last month when you wrote of Ben and Bert, my late husband of 45 years, I knew I had to reply. Those guys had a special friendship. I stayed out of it and just let them enjoy each other's company.

It was almost like a father/son relationship. Ben could do so many thing well. He had a lot of skills. Those two always had projects underway, some of which I probably never knew.

We were building our house. Ben received his Kabota tractor from Japan in a packing crate that was made of mahogany wood. A piece of that container became our staircase railing. Bert was so proud of it. It's so smoothly polished. And every time a hand grabs that support it just adds to the luster!

Laurie, did your grandpa tell you about his tractor accident? It happened on our place. He was badly hurt when he turned the tractor over on top of himself. My memory is fading. I no longer remember the incident details.

One thing my taste buds do remember is Ben's good wine.

Our friendships entwine our lives through the years. And so it was with Ben and Bert.

(Gerry Stevens in this article is replying to a writing Laurie Kriczek submitted in our May Issue about her Grandpa Ben Cousins)

Don't Forget the Gorge Ride in June

BIG BIKE RIDE COMING IN JUNE.

Volunteers Needed for Gorge Ride

The Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway is seeking additional volunteers for the second annual Gorge Ride, to be held June 14. Particularly needed are volunteers to help direct bicyclists at the intersection between the Mosier School and the Fruit Growers building and at the intersection of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. We could also use volunteers at the Rowena Crest Overlook photo opportunity. Shifts will be from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM and from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Stop/Slow paddles and vests will be provided. Please contact Jeanette Kloos at 503-227-5638 or FHCRH@comcast.net if you are willing to volunteer for the Gorge Ride.