



MEMO BLOG

Memo Calendar

Memo Pad

Business Memos

Loaves & Fishes

Letters

Home

FEATURE ARTICLES

Perlman's Potpourri

Hodori Korean demo team comes to Choi's

SnowCap hits new mark at auction

Airport planning moves forward

City mulls Central Gateway strategy

Store's new spaces make for smiling faces

Frank Tunno, of Stewart & Tunno Insurance, Succumbs

Gateway urban renewal budget short

Monthly quote

About the MEMO

MEMO Archives

MEMO Advertising

MEMO Country (Map)

MEMO Web

Neighbors

MEMO Staff

MEMO BLOG

© 2007 Mid-county MEMO Terms & Conditions

Pensione owner signs police agreement

Neighbors protest plans for big box retail store

Last month about 70 people, members of the Madison South and Roseway neighborhood associations, lined Northeast 82nd Avenue with picket signs to protest a "big box retail" outlet proposed for the area.

SmartCentres of Canada is proposing to develop a 20-acre former landfill on Northeast Siskiyou Street, across from Madison High School. The company is seeking a code adjustment to build 240,000 square feet of retail space, 190,000 feet of it in a single building, served by 900 parking spaces. The property is zoned for industrial activity, and commercial uses would normally be limited to a maximum of 60,000 square feet.



More than seventy Madison South and Roseway neighbors turned out last month to protest a proposed big box (many surmise a Wal-Mart) retail store to be built on 20 acres across the street from Madison High School on Northeast 82nd Avenue.

MEMO PHOTO: LEE PERLMAN

The two neighborhoods feel a "big box" of any sort would be inappropriate at this location, but they are particularly nervous about what sort of big box retail store it will be. SmartCentres spokespeople claimed they have not as yet signed up any particular retailer, but Frank Walsh of Madison South said that of the group's existing shopping centers, two-thirds have Wal-Mart as anchor tenants.

The two volunteer groups said they have recruited 700 area residents to their cause. They are now seeking to raise funds to hire legal experts.

Pensione owner signs police agreement

Alan Sanchez, owner of the troubled Portland Pensione motel, has signed an agreement with the Portland Police Bureau regarding its future operations.

According to Officer Rick DeLand of the Central Precinct, Sanchez has agreed in writing to do background checks on long-term tenants — defined as people staying longer than three weeks — using the Police Bureau's database. Sanchez and two of his managers have also signed up to attend a Police Bureau-sponsored workshop for landlords on how to avoid renting to drug dealers and other criminals.

He did not agree to renew a Trespass Agreement to allow the police to come onto the property to investigate suspicious behavior without a warrant, and DeLand said the bureau did not urge him to do so. Sanchez has said that he wants to rent as many of his units as possible to longer-term tenants. According to city codes, any place that people reside in for a week or longer is their home, and the police would need a warrant to search it regardless of trespass agreements with the landlord.

Serving Portland Since 1978.

**Tires
Wheels
and
Automotive
Service**

**In Portland,
NE 120th Ave &
Sandy Blvd.**

503-255-8710

Jon Turino
Insurance and
Financial Services Agent

503-252-5815

Gateway, Parkrose
and the Greater
Portland Area

pro time
Improved Varieties Mixed
for NORTHWEST USE
LAWN SEED

**"The Best
Lawns Start
with the
Best Seed"**