

BRIEFLY IN LOCAL NEWS

GRESHAM

Gresham state senator elected deputy majority leader

State Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson was elected as the Democrats' new deputy majority leader in the Oregon Legislature on Friday, June 29.

Monnes Anderson, D-Gresham, will replace state Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, who was elected as the new Senate majority leader. Devlin said in a press release that he looks forward to working with Monnes Anderson because of her "strong leadership skills and experience."

Monnes Anderson was elected to the Oregon Senate in 2004 after two terms in the state House.

WOOD VILLAGE

Big Truck Day coming to county

The four cities in East County are working to create Big Truck Day, a free event aimed at children that will feature fire trucks, police cars and other service vehicles from throughout the community.

The event will run from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the former Multnomah Greyhound Park in Wood Village, 944 N.E. 223rd Ave.

Vehicles from Gresham Fire and Emergency Services, Multnomah County Public Works, the Fairview Police Department and the Multnomah

EAST COUNTY

Animal services won't respond to some complaints

Multnomah County Animal Services no longer will respond to certain complaints about animals because of budget cuts.

Animal Services will continue to deal with aggressive dogs, animal bites, rescues of sick and injured animals and reports of animal cruelty. But the organization no longer will respond to noisy dogs, stray dog and cat pick-ups or other wildlife complaints.

Residents can get help with animal problems by calling 503-988-7387 or by visiting www.multcopets.org.

OREGON

Northwestern Oregon to enter fire season

Northwestern Oregon will enter fire season Thursday, July 5, with certain restrictions placed on forest activities to prevent fires. The restrictions, which include a prohibition of yard waste burning, will affect the districts around Forest Grove, Tillamook and Astoria.

About two-thirds of yearly wildfires on the state's 15.8 million acres of forestland are caused by people, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry.

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