



Cedar Mill News

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Sentinel Pole scorched, arson investigation continues

The focus of Cedar Mill's newest public space, the Sentinel Pole in the Plaza at the corner of Cornell and Cedar Hills Boulevard, was set on fire at around 10:30 pm Saturday, August 23, 2003. Several people called 911 to report the fire, which was quickly put out by a crew from Station 60 (near Cornell and Miller). Firemen at the scene, realizing the



Base of Sentinel Pole is seriously scorched, will require stabilizing

importance of the pole to the community, immediately contacted Ed Bonollo, Deputy Fire Inspector for TVF&R, who initiated an arson investigation.

The investigation continues, but at press time Bonollo would only say, "We're looking at some things. By the end of the week we'll know more." Bonollo is coordinating with Beaverton Police in the investigation. The Sentinel Plaza is one of the areas annexed by Beaverton (see story in July/August issue of CM News) so their police department is the agency of record. "We're looking for any and all information that people might have," says Bonollo. If you might have relevant information, contact him at 503-356-4715 or by email at edward.bonollo@tvfr.com.

During a press conference at the pole site on Monday, August 25, TVF&R spokesperson Tim Birr said, "I don't want to seem prejudiced, but this was most likely committed by some young males. This kind of thing often happens toward the end of summer, when

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Next Meeting Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, September 16, 2003
Time: 12 noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Topic: CMBA Annual Meeting

Join us for lunch to discuss the future of CMBA

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Featured Business

Pet Barn offers personal service

A mutual love of animals and need for a change brought Laurel Hennessy and Larry Weisgerber to purchase Pet Barn six years ago. Laurel says that after years as a manufacturer's representative for Iams Company and then as a wholesale distributor for another pet company, "I was tired of 'corporate America' and wanted to scale down my busy life." Lau-



Larry Weisgerber and Laurel Hennessy with their special customer service assistants

rel enjoys the peace of mind of owning her own business and working with her husband, Larry, who she says "is a great business partner." Larry was looking for a change from the physical demands of his successful practice as a massage therapist. The two found their answer in purchasing Pet Barn, the then nine-year-old pet supply store located at 12675A Northwest Cornell Road, just around the corner from Bales Thriftway.

Laurel, having been in the pet industry for years prior to becoming a co-owner of Pet Barn, says she is in charge of the "fun stuff" of the store. She handles marketing, merchandising, customer service, and advertising. Larry, who was new to the business, runs the day-to-day operations of the store including managing inventory. Laurel says "he's incredible at the job" and both say they "love their customers and petting their critters."

Laurel and Larry wanted a neighborhood environment when they were looking for a new business. That is what they love most about doing business in Cedar Mill. They both like people and their customers stop by several times a week to pet the amazingly unruffled cats, Tarzan and Cleo, or bring their children or grandchildren in to see Susie, the store dog.

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Hi-School Pharmacy sold to Walgreens

Our old familiar Hi-School Pharmacy, in the Milltowner Shopping Center at the northeast corner of Saltzman and Cornell, will become a shiny new Walgreens, “sometime during the second quarter of 2004,” according to Steve Oliva, president and CEO of the Hi-School Pharmacy chain. The sale was announced on August 26.

The store will remain open during the remodeling, says Michael Polzin, spokesman for Walgreens, from their

headquarters in Deerfield, Illinois. After the remodel, there will still be a drive-up pharmacy window. It is undecided at this point whether the location will join seven other Portland-area Walgreens offering 24-hour service.

However, the fate of the hardware section of the store is unclear. “Hardware doesn’t fit into Walgreens’ plans,” says Oliva. “We may relocate the hardware operation to another site in the shopping center,” he says. Bales’ prop-

erty manager, Ryan Egge, says they have “very long-term plans” to make changes in the center, but nothing is imminent.

According to a press release on the Walgreens website, the company, “which entered the Portland-Vancouver market in 1996, intends to operate the acquired stores with their current Hi-School Pharmacy employees. Walgreens will honor all prescription insurance programs that are currently accepted by Hi-School Pharmacy.”

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Larry and Laurel’s philosophy is: “The business of Pet Barn is not about business, but about pleasing people.” They say, “what sets us apart from businesses like Pet Smart is customer service.” Larry, Laurel, and the staff work to educate customers about their pet’s needs. You can always find an employee in Pet Barn to answer your questions and help you find what you need, whether it’s fitting a harness for a new puppy or picking that special Christmas gift for your four legged family member. When a customer adopts a new pet, the owners of Pet Barn send home a toy as a special welcome gift.

Pet Barn, a member of the Cedar Mill Business Association for many years, not only provides service to its customers, but contributes to our community in a big way. Laurel says, “no school, church, or youth fund raiser who approaches Pet Barn for a donation is ever turned away.” This type of community involvement is a major part of Pet Barn’s annual advertising budget.

Pet Barn also contributes to the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter by donating food and supplies. Over 250 kittens found new homes last year alone through Pet Barn’s kitten adoption program. While Pet Barn does not sell dogs and cats, they do help local families place kittens in need of homes. In addition to a new kitten, the adopt-

ing family receives cat food and supplies donated by Pet Barn and a free medical examination donated by a local veterinarian.

Pet Barn employs a total of seven people, three full-time and four part-time. The part-time employees are all Sunset High School students. Laurel says she enjoys working with them and their help evenings and weekends is invaluable. The three full-time employees each have a specialty – cats and dogs, birds, and fish. All employees are trained in pet nutrition.

Quality nutrition is one of the biggest changes Larry and Laurel have made at Pet Barn. “All food in the store is now naturally preserved. “We carry only human food grade quality products”, Laurel says.

The store also now carries a wider variety of products under the management of its new owners. In addition to supplies for dogs and cats, Pet Barn carries small birds and supplies, fish supplies, breeds their own pet rats, and has a full-service grooming operation. They also provide boarding for small birds and “pocket pets” --rats, hamsters, and guinea pigs.

When asked what her biggest challenges are in the business, Laurel says, “keeping on top of all the new products

and getting Larry to work less.” When Laurel can get Larry away from the store, the two love to travel, including trips to China and Europe. They also enjoy kayaking (they live on the Tualatin River) and spending time with their own pet family members which consist of two dogs, three cats, three birds, and a pet rat. Those who have been into Pet Barn have met Susie, the store dog. Adopting Susie, a retired racing greyhound, got Larry and Laurel involved in two greyhound rescue groups, Greyhound Pets of America and Homes for Hounds. Larry also volunteers on a regular basis at the Oregon Aquarium in Newport, where he lends his scuba diving skills to help clean the tanks and care for the sea creatures on exhibit.



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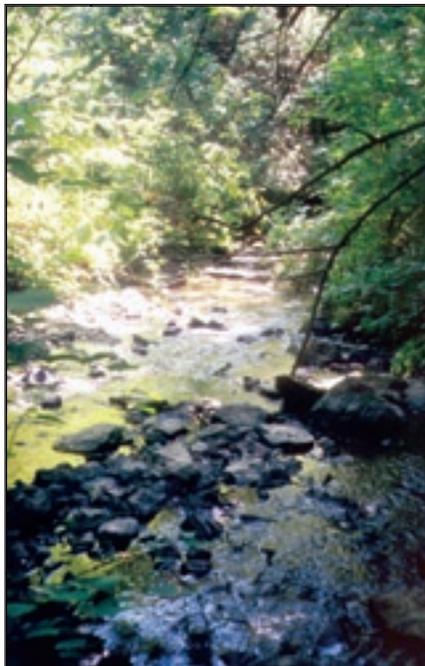
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Rock Creek Watershed Partners

Geologically speaking, Cedar Mill lies on the lower slopes of the Tualatin Hills. Our area is drained by Cedar Mill Creek and several others, all of which are part of the Rock Creek watershed, which joins the Tualatin River at Rood Bridge in Hillsboro. Watershed ecology has become the standard for analysis and protection of natural resources. Webster's defines a watershed as: "The whole region or extent of country which contributes to the supply of a river or lake." This includes all the plants and animals and all the events and forces that change relationships within the system.

Rock Creek Watershed Partners was formed as a coalition of five stream groups. In general, stream groups watch out for the health of a local stream. They monitor development to ensure that environmental regulations are followed, they organize cleanup and planting activities, they help educate residents on good watershed "stewardship practices." So RCWP brings these groups together to mount a more effective campaign to preserve and protect our watershed and educate people.

The group has existed as a low-budget, strictly volunteer organization since it's founding in 1998. This past year, they won a grant from the Tualatin Valley Water Quality Endowment Fund which will enable them to sponsor an Americorps volunteer to serve as a Community Stewardship Coordinator. The Environmental Education department at PCC Rock Creek has agreed to



Cedar Mill Creek just below the falls near Cornell and 119th

host and mentor the Coordinator during his or her tenure, from September 2004 through August 2005.

The Americorps volunteer will help establish neighborhood groups to adopt and care for a section of stream close to their neighborhood. This will be accomplished by increasing public awareness of watershed issues, and by promoting public connection to, and action for, the health of Rock Creek and its tributaries. From now until the time the Americorps volunteer comes on board, RCWP will be organizing

and sponsoring a number of activities in preparation. Information on local activities will appear in The Cedar Mill News when schedules are set.

Naturescaping Workshops

These will help homeowners learn how to use native and hardy plants in landscaping. This is important to watershed health because it eliminates the need for most pesticides and fertilizers which adversely affect stream health. Natives also provide the best wildlife habitat, and need less watering and less care in general, giving gardeners more time to enjoy their creations.

Invasive Removal

Many natural areas become overgrown with blackberry and other aggressive non-native plants. These plants choke out the natives and often don't provide good habitat for native wildlife. Work parties will be organized to remove such invaders and replant areas with provided native plants.

Education activities

As part of Watershed Weeks, a yearly series of more than 150 events designed to educate Oregonians about watershed issues, RCWP is sponsoring "Three Choices for Nature: Hike, Plant and Protect at Rood Bridge Park" on Saturday, October 4, (see <http://cedarmill.org/RCWP>). Visit the website to learn more about the organization, and to sign up for the outing.

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they've run out of things to do. Normally we don't even investigate fire vandalism, such as dumpster fires," said Birr. "But this is obviously an important asset to the community. Our best chance in an investigation like this is



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information from the public. Someone will brag about it, or a parent might overhear something suspicious."

Artist Rick Bartow, who created the piece in 1998, was quoted in an article in The Beaverton Valley Times as saying, "Maybe in the end, this will be a triumph, a little testing of the community."

It is certainly making us all think about what kind of frustration or alienation could cause someone to commit such an act. If it turns out to have been kids, perhaps we need to look at ways to provide more resources for them.

Mardi Widman of Oregon College of Art & Craft, who was responsible for the creation of the pole, says, "We'll definitely do something to stabilize

the badly damaged area near the base. Some people are suggesting that the whole pole be stained black to incorporate the scorched areas."

Following the completion of the Plaza in June of this year, the community came together to celebrate, listening to Native American music and dedication speeches from Bartow and members of local agencies, and chowing down on hot dogs, chips, drinks and cake donated by Cedar Mill area businesses.

Currently owned by Washington County, the Plaza will eventually become part of Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District. The Plaza is intended to be a stop on a planned bicycle and pedestrian trail that will link parks in the area.

Cedar Mill Business Association 2003 Members

- American Family Insurance
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- Bank of America, Cedar Mill Branch
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