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History in the News

Cedar Mill Time Line

By Nancy Olson, co-author, *Cedar Mill History*

This time line was compiled for the John Quincy Adams Young House Ad Hoc Committee, to help the members understand the context of the house.

Before 1782 The A-tfa'-lati band of the Kalapuyan Indians inhabit the area; the A-tfa'-lati population estimated at several thousand.

1790 Fur traders and explorers arrive by sea.

1805 Fort Clatsop is established by Lewis and Clark.

1826 Fort Vancouver is established by John McLaughlin.

1830-1833 Small pox and malaria rage among the Indians.

1841 White settlers begin to establish farms in the Tualatin Valley. *A-tfa'-lati cradle board*



1842 A-tfa'-lati population estimated at 600.

1843 The Plains-Linnton Road (Germantown Road approx.) built. The Great Migration begins in earnest. Joe Meek helps to establish a provisional government for the Oregon Country.

1845 Canyon Road is known to connect the Tualatin Valley to Portland.

1846 Dividing Line between Canada and the US is established (49th parallel).



Samuel Walters with two sons

Young arrives in the Tualatin Valley. The Oregon Territory is established. Unoccupied land in Cedar Mill comprised 4,300 acres, about 7 square miles.

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1847 Sam Walters, the first known white settler in Cedar Mill, arrives and sets up a squatter's claim.

1848 The tribal census of the A-tfa'-lati population listed as "60 souls, 30 warriors." JQA



The running track around the basketball courts, with the climbing wall in the background

Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Thursday, December 15, 4:30-6:30 pm

Place: Edward Jones Office, 13635 NW Cornell

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Featured Business

Sunset Athletic Club

Back in the mid-seventies, as Cedar Mill was just beginning to really grow, Chuck Richards recognized the need for an athletic club in the area. In 1977 he opened the Cornell Court Club across the street from Sunset High School, with a focus on racquetball, a sport that was just gaining popularity at that time. It was the first suburban athletic club in the state. The four-court indoor tennis building that sits right on Cornell was added in 1978.

As the club and the community grew, more sports and fitness facilities were added and the club changed its name to Sunset Athletic Club in 1988. Now in the midst of a four-phase expansion, the club has something to offer nearly everyone.

Richards, a lifelong athlete, won three con-



Indoor tennis courts installed during Phase II
secutive National Pentathlon championships in the late sixties and early seventies., and was the highest scoring American at the Olympic Games in Munich in 1972. He is currently the president of the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

His early dreams of bringing sports and fitness to the community have become a reality.

It hasn't been without difficulty, though – a major fire that started in the men's locker room destroyed the main building in 1995. But it took only eight months to open an even better building with more facilities.

Responding to the huge growth in the region, the increased interest and the wide variety of activities that people enjoy in pursuit of fun and fitness, the club embarked on an ambitious four-phase growth plan in 2001.

Phase I of the expansion added new exercise rooms for spinning (stationary bicycles) and cardio equipment, physical therapy space and increased parking. It opened in late October 2003. Phase II opened in the spring of 2004 and included

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Oregon Trail Fieldtrip

On December 3rd the 4th graders at Cedar Mill Elementary School hosted a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds that will enable all the 4th graders to attend the Oregon Trail Overnight Fieldtrip. Unfortunately, they only raised a little more than half of their \$2500 goal. They're looking for community members and businesses who might play "angel" to help them raise the remainder.

The fieldtrip takes 4th graders to the outdoors to experience learning based on the theme of the Oregon Trail and the adventures faced by the pioneers and famous explorers such as Lewis and Clark. The Overnight program is a wonderful multi-disciplinary experience that complements regular classroom curriculum. The fieldtrip is offered through the Multnomah Education Service District Environmental Education Program, and is held in spring of each year. Local youth camps are leased, and along with classroom teachers and parent volunteers, students engage in hands-on activities and learn lessons in botany, forestry, Oregon Trail history, pioneer tools, quilt patterns, outdoor cooking, magnetite panning, the Oregon fur trade, campfire songs and Native American storytelling.

Contact Lori Alkana, if you would like to help: lorialkana@comcast.net

Emergency management for Cedar Mill

We asked Scott Porter, Director, Office of Consolidated Emergency Management for Washington County, what plans exist for evacuation and shelters for our area. Here's his response:

There are no specific plans for evacuation of the Cedar Mill area or any other area in the county with the exception of the area immediately downstream of Scoggins Dam. The plan for the dam outlines the joint responsibilities of the dam owner and operator and county

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and local agencies for effecting an evacuation if/when failure of the dam is likely.

Evacuation plans for the remainder of the county are addressed in very generic terms in county and local population protection plans. Typically, they identify who has authority and responsibility for coordinating and implementing an evacuation, methods for conducting an evacuation, and how an evacuation order or recommendation is communicated to the public. For the Cedar Mill area, the Washington County Sheriff's Office and TVF&R are primarily responsible for evacuations. Both can recommend one (based on the hazard) and then carry it out. In addition, the county commissioners can order evacuation if they declare an emergency and authorize mandatory evacuations. In any case, public works agencies can support the evacuation process if needed for traffic management.

Generally speaking, public sheltering is the responsibility of the Red Cross. They have identified numerous facilities in Washington County that can serve as shelters (schools and churches primarily) and have entered into agreements with them. They also maintain stockpiles of supplies to activate and operate the shelters.

Shelters are typically activated at the request of local governments. The Red Cross selects the site based on availability and condition of the pre-designated shelter facilities, the level of need, and the location of need. If the local Red Cross is overwhelmed with shelter requirements (either the duration of



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need or the magnitude of need), they activate their national system and bring more people and supplies in from out of the area. The Red Cross shelter system may also be supported or supplemented by local government efforts if that becomes necessary.

Put the brakes on hunger!

If you think your car might need a new set of brakes, you can help yourself and a hungry Oregon family at the same time, thanks to DuFresne's second annual event.

"Last year we decided we needed to do something to give back to the community. We called the Oregon Food Bank and told them our idea of partnering with them for a food drive that we would run with our Free Brake Pad special," says DuFresne's owner Nancy Scheewe, "With the help of Steve Lund, our Baxter salesman, and John Baxter, owner of Baxter Auto Parts, along with the assistance of Wagner Brakes, we have made it possible to put food on many people's table that have less than us. We appreciate all the help they have given us."

"We use only top-of-the-line pads or shoes," Nancy explains. "With all the hills around here, we feel the customer needs the best!"

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Their first event, last year, collected about 300 pounds of food. Nancy hopes that they can double that this year. The Oregon Food Bank suggests canned tuna, canned chicken, soups, chili, stew, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, dry beans, peas, lentils, pasta, rice, cereal, canned fruits, fruit juice and instant mashed potatoes.

You can call DuFresne's at 503-646-2940 to schedule a brake inspection.

Community Calendar

December 6

CPO #1 Meeting, 7 pm, St. Vincent's Hospital Souther Auditorium
Topic: Emergency Preparedness

December 10

Musical Saturday @ Cedar Mill Library, 1 pm

December 12 & 17

Native planting @ The Bluffs Park
see page 4

December 15

Cedar Mill Business Association Holiday Social,
4:30 pm, Edward Jones office,
13635 NW Cornell

December 17

Pictures with Santa @ Second Edition Resale, next to the library
2-4 pm

Merritt Orchard Park

By Virginia Bruce, editor

Tucked away behind some houses between Leahy and Barnes, Merritt Orchard Park has been easy to ignore. When developer Robert Randall Company finished the Merritt Orchard subdivision in 1990, the 1.9-acre site was donated to the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD). It's typical of the parcels that the district used to accept from developers – small, steep and largely unusable because the buffer area around Johnson Creek (required by Clean Water Services), which runs through it, takes up most of the space in the park (see figure 1). Included in the park property are two 10-foot access strips that lead to Washington Street.

But now Renaissance Homes is finishing the Peterkort Woods subdivision across the stream, and an 8-foot wide ADA accessible trail is being built which will run from Cedar Hills Blvd. behind the development and then cross Johnson Creek and connect to Washington Street. A connecting soft-surface path will wind through the park (see figure 2). Renaissance Homes and Trammell Crow Residential are paying \$1.6 million for the design and construction of most of the trail network.



New trail behind Peterkort Woods townhomes

This is the first segment of a planned trail that will eventually run along Johnson Creek through the rest of the Peterkort development and connect with the Teufel development. Washington County's Cedar Hills/Cedar Mill Community Plan calls for trail connections throughout the vicinity of the Sunset Transit Center. THPRD normally doesn't condemn land proactively to create these trails; Washington County in most cases requires the developers to work with THPRD on providing trail connectivity which usually results in them paying for the construction of trail segments as

part of the Park District's System Development Charge program.

Tiny Merritt Orchard Park made news recently when property owner Tom Posey attempted to contest the eight-foot hard-surface trail which will run along the back and east side of his property. He lives adjacent to one of the 10-foot access strips, and has been using district property as part of his yard during the 14 years that he's been living there. He claims that he didn't realize that it was park district land. He asked the THPRD board to substitute a five-foot path that would allow him to keep some of his planting.

Park Planner Steve

Gulgren explained that the full eight feet are needed, however, both to satisfy Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) trail requirements, and to allow district vehicles to access the park for maintenance.

The THPRD board denied Posey's request but board president Bruce Dalrymple asked Gulgren to see if the trail could be moved a little farther from the rear of Posey's property.

Encroachment, where park neighbors use park property, is common throughout

THPRD. Some forms of encroachment, such as compatible planting, are acceptable and won't result in district action. But when homeowners' use of park property interferes with public use or threatens public safety, the district informs the property owner and requests removal of the encroaching material within 90 days. Posey received a 90-day extension at the November 7 board meeting, and must have the area cleared by February 6, 2006.

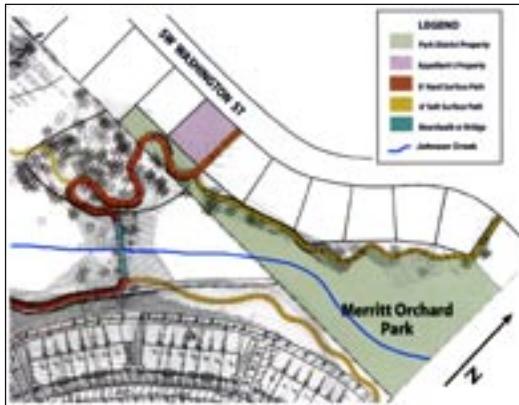
Encroachments on Merritt Orchard Park include fences, lawns, sports courts, play structures, garden sheds, treehouses and ornamental



East entrance to Merritt Orchard Park on NW Washington Street



Encroachments include lawns, play structures plantings. THPRD Superintendent of Security Operations Gary Dodson explains, "Even though a date has not been set for construction on the soft trail, we have asked all the hom-



eowners to remove all physical encroachment structures and to clear both access entries to the park of all encroachments. The District has allowed plants and vegetation to remain for the time being until the trail is constructed. Removal of plants and vegetation will occur at that time."

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Timeline, continued from page 1

1850 The Oregon Donation Land Act is established, each Donation Land Claim (DLC) is 320 acres per person.

1850-1855 16 DLC's are settled in the Cedar Mill area.

1855 The Oregon Donation Land Act (DLC) is reduced to 160 acres per person. The first school is established (subscription school). Classes held in private cabins. The cedar mill is established by Justus Jones. Springville Road is mapped as the "Road from the Plains to Baker's."

1858 The Methodists were active in the area. Union Cemetery established on present-day NW 143rd.

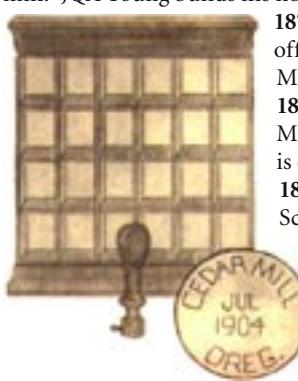
1860 Two more DLC's established. Cedar Mill population probably exceeded 65.

1863 Union School probably established.

1866 Sam Walters marries 13 year old Naomi Oliver.

1867 Wesley Chapel (Methodist) was built along Cornell Road. Barnes Road is surveyed. Cornell Road is connected to Portland.

1869 JQA Young and Everson buy the cedar mill. JQA Young builds his home.



Cedar Mill is founded.

1896 Saltzman Road is completed to Cornell.

1898 The Findleys arrive in the area.

1903 Leedy

Grange is organized with 29 members.

1903 Early telephone service becomes available.

1904 The Cedar Mill Post Office is closed.

1913 Leedy Grange purchases



Leedy Grange members in front of the new building

the Modern Woodmen hall on Saltzman Road.

1919 The Cedar Mill Garage is founded.

1919 Thompson Road is extended. World War I ends.



Pupils in front of the first Union School

1921 The Chobans arrive and begin truck farming.
1923 Lost Park is a popular local recreation ground.

1926 Lost Park is open to the public. Naomi Walters dies in Portland.
1938 Wolf Creek Highway Water District is established.

1940 The Community Club of Cedar Mill is organized.

1941 First garbage service is available.

1942 Cedar Mill Fire Patrol is organized.

1945 World War II ends.



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December 12 & 17, 9 - noon

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Bethany Coalition seeks a voice in planning

In December 2002, Metro, the tri-county agency responsible for planning regional growth, announced the addition of close to 800 acres north of Springville Road into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The decision was appealed to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals but was recently upheld.

It is expected that up to 15,000 people will eventually live in the North Bethany area. This influx of population will affect Cedar Mill in many ways – adding congestion to our roads, and also bringing new customers to our businesses.

The Bethany Coalition was formed in June 2003 to provide an avenue for those who live and work in the Bethany community to speak with a unified voice. They have been holding public monthly meetings with guest speakers from the development and government communities. It has become a forum for the exchange of ideas, as well as an effective voice influencing planning decisions.

From the beginning there was a question of which agency would do the planning for North Bethany. At the time it was added to the UGB, Beaverton was expected to annex the new lands via a cherry-stem annexation (joining areas that are connected to the annexing city only by a roadway) up Bethany Boulevard.

But in April 2004, Washington County announced that they would be the responsible government for the master planning for the North

Bethany area. Beaverton was willing to provide planning for North Bethany only if it could be annexed by Beaverton prior to development.

According to a County press release, "However, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has a policy of discouraging "cherry-stem" annexations. There are more than two miles between the North Bethany area and the City of Beaverton's boundary line. The County was concerned that the City of Beaverton would have an "island" of 12,000 to 15,000 citizens that would be inefficient for both the City and the County to serve. The County told Beaverton that any future annexation of North Bethany and its nearby neighborhoods would

have to be part of a comprehensive annexation plan that would include already established residential areas."

The Bethany Coalition takes some responsibility for bringing about this change of heart on the part of the County Board. (The County had previously not objected to Beaverton's cherry-stem annexations of roads in Cedar Mill, and subsequent island annexations including the area where WalMart is attempting to locate.) They presented a petition on April 30, 2004 with over 1000 signatures to Metro, Beaverton, and Washington County leaders asking for full partnership in the planning process for all residents of the area.

The group recently sent a letter to city, county, state and Metro representatives requesting



assistance in exploring several alternatives for the future governance of the area: "Annexation to an incorporated city; Incorporate this area into its own city; Special Service District – designed to provide all the needed services without the extra overhead found in managing a city." So far they have met with State Senators Charlie Ringo and Brad Avakian, and plan to meet with several County Commissioners in the near future to discuss their requests.

On their website (bethanycoalition.org) the area represented by the group is defined as "West: NW 185th Ave; South: NW West Union Rd. continuing east on NW Thompson Rd. to the Washington county line; East: the Washington/Multnomah County line; North-NW: the Urban Growth Boundary at Abbey Creek (approx. Germantown Rd.). However they say they represent "its surrounding areas/neighborhoods north of Highway 26" and they have indicated that Cedar Mill residents are welcome to join.

Membership in the Coalition, which is not incorporated, consists of being on their email list. Chad Pasley, chairman of the group, says there are over 2000 people currently signed up. You can get on the list by sending an email to info@bethanycoalition.org. Pasley says they are looking for volunteers to aid in research, outreach, and representing the group on various regional committees.

Their next meeting will be December 13, 7:30-9 pm, in the Education Building at Bethany Center, 15188 NW Central Drive, Suite 205, with a panel of developers including Craig Brown of Legend Homes.

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Sunset Athletic Club, Continued from page 1
three more indoor tennis courts, a gymnasium, and running track, a climbing wall and additional parking.

Phase III, set to open in February 2006, provides chlorine-free indoor aquatic facilities that will include a 25-yard 81° lap pool, 86° pool for group fitness, and a 91° therapy pool.

The new facility will also include a large jacuzzi with sauna and steam rooms. Outside there will be a grass sports area, two more tennis courts and a splash pad water play area.

Phase IV will connect all the buildings, and create new administrative space, meeting rooms, a multimedia theatre for sports clinics and parties, and an expanded snack bar. Additional facilities to be included in this phase are two

additional group fitness rooms and two championship squash and racquetball courts.

Richards and the design staff wanted to ensure the expanded facility would be energy- and resource-efficient. They consulted with Portland General Electric's

Earth Advantage™ Program during the design stage. They incorporated a number of features to maximize the building's performance including an energy efficient boiler, heat exchangers, occupancy sensors for the lights, and skylights that let in daylight with light monitors that adjust electric lighting to the amount of light coming in. Sunset Athletic Club uses an estimated 40 percent less energy than if the owners installed standard equipment. The measures will pay for themselves in just under seven years. These features were financed with special loan and tax credit programs from Oregon's Department of Energy.

Other "green" features of the building include recycled wood in the



Excavation for the new aquatic center lap pool floors, use of Metro's recycled paint on the walls, carpets made of recycled pop bottles, and even concrete floors stained with recovered battleship rust!

But it's probably the great staff and facilities that attract their more than 2000 members. "We want to be part of an active family



One of several group exercise rooms





lifestyle," explains Carleen Prentice, General Manager. "We have eleven personal trainers to help people who are new to fitness or who have particular health problems, or who just want to reach new levels of fitness. We have 30 instructors teaching classes from 5:30 am until 7:30 pm seven days a week."

Prentice continues, "The climbing wall has proved to be an attraction for all ages. Even middle-school kids love it, and that's a hard age group to reach. Families often come to climb

together, and it's very popular for parties." The club offers many party options to members of all ages.

"We really work hard to integrate new members into our club," Prentice says. "Our instructors are real people of all ages, not just a bunch of buff 20-year-olds. Our members not only look forward to their group fitness classes, they also form social groups and do things together outside of the club."

Their membership fee structure is designed to be simple and accessible too. "We don't play games with discounts or special sales," Prentice explains. Information about fees and complete schedule information is available on their website, at sunsetac.com. You can reach them by phone at 503-645-3535.

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