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Featured Business

Safeway remakes itself

Virginia Bruce, editor

Safeway has operated a grocery store at the corner of Murray and Cornell since 1967. In 1996, that store was expanded to three times its original size, taking over the space of several surrounding businesses. Now Manager Rick Edmunds is proud to invite you to see the latest development – a complete remodeling of the interior.

I found one of the most exciting features in the newly renovated store to



be the seating area at the front near the west door. This is adjacent to the new Starbucks and the greatly expanded deli, so you can enjoy a coffee and a sandwich in comfort – it's almost like adding a new restaurant to the area! Large windows make it a cheerful place – be sure to look for the rack with The Cedar Mill News.

This Safeway is definitely following the trend to upscale environment and expanded food choices. The deli has a large variety of hot food available in addition to salads and sandwiches, and offers catering. On the west wall of the store there's a rack full of artisan breads, a counter with



a great variety of cheeses, an olive bar, a good selection of local wine and beer, and the bakery. Across the back are the dairy

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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, January 20, 2004. 12 noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Topic: Development of the Teufel Property

Speaker: Fred Gast, VP, Polygon Homes, Inc.

Join us for lunch to exchange ideas with the project manager of the Teufel development, and see how their plans may affect us

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Cedar Mill Wildlife: Living with Coyotes

by Virginia Bruce with Karen Munday, Audubon Urban Wildlife Resource Office.

We found our little dog Taffy's body in the woods on the lot next to us, six years ago on Mothers' Day morning. But we don't blame the coyotes; we were the ones who didn't go get her after someone left the gate open. We'd heard that coyotes were a threat, we just didn't think it would happen to us.

As people fill the hills and valley of Cedar Mill with houses, these truly wily critters have learned to fit in between the cracks in our controlled environment. We love the wooded hills and natural creeks of our community, and land use regulations increasingly mandate leaving natural corridors when land is developed.

Coyotes are intelligent and adaptable animals that despite more than 100 years of intensive control measures have increased in number and expanded their range. They are omnivorous, and they do extremely well on the fringes of urban and suburban areas living on a diet that includes small rodents and rabbits, garden vegetables and fruit, garbage and the occasional free-roaming cat or small dog.

So we have a growing coyote population, according to Bud Weaver, USDA APHIS (Animal and Plant Inspection Service) agent in Washington County. "When I started fifteen years ago the

average litter was 4-7 pups, with maybe 1/3 surviving. Now you get 7-14 pups, and 2/3 of them making it because they have a better food source," he tells me. Weaver is called when city and county agencies get complaints from citizens.

"People are drawing them in by their behavior – leaving out pet food, animal feeders, unsecured compost bins and garbage containers." He says he rarely



gets coyote calls from rural areas of the county anymore, because "the coyotes have moved into the suburbs."

"Most of my work now is coyotes,"

Weaver says. "But I won't set traps in an area unless I can get 100% compliance by the whole neighborhood," with good coyote-proofing practices, he tells me. "I don't bother going to talk to homeowner groups any more because people don't want to do what has to be done. They just want me to come in and take care of the problem, but it doesn't work that way. People have to change their behavior."

Many urban residents believe that live-trapping and relocation of wild animals is a "win-win" situation. But unless you remove what brought the coyotes in, others will quickly move in.

When Weaver gets a coyote call, he comes out and shoots the animal with a silenced rifle, just as the county Sheriff's officers

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Teufel property to be annexed by Beaverton

At their meeting on December 15, the Beaverton City Council authorized Mayor Rob Drake to negotiate annexation with the Teufel family and Polygon, the proposed developer (see December 2003 Cedar Mill News). Because the property currently has no residents, this can be accomplished without a vote.

When asked about the effect on the Cedar Mill Town Center Plan, Joe Grillo, Beaverton's Community Development Director, says, "I anticipate that the staff recommendation to the City's Planning Commission will be to substantially carry forward these conditions into the City's Comprehensive Plan; in fact we have discussed this with Polygon already as part of our annexation discussions. The City staff has expressed to Polygon the importance of working with the Beaverton School District and the Park District in the overall design of the property; not to mention the need to have the appropriate neighborhood meetings."

The first neighborhood meeting will be scheduled for sometime in late January, according to MGH Associates, project engineers. Information will be posted on cedarmill.org when it's available.

The transfer to Beaverton won't affect Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District plans, says Doug Menke, Assistant General Manager. A new trail circling the development will connect with a park planned for the area adjacent to the JQA Young house on Cornell. "We've been having very good discussions with Polygon and we anticipate a smooth process," he says.

Atfalati – the Indians of Cedar Mill

by Nancy Olson

The Indians who resided in and around the Cedar Mill area called themselves the *Atfalati* although the settlers eventually called them *Tualatin* and some referred to them as "Wapato Lake Indians". They spoke Tualatin, one of three languages of the Willamette Valley *Kalapuyan* group. Roaming from the Willamette River to the slopes of the Coast Range and from present day Wilsonville to the Columbia River, they hunted game and harvested wild plants in Cedar Mill near their Beaverton summer village, *Chakepi*, meaning "Place of Beaver".

White men entering the region found most upper-class Tualatins had flattened foreheads. Infants were bound on cradle boards for nearly a year, to achieve the desired results.

The adults used feathers to adorn their hair, and sea shells and trade beads were hung from pierced noses and ears. Women braided their hair and wore simple blouses or aprons of hide, grass

and cedar bark. The men frequently went naked during the warm months. In winter the *Atfalati* added rawhide leggings, moccasins and furs for warmth.

Permanent winter villages consisting of long houses built from cedar planks were built around Wapato Lake, Beaverton, Forest Grove and Hillsboro. During the winter, the *Atfalati* lived on foods harvested and preserved during the summer months.

Prior to 1782, the Tualatin population may have exceeded several thousand but early European coastal explorers introduced smallpox and other diseases. Malaria raged from 1830-1833 and whole bands perished. By 1842 it was estimated the entire *Kalapuyan* population including the Tualatins to number 600 people. After many treaties made and broken by the US government, survivors were eventually moved to the Grand Ronde Reservation where the 1890 census numbered the Tualatins at 28. The last known speaker of the Tualatin language, Louis Kenoyer, died in 1936.

More information is available in *Cedar Mill History*, available in the library and at cedarmill.org/cmbook.html. Another interesting book on the subject, *The Indians of Western Oregon*, by Stephen Dow Beckham, is available in the library.



Cradle board given by Atfalati woman to Cedar Mill pioneer Mary Hall Reeves

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cooler and the meat and fish counters. This area is greatly expanded and features specials on a blackboard and lots of good personal service.

The produce area, with wood floors and mood lighting, is an enjoyable experience. There's a wider selection of organic foods there too. Just adjacent to that is a whole row of natural foods with its own cooler/freezer section. A floral booth sits in front of a new garden store alcove.



Safeway continues to offer a wide selection of grocery items, both Safeway branded products and the national brands you'd expect. Their Customer Service counter, at the front of the store, hasn't changed much and still offers Western Union, Ticketmaster, stamps and money

orders, faxing, lottery games, and film processing. Recyclers will be happy to learn that can recycling is now indoors.

Cedar Mill's Safeway was one of the first in the nation to offer online shopping. Customers can go to safeway.com and browse the digital aisles, fill their "carts" and schedule delivery – often on the same day depending when they visit. The site has improved greatly since it was first offered, in part due to the input of Cedar Mill customers.

Rick Edmunds, store manager, has been with Safeway for 29 years and has managed this store for 15 years. He's been a member of the Cedar Mill Business Association for six years, and finds the contact with other business owners rewarding. He'd like to see more businesses get involved.

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CPO #1 elects officers

CPO#1 is the Washington County equivalent of a neighborhood organization (Citizens' Participation Organization) representing citizens of Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills. Meetings are monthly on the first Tuesday, weather permitting. This month's meeting has been postponed because of the snow and will occur on Tuesday, January 13 at 7 pm in the auditorium at St. Vincents Hospital. A wide range of topics are discussed with presentations by local government representatives and others. Anyone who's interested in local issues is encouraged to attend.

At the December 2 meeting, a vote by acclimation elected the following slate to lead the Citizens Participation Organization for 2004: President–Bruce Bartlett; Vice President–Chuck Thompson; Treasurer–Bill Hagerup; Secretary–Pam Reynolds; CCI Rep–Bruce Bartlett; CCI Rep–Walt Gorman; CCI Alternate–Chuck Thompson; CCI Alternate–Carol Gearin.

Husen Park Restoration

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District invites you to join your neighbors to help restore Jackie Husen Park on Saturday, January 17 from 9am to 1pm.

We'll be removing the invasive and tree-killing English ivy from this natural area. Please bring work gloves, if you can. Refreshments will be provided. For information call Melissa Higgins at 503/644.8469x31 or email at mhiggins@thprd.com. Jackie Husen Park is located at 10955 NW Reeves St.

Summer Concert in Cedar Mill Park

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District will hold a series of concerts in local parks this summer, and has proposed to hold one in Cedar Mill because of our strong sense of community. Cedar Mill Park will be a great site with its gently sloping grassy area, trees for shade, picnic tables and parking. The concert, slated for sometime in August, will be a local event for local residents, and will appeal to all ages. A committee will be forming soon to help choose the music, raise the sponsorships and get the word out into the community. Call Virginia Bruce at 503-629-5799 or email vrb@teamweb.com if you're interested in joining the committee, which will hold its first meeting on January 29.

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do. They have to follow regulations, and in Oregon it's illegal to relocate many species including squirrels, coyotes, rabbits, rodents, and non-migrating birds,

Sometimes they trap animals. "Coyotes won't go into cage-type traps," says Weaver. "We have steel traps and cable snares that are 100% more humane than the old ones." But of course the trapped animals have to be euthanized, either by shooting, by drugs administered by a vet, by CO2 or bludgeoning.

So the end result of our carelessness and refusal to change our habits is a burgeoning population that we try to annihilate. And every unwary animal that is killed makes the overall population that much more wily.

When someone calls Rick Boatner's office with a complaint, he gives them "advice about living with it." Boatner, Assistant District Wildlife Biologist with Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife, can provide a packet of literature, but mainly he talks to people about their situation and offers practical advice on sharing a neighborhood with wildlife. If the person is unsuccessful solving the problem, Boatner can issue a permit to trap the animal so it can be euthanized. He also refers homeowners to contractors who will get rid of animals.

Coyotes will typically maintain a safe distance, but are curious and will not always run from humans. Humans are not the size of coyote prey. Although their bushy coat makes them look larger most coyotes weigh around 25-30 pounds. There has only been one human death attributed to coyote predation during the entire history of the United States, when a coyote that had been deliberately habituated to human handouts preyed upon his human feeder's three-year-old child. In Oregon, there is only one documented attack on record and that was a situation in which a man was bitten while attempting to beat a cornered coyote to death with a 2x4.

Coyote-proofing Essentials

- To prevent coyotes from entering your yard consider removing unnecessary brush, installing a motion-sensitive lighting system, or installing a coyote proof fence. To be effective fences must be at least six feet tall, have no openings greater than four inches and should extend flush with the ground. Coyotes have been known to climb chain link fences.
- Cover garbage cans and compost bins tightly and feed pets indoors. Remove

fallen fruit from yards.

- Keep house cats indoors (especially at night). Supervise dogs when outdoors or keep them in a fenced backyard. Always keep dogs on a leash when visiting a natural area.
- Eliminate opportunities for rats to breed in and around your yard.
- Teach children to enjoy wildlife from a distance but not to approach or handle wild animals. Never attempt to capture or tame a wild animal.
- Never deliberately feed any wild animals (other than songbird feeders). Feeding habituates wild animals to human handouts, causes them to lose their instinctual fear of humans and leads to unnaturally large and unsustainable local populations of some species. If you want to encourage wildlife, consider naturesscaping which provides food and shelter to native species.

If you have a conflict with a wild animal, see www.audubonportland.org/wild/index.html; contact the Audubon Society of Portland Urban Wildlife Resource Office for advice (503) 292-0304, or contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at 503-621-3488.

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