



Cedar Mill News

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The Cedar Mill History Project

If you're interested in Cedar Mill history and you'd like to get more involved in your community, have we got a project for you! The Cedar Mill History Project is underway and we're looking for people to help. To volunteer for any of these activities, contact Virginia Bruce at vrb@teamweb.com or 503-629-5799. The first meeting to discuss priorities and set goals will be held on September 23, from 6:30-7:45 pm in the upstairs Community Room of the Cedar Mill Community Library.

Among the ideas we're working on:

- **Restoration of the JQA Young House in conjunction with THPRD:** The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District is close to finalizing the purchase of the old original house on Cornell. We would like to create an interpretive display with hands-on activities to teach people what it was like to live and work in the area during pioneer days. We'll need volunteers to be on the planning committee; to contact local "old-timers" about donating historical objects and photos; to plan and participate in fundraising; and to help research and catalog donations.



Historical parade held in Sisters, Oregon

- **Old Cedar Mill Days,** a festival to celebrate our historical beginnings and our bright future: we will need volunteers to plan the events, including a parade and barn dance as well as community booths and exhibits; to find sponsors; to find and restore or create pioneer vehicles for the parade; to determine activities and invite participants; to coordinate publicity; and to recruit and coordinate volunteers for the first annual event to be held in September 2005.

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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

**NO August Meeting—
See you in September!**

Featured Business

Bleachers Bar & Grill

by Virginia Bruce, editor

"When I moved into this space, everything else was vacant," says Terry McGowan, co-owner of Bleachers Bar & Grill, located in the triangle shopping area at the southwest corner of Cornell and Barnes. "Only the Dairy Queen was open. That was 15 years ago." At the time, McGowan was working for the Maletis Brothers' Columbia Distributing. He had worked his way up from delivering beer and wine into administration. "I worked with a lot of bar owners, and I decided I could do it too," he says. His partners are his sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Jim Lasell.

Bleachers' central location and friendly atmosphere make it a popular hangout for local residents and businesspeople who stop in to relax after work. "We never have any trouble here," McGowan asserts. "Several of our customers are cops, they feel comfortable here. If anybody gives us any trouble, we just send them down the road."

McGowan lives in the area, and seems to know everybody who comes in. He and his employees watch out for their regulars. An older couple walked in while I was interviewing him, and were greeted with warmth and excitement because they'd been absent for a couple of weeks. "We were going to come looking for you if you didn't show up this week," McGowan told them.

Bleachers has a full bar and a good selection of local and national beer brands. "We

have a different happy hour beer special every night of the week," McGowan says. They also offer two-for-one prices on hors d'oeuvres. Famous on their menu is the B.U.F.F. burger (ask McGowan, he'll tell you what that stands for) which he says is "way better" than "that place with the dirty hats" – it consists of two quarter-pound beef patties, ham, bacon, fried egg and all the trimmings. Another favorite is the turkey enchilada. Their Nachos are hearty and served with a great salsa.

Sports are on the menu too. "We've been the local home for Oakland Raiders fans for 13 years, and we're also the home of local Florida Gators fans. We're planning to open up on



Saturday and Sunday morning for breakfast at 9 am this fall for college and NFL games," he mentions. He subscribes to a satellite service to provide the games to his patrons.

Bleachers is also the local home for "Parrotheads," the fun-loving fans of tropical rocker Jimmy Buffett. "We have big parties twice a year, in March and September, and we bring in a Buffett cover band." He points out signs around the bar featuring past years' Jimmy Buffett parties. The next party is set

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- **Cedar Mill Mural Project** to enhance existing buildings with murals depicting authentic pioneer and early-20th century scenes. We'll need volunteers to find funding, identify businesses and building owners who would like to participate, and locate and interview artists for the project.
- **Cedar Mill History Tour** – a permanent “tour” (signs and a handbook) of historical sites in Cedar Mill. We'll need volunteers to plan the project and identify sites; to find funding; to get permission for signs; to help with design and writing; and to help with publicity and distribution of tour handbooks.
- **Historical Document Archive** for the Cedar Mill Library: volunteers will be needed to find original Cedar Mill historical documents in local historical society archives and from pioneer descendants; to get permission to make copies; to find funding if needed; to facilitate high-quality copying of documents; to catalog and maintain the archive in conjunction with Library staff.
- **Oral History Project:** we would like to get students from area schools involved in this project to make video recordings of

early Cedar Mill residents which could then be used to create video programs both for cablecast and as educational displays in the JQA Young House; we will need volunteers to write interview questions; to supervise the recordings; to help with editing and distribution; to find funding as needed. Teachers welcome!
The Cedar Mill History Project will also need help creating a non-profit organization to coordinate all these activities. If you have experience with this and would like to be involved, we can use your expertise. It will take many individuals to realize this dream – get involved and make a difference! And if you have any other ideas for projects, let me know.



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Tuesday night concert in Cedar Mill Park

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation Department presents a free concert in Cedar Mill Park on Tuesday, August 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The entire cost of the concert was underwritten by Polygon Homes, developer of the proposed Teufel complex.

Local diva Lily Wilde brings her band “Rock-a-Lily” to perform western swing and rockabilly classics on stage in the park, which is located adjacent to Cedar Mill School on Cornell at 102nd.

You're encouraged to bring picnic dinners, blankets or lawn chairs, and your family and friends for an evening of neighborly fun. If you don't want to bring a picnic, pizza and pop will be on sale from Papa Murphy's, and the THPRD foundation will be selling ice cream.

Since parking is limited in the area, a shuttle service will bring concertgoers to and from parking lots at the Cedar Mill Bible Church (on Cornell just west of 119th) and the Cedar Mill Library parking lot. The shuttles will begin service at 6 pm and end at 9:30.

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Teufel development update

Polygon Homes' housing and commercial development proposed for the Teufel Nursery property on Barnes Road is proceeding, with plenty of community input and public agency review.

Mike Miller, principle of the design firm MGH Associates, presented plans to the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors on July 12. The board was generally favorable toward the park sites planned as part of the development, but some concern was expressed over the proposal that the district maintain the "Neighborhood Square" feature adjacent to the planned school. One board member mentioned, "We don't do squares."

City of Beaverton spokesman Joe Grillo says, "our Development Services staff is currently reviewing the proposed development. Polygon Northwest is requesting approval of a Planned Unit Development, Design Review Type Three for building elevations, site design of approximately 975 attached residential units, a Tree Plan Type Three for the proposed removal of trees located within a significant natural resource area, and a Preliminary Subdivision for the creation of 19 lots for residential, commercial, school site development, and open space tracts."

Grillo continues, "the Preliminary Planned Unit Development application is to establish a phased master plan for residential, commercial, school site development, open space and associated street network for the approximately 107 acre project area. The Final Planned Unit Development appli-

cation requests specific development of the residential dwellings and associated public and private streets and landscape improvements. The Design Review request is for the specific design of the proposed residential units, open space, parks, streets, grading of the commercial and school sites, and associated parking, walls, fences, landscaping, lighting, and site furnishings. The Tree Plan requests approval for removal of Community trees and trees located within the Significant Natural Resource Area."

Some of the things Beaverton planners are looking at include adequate access for public services like garbage pickup and emergency vehicles, and whether adequate space has been allocated for recycling bins and parking for resident's vehicles.

The first phase to be built will be on the north end of the property, near Cornell. This will comprise approximately 300 "town-homes"—larger family-oriented dwellings considered to be more likely to blend harmoniously with the existing adjacent neighborhood to the east. Groundbreaking is not expected to occur before spring of 2005.

Subsequent phases of development will proceed southward, with the commercial section not expected to begin for at least five years. Teufel Nursery plans to continue operation of their business as long as possible, moving some growing operations to their other Tualatin Valley locations.

Fred Gast, Polygon Vice President in charge of the development, says, "It's really been great working with the community to finalize our plans. It's been a wonderful learning experience for us. We're looking forward to bringing it out to the market." He mentions that streets in the development will be named for early Cedar Mill settlers.

The public hearing with the City of Beaverton Planning Commission will take place on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers in Beaverton's City Hall. Development Services staff will make recommendations on the proposed applications. Additional inquiries into this development should be directed to City planners Tyler Ryerson at 503-526-2520 or Liz Jones at 503-350-4082.

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for Saturday, September 25. Bleachers features live music – mostly rock and blues – about once a month.

Bleachers also puts on a Customer Appreciation Day at Sunset Speedway in Banks, Oregon. Along with Budweiser and Columbia Distributing, they sponsor "Bomber Car" driver Steve Herreid, "and Budweiser puts up a big tent and we all go out and watch Steve race," McGowan says.

McGowan doesn't seem to have any trouble retaining good employees. Bill the cook and Scott the bartender have been there six and eight years respectively. "I only have two rules," he says. "Treat the customers good, and don't steal!" Most of his employees are local folks too.

Bleachers is open from 11 am to 1 am Monday-Thursday, 11 am-2:30 am Friday and Saturday, and 11 am-12 pm Sunday. Happy hour is 2-5 every day, with extended hours on Mondays (6-9 pm) and Wednesdays (7-9 pm). No minors are admitted. The phone number is 503-643-1711.


Cat shot dead on 119th

In early July one of Nikki Jones' pet cats was found dead in their basement. So when another of her cats was found dead under a neighbor's car on July 27, Nikki took the body to Rick White at Cedar Mill Veterinary Hospital. She feared a disease might be killing her animals. Instead, White found a .22 caliber rifle slug in the cat. It's the only case of pet shooting that White has seen in the Cedar Mill area. Other local vets haven't seen anything recently either.

Susan Field, spokesperson for Bonnie Hays Small Animal Shelter, had been busy with the recent Beaverton dog bite incident, but said no incidents of pet shooting had been reported to her agency either.

Sandy James, Washington County Sheriff's Department Public Information Officer, says that shooting an animal within the urban growth boundary is a crime. "It would be considered Aggravated Animal Abuse," she says. The Sheriff's office is investigating the incident, and urges anyone with information to call them at 503-846-2524.

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Area parks—improvements and plans

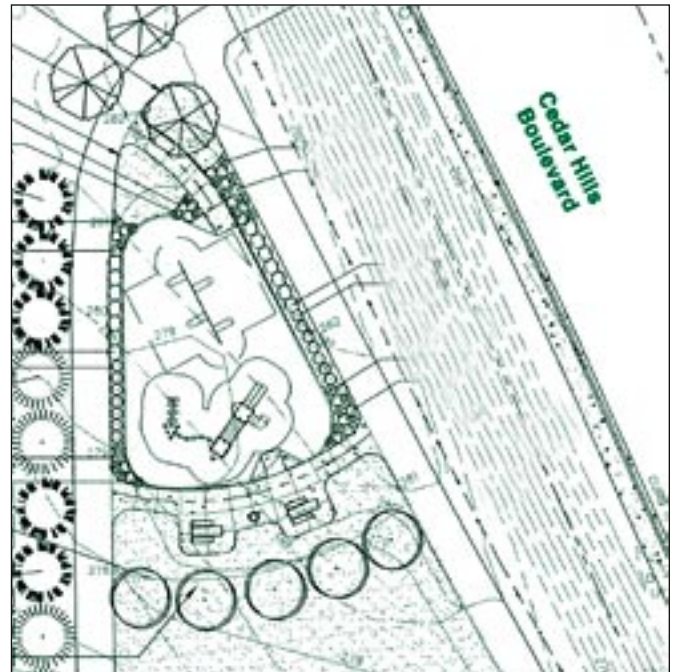
Danica Skeoch, THPRD Planning & Development

Summer is a very busy time for park projects around the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District. This summer there are two projects that will create new park and recreation opportunities in the Bethany and Cedar Mill communities, and a major facility north of Cedar Mill is being planned:

Foege Park

DaNeal Construction began work on Foege Park (pronounced Fay-gee), located on Cedar Hills Boulevard just north of Barnes, in early July. The project is going well and completion is expected in September of this year. Improvements to the site include the installation of a new play structure and two picnic tables as well as the fine grading and seeding of the lawn area. Don't forget to visit the park this fall and try out all of the new site amenities! The park can be accessed from the bridge on 112th.

swing set and play structure in the meadow area. The entrance to The Bluffs Park is located at the bottom of Haskell Court, off Big Fir Circle in The Bluffs subdivision.



Detail of Foege Park landscaping plan showing playground and picnic area

The Bluffs Park

Construction at The Bluffs Park is scheduled to begin in August of this year, with completion in late fall. New site amenities include a six-foot-wide gravel path from the Haskell Court entrance through the woods to the open meadow area in the park, and a

Be sure to check the Planning & Development Web page at www.thprd.org for updates on Foege Park, the Bluffs Park and THPRD's PCC—Rock Creek Recreation Facility, and information on other upcoming and recently completed park projects.



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