

THE COUNTRY STORE

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Marco’s 30th anniversary celebration benefits Doernbecher’s

Last month, Marco’s Café celebrated 30 years of being open for business in the old general store in the heart of Multnomah Village.

The “Taste of Marco’s” was a benefit for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

“For us, giving back to the community was the perfect way to celebrate our anniversary,” said owner Dean Rothenfluch.

One hundred percent of all the proceeds raised were spent on toys and learning tools for the children in the hospital, which were purchased at Thinker Toys, another Multnomah Village business.

“The ‘Taste of Marco’s’ featured several of our beers and wines, as well as some classic dishes and new flavors,” said Rothenfluch. The event raised almost \$700.

“We could not be more grateful to our loyal patrons for coming out and supporting such an amazing cause.”

“Marco’s has been a staple of Multnomah Village for many years. We felt it was important to share and celebrate our anniversary with the very customers who have made Marco’s what it is today.”

Gigi’s Café to open soon in Hillsdale

At press time, if all has gone smoothly, Gigi’s Cafe, a new waffle spot featuring a soda fountain, will offer breakfast and lunch in Hillsdale, in the space formerly occupied by Korkage Wine Bar and Three Square Grill.

Owners Mike Susak and Charlene Wesler were introduced and welcomed by the Hillsdale Business and Professional Association at their monthly meeting in October. Susak and Wesler own and operate the downtown Gaufre Gourmet food cart.

“We’re going to be open from 7-4 or 5,” said Susak. “A grand opening is in the plans.”

Golden Tickets promotion begins fifth year

The holidays are coming soon, believe it or not. Golden tickets can be used with participating merchants in Multnomah Village and Hillsdale from Nov. 15 through Dec. 31.

The concept is easy. Purchase an item at one participating shop and receive a Golden Ticket. Go across the street and pick out something and receive the promotion.

“It’s become more merchant and customer friendly these past years,” Multnomah Village’s Randy Bonella stated. “It’s the best six-week promotion ever.”

Other business districts like Hillsboro and Belmont have adopted the same program with positive results Bonella said. He created the Golden Ticket program in 2009.



"A Taste of Marco's" was the theme for the cafe's 30th anniversary party. (Photo courtesy of Tami Rothenfluch Wright)

“Hurry, though!” Bonella exclaimed. “Only 35,000 have been printed this year.”

Jimmy’s Bar and Grill still open after all these years

Jimmy’s Bar and Grill in Multnomah Village is still open. Despite years and years of sewer and road work, the disappearance of the marquee, and rumors of its demise, the place is alive and kickin’.

The Post received an email from one of our readers regarding Jimmy’s so we sent a reporter to go investigate.

We talked to Jimmy’s owner, Jim Prenty to get the lowdown. Turns out that the old marquee was taken down when the property was taken over and developed by the city for new sidewalks and bioswales. Will there be a new marquee?

Stay tuned to find out.



Jimmy's old marquee.

Galaxy 43 draws neighborhood attention

You might want to go down to Southwest Multnomah Boulevard and 45th Avenue to check on the progress of the new bar, Galaxy 43. Word has it that the immediate neighbors are not too keen on the new business popping up in their backyard.

Concerned citizens have made their voices known to both the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and Multnomah Neighborhood Association. According to emails obtained by *The Post*, the obvious concerns are noise, intoxicated patrons, parking, gambling, and other undesirable behaviors.

“I live in a duplex right near the bar,” Todd Kunz wrote. “I have lived here for the past 15 years and greatly enjoy the quiet, safe, and friendly living environment.

“That will all change if the Galaxy 43 is allowed to open.”

According to Theresa Marchetti, program specialist with the OLCC, the Multnomah Neighborhood Association chair, Moses Ross, and Stefanie Adams, Southwest crime prevention coordinator, met with the owner, Leo J. Murphy.

“We toured the business,” Moses wrote, “and conveyed the concerns of

the neighborhood to the owner.”

Galaxy 43 is expected to open in mid-November or early December and will be open until 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Currently there isn’t a plan to create outdoor seating. The owner committed to posts signs both inside and out, to remind patrons to respect the neighborhood and to keep noise to a minimum.

The business owner is planning to stop music around midnight each night and to limit live performances to once a week.

Video lottery is planned three months after opening and will be placed in a location that can be monitored by the bartender and will out of view of children as is required by law.

“Parking is expected to be sufficient,” Ross said. “We suggested evaluating the lighting of the east parking lot at night. This area is rather isolated.”

Ross offered to be a liaison for the neighbors. The owner was very amiable to this suggestion.

According to the city website, documentation on issues with any business can include logs, pictures, video, 911 calls, police reports, and noise citations.

“I think the concerns are a little blown out of proportion,” said a resident who wanted to remain anonymous. “Let them open and hold them to be a good neighbor.”

POLICE BLOTTER

Pipe bomb explodes in vehicle along Southwest Capitol Hwy

Posted on FlashAlert: October 27th, 2014 10:00 AM

The Portland Police Bureau and Portland Fire & Rescue, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers of Oregon, are asking for the public’s help to identify the suspect who placed a pipe bomb in a Southwest Portland neighborhood.

On Oct. 15, Central Precinct officers and the Metropolitan Explosives Disposal Unit (MEDU) responded to the report of an explosion in the parking lot of an apartment complex located in the 10600 block of Southwest Capitol Highway.

The explosion damaged one vehicle but did not result in any injuries. Bomb technicians and arson investigators collected evidence at the scene and determined that the damage was the result of an exploding pipe bomb.

Investigators are continuing to follow leads in this case but have not identified a suspect or a motive for the explosion.

At this time, there is no information to suggest that this incident is a hate crime or terror-related. Witnesses may contact the investigators directly or, to remain anonymous, they may provide information through Crime Stoppers of Oregon.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and tipsters can remain anonymous.

Information learned from social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter or YouTube should be shared with investigators as these tips may lead to the identification of a suspect or suspects. Links can be shared directly with investigators or anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

Leave a Crime Stoppers tip online at http://crimestoppersoforegon.com/submit_online_tip.php text CRIMES (274637) and in the subject line put 823HELP, followed by the tip, or call (503) 823-HELP (4357) and leave the tip information.

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Firefighters extricate patient after traffic accident

On Oct. 29 at 11:07 a.m. Portland Fire & Rescue responded to a traffic accident at the intersection of Southwest Scholls Ferry Road and Humphrey Boulevard. When firefighters arrived they found a two vehicle accident, with one driver trapped in her car. The trapped driver's car was pinned between the other vehicle and a guard rail.

Firefighters extricated the driver and she was transported to Oregon Health & Sciences University Hospital. The adult female patient was entered into the trauma system. Trauma system entry indicates either serious traumatic injury or the possibility of the same.