

Councilman Astleford eyes improvements

By Nancy Barker
Staff Writer

"If streets are up to standard, we can do away with maintenance; but some people don't want to bring streets up to standard."

Street and park commissioner Joe Astleford advocates improving all streets so that they will not need extensive and expensive repairs. He feels that it is far less costly to standard streets than to keep repairing existing substandard streets.

"Streets which are not standard cost in maintenance," explained Astleford.

Standardizing streets cannot be done without a plan. This year's budget will allow for a street plan, to be drawn by the city engineer. This would include an inventory of existing streets and an estimate of the cost of bringing them up to standard.

"After a plan has been developed, the city would break up into logical areas to form improvement districts. Under a new ordinance, property owners take responsibility for streets and sewers."

The proposed change in direction is going to cost the taxpayer to improve the streets, but since no maintenance will be required, the city will not have to levy for streets. It will be a one time cost, according to Astleford.

"There will be a change in the way we finance capital improvements; we will do it on a larger scale."

One improvement this councilman has been instrumental in obtaining is the new nine and a half acre park behind city hall. Parks are also under councilman Astleford's jurisdiction.

"I've been pushing it for three years! Now it is under way, and the bridges will be built this weekend by the Marine Reserves."

In addition, budget proposals have been made for restrooms and utility lines outside city hall. The city will receive



JOE ASTLEFORD, Street Commissioner on the city council, points out a particularly bad pot hole near Proctor Avenue. This and others will be repaired when Proctor is redesigned and improved this spring. (Post Photo)

Farm, home loans show increase

The Department of Veterans' Affairs granted 831 farm and home loans in March in the amount of \$16,024,907, for the greatest dollar volume in a month in the history of the loan program, H.C. Saalfeld, Director of Veterans' Affairs, reported.

The old record was in September, 1970, when 933 veterans borrowed \$15,843,900.

March also set a new monthly record for loan applications, Saalfeld said, with 1,154

veterans applying. The previous record was 1,100 in August, 1969.

Loans for the January-March quarter totaled 2,008 in the amount of \$38,533,197. This was up \$4 million from the previous quarter when 1,889 veterans borrowed \$34,484,205, and up \$7 million from the same quarter a year ago with 1,726 loans for \$31,317,900.

Loan applications for the January-March period numbered 2,812, against 1,850 in the preceding quarter and 2,071 for January-March last year.

Federal matching funds for these.

"This year, the council is going to be able to offer alternatives on how to develop the town. The city is going to be more responsive to people, but we need people's involvement."

"Once the city embarks on a program of parks and beautification, there will be a need for maintenance," continued Astleford. "We're hoping to involve the businessmen in the area."

The street and parks commissioner is pleased with the new direction the city government has taken, with the hiring of a city administrator. He feels that employing a full-time person will be beneficial to the city taxpayers.

"The city's been lacking, not having a city administrator. We can't run the city part-time. Now it will be run like a business; we will be able to do a better job. We'll be in a position to spend people's money more efficiently."



PUBLIC PROPERTY commissioner, George Burg, is responsible for vehicles and equipment owned by the city, such as this truck. Property must be kept in repair, and occasionally replaced. (Post Photo)



OLD BACKHOE is used in conjunction with new one to save time in digging operations now in progress on Proctor Avenue. (Post Photo)

Sandy firemen respond

The Sandy Fire Department reported a total of ten calls answered for the week of April 2 through 10. These included two false alarms, two flue fires, two grass fires, one each first aid, vehicle damage, auto fatality, and mutual aid.

Flue fires were reported Monday, April 2, and Tuesday, April 3, at the Hivaka residence at Rt. 1, Box 520, Troutdale, and the Creamer residence at Rt. 1, Box 804, Sandy respectively. There was no damage in either case.

Wednesday, April 4, an alarm was turned in by McGuire's Nursing Home, which proved to be false.

The same day, a report that a child on a bicycle was struck by an automobile was another false alarm.

Thursday, April 5, Sandy firemen put out a grass fire at the home of D. Farmer of Rt. 2, Box 1711, Sandy. The fire was caused by backfire from Farmer's tractor.

The Boring RFD called for

mutual aid Friday, April 5. They requested the Sandy RFD to stand by, while they put out a grass fire, until they were back in service.

Another grass fire was reported at Rt. 1, Box 1048 on Hillcrest Road, Saturday, April 7. It was caused by defective electric fence.

Grade schools hold choral festival

By Ellen Lamm

On Thursday, April 5 Sandy Elementary participated in its first choral festival with Boring and Welches. Each school performed individually as well as in three mass pieces.

The individual songs from each school were: from Welches, Kumbaya and Mary Ann; from Boring, I don't Know How to Love Him and Blowin' in the Wind; and from Sandy, 59th Street Bridge Song and A Time for Us.

The Sandy 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Ensemble also performed and sang The Candy Man and When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob, Bob Bobbin' Along.

Mr. Atkinson from Welches directed the mass chorus in Amazing Grace, Miss Wahl from Boring directed Christian Island, and Mrs. Brisbin from

Sunday, April 8, the Sandy FPD responded to a call at the scene of an accident in which a boy, Randy Manley, was struck by a car, while running across Highway 26. The boy, visiting with his parents at the Pioneer Motel, was taken to Gresham Community Hospital, where he died.

Grade schools hold choral festival

Sandy directed Fly Away.

On Saturday, April 14, there will be a Junior Division Solo and Ensemble Contest at Heights Junior High School in Parkrose. The Girls' Ensemble will perform along with six solos from 8th grade students. Instrumental solos and the stage band will also compete with other schools in District 2.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade spring music program will be held on Thursday evening, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sandy Upper Grade Gym.

Instrumental groups that will be performing are the 4th Grade Recorders, 5th and 6th grade bands. All 4th through 6th grade classrooms will participate along with the 5th and 6th grade special chorus. The finale will commemorate the Sandy Centennial with all students singing or playing a medley entitled Trails West.

Keeping posted

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

12 noon Sandy Golden Age Club, potluck luncheon, Odd Fellows Hall

4:00 p.m. Sandy High varsity baseball, vs Canby, there

4:00 p.m. Sandy High Girl's track meet vs Sweet Home, there

4:00 p.m. Sandy High Girls' tennis match, vs Barlow, there

4:00 p.m. Sandy High track meet, vs Sweet Home, here

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Northwest Steelheaders spring fish feed, Lion's Pavilion, Wemme

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

6:00 to noon Mt. View Rainbow pancake breakfast, Masonic Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 16

All week, Art Fair at Sandy High, 9:00 to 3:00 daily, till 6:30 Tues. and Wed.

3:30 p.m. Sandy High golf match vs LaSalle, there

7:00 p.m. Adjourned meeting Sandy city council, city hall

7:30 p.m. First meeting on county comprehensive plan Oregon City High

7:30 p.m. Mt. View Rainbow meeting, Masonic Hall

8:00 p.m. Oregon Fuchsia Society meeting, Salvation Army Headquarters, 1785 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, speaker Mrs. Hans Breck of Gardens of Enchantment.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

12 noon Sandy Chamber of Commerce, T.J.'s restaurant

3:30 p.m. Sandy High golf match, vs Central, there

4:00 p.m. Sandy High varsity baseball, vs Sweet Home, here

4:00 p.m. Sandy High Girls' tennis, vs Newburg, here

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

3:30 p.m. Sandy High golf match vs. Forest Grove, there

8:00 p.m. Sandy Masonic Lodge No. 158 A.F. & A.M. stated meeting

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Sandy high students get honor

Mark G. Baughman, junior at Sandy High School was recently named to the Seventh Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1972-1973."

The publication, the largest of its kind in the nation, selects students from over 18,000 public, private and parochial schools in the country. Less than two per cent of junior and senior students throughout the nation are accorded this recognition for their achievements.

Baughman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene G. Baughman of

Sandy, is a member of the National Honor Society, and the "Crimson S". He has participated in junior varsity baseball and basketball. As a sophomore, he was a member of varsity football and baseball, but was unable to play this year due to injury.

As a member of "Who's Who," Baughman will compete for one of ten \$1,000 scholarships funded by the publishers, as well as having his biography in the book. He will also have the opportunity to participate in the annual "Survey of High Achievers."

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