

Carnival needs a home

Sandy's Fourth of July celebrations may have to be curtailed if the money-raising Mountain Festival Days carnival doesn't find a downtown site soon.

The forecast comes from Sandy Civic Services President Frank Happold, who says that early efforts to locate an adequate downtown carnival site have not proved promising.

Some 20 percent of proceeds from the annual Mountain Festival carnival goes back into Sandy Civic Services to fund Fourth of July activities.

This revenue from the carnival amounts to \$1,100 - \$1,300 - or roughly half the expense of putting on the July 4 celebration.

Ron Burbank of Vancouver, Wash., has brought his Fantastic Shows to town during the past several years.

A downtown location, has proved most advantageous in past years, however, and there are few to be found

today in busy downtown Sandy.

Sandy Civic Services - the affiliation of service organizations which coordinates the festival, is busy seeking permission of property owners of possible downtown lots.

Happold hopes to secure a site by April 18, date of next organizational meeting of Civic Services.

Fireworks for the July 4 celebration cost around \$1,000 alone, while musicians and outdoor privies add further expense.

This year, too, a parade will be added to the fun.

One solution to the carnival site problem, Happold said, could be settling for a smaller carnival with fewer rides and games. He indicated that this was a last resort, since the carnival has proved popular in the past and a good source of revenue for the city's civic services club.

"The trouble is that nobody wants to

have their kids travel a couple of blocks from the Mountain Festival to visit the carnival," he said.

Hence, location of the carnival away from the downtown core in past trial years has proved fatal to business.

It was located at the high school three years ago.

Last year it was located on Alt Avenue which was blocked off in front of the grade school, while two years ago the site of the present Heritage Square was used as a lot.

But that was before development of the downtown lot as a business center.

What's really needed, Happold said, is a permanent site which the City of Sandy should acquire for the annual event.

A highly visible location downtown in a site large enough to encompass all the festival activities is what's needed, he said.

Chamber wants return of trash barrels

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce is writing to city hall for an explanation for the sudden disappearance of public garbage cans once prominent on downtown streets.

The chamber's board of directors seeks return of the trash barrels to reduce litter downtown and provide for out-of-town visitors. Apparently, the public receptacles had to be removed when residents began filling them with personal trash, often carried

from home.

In the past, the free garbage service abuse included anything and everything, including one entire toilet dumped in a city garbage bin.

In other chamber action, the board is investigating possibilities for phone and office space within the old First Baptist Church which the city is acquiring.

The chamber has never had a telephone, nor any office space.

Valuables stolen

Valuables were stolen from the unlocked car of a Portland woman on Sunday while she was at the Barlow Trail Restaurant, according to a Clackamas County Sheriff's Department report.

Jean Lorraine Thompson reported stolen a \$35 sleeping bag, a camera and case valued at \$115 and a \$10 tote bag with contents valued at \$40.

Committee to meet

The Citizens Advisory Committee for the Sandy Comprehensive Plan Revision will meet on Wednesday, evening, April 12, to adopt objectives for the city's comprehensive planning area.

The group is meeting on a stepped-up schedule in order to meet a June deadline for completing the plan.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

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Council pushing for town delivery

by Von Braschler
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The Sandy City Council is writing a letter to the regional postmaster in San Francisco recommending downtown mail delivery and a larger post office here. The city will enlist letters from elected representatives to support their request.

The council questioned local postmaster John Metzger whom they invited to their regular April 3 meeting.

The city apparently will move to substantiate claims of a 2,500 city population to qualify for downtown mail delivery by carrier and to petition for a larger post office with more floor space and more parking.

There are several ways in which a city can qualify for consideration of downtown mail delivery, Metzger replied to council.

The easiest criterion to meet in Sandy's case, he said, would be substantiation of 2,500 city population.

A six-month delay in federal census reporting, however, lists Sandy's population at less than a hundred people short of the necessary number.

City Manager Paul Helton said he anticipates no trouble in substantiating Sandy's claim of 2,500.

How this in-town delivery would be set up would depend entirely on the decision of the regional postmaster in San Francisco, Metzger told the council, and he suggested that any favorable decision would probably favor the least expensive arrangement possible.

He indicated that the delivery would probably be done by the postal service's "park and loop" method in which a carrier parks his vehicle and circles a block before moving up the street.

Metzger added that city ordinance prohibits streetside mailboxes because of traffic congestion on Proctor and Pioneer downtown.

The council indicated that it would review this code and perhaps put teeth into the prohibition.

This could clear the way for actual door-to-door delivery in the business section, although any form the proposed downtown service would take would be drafted by regional postal headquarters.

The convenience of downtown delivery is expected to free shopkeepers and store clerks from trips to the post office.

A possible drawback, Metzger advised, is the relative delay in delivery by carrier, as opposed to service by post office boxes.

"The material goes into the boxes much sooner than it could be delivered to a downtown business location," Metzger noted, "but whether merchants have time to pick it up when it's ready at the post office is a different matter."

There is also a box shortage at the post office, shortage at the post office, with a waiting list of about 80 persons for the 536 boxes.

The present post office on Pioneer Boulevard is cramped, Metzger said, into 2609 square feet.

Asked by The Post what size would be needed to handle the present local growth and the anticipated doubling of the town in a year

or two, Metzger responded "5,000 square feet is a minimum—about twice as large as the building we now have."

Another problem with the present post office discussed at the council meeting was the lack of post office parking.

The few spaces in back of the building must be reserved for staff only, the postmaster said, since room must be left for the mail truck to move into the loading dock in back.

The Sandy post office also acts as transfer station for the mountain area and Estacada.

"The situation you usually have with no downtown delivery is a building located in the core of town for the ease of people coming into the post office to pick up and deliver mail."

He suggested that a move toward in-town delivery would allow the post office to locate outside the business district where parking is no problem.

Present staff at the post office includes eight full-time employees and 10 part-time workers, some of whom approach full-time status on the basis of hours.

The present building is leased and has housed the post office since August, 1955.

Prior to that, the post office was the site of the present saddle shop on Proctor.

Bowling results

Mt. Hooders
3/30/78

	W	L
Williams Thrftwy	23	16
J. Welches Ant.	23	16
Oregon Trail	20 1/2	18 1/2
Sheppards Exc.	20	19
Pioneer R.E.	19	20
The Cleanery	18	21
Sandy Trvl. Serv.	17	22
Sandy Fmrl. Home	15 1/2	23 1/2

High individual game and series: Vi Markwell 204; Caroline Duff 535.

High team game and series: Jennie Welches 941; Sandy Travel Service 2658.

Hoodland Hoppers
3/22/78

	W	L
Shamrock Motel	65	43
Wemne Flowers	64	44
Whistle Stop	61	47
Hoodland Thrftwy	60 1/2	47 1/2
Brightwood Grg	58 1/2	49 1/2
Glos Ford	58	50
Cat's Meow	54 1/2	53 1/2
Log Lodge	53	55
Bowman's	52	56
Carlson Chev.	45	63
Thornberg Con.	40	68
Fred Thrnbg & Son	36 1/2	71 1/2

High individual game and series: Bunnie Evans 246; Dana Thornberg 587.

High team game and series: Log Lodge 766 and 2167.

Early Birds
4/3/78

	W	L
Action Auto	34	22
T.J.'s	28 1/2	27 1/2
Eagle Foundry	27	29
Alpine Hut	25 1/2	30 1/2
Sandy Lbr.	25 1/2	30 1/2
Calico Country	25 1/2	30 1/2
Runnings	19	37
Zig Zag Inn	19	37

High individual game and series: Lex Secomb 227; Sandra Lagers 583.

High team game and series: Zig Zag Inn 722; Action Auto 2064.

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