

inside business



Mt. Hood Fruit Market

Fruit market closes soon, new restaurant to be built

The Mt. Hood Fruit Market in Sandy will close its doors, possibly in the fall, to begin construction of a new restaurant on the site.

Mike Lesowski, one of the market owners, said construction is expected to begin in October. He estimated completion would probably be three to four months after that.

The change from fruit market to restaurant by Lesowski and his partner, Mike Louderback, is the result of an increase in property taxes and a change in classification of the market by the State of Oregon.

According to the state, Lesowski said, "We are not a fruit market any more. We are a grocery store."

This classification would require the owners to enclose the open-air building and install air conditioning along with other adjustments. Rather than sell the property or fight the state, the two men decided to open a restaurant because they would have had to remodel to meet the requirements.

"This is the best location in a 50-mile radius for a restaurant," Lesowski said.

Many people have wanted to buy the property in years past, he added, and local restaurant owners have encouraged them to follow through on the idea.

The state's reasoning for a grocery classification is the market sells sealed-container items such as beer

and pop, bread and potato chips. Because of open building, flies land on the containers. Yet, fresh fruit is displayed outside where flies can freely light, Lesowski said, and people can buy and eat the fruit immediately. He said he does not understand the state's logic.

The new restaurant will seat about 170 people, he said, and will be "a full-service restaurant, open from 6 a.m. to 10 or 11 p.m."

Menu specialties and a name for the new business are still being planned.

The fruit market has operated at the intersection of Highway 26 and Bluff Road for seven years. It has served area restaurants on a wholesale basis along with its retail customers.

Heating oil available, but expensive

Oregonians won't have any trouble getting home heating oil this winter, but they'll be paying more for it.

"Guessing what the price will be takes a seer," said Len Gasner, director of the Oregon Oil Heating Institute. "The average price this winter should be in the area of 75 cents a gallon. Most major dealers are around 67 cents or 69 cents a gallon now, although some areas of the state are higher."

The institute checks prices in northern California, Oregon and Southwestern Washington. Gasner was in Salem Friday meeting with Gov. Vic Atiyeh and state Department of Energy officials.

Gasner said he told them there is no possibility of a

serious heating oil shortage this winter.

"Supply seems adequate for everybody," he said. "Last winter, when the weather got terribly cold, we had problems in delivery but no problem getting oil. The problem was getting enough trucks and keeping them on the roads."

Prices last winter were between 55 cents and 57 cents a gallon, according to Gasner.

"Certainly there's nothing to indicate that prices would double from last winter or anything like that," he said. "However, Canada now says it's raising the price of natural gas. We just have to understand that the cost of energy is increasing. People have to be more efficient."

Statistics indicate they have been. During 1972, institute figures show, the average Portland metro-area home used 1,000 gallons of heating oil. Last year the average was cut to 780 gallons per average home.

"That's a good job of

conservation," Gasner said. "Now people have to keep doing that, keep turning back the thermostat."

Mike Calkins, manager of Sandy Oil Co., which is supplied by Exxon, said: "In winter you're talking about five to seven gallons per day

to heat the average home.

"Last winter was pretty rough and we sold a lot of oil. If it's mild this winter we should be in pretty good shape. The only thing I know about price is that it's really going to be up from last year."

Public housing program planned

Proposals from private developers or public housing agencies to take part in a federal housing assistance payment program are being sought by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HUD's Portland area office plans to subsidize 166 units of newly or substantially rehabilitated

housing located throughout Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties and in Clark County, Wash.

Gerald Huard, acting area manager of the Portland area office, has advertised for proposals, which must be received in his office by 4 p.m. Aug. 2.

Successful developers will be offered a contract under which HUD will agree to pay

the portion of the monthly rental which the low-income tenants cannot afford. The developers will own and manage the units.

Developers or public agencies interested in making proposals should contact the Portland Area Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 520 SW Sixth Ave., Portland 97204.

New rules set on mailing

Sandy area residents who had not mailed all those pretty little thank-you notes that have been sitting around in tucked-away places by Sunday might as well forget it.

Beginning Sunday the U.S. Postal Service no longer accepted undersized envelopes and will now levy a 7-cent surcharge on oversized and odd-sized pieces.

The standard size will be 3½ by 5 inches. Cards and envelopes measuring less will be returned to the sender.

Flimsy cards, envelopes and pieces of mail less than seven-thousandths of an inch thick now will be prohibited because they often jam the mail processing machines.

The surcharge on oversized mail will be levied on two categories: envelopes measuring more than 6½

inches by 11½ inches sent first class and weighing less than an ounce, or sent third class and weighing less than two ounces; and odd-sized envelopes and cards with height-to-width ratios of less than 1 to 1.3, or more than 1 to 2.5.

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