



Fan the flames



Photos by Dan Dillon

The last reminder of the Aug. 20 hailstorm that ripped through Sandy damaging homes and power lines was gone last week as Sandy firefighters burned the stack of rubble at Tupper Park. Firefighter Ron Smith (right) tosses another branch on the

fire that needed a little boost to get started. Because of damp conditions, the firemen used a high-powered fan (left) to spread the blaze.

Sprinkler proponents bow to business

With a revised approach, Sandy Fire District is taking its proposed sprinkler system ordinance to Sandy City Council, hoping to make it a part of the building code.

When the district held informational meetings for the community earlier this year, it proposed installation of sprinkler systems in existing buildings as well as new construction. That idea was roundly objected to by the business community because of cost factors.

Now the district is pushing for an amendment to the building code that would require new construction and major remodelings to install

the systems.

Included in the proposal is any new building with over 5,000 square feet or new hazardous building, such as a gasoline storage site, with over 3,000 square feet. Any owner who remodeled 50 percent of a building's value would also be required to install sprinklers.

Any person who does that currently has to conform with the code anyway. The same is true with hazardous buildings and the district's proposals for hospitals, schools and group care homes. Those buildings are already required to sprinkler in the same manner as the

district's proposal.

The district would get tougher with hotels and apartments. Under the Uniform Building Code of Oregon, those buildings are not required to have any sprinklers at all. The district proposal would sprinkler any such structure with three or more stories, and in exit ways.

Fire Chief Bob Rathke said the proposals differ from the state codes in some instances because the proposal was based on the capabilities of the Sandy district. He said the state code is lenient in some places because it was written to apply for fire districts like Portland with

hundreds of paid personnel and one-truck towns in eastern Oregon.

After evaluating the Sandy personnel, the chief said there would be some fires that might be containable. "In lieu of that, we're looking to have the fire protection built in."

With passage of the ordinance, the district would look at its history in four to five years and determine if the record warrants an amendment to include existing buildings. There are some buildings that could not be built today if the existing codes had been in effect at the time of their construction.

One is Sandy Elementary School. It has no sprinkler protection except sprinkler heads outside each classroom door. Under the district proposal all educational facilities would be sprinklered.

The ordinance will go to the city council at Monday night's meeting at 7:30 p.m. Also on the agenda for that meeting is consideration of the final assessments on the public parking lot between Heritage Square and TJ's Fireside Dining.

Payment for that parking lot has been a bone of contention between the city and Sandy merchants for some time.

Keeping Posted:

Council to discuss LID4

Thursday, Nov. 1
Sandy Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Sandy Community Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, Nov. 3
The Board of Directors of the Oral Hvl Foundation for the Blind meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Lodge. Visitors are welcome.

Monday, Nov. 5
Sandy City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall to discuss final assessments for Local Improvement District No. 4, and a proposed fire sprinkler system ordinance. Rainbow Girls meet at Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 6
Sandy Chamber of Commerce meets at noon at TJ's Restaurant. Clackamas County Commissioner Ralph Groener will be the guest speaker.

Wednesday, Nov. 7
Clackamas County bookmobile will be at the

Government Camp post office from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the Hoodland Shopping Center at Welches from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sandy Area Merchants meet at 7 a.m. at TJ's Restaurant.

The Sandy TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club meets at 9 a.m. at the Community Action Center; and at 6:45 p.m. in the community room at Independent Bank of

Sandy. For more information on the morning club, call Shirley Reed at 668-5338. For more information on the evening club, call Ginny Rada at 668-7348.

Thursday, Nov. 8
Cottrell School Board of Directors meet at 8 p.m. in the East Building.

Sandy Golden Age Club holds its semimonthly potluck at the Sandy Senior Center at noon.

Boring Kiwanis joins Christmas drive

The annual Christmas Basket project will have a different twist this year.

The project, sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Sandy and Boring, will divide into two separate drives. The Kiwanis Club of Boring has elected to conduct its own Christmas Basket project this year for the area covered by the Boring School boundary plus Damascus.

The Sandy effort will cover the Cottrell, Bull Run, Aims and mountain areas, plus part of Eagle Creek.

Sandy Kiwanis Club president Gale Meier has appointed W. Pete Sulzbach chairman of the annual project for 1979. Vic Liepold will lead the Boring Program. "There will be close cooperation and mutual help in the two projects,"

said Sulzbach.

Students at Sandy Union High School, and the Sandy, Cottrell, Bull Run and Welches elementary schools will be invited to participate by conducting drives for canned and packaged foods.

Adults will provide presents for children of the families receiving baskets and make cash donations toward providing fresh foods

and chickens, according to Sulzbach.

Sandy Community Action Center will help process applications along with the Christmas Basket Bureau of the Salvation Army and county case workers.

Sulzbach expects that the Sandy project will provide

baskets for approximately 100 families and the Boring project approximately 60. The baskets will be delivered during the Christmas week.

The pickups and food drives will be conducted in the middle of the month, according to Sulzbach.

Local scouts show goodwill

Sandy Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts have distributed more than 1,200 Goodwill bags in the area during the past two weeks in October.

Now, this Saturday, Nov. 3, the scouts will take to the streets again to pick up the bags filled with donations as part of a special Good Turn Day.

The donations will supply the tools needed to employ and train disabled Oregonians at Goodwill Industries of Oregon. Good Turn Day is sponsored by the Columbia Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Goodwill Industries of Oregon and the Rotary Club of East Portland. These groups work throughout the year to plan and coordinate the efforts to

collect thousands of pounds of donations.

The Sandy drive will be limited to the area within the city limits. Residents who live outside the limits may also participate by dropping off their donations at the Sandy Fire District's main station on Pioneer Boulevard.

The success of Good Turn Day makes a difference to more than 400 people employed at Goodwill Industries. The materials collected Saturday will

provide the backlog of goods to provide training and employment for disabled persons during the winter months when the normally high level of donations decreases dramatically.

The Sandy scouts will make their rounds after 10 a.m. and have been instructed not to solicit the donations door to door. Residents who wish to contribute are asked to place the Goodwill bag, distributed by the scouts, on their porch for easy pick up.

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