

Police organizing city with volunteer program

The crime rate is sneaking higher and higher in small towns like Sandy and local officials are concerned.

To assist local residents and help them protect their belongings, the Sandy Police Department is implementing a community education program to begin prevention measures at home.

According to Police Chief Fred Punzel, the program will use police officers and volunteers. Volunteers, he said, are still desperately needed.

The program will focus on home security and point out the use of locks, fences and other preventive measures to slow down, if not eliminate burglars. "The thing that's bothering us most in the residential burglaries is that the access to houses is super-simple," Punzel said recently.

With the volunteer program, the police department will be able to point out how burglars are getting into local homes.

The program will also

cover the proper identification of valuables in the home. Most households have not marked their valuable merchandise or written down the serial number somewhere for safekeeping.

Consequently, there is no identification number for the police to put in the computer to trace stolen items. If more people identify their merchandise with the driver's license number, Punzel said, it would be easier to trace stolen goods.

Finally, the program will help neighborhoods organize neighborhood watches where neighbors keep an eye on each other's homes during absences.

The program will begin with a two-day training session next week for volunteers and police officers, March 10 and 11, at the Sandy Community Center. Anyone interested in participating in the program is asked to contact the Sandy Police Department, 668-5566, for more information.



Tailoring class instructor Sharon Zull (second from right) helps student Linda Wilson in one of the many sewing classes offered by Calico Country fabrics shop on Pioneer Boulevard in Sandy. The shop recently added the classroom with acquisition of adjacent office space. Shop owners Arlene and Don Stuck now offer a wide range of day and night sewing classes on everything from quilting to lampshades to denims. Also pictured are tailoring students Diane Mattox (far left) and Linda Zade (far right).

Residential burning allowed until mid-June

Residential burning reopened in the Sandy Fire District Sunday, according to fire marshal Jim Gallagher. The season will close June 15.

Although there had been speculation that the Department of Environmental Quality would remove Sandy from the area of its proposed permanent ban on burning, Gallagher said the agency will re-evaluate the whole system again in six months.

District residents who have burning permits from the last season need not apply for a new one, Gallagher said. If a patron does not have one or has moved, they may obtain a permit any time during working hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Sandy fire station. There is no charge.

The district responded to 11 alarms during the week.

Last Friday morning, at 6:45 a.m., the district responded to a car fire at Marsh Road. A 1978 Datsun pickup, valued at \$4,000, was

destroyed. It was a set fire, according to Gallagher. The vehicle had been reported stolen by Multnomah County officials.

Saturday, fire district personnel responded to an illegal burn at St. Michael's Catholic Church. They were burning construction debris, according to Gallagher.

Sunday, lint in a furnace filter flashed at a residence on Hager Lane and firefighters responded to the smoke scare.

The district also responded to two first-aids, two minor or non-injury auto accidents and four mutual assists with Boring Fire District, including a fire on Wildcat Mountain Road that destroyed a barn.

To date, the district has responded to 121 alarms. At this time last year, the district had answered more than 300. "Discounting the storm (last year), we're about average for calls," Gallagher concluded.

Bike-a-thon seeks volunteers

The chairman of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels for Life Bike-a-thon this week asked residents of the Sandy-Boring area to volunteer their time and energy for the April 4 ride.

Volunteers are needed to conduct the Wheels for Life Bike-a-thon April 4 to raise funds to support the research center in its battle against catastrophic childhood diseases.

"We're looking for people who are willing to contribute a little of their time to help us help children live," said Anita Tinjum, chairman. "Our biggest need is for riders since they are the one who make the event a success."

"Those who want to ride should pick up their registration sponsor forms at Reliable Realty in Sandy and start getting sponsors," Tinjum said. Everyone who

raises \$25 will get a St. Jude Children's Research Hospital T-shirt, and those who raise \$75 or more will receive a special biker's back pack.

There will also be special prizes. Grand prize will be a 10-speed bike and second prize, a skateboard. In addition, there will also be "surprise" prizes for the top winners collecting the most from their pledgers within 10 days after the ride has been completed.

The ride will take place in the Mountain Shadow subdivision, off Kelso Road behind Kelso School. The course will be set up the day before the ride so parents and pledgers will have an opportunity to inspect the course prior to the ride.

The ride will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and riders will ride a maximum of 20 miles.

At St. Jude's, doctors and

scientists are studying leukemia, Hodgkin's Disease and other forms of childhood cancer, as well as other deadly diseases that strike the young. The results of research conducted there are shared with doctors and scientists all over the world, enabling stricken children to have a better chance to live.

Volunteers may contact Anita Tinjum, Reliable Realty, 668-7481 or 668-6043, to help.

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Break-in nets charge

A Boring man was arrested last Tuesday, Feb. 24, after he allegedly broke into Sandy Ridge School.

Virgil K. Phillips, 64, was arrested at 12:23 a.m. on charges of first-degree burglary, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and second-degree theft. He

allegedly broke a window at the unoccupied school on Highway 211 and took a typewriter, according to Clackamas County sheriff's deputies.

Deputies were alerted to the scene by a silent alarm. Phillips was lodged in the county jail.

Babysitting fees taxed

Considering the number of mothers and fathers who work and pay for the care of their children in private homes, the babysitting business looms as one of the most widespread occupations available to people who work at home.

One responsibility that should not be overlooked is to report the dollars and cents of that activity to the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS receives numerous calls each year from babysitters who want to know how and where to report their income, what deductions are available to them and how they stand concerning Social Security taxes.

According to the IRS, a home babysitter is in a business, and is required to report income like any other sole proprietor. Likewise, they are entitled to deduct necessary business expenses from their income before it is taxed.

Business expenses are deductible regardless of whether or not personal deductions are itemized, such as interest, contributions and medical expenses.

Income and expenses of a babysitting business are reported on Schedule C, an attachment to the regular income tax return, form 1040. The net profit is then transferred to the income tax return, added in with all other types of income, and the tax computed.

In addition to income taxes, however, the home babysitter will pay self-employment Social Security

taxes on net profit if it is \$400 or more. A second form must be used for this purpose.



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(Consider that by age 18 the average youngster has spent the equivalent of two-and-a-half uninterrupted years of watching television - 45 more time

than he or she has spent in classroom education.)

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