

# New burning regulations in effect Oct. 21

## No burning in city limits, new app to apply for permit

Spokesman Staff

Redmond will see the opening of the outdoor debris burning season on Oct. 21 with new regulations and rules after the Redmond Fire & Rescue Board passed a new ordinance in April.

“We want to remind everyone that

the regulations have changed,” said Tom Mooney, RF&R fire chief. “Open burning within the city limits of Redmond is not allowed anymore.”

Those interested in burning debris must obtain a burn permit by calling the outdoor burning number at 541-504-5035 or by downloading the Burn Permit app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

Mooney said they will check the weather every day at 8 a.m. and will

approve or deny permits for all burning, dependent upon weather conditions.

According to the RF&R requirements, those who start burns are completely responsible — criminally and personally — for suppression costs for any fire that gets out of hand.

All fires must be permitted and attended by an adult until extinguished. Yard debris should be no more than 6 feet tall and 10 feet away from other

piles.

At least one fire extinguisher or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment such as a shovel and dirt, garden hose or water truck must also be available.

Items not allowed to be burned include garbage, plastic, asbestos, painted or treated wood, rubber products such as tires and any animal or vegetable matter from food preparation.

Items allowed include paper, card-

board and clothing or yard debris such as wood, needle or leaf materials from trees, shrubs or plants.

Recreational fires cannot be larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height and must be at least 25 feet away from a structure or combustible material.

A full list of requirements and rules can be found online at [rdmfire.org](http://rdmfire.org). To report an illegal burn, call the non-emergency line at 541-693-6911.

# Victim in Redmond homicide called 9-1-1

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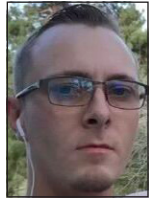
Police believe a man killed in Redmond last month was shot after calling 911 following a fight with the suspected gunman.

Trevit C. Law, 46, was shot through the head after a fight on Sept. 25 with Skyler R. Myers, according to Deschutes County Circuit Court records. The 32-year-old Myers was the son of Law's girlfriend, friends of the victim say.

The records do not state what preceded the fight at the home on SW Young Avenue where the shooting took place. But at some point, a man be-

lieved to be Law called 911 to report he was being assaulted, according to the records.

At one point during the fight, Law and a woman got into a black 2007 Volkswagen Jetta outside the home. The woman, whose name was redacted in the document, told police she was in the driver's seat and Law was in the rear seat while he and Myers continued to argue through an open window.



Myers

She said Myers then “struck” Law through the open window, according to the records. The woman told police that “something to the left caught her attention and caused her to look away.” Then, she said she heard a loud pop.

As her ears were ringing, the woman told police, she looked over and saw Law “slumped over.” She told police she and Myers screamed, and he said “something to the effect of ‘Oh my God,’” according to the records.

Witnesses told police that Myers ran into the house and that he shot Law before he left, according to the records. It is

not clear through the records what kind of gun was used in the shooting, but a witness told police he believed Myers had a .38 caliber handgun.

Police arrived and reportedly found Law inside the vehicle. Police also found what appeared to be blood throughout the house, including on a trashcan in the upstairs bathroom and in the kitchen.

Police reportedly chased Myers for about seven hours after the shooting before he took his own life. Myers was found near Gift Road and the Deschutes Canal.

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Trevit C. Law

Submitted photo

# Pet supply store celebrates grand opening

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The pitter-patter of claws filled Local Paws as customers packed the colorful aisles for the store's grand opening event on Oct. 15 featuring local and national suppliers and raffles, prizes and samples.

After moving into the location six months ago, the store finally flung its doors wide open for an excited public that showed up in droves.

The first local pet supply store in the city, Local Paws is the brainchild of Mark and Jessica Tiersma who decided to start their own business after 25 combined years in the industry.

“We thought we really needed a neighbor pet supply,” Jessica Tiersma said. “If someone's going to open a pet store in Redmond, why not us?”

It began when they decided to start selling pet supplies out of a mobile trailer in October 2020 during the heart of the COVID-19 pandemic. They traveled through Central Oregon selling treats and toys to customers in need.

When they began selling more pet food and raw ingredients, they realized they would need to find a more permanent location and wound up in a cart at General Duffy's Waterhole for 18 months.

Amber Fiock, who brought her Oreo-colored Australian Shepherd named Clif to the opening event, said she'd drive to Mud Bay in Bend for supplies until she started shopping at Local Paws when it was just a cart. She loved how knowledgeable



Tosha Asker holds Ruby at the Local Paws grand opening event on Oct. 15 in Redmond.

Nick Rosenberger/Spokesman

and kind the Tiersmas were and how they remembered Clif's name when she came back to visit.

“They have a really good selection of stuff,” Fiock said. “They don't just pick up anything.”

Fiock said she visits them two to three times a month for supplies and said it's nice that the store is within walking distance to everything else downtown and close to a bunch of other local businesses.

“It's better than big corporations,” she said. “This is our store. (Clif) loves coming here.”

For the Tiersmas, it boils down to the local community

and natural products. When a customer came in asking for help with itching, they recommended a functional mushroom for his dog. He came back after two weeks in tears because he felt like he'd gotten his dog back.

“That's why we're here,” Jessica said. “That is our goal — is just to help the community and keep the money in the community too.”

According to Jessica, Local Paws is also unique from bigger box stores because they focus more on natural approaches. They take this approach, she said, because their dog Otis,

Otis, Jessica said, had a lot of

allergies. They tried all sorts of different topicals and foods and eventually put him on medication to help. He soon after developed cancer. To counteract his health issues, they began giving him natural remedies and his itching stopped.

Because of this, Local Paws is much more focused on natural solutions and offers people an option for their pets without going the prescription route. She said this makes them different from a lot of other pet supply stores.

She said they're mostly focused on dogs and cats. Although they carry some chicken supplies, they're not



Photo provided by Mark Tiersma

A line stretches around Local Paws in Redmond on Oct. 15 as customers wait for the store's grand opening.

aiming to compete with local farm stores.

“We want to help support the local economy,” Jessica said.

Tosha Asker, a sales manager for Instinct Pet Food, said her company only sells its raw pet food at local neighborhood stores like Local Paws. She added that a lot of companies start selling their products at bigger stores like PetCo and PetSmart as they get larger, but said that it's important to support community pet suppliers.

“If it wasn't for the small neighborhood pet stores,” Asker said, “we wouldn't have the support and the notoriety and people wouldn't recognize food if it wasn't for them.”

Camille Uda, another sales manager who attended the event for Pets Global, said she could barely keep up with the customers as they flocked to the store — buying up bags of their food and treats.

Jessica said they had set aside tote bags with treats and freebies for the first 100 customers and expected it to last the majority of the day. Instead, the bags disappeared quickly with a line wrapping around the store before they opened.

“Our customers love that we're here and we're a resource for them,” Jessica said. “Makes it a very rewarding job for us”

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## Redmond woman among 2 dead in Highway 26 crash

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A Redmond woman died Oct. 15 in a car crash on Highway 26.

Carla Nichols, 63, died at scene, according to police. So too did James Mahon, 51, of Mineral Wells, Texas.

According to Oregon State Police, Mahon was driving eastbound in a Ford Taurus about 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 on Highway 26 when his vehicle drifted into oncoming traffic and collided head-on with the westbound Hyundai driven by Nichols. Her young Chihuahua, who was traveling with her, survived the crash and was cared for at the scene.

Highway 26 was affected for roughly five hours on Saturday while the OSP Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated the scene. OSP was assisted by Warm Springs Police Department and ODOT.

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