

Retiring to Flowers

A local couple that recently retired from professional careers are the new owners of the Avalon Flower Shop in downtown Portland at 421 S.W. 6th Ave.

Paul and Cori Stewart were persuaded to purchase the shop because of their special friendship with the floral designer at Avalon. Snell, as he is affectionately known, has been in the floral business for 36 years and is truly an artist at his craft.

A native Oregonian, Paul Stewart worked as a steamfitter for various companies. Cori Stewart was a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines for 25 years. After Eastern's demise, she worked at Nordstrom downtown in sales and later as manager of the first concierge desk in Portland for eight years. Soon after A.C. Green purchased 12 Denny's Restaurants, Cori went to work for him for more than six years as director of community and restaurant services.

The Stewarts have been married for 31 years and have two sons.

Avalon Flower Shop owner Cori Stewart enjoys the atmosphere of her downtown shop.

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Gov. Ted Kulongowski said he appointed Sweitzer because she has a keen understanding between transit and development as major developer in the Pearl District of northwest Portland.

She will represent TriMet's District 2, which includes north, northwest and portions of southwest Portland.

Sweitzer's company is midway through the transformation of a former rail yard into one of Portland's most livable neighborhoods. She is among the top five Pearl District developers and was featured in the Business Journal's most successful executive under 40.

She holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Oregon.



Tiffany Sweitzer



Transit Voice Helps Blind

TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen and Frank Synoground of the Oregon Commission for the Blind listen to bus stop information from an audible computer keyboard called VoiceNote PDA. TriMet has become the first transit agency in the nation to bring transit information to the vision-impaired via the specialized computers. The software can be downloaded at www.trimet.org.

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