

Downtown: Changes in the works everywhere

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laundromat next to the old gas station across from City Hall.

"We've cleaned it all up outside. And inside, we've started making some improvements," said Gil Gramson, who owns Sand Ridge with his wife, Ann. "The building is still sound even though it doesn't look like much."

The 2,100- square- foot building was purchased in November by Gramson's son, Gil Jr., and will be used as Sand

Ridge's headquarters with an office and a place to store tools and equipment.

They plan to re-side the building, put in new doors and, when the weather improves, paint.

- The **former gas station** next door has been the target of the city's blight removal mission. The property, in a trust, is ripe for a sale and new business to occupy it.

- Farther south on Main Avenue near Fourth Street, own-

ers of a long wooden building that used to house a **machine shop** are interested in selling, City Commissioner Rick Newton said.

- Farther south still is the former **Warrenton Builder's Supply**, which is undergoing major change.

Ken Culp purchased the massive building, as well as the vacant lot and lumber yard across the street.

"I'd like to keep it a lumber yard as well as run C&S Builders & Supply Company," Culp said of the space. "We're trying to get the offices rebuilt so we can keep C&S Builders running while we get the supply part finished."

He'll move his construction company from a small building adjacent to Fred Meyer and America's Mattress to the new offices and open a building supply store as well. Expanded parking will go across the street. They'll work with the city to ensure it looks harmonious with the rest of downtown.

"I've been doing this for 48 years," he said about compet-



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The former Warrenton Builder's Supply will soon become C&S Builders & Supply Company.

ing with Home Depot. "There's a little bit of experience behind the counter that's essential and we'll have that."

Mary Bosch, the primary RDI representative helping the city form a new downtown plan, said they've been going building-by-building to get redevelopment moving along.

"If you looked across the board at what the community expresses it wants downtown, it's more place to eat and shop," Bosch said. "They definitely want more restaurants. One of the key fundamentals to successful downtowns in this age of electronic shopping is a focus on restaurants and

community-oriented activities and services."

Big box stores are convenient and bring traffic and dollars into town, but residents also want businesses that offer something different and unique and that's the role for a healthy downtown to fill, Bosch said.

"We have to get buildings cleaned up before we can entice entrepreneurs," she said. "If you don't have a property owner sitting across the table, nothing's going to happen. In Warrenton, stay tuned. There's a hundred little conversations that add up to change."

PUBLIC NOTICE JOINT MEETING

WARRENTON CITY COMMISSION

AND WARRENTON COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

The Warrenton City Commission and the Warrenton Community Center Advisory Board will hold a joint meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss goals and plans going forward. The meeting location is at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW 3rd St. Warrenton, Oregon. City Commission meetings are open to the public.

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PUBLIC NOTICE JOINT MEETING

WARRENTON CITY COMMISSION

AND WARRENTON PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

The Warrenton City Commission and the Warrenton Parks Advisory Board will hold a joint meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss goals and plans going forward. The meeting location is at Warrenton City Hall, Commission Chambers, 225 S. Main, Warrenton, Oregon. City Commission meetings are open to the public.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CLATSOP

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN PETER GRUBER, Deceased
Case No.: 18PB05333

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cindy Lee Cox has been appointed Affiant. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Affiant c/o Caleb S. Leonard, with Tyler Smith & Associates, P.C., at 181 N. Grant St., Suite 212, Canby, OR 97103, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Affiant, or the lawyer for the Affiant, Caleb S. Leonard.

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City takes action on more blighted properties

A property with a dilapidated house on South Main Avenue, which the city had hoped to buy, has a new owner who is tearing down the nuisance.

Mark Korpi of North Coast Classic Homes said he plans to build a duplex and expects to be ready to rent the units by June.

The project removes a major eyesore for the city.

Two other properties were declared nuisances at Tuesday night's City Commission meeting.

A property at 1940 S. Main Ave. has many junk cars and equipment, plus people camping there illegally.

The second, at 1030 Third Ave., Hammond, has much junk strewn about, few work-

ing utilities and tenants using the city's Hammond Marina trash bins and showers illegally.

Owners of both properties have 10 days to abate the nuisances or the city will take additional steps.



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Construction equipment prepares to demolish an old house at Main Avenue and 11th Street just purchased by Mark Korpi.