

Seaside Golf fire destroys shed, vehicle

A Tuesday afternoon fire at Seaside Golf Course destroyed a utility shed, a pickup truck and some equipment, but no injuries were reported.

The fire was reported at 1:11 p.m. at 415 Avenue U. When firefighters arrived, they found the utility shed engulfed in flames, which quickly began spreading, according to the Seaside Fire Department.

The two-alarm fire brought out mutual aid from Gearhart, Cannon Beach and Hamlet.

Firefighters were able to protect an adjacent home. All the equipment inside the GMC pickup was destroyed or extensively damaged.

Avenue U between Highway



Courtesy Seaside fire Department

A pickup and shed burn and threaten a nearby house at Seaside Golf Course.

101 and South Edgewood was closed for about two hours. Additional coverage was provided by Astoria, Warrenton, Knappa, Elsie-Vinemapple, Nehalem Bay, Lewis and

Clark and the Olney-Walluski fire departments. Seaside Police Department, Pacific Power and Seaside Public Works also helped out during the fire.

Spruce Up leader passes title along

Brenda Hoxsey, the driving force behind the startup of Spruce Up Warrenton, officially retired from her volunteer position last week.

She chose to step down as director for health reasons, but will remain active in the volunteer group, she said.

She was honored during the group's July 15 meeting with pizza, cake and a scrapbook showing all the completed projects and recognitions she has received. Hoxsey and her husband, Norm, organized the grassroots group as a way to improve the downtowns of Warrenton and Hammond.

The group has participated in city cleanup of blighted properties, planted flowers, weeded, picked up trash, dedicated statues, pressure-washed sidewalks, and helped businesses spruce up.

Jeanne Smith, co-owner of Main Street Market, will serve as the group's new director.

"I am truly honored and look forward to continuing to



Brenda Hoxsey, center, and other members at a planting event.

work with her and all of you on current and future projects," Smith said. "Norm and (Brenda) have worked very

hard on creating and growing such an amazing organization that has done so much for the town."

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Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles has expanded its services and choices for people online, by appointment and in person.

"If the last time you visited DMV was before the pandemic, maybe you wished you could have gotten your service online," Administrator Amy Joyce said. "Now you can. Many more services are available now at DMV2U."

Demand for in-person services remains high, so before heading in, check the website, dmv2u.oregon.gov, to see if you can get what you need online. If not, you can make an in-person appointment through the website.

Among the 20 services online are renewing and replacing a driver license, permit or ID card; vehicle title and registration applications; registration renewals; ordering replacement stickers; and reporting a change of address if you move inside Oregon.

Those who are new to Oregon can start an application online and find out what they need to bring to an appointment at a DMV office.

Some DMV services require in-person visits, such as issuance of the first Oregon permit or license; testing; or adding a Real ID option or motorcycle endorsement.

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