



Garden Home History Gazette

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Hello Garden Home Friends: Welcome to our Summer Gazette! We're excited about our new businesses, open Library, and ready for contacts with our Century Homes families. And the beaver dam is holding the lovely lake which is home to so many ducks! Special surprise: Discover Garden Home!

Trader Joe's and ACE Hardware are coming to Garden Home: The community, the local businesses, and now The Tribune and TV stations have all had stories about Trader Joe's and ACE Hardware preparing for an autumn 2021 opening. We'll keep you posted as announcements are made.

The historic Garden Home Thriftway became the Bales Garden Home Market Place and is now being renovated for the new tenants. Our 1918 church bell and plaque will continue to hang in the bell tower. When the Garden Home Community Methodist Church on SW 81st closed in 1994, the Oregon Methodist Conference then very generously loaned the bell to the Garden Home History Project and Colin Lamb to continue to ring for our life events.



Thanks to Stan Houseman and Jan Fredrickson for the before and after photos of the bell tower remodel.

Hideaway Park beaver dam: The beaver pond at Hideaway Park has grown. Check out the large beaver dam on the east side near the park entrance, (great caution on entrance to park from Oleson). This dam on Woods Creek holds back the lovely small lake that so many ducks are enjoying. Please let us know about history experts on this park: GardenHomeHistory@gmail.com.



Historic Day home now houses Local Leaf: The Local Leaf cannabis dispensary has moved from the second floor above the Dugout on Garden Home Road to the former Day home on SW Oleson Rd just south of the Shell station. Many of you will remember Bob and Delia Day who were wonderful Board members when we first got started. Bob always had great stories of growing up in Garden Home. The Day home where he and his brother Deane and sister Joanne grew up is now the Local Leaf business.

In 2011 we wrote: Bob and his wife Delia Day own the 1977 duplex next door to his original home. In the late 1990s the neighbor currently owning the former Day's house expressed his dispute with Washington County's improvement of the intersection of Oleson & Garden Home Road by letting his property go to 'seed'. From 2005-2011, after many disagreements with neighbors about his property, he protested by hanging cans & milk cartons on his fence. The dispute was finally resolved in court and the fence was cleared.



Century Homes: We are developing new materials for our Century Homes program. We have almost 40 homes built before 1921 in Garden Home. The 1918 pandemic Spanish flu killed thousands in Oregon. Our Oregon Electric train running through Garden Home was facing competition with the invention of automobiles. Three horse academies and the Frank's farm all had many competitions and horse activities. There were 97 children in the 1912 Garden Home School building.

In memoriam: [Ronald B. Lansing Jan. 28, 1932 to May 28, 2021](#). Ron and Jewel Lansing lived on Garden Home Road at SW 62nd Place. Stories from their remarkable lives are on our website: [1965 Oregon Supreme Court case: Garden Home](#) or [Ron and Jewel Lansing](#).

In memoriam: [Michael Gazeley-Romney July 29, 1989 to July 1, 2021](#). Michael was the son of Barb Gazeley and Kent Romney, and the grandson of Bill and Patty Gazeley, a long-time Garden Home family.

The Garden Home Community Library has

reopened: The library has reopened with limited hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 2-6 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday: 10-2 pm. Hours may expand in phases. The Library has been serving our community with appointments to pick up our holds throughout the pandemic. These holds are now shelved in the library.

Garden Home Cooks! While you're in the Library, take a moment to enjoy our large glass display cabinet for Garden Home History. The current theme features historic local recipe books from the Garden Home School's PTA, the Methodist Church, Isolda Steele, and more. Vintage cooking equipment reminds us of our parents' and grandparents' early kitchens.

Extension cookbook: New to the display, this wonderful 1997 Washington County Family and Community Education cookbook celebrated Oregon's 1939 joining the Home Demonstration Clubs (the name used until the change in 1964 to Extension Homemakers). Local Extension members providing choice recipes include Sandy McKiernan, Mildred Stevens, Ernilie Storrs, Ruth Croft, and others. For information on Garden Home's Extension group, call Diana Anderson at 503-992-6946.

Remember: In 1881, T.A. Wood filed the original Garden Home plat with Washington County and concluded with "said Streets and said Lots numbering 43 in all are included and constitute all of what I hereby name and is hereby designated as Garden Home." Named 140 years ago.

Discover Garden Home: Bird condos at SW 61st and Garden Home Road.



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Gathering the stories of our Garden Home families

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