

Historic Belmont Firehouse

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Open the 2nd Saturday of each month 10 till 3 or by appointment.

“Straight Tips”

Safe Cooking!

The outdoor cooking season is a memorable part of many summertime activities. Whether at home or camping, cooking on barbecues and open fires needs safe action. Keep flame or hot bbq's away from things that can burn (houses, fences, trees, etc.) and keep young hands away too. Before leaving it alone, be sure it has cooled and/or been extinguished completely.

Think Safe.

Lone Fir Cemetery Remembers Those Buried

The “Friends Of Lone Fir Cemetery” holds an annual fundraiser to help care for the Lone Fir Cemetery (located at SE 20th & Morrison). The event is called “A Mid-Summer Nights Tour.” The family friendly event takes place within the cemetery at a central location that is actually a city park.



As part of the event, local actors bring to life the stories of cemetery residents who made notable contributions to Portland's history.

Each of the past three years, a firefighter buried in the “Firemen's Cemetery” within Lone Fir has been featured. 2005 shared the story of Karl Markstrom, 2006 was Frank McCormick, and 2007 will recognize the story of Henry Krimbel. Each represents a line of duty death and an individual who is buried in the Firemen's Cemetery.

The event is Saturday July 28th, 5 PM. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids, \$10 for an entire family.

Think Safe!

100 Years Ago...

With the centennial of Rose Festival upon us, much attention has been given to the past century. The fire service in Portland was over 50 years old in 1907 and the Portland Paid Fire Department had been formed 24 years prior.

Most notable for that era were horse drawn apparatus. The department was growing fast at the turn of the century and five stations were added in 1907 (Stations 11, 12, 13, Truck 5, and Hose 4). This was accompanied by the hiring of 31 firefighters and the purchase of 31 horses.

Major improvements were made in the fire alarm telegraph system (FAT was located



in the basement of city hall at that time). The Fireboat Williams, while only four years old, underwent a major upgrade to convert the coal burners to oil burners, creating a 50% fuel savings. Participation in the Rose Festival Parade began in 1907 with the award winning float entry pictured here.

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Remember This???

Few photos exist of Pompier Ladders in action but several are on display at the Historic Belmont Firehouse. This is an example of a pike pole/pompier ladder combination which likely served useful for opening a ceiling and climbing into it. This particular ladder is marked "Engine 33." It should be noted that Engine 33 was changed to Engine 27 in 1960, meaning this piece of equipment hasn't been used in at least 47 years.

Do you have a memory to share for future issues? Submit them to Don Porth at the Belmont Firehouse for consideration. Contact can be made at 503-823-3615 or dporth@fire.ci.portland.or.us



Portland Fire History, Safety Learning Center Information, Foundation Background
Find it on the web at www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org

FIRE SALE



A full line of merchandise is available at the Belmont Firehouse gift shop. Fire engine pedal cars have remained a popular item since their arrival. These quality vehicles come with Portland Fire & Rescue's new logos. Stop by the Belmont Firehouse Gift Shop today and purchase your own first alarm assignment.

Shop the Belmont Firehouse gift shop today or view all items on-line. All proceeds support the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum.

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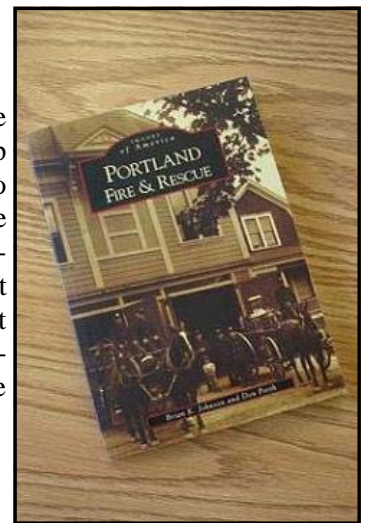
History Book Proves Popular

The new "Images of America—Portland Fire & Rescue" book has proven a popular book at the Historic Belmont Firehouse.

It's May 29th debut has launched a high level of interest in Portland Fire & Rescue's 156 year history. Work has begun on a written history that will combine past accounts with new research to uncover little known issues of interest inherent to the fire service in Portland.

Along with the Portland Fire & Rescue book, the Belmont Firehouse Gift Shop also carries two other books relative to Portland's history. While each of these books can be purchased in all major bookstores around town, proceeds from sales at the Belmont Firehouse Gift Shop support the Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum through the Jeff Morris Fire & Life Safety Foundation.

Price \$20.00



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