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# UP FOR SALE

## Fifth Avenue Cornucopia looking for buyer after Springfield closure

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Cornucopia listed its downtown Eugene location for sale weeks after shutting the doors on its Springfield restaurant. Cornucopia will remain open on Fifth Avenue for the time being.

Cornucopia, a small local chain of restaurants known for its artisan burgers and happy hour, has been a mainstay with multiple locations across Eu-

gene and Springfield. Its first full-service restaurant location, Cornucopia Restaurant on 17th Avenue, opened 25 years ago.

In June, Cornucopia posted to Facebook saying owners were exploring “options for Cornucopia’s future, including the potential sale of one or more of our restaurant locations.” That post was not a closing announcement, but said Cornucopia was seeking “the right path forward — one that honors our staff, our guests and the legacy we have all built

together.”

Two months later, it announced that Cornucopia Main Street’s last day of business would be Aug. 16, followed by the announcement of the Fifth Avenue location’s sale listing on Sept. 3.

Cornucopia Main Street Kitchen Manager Samantha Gray previously told The Register-Guard that the Springfield closure was prompted by the retirement of one of the owners.

According to listings on BuyBizSell and LoopNet, the asking price for the Fifth Avenue location is \$150,000 with another \$95,000 ask to include all furniture, fixtures and equipment.

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## 2 Beltline interchanges to close throughout September

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The Oregon Department of Transportation will close exits at two of Beltline Highway’s interchanges for over-night construction for much of the month starting Sept 8.

ODOT is repaving all eight ramps connecting Beltline Highway to Coburg and River roads. Work is scheduled to conclude Sept. 22. Beltline Highway will remain open to through traffic during construction but individual ramps will close intermittently over that time.

Ramp closures will occur on weeknights between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

ODOT’s closure schedule will include:

- **Sept. 8:** Westbound on-ramp from Coburg Road, Exit 12.
  - **Sept. 9:** Eastbound off-ramp to Coburg Road, Exit 12.
  - **Sept. 10:** Westbound off-ramp to Coburg Road and eastbound on-ramp from Coburg Road, Exit 12.
  - **Sept. 13:** Westbound on-ramp from River Road and eastbound off-ramp to River Road, Exit 8.
  - **Sept. 14:** Westbound off-ramp to River Road, Exit 8.
  - **Sept. 15:** Eastbound on-ramp from River Road, Exit 8.
  - **Sept. 20-22:** The westbound on- and off-ramps at Coburg Road, Exit 12; the eastbound off-ramp at Coburg Road, Exit 12; and the eastbound on-ramp at River Road, Exit 8.
- Work is limited to repaving and electrical work for the traffic signals at the on and off ramps. ODOT does not plan any design changes to the interchanges.
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## Incarcerated firefighters serve on frontlines of historic fire season

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On a misty spring day in Oregon’s Tillamook State Forest, a group of incarcerated men wearing yellow collared shirts and hard hats gathered around an instructor warning them about the dangers of an over-pressurized firefighting hose.

If left for too long, he said, a hose could overheat and explode, leaving those nearby with third-degree burns.

Such were the risks that these men were willing to take to avoid sleeping in a prison cell.

“It’s dangerous, but that’s why we train, and we train hard,” said Jason Russell, a 41-year-old from Salem incarcerated at the South Fork Forest Camp, a

state prison.

In a few weeks, many of them would be on fire lines alongside thousands of other firefighters battling what would become a record-breaking fire season in Oregon.

More than 2 million acres have burned in Oregon so far this year, breaking the state’s record for acres burned. Firefighters, including 218 incarcerated people, have helped prevent most of the flames from reaching residential towns so far.

But while most firefighters make \$25 an hour on the fire line, Oregon’s incarcerated firefighters earn \$25 a day. During a 12-hour day, that amounts to about \$2 an hour. They can also earn a monthly award based on their performance.

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Incarcerated people climb up a steep, fern-filled slope during a training exercise.

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