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Caruana will revamp old McCall's Tire shop in Astoria

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By Joanne Rideout

Another aging downtown Astoria building will soon get a facelift.

Builder Paul Caruana, one of the developers involved in the Commodore Hotel restoration project, also in downtown Astoria, has purchased the old McCall Tire building at the corner of 14th and Exchange streets.



The building, which has been vacant for years, is set into the hillside and has a small parking lot out front.

Caruana said the parking lot space alone made the building attractive as an investment, because so few downtown facilities have parking on the property. The facility will likely be used, in part, for a regional office for his construction and design firm, Caruana Inc.

He said that unlike the Commodore, which is being handled as an historic preservation project, the old McCall building doesn't have much historic value.

"We're working on the design and concept for the front of the building," Caruana said, adding that the plan is to create a structure that will break away from the traditional look of the downtown area. "We're looking for something fresh and new for Astoria, bringing in a bit of new energy."

Caruana said crews have sandblasted the original wood ceiling inside the structure, which they'll integrate into the new design. The final plan includes 6,000 sq ft of office space, divided into three 1,500 sq. ft. units. Caruana Inc. will occupy one, and the others will be for rent; potential tenants are already lined up.

Building permits have been applied for, and Caruana expects the renovation to be done by next spring. Project investors are Caruana and Brian Faherty; Faherty is also a developer for the Commodore Hotel restoration.

The Bank of Astoria is financing both the McCall remodel and the Commodore project.

Caruana said the office building will be called the Shark Rock Center, in honor of a nearby historic rock formation partially buried under the parking lot.

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A cannon from the wrecked ship ended up washing ashore on the ocean beach further down the coast, lending its name to the town of Cannon Beach.

The portion of the rock with the names inscribed was removed from the site in 1926 to preserve it. It's currently at the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria.



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