

THE Sandy Post

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Need volunteers, not money

We hope that volunteers will turn out at tomorrow night's meeting for the ambulance association in Sandy.

If not enough people can be found to give their time to serve as one of the crew members on the ambulance then Sandy stands a good chance of losing the service.

This is one group which is not asking for your money, but rather for some of your time. If you have any interest at all in the ambulance service attend this meeting.

If we lose this service, the next ambulance is located in Gresham, and in many cases those extra

miles could be very important.

By being operated as a volunteer service the Sandy ambulance is able to charge less for its service than the other commercial operations.

Also many people are confused in thinking that the service is operated by the Sandy Rural Fire District when it is not. The ambulance is housed there and is dispatched from the fire hall but it is operated separately from the fire department by the Sandy Volunteer Ambulance Association.

It is up to the people of the Sandy area to volunteer their time if the service is to remain in operation.

The Burning Ban

Public pressure, it seems, almost certainly is going to force a relaxation of the ban on backyard burning.

The restrictions were ordered by the Columbia-Willamette Air Pollution authority last year in an effort to provide cleaner air.

But while the air may be a mite cleaner, a lot of other things aren't. Air Pollution authorities apparently didn't fully appreciate the volume of debris which would accumulate.

Householders, who trim their trees and like to keep their property neat, have been faced with a mounting problem. Many dumps won't take brush and similar debris and it can't be burned. As a result, more and more is being dumped—illegally, to be sure—along roadsides.

Here in the Gresham area, the county dump at the Vance Pit has refused brush for several years. The

only available place remaining is the J and W Dump on Rodlund road, just south of Gresham in Clackamas county.

Meanwhile, a bill has been introduced in the state legislature which would permit persons to burn wood, leaves, shrubs or other vegetation at their own residences. Additionally, the air pollution authority has promised to take another look at the burning ban.

In short, the burning ban just hasn't worked. It was a laudable idea but like so many other ecological panaceas, it created just as many problems as it solved.

This isn't to say that uncontrolled burning should be allowed. There certainly should be restrictions imposed by the Air Pollution Authority. But a complete ban isn't the answer.

LETTERS To The EDITOR

Dear editor:

As soon as we read your article in The Sandy Post this morning Re: Dover area residents oppose motorcycle track, we attempted to reach you by telephone. But seeing as you would be unavailable until Monday, it seemed best that a letter be written that would fully explain our feelings that more facts should be made explicit to your readers.

For one thing, Mr. Burgett's statement that we, the concerned residents are over-reacting is grossly misleading. We happen to own the rectangular 10 acre site that borders both the square 10 acre plots that Burgett is turning into a track. Up until last week we were planning to build a home on a view site that we later discovered would be within dust-throwing distance of the track. There is no place on our acreage where we could build that would not be affected by the track because, as I have said, it will run the full-length.

At this time we are planning to put a mobile home on the farthest spot possible away from the track because we have to have a place to live by the middle of July as our lease will be up on the home we now lease.

Secondly, we are horse-people, as are all our neighbors with the exception of Burgetts, but we will have to abandon our intentions to raise Arabians because the breed most probably would not adjust to a motorcycle environment.

We simply do not understand the statement either, that there are no houses within a quarter of a mile to this track locale. Mr and Mrs. Spradlin live directly behind the two 10 acre parcels and the track will pass within several feet of their property. Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of Boring were beginning construction of a home right across the street from where Burgett has been running a cat for his track. Adjacent to Ross' place is a large horse farm. In fact, what does Mr. Burgett think we all bought into that lovely rural area for if not to make our home there?

Children ride horseback on weekends and after school on our quiet rural roads where they have always been safe. By summer, if this track goes in, what will the children do with traffic and horse-scaring motorcycles racing about?

We've all made our investments too, but we were straight-out about wanting to use the land for our homes and agricultural interests. Mr. Burgett never declared his intention to put in a race track; if he had it is doubted he'd have the land now. As a matter-of-fact he never was direct with any of his neighbors about his intentions. He merely, on occasion, asked various ones how we'd feel about his son firing-up his motorcycle. To that none of us had any complaints.

We all felt, and still do, that he's entitled to his freedoms the same as the rest of us. But this track will destroy everything else that means so much to all the rest of us: the pollution free air, the peace and serenity of life in the country, the beauty of the ecology, which are but a part of the reason we all want to live in the area.

Frankly, we don't think it's fair. Why don't the people who want to create the noise, confusion and pollution stay down in the cities where they already have made their spoils?

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Ewell
Rt. 2, Box 948
Sandy

To the Editor:

In an effort to clear up any misunderstanding which may have occurred after reading the article in the Sandy Post of February 18, entitled "School Salary Talk Goes To Committee," let me state that the Sandy Union High School Teachers Association negotiating committee did not call for a persistent disagreement. This action was taken by the Board of Education of Sandy Union High School.

The teachers association negotiating team was still prepared to confer, consult, and discuss in good faith when the board called for persistent disagreement.

What follows is the article given to the Sandy Post by the teachers association for the February 18 issue:

Last Wednesday, John Bowman, President of the Sandy Union High School Teachers Association, called a special meeting to inform the teachers of the results of the consultation committee's

meetings with the school board. Bill Jordens, PEC chairman, explained that the school board had declared a persistent disagreement.

Under Oregon school law, certificated school personnel below the rank of superintendent in a school district shall have the right to confer, consult, and discuss in good faith with the district school board by which they are employed on matters of salaries and related economic policies affecting professional services.

This law states: "Whenever it appears to the district school board or the certificated school employees meeting with the board under ORS 342.460 that a persistent disagreement over a matter of salaries or economic policies affecting professional services exists between the board and the employees, the board or the employees may request the appointment of consultants. The consultants shall consist of one member appointed by the board, one member appointed by the employees and one member chosen by the other two members."

The consultants representing the school board and the teachers association will be chosen by today. These two representatives will then choose a third party to complete the team.

Sincerely yours,
John Bowman, President
Sandy Union High School Teachers Association

To the Editor:

Last week's Sandy Post carried some good photos and a related article on polluted waters in Rhododendron. While we mountain people tend to think that everything around us is good and pure, the fact is that Rhody's raw sewage outbreaks have represented a health hazard for some time.

The Clackamas County Commissioners have proposed the formation of a service district and sewage treatment plant as an answer to this problem. The affected taxpayers will be asked to suffer a probable increase of 30 percent in local taxes to pay for such a system. Is this the only means to stop the sewage outbreak?

County officials and some local citizens have assumed that the sewage outbreaks are caused by Rhody's increased population density. This may be, or may not be, accurate. Many long time residents have pointed out that Rhododendron's increases in building homesites over the past years have not been great enough to account for the area's ground water saturation and contamination. These same people feel that there are a handful of commercial establishments (gas station, restaurant & drive-in) whose heavily used septic systems are not up to County Codes and which are at fault for the sewage outbreaks.

It would behoove the County to investigate these claims before asking affected neighboring residents to assume a tax burden, and an unnecessary sanitary facility, which is not their doing.

Dick Kithil
Zig Zag

To the Editor:

You will be contacted soon by Clackamas County to sign a petition to approve the formation of a county service district. Objective is the installation of a sewer plant in Rhododendron.

We believe that a sewer installed in an area without strict development controls can be extremely detrimental to the overall environmental conditions of the area. Sewers without strict land use controls is the stuff that exploiters dreams are made of. Washington County and The Twenty Miserable Miles on the coast are prime examples.

Recent approvals of high-density and commercial zone changes in the area by the Clackamas County Planning Commission are examples of what they have in mind for our mountain. Their most recent approval is for a Polynesian cafe to be located 500 feet east of the Old Highway 26 intersection, Zig Zag area. Owner is S. Al Salazar. Changed land use is to be from residential to commercial. This change was to be heard before the Clackamas County Commissioners, Clack Co. Court House, Feb. 24, 10 a.m., Room 201. This zone change was approved despite a petition with 65 signatures by residents of the area against it.

Aside from environmental consideration we must think about what run-away

development will do to our already highest-in-the-county tax base. Our taxes will be increased many ways: 1. You will be taxed to pay for the sewer. 2. Land values will soar because of sewer availability in the area. 3. Speculators will gather like vultures and the planning commissions will grind out zone changes, conditional uses, non-conforming uses and so on to accommodate their demands for high rise apartments, planned unit developments, hot dog stands, service stations and so on. You then will be asked to pay taxes on potential, high-density, multi-residential and commercial uses. 4. You will be asked to pay taxes to support new schools, fire and police and other services demanded by an urban environment. All these taxes will provide the services necessary for the exploiter to do his dirty work, rake off his profits and move on.

We believe that the sanitary conditions in Rhododendron would not exist if the County would strictly enforce the Sanitary Codes controlling septic tank usage. Septic tanks, if strictly controlled, can be efficient.

The purpose of this letter is to request that Rhododendron people do not sign the petition for the formation of a county service district and request deferral until such time as the proper environmental studies can be made by professional landscape architects, regional planners and ecologists and a plan devised for the safe and healthful growth of Rhododendron would be determined and utilities designed to match that number.

James Hall, the Clackamas County Planning Director, is an economist (M.A. Economic Geography, Oregon State). We do not believe that Rhododendron's fate should be guided by economic considerations alone. Please demand environmental planning and a government willing to provide the technicians capable of implementing a good plan. Clackamas County has a \$250,000 per year budget for planning and can well afford a capable staff.

Signed: Betty Allman
Coleman, Government Camp and 1315 Ash St., Lake Oswego, 636-2157. Member Clackamas County Advisory Planning Commission, Council of Oregon

Cemetery records needed

Work has begun again to reclaim the Cherryville Cemetery. Last fall workers cleared brush at the cemetery.

Some records in files are available and some are on tombstones, but people with any knowledge of persons buried there are requested to assist in the work so that the names and dates of those buried there can be identified.

Also it is requested for any records or background that can be given concerning those buried there be given according to Grant DeShazer who is acting as coordinator for the cemetery clean up.

Reports can be sent to DeShazer at PO Box 1271, Zig Zag, Oregon, 97073.

Tri-Met passes

A twenty year old Portland housewife, Mrs. Lester Hall, and Ed Lidstrom, president of Metro Seniors, Inc., received the first two Tri-Met Honored Citizen passes for the legally blind recently.

With the pass, those who are legally blind may ride any Tri-Met bus throughout the tri-county area for 10 cents off the regular fare.

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At present there are about 20 men interested so more are needed. It is hoped that this meeting Wednesday night will supply them with enough members to get their charter.

Some of those who have expressed interest in the Jaycees are Ken Hallgren, Jim Anstine, Bill Myers, Lloyd Christensen, Cliff Davis, Jerry Barker, Tom Taylor, Dennis Crow, Jerry Lawson, Paul Erickson, John Dann Cannon and Jack Valberg.



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THIS IS WHERE the new water line will go down from Cedar Springs this spring replacing the old pipe line which has been in use over 30 years. The line will go north

from the springs to Highway 26 where it will connect with the main trunk line for the city of Sandy's water.

(Post photo)

Sandy police make arrests

The Sandy police have charged two juveniles and one adult in connection with the recent theft of equipment from Skyline Logging in Sandy.

Arrested and charged with grand larceny are two 17-year-old juveniles and Randy Kent Stuchlik, 19, Rt. 2, Sandy.

Police chief Fred Punzel said the arrests were made on Feb. 20 and that the juveniles were lodged at the county juvenile home while Stuchlik is out on bail awaiting trial.

Punzel said that these arrests were made only in connection with the chain saws which were stolen.

In other police news this week, Frank Miller who lives on Highway 211 was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$150.

On Saturday the police arrested for driving without an operators license a 17-year-old juvenile. This was his second offense within two weeks.

He pleaded guilty in Justice

Court 1 and was fined \$75 and given 10 days in jail.

The county police reported several summer homes in the Rhododendron area were broken into but the owners had not as yet stated whether anything was missing.

County Sheriff Joe Shobe reported that a rash of saddle thefts in the county has been partly solved this past week with the arrest of persons in Calif. Recovered were about 40 saddles which some were identified as being from this county according to the sheriff.