

County's citizen involvement due for LCDC review

Clackamas County's Citizen Involvement Program and progress made in the past six months will be presented to the staff of the Land Conservation and Development Commission this week.

The status report is part of LCDC's review of county progress in meeting state land use goals, according to OSU Extension Agent Ardis Stevenson.

Community Planning

Organizations continue to participate in land use activities, according to the Jan. 1 report prepared by Stevenson. Thirty CPOs exist and although no emphasis has been put on formal recognition procedures for these geographically based citizen groups, four new organizations have been formally recognized in the past 12 months: Colton, Forest-Highland, Lower Tualatin Valley and Mulino.

Two new groups, one in the Ogden school area adjacent to Oregon City and another in Clackamas, are in the organizational stages. Several areas of the county remain unrepresented by organized groups. In those areas contact persons have been identified to provide a communication link between the county and citizens.

LCDC citizen involvement goals stress the need for adequate information being available to citizens. In Clackamas County the broadest vehicle for educational information is the monthly CPO Newsletter produced by the OSU Extension agent. The newsletter is mailed to about 1,100 persons and contains information about land use planning projects, CPO activities and general planning background.

Stevenson said the citizen involvement status report indicates that the county has increased to 35 days the time between receipt of a land use application and the public hearing to give more opportunities for CPOs and

individuals to participate in the planning commission hearing itself.

The "Blue Sheet" process, a method by which individual property owners can ask for reconsideration of a staff proposal, is now being used to provide additional opportunities for input into county land use decisions.

The Oak Lodge Coda-Phone is an additional vehicle for improved communications. This pilot project provides a telephone news line on which the CPO

records information about upcoming meetings of county bodies and other agencies. The Coda-Phone project is on a one-year trial and could be expanded later to other areas of the county.

"LCDC review of Clackamas County's citizen involvement program and other planning progress is part of their standard procedure to evaluate the use of LCDC grant funds and progress toward compliance with state land use goals," said Stevenson.

Uprooted trees need help soon

Wind damaged trees need repair before more severe injury occurs, according to Ray McNeilan, urban horticulture extension agent. Trees that have been partially uprooted or large shrubs that have been dislodged or loosened should be given care soon.

During the recent high winds and wet soil conditions, many trees and large shrubs have been pushed partly out of the ground.

"Sometimes the uprooting is too severe to be effectively repaired," said McNeilan. "If a majority of the large roots have been broken and exposed, then the plant should be taken down and replaced. This is especially true in situations where the partly downed tree poses a hazard to buildings, utility lines, streets or passersby."

However, if the plant is a valuable part of the landscape and worth the cost and effort, it may have a good chance of surviving, if corrections are made soon, he added.

First cut off ragged and broken ends of exposed roots and cover the cuts with a tree paint or wound sealant. Then dig out below the uprooted side of the tree to allow the crown and root mass to be rocked back in place.

Bring the tree or shrub back to its original upright position and secure it with cables, wire or rope, depending on the size of the plant, to stakes or other anchors.

Make sure the cables or wire are placed so they won't tear into the bark and cause more injury.

The extension agent also suggested packing soil in around the root system and soaking it to settle the dirt around the roots.

"Once you have reset the tree, covered the roots and secured the plant to prevent movement, it is up to the plant to re-establish itself," McNeilan said. "Success is usually not overwhelming with large trees, but if the plant is a valued member of the yard, the effort is worth trying."



Sideways sedan

"THIS IS THE WRONG END," Sandy firemen Gary Connelly and Don Blair seem to be saying. Fire District 72 was called to the scene of this wreck on Trubel Road near Sandy late Tuesday afternoon. The Clackamas County Sheriff's Department said the occupants of the car walked away unharmed. The names of the driver and passengers were unavailable at Post press time.

(Photo by Steve Wolf)

Trailriding seminar slated

Clackamas County 4-H Horse Club members and leaders will have the opportunity to learn about trailriding on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center Building on the Clackamas Community College Campus. The day's program will feature films, slides,

speakers and general discussion related to trailriding, reports T.D. Zurcher, Oregon State University Extension agent. Speakers will include Dr. William Perry, a Gresham veterinarian, discussing horse health related to trailriding; Bruce Reed, a specialist in recreational

trails working with the U.S. Forest Service; and Ed Azavedo, President of the Oregon Farriers' Association, who will demonstrate hoof care in preparation for trailriding. Films and slide sets available to 4-H leaders on a loan basis will be shown by Lucy Hall, Eagle Creek 4-H

leader. Featured will be films on the trails found in the Estacada, Bull of the Woods and the Mt. Hood forest areas.

Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch since part of the program will be presented during the lunch hour.

Nell's notes

by Nell Howe

Went over the hill the Tuesday after Christmas and came home this Monday. Had snow, and it got down to 5 degrees. It didn't seem as cold over there as it was here. It was snowing hard when we left on Monday and

was so pretty that we hated to leave.

Got caught in another traffic jam from Government Camp down.

Clyde and Tulla and Krissy Phelps joined us on Thursday and went home on Sunday. That way they missed all the traffic. We had a quiet New Years, but an enjoyable one. Dan Rockway spent a cold night on Mt. Hood the Monday after Christmas. He and his dog Luke dug a snow hut and huddled together until Tuesday when they walked out at Timberline. That was just before the searchers got started.

In all the confusion, Dan got separated from Luke. They have been up to Tim-

berline every day this past week to search for Luke but have not found him. Luke is a nine month old Great Pyrenees and Dan is offering a \$100 reward for his return. Maybe someone saw somebody taking Luke at

Timberline, any information will be appreciated. Dan had some lightly frost bitten toes, but is fine and back at work. He was fortunate to have such a huge dog to snuggle up to in the cold.

Sharpe takes part in Navy exercise

Navy Sonar Technician Third Class Edward D. Sharpe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Meyer of 13600 SE 362nd, Boring, recently participated in exercise "Auckex '77" in the South

Pacific Ocean. He is serving as a crewmember aboard the frigate USS Gray, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

The combined exercise involved units from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Auckex '77 was designed to provide training in anti-aircraft and anti-submarine warfare, naval gunfire support, underway replenishment and communications.

The Gray is a 438-foot-long "Knox" class frigate and carries a crew of 283 officers and enlisted men. She is equipped with guns, missiles and rockets and can operate independently or as part of a naval task force. Additionally, the Gray is outfitted with a landing platform and normally carries a light helicopter for long range detection and attack of submarines. Sharpe joined the Navy in March 1976.

Extension group to talk seafood

"Food From the Sea" will be the discussion topic at the Sandy Extension Group meeting Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m.

The club will meet at the home of group leader Kay Daniels, 37553 SE Trubel Road, Sandy.

A cooking demonstration and recipes will be featured. For more information, phone 668-6023.

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