

Future of service district hazy

The Clackamas County Commissioners will decide the fate of the Hoodland Service District in the upcoming months if residents there don't first take the matter into their own hands.

Approval of the concept to form the district for construction of a \$3.1 million sewage treatment plant came from the Portland Area Boundary Review Commission Sept. 27.

The boundary commission unanimously approved the project because it is in accordance with the Mt. Hood Comprehensive plan guidelines as well as the Columbia Region Association of Governments' objectives.

The proposal now moves to the county commissioners which would serve as the district's governing body.

Public hearings will be held in the coming months by the board of county commissioners. Dates for the hearings have not been set.

Voters in the district have the option to petition for an election to decide the fate of the publicly owned treatment plant. In order to call for an election a petition with the signatures of at least 100 registered voters, or 15 percent of the registered voters within the boundaries

of the proposed district, is required to hold such an election.

The Clackamas County utilities office of the Department of Environmental Services sent out 1,250 pamphlets to residents of the district last month explaining the proposal. Public Utilities director Dave Abraham said he has received several inquiries about the proposed plant but that no one has indicated to him any opposition to its construction.

The plant would serve an area with a population up to 10,200. It is proposed for a

two square mile area near Welches and would also serve Timberline Rim subdivision on Truman Rd. and a commercial strip in Rhododendron.

American Guaranty Life Insurance Co. of Portland is the primary backer of the service district and the proposed plant. The company has plans to develop a 167-acre resort in Welches and has agreed to put up \$500,000 in front money to finance the first phase of construction costs.

Just over \$1 million would be raised locally to pay for the treatment plant. Those

funds would come from assessments on properties within the district.

Land in the district would be assessed at \$440 per acre. In addition, unsewered lots fronting a new sewer line would pay \$12 per foot frontage.

For example, a one-half acre lot with 100 feet of front footage would be assessed \$1,420.

The proposed sewage project would involve construction of four pump stations and 4.5 miles of mains to carry sewage to the proposed treatment plant in Welches.

Med center committee set

A committee of five has been selected by the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce to meet with five representatives of Providence Medical Center in Portland to lay the groundwork for a medical facility in the Hoodland area.

The two groups will have their first joint meeting tonight (Oct. 19) at the Providence Center.

Each of the five committee members will head a subcommittee to look into

various aspects of the planning for the Hoodland facility. Named to the committee are: Ray Novotny, Senior Citizens; Kurt Mezger, Business; Don Armintrout, Emergency Services; Pic Ericson, Parent-Child; and Rick Carey, Finance.

Meanwhile, representatives from Providence

were in Hoodland Tuesday looking over possible sites for the facility. They have indicated a ready willingness to move ahead with the plans, according to chamber president Lowell Njust.

The group is considering the use of a mobile home as temporary housing for the facility until a building is completed.

Business Leaders attend fall conference

Nineteen members of the Sandy High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America attended the fall leadership conference at Linn Benton College Oct. 7.

The members attended various workshops "to learn more about what we can do to make the club a better success," a spokesman said.

The Sandy club took second place in two awards categories at the conference: The "Trucking" award for the chapter which travelled the longest distance with

most members; and the "Attendance" award for the chapter with the most members in at the conference.

This was the first year the Sandy High chapter has placed in any of the events.

Students who attended the conference were: John Bath, Janet Bonner, Dayna Bowman, Janet Dodson, Renee Eicher, Julie Hagstrom, Sheila Krick, Sue Mager and Peri Miller.

Also, Elsie Neufeld, Carolyn Porter, Debbie Randall, Delores Randall, Cindy Recore, Linda Sites, Nina Stankowitsch, Tia Tigli, Gwen Wallis and Julie Walton.

In other activities, the club has sold donuts during lunch periods as a sales project. Other projects included the sale of caramelized apples and light bulbs.

The chapter plans to put together a float for the Homecoming Game Friday night. Theme of the float is "Nobody does it better."

The activities for the coming month center around the Western Regional Conference of Future Business Leaders of America.

Juveniles arrested

Three juveniles were arrested in Sandy this week in two car theft incidents. A 1966 Chevrolet belonging to Mike Gary Carpenter was stolen from Hood Street Oct. 17. A 16-year-old high school student was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Three juveniles were apprehended Oct. 18 at 3:30 a.m. in connection with the theft of a 1970 Chevrolet El Camino belonging to Richard A. Brogdon of Portland.

The car was driven from Oregon City to Sandy where the youths were taken into custody. Two of them, a 15-year-old Sandy boy and a 14-year-old Oregon City youth, were charged with Auto Theft I and turned over to juvenile authorities. The third, a 13-year-old Sandy boy, was released to his parents.

Elmer Rieckleffs of Bluff Road reported the theft of a \$350 garden shredder-mulcher Oct. 11. The equipment was taken from a porch in the rear of his home.

Aleck Nicolopoulos of Sandy reported the theft of over \$1,000 in cash from his residence Oct. 12. An investigation is underway.

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Gift shop

"These people are able to knit or make small items to bring a little dignity into their lives. That's what the senior center is supposed to be about."

Haneberg also dispelled a fear of some chamber members that the city would need to hire an attendant for the gift shop. Senior volunteers handle the sale of the items.

Another point of contention in the operating manual for the center is language that would allow the center to be used for making the articles sold in the gift shop.

Haneberg said the manufacture of the items so far has been done in the homes of seniors.

Councilman Bruce Cook, also a member of the Recreation Commission which voted to approve the operating manual for the center, has stated his opposition to the gift shop. His was the only dissenting vote on the commission against the operating manual.

Councilman Warren Decker has also stated his opposition to the gift shop.

Meanwhile, senior center director Dick Halvorson is circulating a petition in town seeking support for the senior center "as a focal point in this community for the provision of a broad range of social services to senior adults."

Included in the petition is mention of the gift shop as part of the senior center.

Gospel businessmen to hold dinner meeting

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, Hoodland chapter, will hold a dinner meeting Friday, Oct. 20, at Bowman's Mt. Hood Resort at 7 p.m.

Speaker for the evening will be Bruce Temple, vice

president of the Gresham chapter where he has been a member four years.

The Hoodland chapter's November meeting will be held in Sandy at TJs Restaurant.

Concert set

The public is invited to the first Sandy High School band concert of the school year Monday night (Oct. 23) at 8 p.m. in the commons.

Band director Steve Christenson said 120 students will be involved in the production. Bands scheduled to perform are the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Freshman Band, Jazz Ensemble and Junior State Band.

A small admission fee will be charged to adults and students. Sandy Booster Club members, senior citizens, children under 6 and high school students with student body cards will be admitted free.

Meligan announces candidacy

Boring resident Gerald (Jerry) Meligan has announced his candidacy for District 26 Representative to the Oregon Legislature.

Meligan, a political newcomer, is seeking to unseat Democratic incumbent Ed Lindquist.

He is a proponent of ballot Measure 6, the 1.5 percent tax limitation measure.

"Oregonians are pleading for tax relief, not a tax shift," he stated in a new release. "This was obvious when 200,000 voters signed petitions to place Measure 6 on the ballot."

Meligan is past president of the East Multnomah County Republican Club. He is a drug representative for a pharmaceutical firm.



Gerald Meligan

He lives with his wife, Jo Anna, in Boring, and their three children.

Welches tax base on Nov. 7 ballot

In addition to the political races and the ballot measures on the Nov. 7 general election, voters in the Welches School district will be asked to give their consent to a \$440,000 tax base.

The Welches School Board voted 4-1 on Sept. 21 to seek the first tax base in the school's history. Board member Jim Turin cast the lone dissenting vote.

The school has operated in the past on funds approved through tax levy elections each year.

"With a tax base, the board will be able to make more definite decisions about planning for the coming years," said superintendent Jack Callaghan. He added that with a tax base in effect, the board could continue to operate the schools for an undetermined period of time if a tax levy request above the six percent limitation is not approved by the time the school opens.

The tax base request is an increase of just under 15 percent over the current year's levy of \$385,028.

The Legislature voted last year to require all school districts in the state to hold tax base elections no later than Nov. 7. However, that decision was rescinded in last month's special legislative session in light of the two property tax limitation measures.

Voters in the Welches district turned down a \$3 million bond proposal for construction of a new school in a special election Sept. 19. Callaghan said the board is now looking for input from the community on steps the board can take for solutions to the growing enrollment problem at the school.

The superintendent has requested that persons interested in serving on a committee to study the growth problems get in touch with him at the school or contact any member of the school board.

Energy debated

by KAYE BARTON

Timberline Lodge was the scene of a unique conference on energy this week. The session was termed an Interactive Planning Workshop, and was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and hosted by Mt. Hood Community College.

The workshop is one of three held across the nation to gather regional citizen input on energy use and planning. Representatives from the DOE's Division of Fossil Fuel Utilization conducted the session Oct. 15-17, which was attended by educators, private citizens and representatives from business, labor, public interest groups, and state and local government in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Previous workshops were held at San Diego in March, 1977 and at Pipestem, W. Va. in October, 1977. The purpose of the workshop series has been to help the DOE gather and assimilate the priorities of the private citizenry on energy usage.

Participants in the Mt. Hood workshop divided into three groups, and were asked to discuss current and future energy issues and their

solutions. They were asked to rate possible solutions to energy problems according to three priorities: A more efficient use of petroleum products; use of coal products; or use of "alternative fuels" such as wood and methane.

The participants were also instructed to rank their alternatives for the Pacific Northwest and for the nation separately.

One of the workshop's panels determined its priorities by imagining a \$100 bill and allocating research dollars from it. For the Pacific Northwest, the panel allocated \$45.7 for coal research, \$38.6 for the alternative energy sources and \$15.7 for study of more efficient use of gas and oil.

For the nation, this panel would allocate \$52.5 research dollars to coal, \$33.5 to alternative energy sources and \$14 to more efficient gas and oil.

Recommendations from the workshop series are considered by the DOE in forming national and regional energy planning. Participants from the Northwest repeatedly indicated they were conscious that their energy picture differs from the nation's as a whole. Myron Katz, an economist and regional planner for the Bonneville Power Administration, offered statistics.

"Residents of the Pacific Northwest use twice the electricity of the national average," Katz told the group. "The reason may be that we pay only half as much for it."

Katz said the overall energy picture indicates decreasing demand and increasing prices. He said the energy projections on future use done by the northwestern states are among the most "complete, sophisticated and ambitious" projections in the nation.

Measure 4 discussion scheduled

Dwight Wilson, executive vice president of the Oregon-Washington Farmers Union, and Ken Fitzgerald of the Consumer Power League will discuss ballot Measure 4 at the Sandy Grange Hall at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 21.

The Clackamas County Farmers Union is sponsor for the meeting. A potluck lunch will be served at noon. The Grange Hall is on Kelso Road east of Orient Drive.

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