

Astri Torbergson honored

The Sandy Senior Center and Chamber of Commerce joined hands this week to honor Astri Torbergson for years of volunteer service to Sandy Community Action Center.

She and husband Walter were part of a small group of volunteers who kept the center alive in its early stages to assist emergency victims and low-income families with gifts of food, clothing, furniture, fuel and personal assistance. Mrs. Torbergson has been an Action Center volunteer since 1970.

The certificates of appreciation were presented at a chamber meeting held at the Senior Center where chamber members seniors shared in the center's Loaves and Fishes hot meals program.

"Astri is always ready to answer a call for help, not only during the usual business hours of the Community Action Center, but on evenings and weekends, too," chamber president Marge Hoffman said of the Action Center volunteer coordinator and recruiter.



ASTRI TORBERGSON

Chamber president sponsors lunch

Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce president Marjorie Hoffman is sponsoring a buffet luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 28, to organize a committee for operation of the chamber's new visitor center at Meinig

and Pioneer.

Invitations have been sent to persons thought likely to participate in the volunteer staffing of the new offices, believed to be the first visitor information center here.

The chamber's board of directors will meet March 5 to set office hours and operating procedures, Mrs. Hoffman said. Meanwhile, the city of Sandy, owner of the leased facility, is checking building lights and plumbing.

Furniture, fixtures, flooring and draperies are being donated to furnish the office, according to Mrs. Hoffman.

It's community effect

Mountain residents scared by zoning

by CAROL THURLKILL
Post Correspondent

Some long-time residents on the mountain say they are scared by the impact proposed Clackamas County zoning changes could have on their investments and their community.

"People are in the dark about what zoning is, in regard to their little piece of property," said Milt Fox, who has lived in the area some 30 years.

Fox once was owner of a small lumber mill in the area and now works at the local hardware store in Wemme. He says he owns property scattered throughout the area, but that it has nothing to do with the way he feels.

"I think the density ought to be less in some places and more in others," he said. "After spending two days up here a geologist from the Department of Environmental Quality said residential areas in the corridor are unsuitable for septic tanks because of the high water table. If that is acceptable to the county, then it ought to be acceptable to expand the sewer district."

The county is proposing zoning changes for the 130-square-mile area between Cherryville and Government Camp. (See related story.)

The proposals would increase the amount of land devoted to agricultural and recreational purposes. Densities would increase in some areas and decrease in others.

Some residents in Government Camp would like to see zoning proposals for their area proceed as soon as possible. Government Camp is planned for high density development under the Mt. Hood Community Plan, allowing a maximum of 22 units per acre.

"In our area they have zoned us the way we want to be," said Bud English, president of Government Camp Neighborhood Association, which represents residents and property owners in the area. "The majority of the property owners up here

wants to construct more overnight housing. Most now is single housing."

PROPOSALS

IMBALANCED
Dorothy Phelps has lived in the Brightwood area her entire life and feels that zoning proposals are imbalanced.

"They are putting a lot in the Welches area that will affect many of us," she stated. "It will have an effect on the schools, water, sewage and taxes."

"It scares you if you think you couldn't sell off your property to help yourself when you get older," Phelps said. "It would be impossible for some older people with five acres or more (to be zoned Farm Forest or Timber in the Lolo Pass area and between Brightwood and Alder Creek) to pay taxes on \$6,000 an acre assessments on their homes. No one else would want to, and you wouldn't be able to split it up to give to your children."

Hallard Bailey, who has lived in the area since 1911, claims he will be directly affected by the increase in tax assessments. He owns property adjacent to the 167 acre rippling River resort development in Welches. That area would be zoned for a maximum of 14 units per acre, according to county planner Dominick Mancini.

"Developers want the zone changes so they can put in high rise condominiums and dwellings," he said. "It is only the affluent who are able to buy those places. Taxes in adjacent properties will increase, and long-term residents will have to sell to the developers."

While life-long resident Erickson said she does not own any property, her parents who have lived on the mountain for about 50 years do.

"I think you ought to be able to put a house on one acre anywhere," she said. "American Guaranty can add to the population greatly, yet the people who live up here and have paid all the taxes are stuck."

"There's probably a handful of people who want to shut the gate to development," Erickson

added. "The people who have been living up here for a long time don't want to see this mountain ruined. If you develop every piece of property with the proper septic tanks and everything, you couldn't ruin it."

MORE JOBS

Carl Bright, developer of Rippling River Resort owned by American Guaranty Life Insurance Co., testified at the planning commission hearing that he would like to see zoning proposals proceed as soon as possible.

"The development will

bring more jobs to the area," he said. "We wouldn't be opposed to a centralized water system."

Bright continued, "The county planning and health departments require that we show water is available before we can develop. Water is a situation that takes care of itself."

A Brightwood resident for four-and-a-half years, Terry Kent said that he can live with the higher densities in the Welches area. But he would like to see population increases for the entire

mountain occur slowly.

"I don't think 'no growth' speaks to reality," he emphasized. "Everyone wants orderly growth. No one wants the whole place to become Condominium City."

Marjorie Wicks, a Government Camp resident for three years, said that she preferred a local rural community for the entire mountain, rather than resort housing for out-of-towners.

"People who come and settle down to live for a while have a lot more love for the area," she said.

Sandy DMV to open soon

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles has signed lease papers for office space within Sandy's Oregon Trail Plaza at Smith and Proctor and expects to open for business as early as Feb. 26.

The two-man office will be one of the smallest in the state, serving a population base generally considered too small for a DMV office.

Other two-man offices serve Astoria, Hood River, Prineville and Tillamook. The office here will issue licenses and registrations, but will not issue public utility passes or highway permits for overweight loads.

SITE SEARCH

While the state has signed a one-year lease for temporary office space within Sandy's Oregon Trail Plaza, Harvey Ward of Motor Vehicles in Salem said the search continues for a more permanent office site here. He seconded the interest of DMV district supervisor Arnold Storhoff in a transfer of state Highway Department maintenance shed property in downtown Sandy to the DMV. That property could become available to DMV should the Highway Department vacate it for larger, more modern facilities outside the city core area.

Official opening day of the new DMV office here will be March 5, although Ward said that the office might open as

early as Feb. 26.

The small field office is designed to relieve pressure from a busy DMV office in Gresham. The Sandy location would serve points east of Gresham including Boring, Estacada, and the Hoodland area.

Ward said that the office staff could be increased to three should the business warrant it. The office will operate Monday through Friday, but district supervisor Storhoff said that hours might be tailored to facilitate the needs of local persons.

Students visit seminar

Twenty-three students from Sandy High School's able and gifted program were among 272 students from 17 northwest Oregon high schools attending a colloquium at Pacific University recently on Limits of the Self.

sessions in the humanities, science, and social sciences. They were led by professors from Pacific, the University of Oregon, Portland State, Oregon State, Reed, Linfield, Willamette, the University of Portland, and Lewis and Clark.

Many thefts reported

Sandy police are investigating a theft reported by Steve Moore of his \$2,500 drum set stolen from the Sandy Motel Feb. 13.

Sandy Texaco reported the theft of one floor jack valued at \$250 on the afternoon of Feb. 14.

Sandy police are also investigating two wallet thefts. Howard Berger of Sandy reported the theft of his wallet containing miscellaneous credit cards from the Sandy swimming pool at 5:30 on Feb. 14.

Barbara Smith, also of

Sandy, reported the theft of her wallet containing her identification and \$7 in cash from the Sandy High School locker room last Thursday morning.

Two other thefts reported were from Chuck Hanson of Sandy, whose tools, valued at \$150, were stolen from his pickup early last Friday morning. Michael Winter reported the theft of a transmission valued at \$250 from the back of his pickup truck Sunday morning. Both cases are still under investigation.

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Hoodland Happenings

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MONDAY, Feb. 26

The Hoodland Women's Club will hold its meeting starting at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

The Episcopal Church of

the Transfiguration will hold a pancake supper from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lions Club in Wemme. One highlight will be a pancake-flipping contest. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting Berk Anderson at 622-4213.

having a meeting at 8 p.m. in the Lions Hall.

THURSDAY, FEB. 29
The Clackamas County Well baby Clinic will be held all day at the Women's Club starting at 9 a.m.

Tickets for the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce annual dinner banquet March 7 are available. They may be purchased at the Chalet Swiss Restaurant or the U.S. Bank no later than March 2. The general public is welcome. Proceeds from the dinner will be donated by restaurant owner Kurt Metzger for the Chamber's Fourth of July fireworks display.

Hoodland Fire Department this past week dealt with a house full of smoke, one first aid, a heart attack victim, and two automobile accidents. Note: to list events in Hoodland Happenings call 622-4760.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28
The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners are scheduled to deliver a decision on the proposed zoning changes for the Mt. Hood Corridor from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Hoodland Women's Club. Lions Club is

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