

# Motives of planning department questioned

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The Clackamas County planning department has reduced the size of the wetlands that occupy a portion of the land slated for a 347-unit subdivision near Brightwood known as Brightwood Glen.

A hearing will be held Oct. 20 before the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex in Oregon City for a conditional use permit.

Speaking before the Mt. Hood Corridor Citizen Planning Organization this past summer, representatives for the Salem-based Real Estate Loan Fund (RELFF), the developers of the proposed project, announced the county planning staff has reduced the site's wetland area from 19 acres down to nine acres.

Martin Boatwright, of

Boatwright Engineering Inc. and formerly an engineer for the city of Sandy, and Jeffrey R. Tross, land planning and development consultant, explained that the original acreage designated as being wetlands was questionable.

They maintain the criteria employed by the planning staff to identify wetlands were too general when the area was inventoried. As a result, a large amount of land where condominium units were to be constructed was in designated wetland areas.

Still recognized as wetlands are two areas, considerably smaller in size, that are within the development site.

The first area is located on the northeastern boundary of the development, and is located near the vicinity of Miller Road and Highway 26. Comprising roughly four acres, this

wetland site includes what is believed to be one of the few white aspen groves on the west side of Mt. Hood.

The second site comprises an estimated six acres at the development's southern extremities. This wetland borders land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, where a large pond exists.

In a recent interview Marilyn Leslie, a CPO representative for the Lolo Pass-Zig Zag area, questioned the authority of the county in reducing the acreage of the wetland.

Leslie, who is also a member of the Environmental Committee On Suitability, the organization that initially identified the area as having wetlands, said the county's actions was a violation of the state land use goals, which require citizen input.

She said the area RELFF has proposed to develop was discussed at great lengths the past six months during the updating of the Mt. Hood Community Plan, which mandates citizen input. During the course of that process, an estimated 19 acres was identified as having noticeable standing water.

The map finally drawn by the planning staff, which designates the 19 acres as wetlands, was far from being satisfactory, said Leslie. She said it did not identify the wetlands' "recharge" area, which is equally as important as identifying ponds, marshes or bogs.

Leslie said Harold

Winegar of Prineville, a consulting biologist for ECOS, recognized the importance of this area's wetlands.

Winegar, according to Leslie, considered the areas surrounding the standing water of wetlands to be of equal value and worth preserving.

These "recharge" areas are important because they discharge water into the wetlands "on a timely basis" throughout the year, said Leslie.

In addition, this water filters through the soil underground, said Leslie, and provides the necessary moisture for plant life, as well as helping maintain water levels in areas of standing water and in nearby creeks and rivers.

According to Leslie, during the public hearing process the planning staff had been requested to submit the criteria they used to designate wetlands. They didn't provide this information, she said.

Now that the plan has been revised, and it's too late for further public comment, they've changed the wetland designations for Brightwood Glen.

"It's a typical insult and affront by the county government of goal one (citizen input) violations," said Leslie.

Leslie also charged that the planning staff's new wetland designation for the Brightwood Glen area was done with the assistance of a consultant, Ken Bierly, who works for the developers. This was acknowledged in a July 13

letter to Vice Chairperson Tom Morrison from Senior Planner Doug McClain.

Bierly, a wetland and waterway resource consultant and owner of Bierly & Associates Inc., in May of 1981 conducted a study for RELFF. The study is an impact analysis of the affects the development will have on the site. This includes the impact on wetlands and on a winter range for black-tailed deer.

On July 7 Gary Cook, natural resource planner for the Department of Environmental Services, accompanied Bierly on a site investigation. During the course of their joint investigation, the boundaries of the wetlands were changed. Both parties reportedly were able to agree on the location, size and boundaries of the wetlands.

According to McClain's letter, Bierly will be preparing an updated map depicting the wetlands.

Leslie said Bierly's role definitely constitutes a conflict of interest. She said it is obvious that Bierly is only protecting the interests

of his employer, and not that of the public's, by reducing the size of the wetlands.

I feel uncomfortable because the changes in Brightwood Glen's wetlands were made by an employee of Boatwright Engineering, said Leslie.

"Why the county (planning department) would use this person for establishing the criteria in recognizing wetlands, as well as redrawing the boundaries of the wetlands, greatly concerns me. It makes me

## Women join sororities

Sororities at Oregon State University pledged 364 coeds, including Sara J. Shreeve, who pledged Gamma Phi Beta, and Patricia A. Ten Eyck, who pledged Sigma Kappa. Both are from Sandy.

## Men pledge at Oregon State

There were 571 men pledged by fraternities at Oregon State University during the summer and fall rush, including Steve Brader and Dale Rasmussen, of Sandy. Both pledged Theta Chi.

question the real intent and motives of our county government.

"This latest incident, like

many others, clearly points out that the county government views citizen input as a mandated formality."

## Open house, potluck at Welches tonight

The Welches Parent-Teacher Association will hold a combination potluck supper, open house and school board meeting tonight.

The potluck will begin at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Participants should remember to take a main dish and a salad, or a main dish and a dessert.

From 7 until 7:45 p.m. an open house will be held.

For those wishing to attend, the school board will meet at 7:45 p.m. in the school library.

To be discussed is the selection of the boys basketball coaches, and selection of the pottery and drama instructors.

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## Eagle Creek man completes training

Airman James L. Scott, son of Lois J. Lantz of Eagle Creek, and Jerry V. Scott of Clackamas, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The airman, who is remaining at Lackland for

specialized training in the security police field, studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

## Photo session set at Welches School

Student photographs for Welches Grade School, kindergarten through eighth grades, will be taken Monday, Oct. 18.

The event is sponsored by the Welches Parent-Teachers Association. According to Gary Dietterich, vice principal, the PTA is providing all the required labor and organization.

Dietterich said student photos are being taken ear-

ly "so they will be back well in time for Christmas and can be given away as gifts." He said he anticipates they will be ready to be picked up sometime during the middle of November.

Last year's eighth graders who have not yet picked up their graduation pictures may still do so, said Dietterich. They can pick them up in the vice principal's office.

## What's Cooking?

### Calico salad recipe provided

by Sara Sewell

#### TACO PIE

1 Pkg. crescent rolls or a 9-10" pie crust  
1 1/2 lbs. hamburger  
1 pkg. Taco Seasoning  
1/2 cup water  
1 can refried beans  
1 1/2 cups crushed Fritos  
1 cup sour cream  
1 cup grated cheese  
1/2 cup sliced black olives

Either use a pie crust, or arrange rolls in pie pan, points to center, leaving overhang on edge. Flute edges. Brown meat. Add seasoning, olives and water. Sprinkle half of Fritos on crust. Spread beans, meat, sour cream and cheese.

Top with remainder of Fritos. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 4-6.

—From the files of Connie Verdoorn, Sandy. This recipe offers a great way to use hamburger to create a company dinner.

#### CALICO SALAD

1 (15 oz.) can white kernel corn  
1 small can peas  
1 (15oz.) can French-cut green beans  
Drain above three items.  
1 cup chopped green pepper  
1/2 chopped onion  
1 cup diced celery  
1 cup grated carrot  
1/2 cup chopped pimento

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Add dressing. (Recipe follows). Refrigerate. This is a salad that will keep up to 6 weeks. It is very good.

Dressing: 1 cup salad oil, 1/4 cup vinegar, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon pepper. Bring to boil. Boil 1 minute. Cool. Serves 8-12.—From the files of Florence Hoffman, Welches.

#### RYE HAPPIES

1/4 cup unsifted Fisher's Rye Flour  
1/4 cup quick-cooking oats  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

3/4 cup chopped walnuts  
1/3 cup cooking oil  
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 eggs

Grease well the bottom of a 9-in. square baking pan. Combine thoroughly flour, oats, salt, baking powder and walnuts.

In mixing bowl put oil, brown sugar, vanilla and eggs, beat together with rotary beater until free from sugar lumps. Stir in dry ingredients. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 35 minutes. Let cool. Cut into squares or bars. Dust with powdered sugar. Store in covered container in cool place.

—From the files of Vivian Terry, Tigard. This cookie is not so sweet and makes a nourishing snack for children or grown-ups.

## Sandy man awarded \$1,000 scholarship

John Stroup, an electronics engineering major at the Oregon Institute of Technology, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Boeing Company for the 1982-83 year.

Stroup, a 1980 Sandy Union High School graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Stroup of Sandy.

He is vice president of OIT's chapter of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and earned an associate's degree in applied science last spring.



John Stroup

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