

2009 ANNUAL REPORT
to
CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Presented by
THE VILLAGES AT MT HOOD
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Committee Reports

Safety Committee - Members continue to work with the Sheriff's Office to increase patrols and promote Neighborhood Watch Programs. Speed on Hwy 26 is always a concern. Pat Buckley & Bob Reeves

Mountain Express Bus - We were able to access two grants for new buses. We had several fund raisers such as a Mexican dinner and received support from the County Small Grant program. The number of riders is still growing. Clackamas provides limited funding and is the fiscal agent for the Mt. Express. Shirley Dueber & Bob Reeves

Library Committee - With the passage of the library district, the committee formed a Friends' of the Library group, and are now a stand alone committee. They support the Hoodland Library and work with the Sandy Library. Judith Norval, former board member, chairs the committee.

Recycling Center- This was a project to support the Hoodland Senior Center by recycling paper. The effort was more successful than we ever thought it could be, however it had to be discontinued for lack of payment and timely pick up by the supplier of the bins.

Marketing - The committee worked with the Chamber to explore interest from the business community in the Main Street Program. After two meetings it was determined that now was not a good time to proceed with this project. Brigitte Romeo and Pat Sharp

Community Center - This is a joint project between The Hoodland Women's Club and Hoodland Senior Center. The committee has been working with the Commissioners and Staff looking into grants for additional funding. The Villages Board has been supporting this endeavor.

Signage - The Village supported a grant application by Clackamas Tourism Department for signs along Highway 26. If approved we will be working with the County for the placement of the signs.

C-4 - We were approved and have taken a seat at C-4. We now are participating each month. Bob Reeves

REACT - Along with the Hamlets, the Village participated in the formation of a new REACT. Currently the committee is working with staff and ODOT in the formation of a new ACT region. Bob Reeves and Pat Sharp

Environment Committee - This is a new committee and is contacting other agencies regarding the closing of Miller Road Quarry. Other goals include informing the Village Board and Citizens about projects that preserve and restore our rural mountain environment. Pat Sharp

Sustainability Committee - This committee staged a very successful Green Scene Day last April. This was an all day event and the committee included several members from the community. We hope this will be an annual event. Doug Saldivar

Internal Development Work

We continued to work on the formation of written policies.
We worked to increase communication with other organizations in our area.

Events

During the past fiscal year The Village Board supported several projects and was involved in several events:

1. We sponsored two meetings for the business community to hear about the Clackamas County Main Street program.
2. The Village developed an official logo and created a Village web site.
3. We held a Stamp Cancellation event for the Oregon Sesquicentennial and participated in the Brightwood Centennial celebration.
4. During the year several of our committees developed Action plans based on surveys and community hearings.
5. At one of our Town Halls we dedicated a new bus for the Mountain Express and provided tables for local organizations to display materials. The organizations included The Lions Club, Senior Center, School District, Chamber of Commerce, Fire District, Post office, and a local Veteran's group.
6. The big event of this past year was an **all day event called Mt. Hood Green Scene** held at Welches School. There were tabletop displays relating to Sustainability and we also set up a large recycling center for the day.
7. As in the past, the Village hosted a candidates' forum for County Commissioner and County Clerk positions.

Ongoing Projects for 2010

We will continue to reach out to citizens and organizations within the community. One new idea will be for Board members to attend the meetings of other community groups and solicit their input.

Village Board members and their committees will be working on meeting the action plan goals on the topics of sustainability, environment protection, road safety, and expanded bus service.

We encourage the County to sponsor a board training workshop to develop leadership skills for Village board members.