

1 first recycling center would come in mid-October across at Hoodland Park Plaza (back
2 lot area near the liquor store) across from Stage Stop Road. Additional sites are being
3 negotiated for the future, hopefully to be sited at the community center and Mt. Hood
4 Foods. Newspapers, magazine and catalogs will be accepted at that site.
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6 **Speakers Clackamas County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Chuck Slaney**

7 Chuck Slaney introduced himself as the Fourth Shift Watch Commander, from 2:00 pm
8 to 2:00 am, he watches over the County for the Sheriff. He is the highest ranking official
9 on duty during that time. He is part of the management staff. He also runs the shifts that
10 run up on the mountain.
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12 The patrols for the Mountain Area cover an area from the City of Sandy outer limits
13 through Government Camp. That district goes from Multnomah County and from
14 Highway 224 on up the mountain. Second Shift starts at 7:00 am to 5:00 pm; the Fourth
15 Shift patrol comes on at 4:00 pm from the 82nd and Sunnybrook Road Sheriff Station (as
16 compared to Police Precincts). There are two Stations in Clackamas County: one is the
17 South Station (housing records, jail) and the other the North Station which does all of the
18 patrol operations for the County.
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20 The Sheriff requires one deputy be assigned to the mountain. The First Shift goes from
21 9:00 pm to 7:00 am; this is an overlap to Fourth Shift. There is a one hour overlap
22 between Second and Fourth Shifts.
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24 Oregon State Police patrols the highway, but they are not a 24/7; they haven't been for a
25 very long time. They keep one Trooper on the mountain. OSP has a station at the ODOT
26 facility in Government Camp. The County Sheriff patrol shares that space with OSP.
27 Similarly, the County has space in Cedar Glen Estates. It is a station drop-off for deputies
28 as is the Hoodland Fire Station, Sandy Police Department. It is not a 24/7 operation at
29 any of these places. There are exterior phones available at those places for calling 911
30 when the sites are not manned.
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32 With regard to regional problems, one of the main problems is the transient traffic. Many
33 of the issues are the same as the Oregon Coast experiences. There are many recreational
34 housing issues, particularly break-ins. With ski season coming in, the County anticipates
35 younger groups moving in which results in increased incidents of thefts, partying issues.
36 Search and Rescue (SAR) goes into full operations. There is typically about one incident
37 every three days. A lot of traffic increases for winter season.
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39 Attendee Keith Schacher asked about the deputy's car parked near Skyway. Lt. Slaney
40 noted that was a deputy who lives on the mountain. With a "take-home" policy for
41 deputy cars, the patrol car is near his home. Schacher appreciates the presence that the
42 vehicle implies.
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44 Highway traffics issues are well known to both OSP and the County. The barriers that
45 recently were put into place on Highway 26 should help alleviate some of the problems
46 of people falling asleep and crossing the middle line. These barrier systems have been

1 used elsewhere effectively. Schacher felt additional signage warning drivers would be
2 helpful.

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4 Board Bob Reeves spoke about the Enhanced District that was put in place in an
5 unincorporated area east of Milwaukie. Is there any discussion about putting that on the
6 ballot to expand the boundaries of the Enhanced District? Lt. Slaney noted that the
7 communities in the Milwaukie area wanted additional patrols. The Enhanced District was
8 in response to citizens coming to the Sheriff's office asking for extra patrols on 82nd (near
9 Clackamas County Town Center and the McLaughlin area). The citizen's voted on the
10 Enhanced District (because it involved taxation). The tax was approved and was in
11 addition to the County tax. Misunderstanding comes when citizens believe it is going to
12 always be that same pot of money. As costs rise, compression occurs, decreasing what
13 can be purchased from the pot. Chris Roth noted that unincorporated areas have
14 challenges when it comes to forming its own cities.

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16 Lt. Slaney noted that it takes 18 weeks of training for deputies to be certified. There is
17 then a field training academy where recruits are trained. They are subsequently paired to
18 coaches. There can be as much as a 40% washout this deep into their training. Those
19 who go forward are on probation for 18 months.

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21 An attendee asked about the need for private patrol up here. Lt. Slaney conceded that it
22 could be done here but doesn't think the need is clear for that kind of operation. He
23 discussed an example of a County contract operation in Wilsonville and the Charbeneau
24 Community. He added that about five years ago the Department of Public Safety &
25 Training took the private security guards and made them become certified with the State.
26 They found 80% of those serving in that capacity had criminal backgrounds. Many
27 private security companies lost lots of personnel. There are only a few companies that
28 can do the full background check, etc. The guards themselves once certified do not make
29 more than \$8-10 per hour. It was noted that there was one in the area. Lt. Slaney said that
30 such operators are required to show their certification card should they be challenged by a
31 County or State law enforcement officer. He felt that there were often significant
32 differences between their presentation and the County's, citing the cars insignias and
33 striping, etc.

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35 Attendee Nancy Spencer talked about speeders on Welches Road, probably as much as
36 50% of the traffic. There are pedestrians, animals, golf course grooming equipment
37 utilizing that road. She feels the residents are fortunate that there are as few accidents as
38 there are. What can be done about that? Lt. Slaney suggests that people go to the
39 County's website and file traffic complaints. A traffic unit can be assigned to an area by
40 a traffic sergeant. This would be a mobile unit, not permanently assigned here.

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42 Lt. Slaney spoke to the group about getting a justice court within the County where the
43 funds from traffic citations, etc., stay in the County rather than being sent to the State.
44 The citizen's input to the web gives the traffic sergeant an idea of volume.

1 Nancy Spencer asked about the feasibility of speed bumps. Lt. Slaney didn't believe the
2 County puts those in. He added that installing speed bumps create a liability. He
3 emphasized that the Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development
4 is the place to lodge the complaints. Attendee Bob Thurman asked about having the
5 device that registers the miles per hour for a vehicle as it drives by. Lt. Slaney said the
6 County Sheriff's Department doesn't have those units; perhaps the CCTDT has them and
7 ODOT has them for Highway 26.

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9 Board Member Rick Applegate stated that the Villages at Mt. Hood would be interested
10 in hosting the justice court should there be a way to come to agreement of having the
11 County's funds stay in the County. Lt. Slaney emphasized there would likely be
12 repercussions and political hurdles since the State would be losing significant funding
13 with a reallocation.

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15 Lt. Slaney noted that the Sheriff's department has expanded its services; this leads to
16 financial demands. A lot of issues are simply resource issues. He noted that the funding
17 for the Sheriff's work is specifically tied to "keeping the peace;" adding other elements
18 such as Search and Rescue, SWAT, Narcotics Investigations, Dive Team Rescue, Civil
19 Division, etc. has expanded the organization greatly. Add to this, exploding populations
20 throughout the County. Again, it comes down to resource management to meet the
21 needs.

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23 Chair Nancy Dougherty asked Lt. Slaney what he could recommend to private citizens in
24 a community with regard to safety and security issues. Lt. Slaney pointed out that
25 tonight's meeting is a good place for citizen's to start recognizing their problems. He
26 added that starting Neighborhood Watch groups is probably essential. The County has
27 trainers for communities. Homes should have alarm systems. Remove the crimes of
28 opportunity: don't leave things in your cars in the driveways. Keep the garages closed.
29 Keep areas well lit...dark areas attract criminal activities. Since mail theft is on the rise.
30 Locking mailboxes is more and more essential, or having a post office box.

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32 Attendee Keith Schacher asked about the Board having a committee to get Neighbor
33 Watch trainers come up for neighborhood watch programs. Lt. Slaney felt that was an
34 excellent approach.

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36 Lt. Slaney went on to offer additional hints: do better property signage such as reflective
37 signage at the driveways (not on the mailbox). This is good not only for police but also
38 fire departments, ambulances. Board Member Bob Reeves noted that the Hoodland Fire
39 Department does provide property numbers (for a fee). Lt. Slaney particularly focused
40 on getting better property numbering/signage for the homes in the summer residences
41 area.

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43 Lt. Slaney talked about the local anti-drug coalition formed by a neighborhood group.
44 Wednesday through Saturday there is an extra deputy up here due to a federal grant the
45 coalition received. That deputy coordinates with Community Corrections, some OLCC

1 stings and various other inter-agency co-op activities (like parole violations, parole
2 violations, etc.) These agencies try to work together to resolve problems.

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4 Lt. Slaney went on to explain that the grant only lasts five years. Thereafter the
5 community has to come up with a “sustainment grant” (i.e., they must then fund the
6 activities). Those funds cannot come out of the County, they must come out of the
7 community itself. The Sheriff’s Department is merely the fiscal agent for the current
8 grant. This area is one of the few communities to get this type of grant. Portland Police
9 received a similar grant that they used for overtime on prostitution detail, a problem
10 specific to their area. The grant to the local community is used for problems specific to
11 the mountain.

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13 With regard to cabins with alarm systems, if the alarm goes off, alarm monitoring
14 companies typically calls the house first, then alternative numbers. It is typically 15
15 minutes later that C-Com is notified and they dispatch law enforcement. Lt. Slaney
16 noted they often do not have sufficient information about the systems and their location
17 in the house, how to disarm them, etc. However, in any event, the audible alarm is the
18 main deterrent. If the alarm continues, mostly neighbors will call for investigation. Law
19 enforcement can disconnect them if no owner comes to disarm/silence the alarm. Silent
20 alarms are more typically for businesses. He also noted that home owners can put in
21 remote-view camera systems.

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23 Attendee Steve Wilent noted that some time ago before the Villages at Mt. Hood was
24 formed, there had been discussion about establishing a County Special District to support
25 additional services; does the Sheriff’s Department for such districts? Lt. Slaney: Yes, as
26 subcontracts to cities (Damascus, Estacada, Wilsonville, and Happy Valley) and to
27 Enhanced Districts. He added a caution: it is not an instant solution due to training
28 needs, turnover, retirement, etc. And remember, it is funded by an added tax for a special
29 district, like Wilsonville’s Enhanced District. For law enforcement personnel, you pay
30 for the deputy, his car, his fuel, his training, etc. It is not just a salary. Estimate low end
31 of \$125,000 for one deputy at entry level. And you must keep in mind that for every so
32 many deputies there are supervisory cost requirements.

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34 Lt. Slaney continued that the first challenge is to form the district and the second is
35 working with the County to work out costing details. Civil Division, Jail, Patrol, Search
36 and Rescue sections as well as special contracts. The County’s Lt. Lowe, Search and
37 Rescue Watch Commander, can tell about the costs for Mt. Hood Search and Rescue
38 operations. Actually, State law mandates that the counties’ provide that service. Those
39 who use the service do not pay for them, nor would they typically have the capability
40 because of the high costs. Most operations involve a significant number of volunteers.
41 Air Force, National Guard and other partners handle the helicopters in those operations.
42 If someone is pulled from law enforcement for an SAR, the area is back-filled with
43 support; it is not left open.

1 Lt. Slaney concluded his remarks by stating he would leave behind business cards; he
2 welcomes questions via phone, e-mail, etc. He can re-direct some inquiries to additional
3 resource.

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5 The Board expressed their appreciation to Lt. Slaney for his presentation.

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7 Board Member Bob Reeves added that he considered himself fortunate to go to a citizen
8 academy put on by the Sheriff's office. He was very impressed by the number of hats
9 that those people wear. Lt. Slaney concurred. He encouraged Board members to
10 participate in an academy coming up.

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12 **Old Business**

13 None.

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15 **New Business**

16 Chair Nancy Dougherty referred attendees to a handout she brought back from a County
17 session that she and the Board attended: "That These 10 Easy Steps towards Shrinking
18 Your Eco Footprint."

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20 Chris Roth shared a Beavercreek group handout they passed out at their Town Hall
21 meeting that was a useful to communicate agenda, schedule of meetings, etc. Chris Roth
22 noted that if the Villages at Mt. Hood provided a logo to the County they could provide a
23 similar handout for use at Town Hall Meetings on the mountain.

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25 Chris Roth also reported that County Planner Dan Zinzer felt that there should be no
26 problem of using a portion of the community center's lot for community garden if the
27 community was agreeable. Althea Dorman and Marilyn Anderson were listed as good
28 contacts for negotiating the opportunity.

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30 Attendee Bob du Biel pointed out that the Villages of Mt. Hood membership in the Mt.
31 Hood Chamber of Commerce would cost \$75.00. While Chair Nancy Dougherty offered
32 to cover that cost personally, he advocated that it come from the Villages at Mt. Hood
33 budget.

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35 ***Motion***

36 Bob Reeves moved and Judith Norval seconded a motion to have the Villages at
37 Mt. Hood pay the dues from their treasury.

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39 ***Discussion:***

40 None.

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42 ***Vote:***

43 Ayes: 6

44 Nays: None

45 Abstentions: None

1 **Action:**

2 The motion passed unanimously.

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4 Chair Nancy Dougherty noted that she had changed the lock on the Villages at Mt. Hood
5 mailbox. She and Board Member Bob Reeves have keys.

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7 Chair Nancy Dougherty sent out questionnaires to all the water boards on the mountain.
8 She is beginning to receive responses. Representatives from the water boards are coming
9 to the Villages at Mt. Hood Board Meetings, starting with Mike Bowman in November.
10 Dr. Redinger, the new Superintendent of the Oregon Trail School District will speak at
11 the next Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, November 17, 2007, 9:00 to Noon, Welches
12 School lower building. Attendee Bob du Biel encouraged people to come. He said that
13 Dr. Redinger had been at the Chamber meeting earlier today and that they found carries a
14 message worthwhile hearing. Judith Norval concurred, having heard her at the Women's
15 Club meeting. As an example of issues relating to the need for new facilities for the
16 Oregon Trail School District, Chair Nancy Dougherty quoted Dr. Redinger as saying that
17 the wiring in the current high school facilities is not entirely compatible with current
18 computer technologies and computer load.

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20 Board Member Rick Applegate noted he had two letters from a citizen regarding the
21 bridge on Arrah Wanna Road. He will be passing them on to the Chair for review.

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23 Nancy Dougherty announced Saturday morning, October 20, 2007; the Rhododendron
24 CPO will be meeting at 10:30 am. She encouraged people to attend. There will be
25 discussion about Rhododendron seceding from the Villages at Mt. Hood. Attendee
26 George Wilson asked if it were an open meeting, could the public speak to the issue?
27 Chair Nancy Dougherty said anyone can attend and that the public could speak insofar as
28 she knew. Chris Roth clarified that there were voting criteria. Also, 30% of the
29 population must sign a petition to withdraw. If they chose to do that, they will have to
30 come to the Villages Board and it must be mutually agreeable. If the Villages refuse, the
31 group would need to go to the Board of Commissioners. Chris Roth does not believe it
32 would necessarily be well received.

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34 Board Rick Applegate expressed his concerns that the Rhododendron CPO, a land use
35 organization, appears to be considering themselves a governance body for the
36 Rhododendron. On the other hand, if 30% of a sector of the region came to the Villages
37 at Mt. Hood, the Board would probably consider the issue; it would be considered
38 significant to that sector. Rick Applegate said he had problems with the organization
39 stepping out of its role as land use planning advisors.

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41 Chris Roth thinks there may be some issues between for CPO Chair Steve Graeper who
42 does not want to be part of the Villages, but neither does he want to be the role of land
43 use planning, but a hybrid of the two functions. If a citizen is a county agent, he/she
44 cannot lobby about issues; if a citizen is part of a land use planning advisory group,
45 he/she cannot be a county agent. A Rhododendron CPO boundary map was circulated.

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1 Board Member Rick Applegate said he is very concerned that people recognize the
2 change in atmosphere for the Board meetings. Everyone should be calm and cautious.
3 This a new area. This is not something to be too concerned about. There have not been
4 hundreds coming forward on this issue.

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6 George Wilson asked if Susan Corwin had anything to do with this? It was confirmed
7 she did. George Wilson encouraged everyone work to educate people about people like
8 those participating in the effort there. Rick Applegate responded that they were citizens,
9 yes, hostile at this time, constituents of the Villages at Mt. Hood. They have options to
10 come to the Board. Board Bob Reeves refocused the discussion to the progress that has
11 been and is being made. The Villages at Mt. Hood are moving to community issues (like
12 the Sheriff's presentation, water issues, etc). George Wilson felt people can get apathetic
13 and not recognize underlying motives. Bob Reeves countered that the Board is moving
14 beyond this. It is working to represent the citizens and their concerns to the County.

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16 Attendee Bob du Biel suggested people be cautious of discussing numbers, such as the
17 seven people taking a position in Rhododendron CPO. Only 43 people passed the
18 bylaws. Board Member Rick Applegate agreed, noting, however, that there is now a
19 Board that gives serious thought to issues and listens. And that there is County approved
20 figure of 30% for dissolving the group. George Wilson affirmed his approval of the
21 direction the Board is taking. He reported having piles of paperwork showing where the
22 local drug coalition is going after legitimate businesses such as the coffee shop which
23 they believe is selling too much liquor. The community must know about these these
24 activities.

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26 Russ - Attendee (garden guy) appreciated letter in last *Mountain Times* issue. He asked
27 if the Board considered doing an on-going, more personalized approach to sharing
28 information, such as doing an on-going column in the Sandy Post and the Mountain
29 Times. Steve Wilent noted that he would publish the minutes but not at the level of detail
30 recorded.

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32 Chris Roth reported she has ordered a microphone for doing a podcast. The first one did
33 not work; they have ordered another one for trying again next month.

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35 Chris Roth also reported she would be attending a hamlets and villages conference in
36 Tacoma where she is very excited to share about Villages at Mt. Hood. She believes the
37 Villages have come through a long hard, dark time and are now coming out the other side
38 into a brighter future.

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40 **Adjournment**

41 There being no other business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:25
42 pm.

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44 Respectfully submitted,

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46 Marilyn Peterson

1 Mountain Quail Business Services, Inc.
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4 **RESIDENTS AND GUESTS SIGNED IN FOR**
5 **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
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19 **ATTACHMENTS:**

20 Board of Directors Sign In Sheets
21 Sign In Sheets of Attendees
22 Agenda
23 Minutes of the Board Meeting, September 4, 2007
24 Treasurer's Report
25 *Take These 10 Easy Steps towards Shrinking Your Eco Footprint*
26 Map of Rhododendron CPO area
27 Villages at Mt. Hood Community Discussion Results, August 11, 2007 Town Hall
28 Meeting
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