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Subject: Marys River Park is a no no

Hi, everybody,

To bring everybody up to date:

Wednesday: Jerry Jackson went to the Philomath City offices to see if we could pull a couple of flatbed trailers into the park for a stage, and was told no way, under no circumstances, could that happen.

Thursday: Jerry received a letter in the mail saying that our reservation for Marys River Park is cancelled.

Friday: Jerry e-mailed me to say that he is on overload with the campaign and work and is finding that it's all too much, so is resigning as chairman of The Committee to Celebrate Philomath Volunteers.

Friday: Jean tried to contact the Philomath Frolic by phone and by e-mail to make an appointment so that Stella and I can visit with them. I have not heard back from anyone yet.

Friday: Jeff and Don were in The Meetin' Place in Philomath, and Rocky came in. Jeff and Don told Rocky that the city had cancelled our Marys River Park reservation. Rocky didn't know anything about our plans to honor Philomath volunteers. He was surprised at what Jeff and Don told him, and he said that he would like to visit with Stella and me about it.

Saturday: Stella and I both tried to make contact with Rocky, but failed. We just decided to wait for him to call us back.

Monday: Jean received an e-mail from Michelle at Philomath Downtown Association saying that they cannot be our 501-c-3 fiscal agent. I talked to Michelle and she said she would ask the Association if they will be a sponsor.

Michelle said that the Chamber has an event, "Philomath Uncorked," at 3:30 p.m. on July 26.

She sent me the Chamber's calendar. We must change our date. We must not be in competition with the Chamber. July 26th is the only summertime date that the Chamber has on their calendar.

Monday: Jean called the Philomath City offices to try to make an appointment with our new city manager, Chris Workman. Ruth said that the new manager is booked up for at least a week. Ruth said that Rocky had already been in the City Offices talking about our using the park to celebrate Philomath volunteers.

Monday: Jean talked to the Philomath Chamber office and tried to get in touch with their president. I talked with the office manager, and she said she would e-mail the president, who is still on maternity leave, and ask her to call me. I have not yet heard from her. We'll ask the Chamber to consider being a sponsor.

Monday: Rocky Sloan drove out to Stella's home and she called me so I could visit with Rocky. Rocky said he was sorry, but the City absolutely will not let us use Marys River Park. Too many people are expected to attend. Flatbed trailers absolutely are not permitted. They don't want big tents with big stakes in the ground. He said that a few years ago, the City permitted another organization to use the park for a festival, and that will never be permitted again. And he said that both Don and Jeff's signatures are on the decision to make it a natural park. So that idea is dead, dead, dead.

Rocky suggests

1) using the City Park and using the high school parking lot and Applegate streets for parking. He says we can put up our big tents there, no problem and we can pull in our flat-bed trailers for a stage.

2) using the Philomath Rodeo Grounds. After taking a look at the City Park, we'll weigh in on the pros and cons. At this point, I personally prefer the idea of the city park just because there won't be alcohol consumption at a city park, whereas if we go to the Rodeo grounds, people can bring in liquor and we'll have a bigger problem with crowd control.

Stella and I are placing our names on the Philomath City Council meeting agenda for May 12 to tell the council about the celebration.

Stella and I are preparing a written presentation to give to the City, the Frolic and the Chamber, and that will be delivered tomorrow.

Well, now you know all Stella and I know. If you have questions or comments, please call us. I'll call Don and De and tell them. I'll be home all evening.

Thanks so much for all the time and love that you are putting in on this project. Everybody agrees that it's a great idea!

Jean .