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Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 2:08 PM
To: Smolak, Barbara
Cc: Kyle, Amy
Subject: Villages at Mt. Hood Board Election

Interested community member,

Below is the email Gary Schmidt, Director of Public and Government Affairs sent to the Villages of Mt. Hood Board of Directors regarding their December 1, 2015 Town Hall election.

Thank you for your inquiry and interest.
Barbara

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Subject: Villages at Mt. Hood Board Election

Dear Villages at Mt. Hood Board Members:

Based on information and feedback the county received and witnessed at the December 1, 2015 Villages Town Hall Board of Directors elections, I am invalidating the election. As outlined in Clackamas County Ordinance #03-2015 (Hamlets and Villages), Section 2.10.050 (k)(1) Clackamas County staff is responsible for conducting and overseeing Hamlet and Village elections.

The election irregularities included:

- One of the candidates, Ben Bliesner, did not receive the formal approval of the Villages Board of Directors, as outlined in the Villages Bylaws, Section 8. Vacancies, which states, “If the resignation is from the board, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining Directors. The person appointed to fill the vacancyshall serve the remainder of the unexpired term until the next town hall meeting, at which time a majority of the citizens present at the meeting shall elect a successor. . . .” The county received information that the above candidate’s application was discussed, but did not receive approval by the Villages board.
- Several names on the sign-in sheets did not include addresses.
- For the names on the sign-in sheets that included P.O. Boxes, it was not clear if identification verifying proof of address within the Villages boundary was provided.

- It was observed at the registration table that several attendees claimed they lost their ballot and were given new ballots. There was no way to verify the validity of those claims.

The county will assist the current Villages board in conducting a new election at a future Villages Town Hall in January or February. To be placed on the ballot all candidates must receive the approval of the Villages Board of Directors. A candidate must receive a majority of the ballots received in order to be elected. That means 50% plus 1 vote. PGA staff will conduct the election with the assistance of the Villages Board.

I recommend county staff attend your January Villages meeting where we can discuss this matter and plan for a February election. If you would like to meet sooner, please let me know.

If you have any questions or would like any clarification please contact me or Amy Kyle at 503.742.5973 or AKyle@clackamas.us

Thank you.

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