

Clackamas County Commissioners  
2051 Kaen Road  
Oregon City, Oregon

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Dear Commissioners,

The Board of the Villages at Mt Hood is confused as to our position and authority within the community. We are singularly honored to have been chosen as the first Villages reporting directly to the County Commissioners and assumed that we would have a corresponding amount of decision making authority. At this stage of the game we seem to have minimal and feel out of the loop.

Last week, at a board meeting, we were advised by Doris Grolbert, Director of Clackamas County Libraries, that Sandy would now take control of our library. We were not notified ahead of time. Doris suggested that we might contact her and discuss the problem. Our board would rather have heard this decision from you and been part of the planning stage.

The hotel/motel industry raises tax money with a certain amount in the neighborhood of thirty thousand dollars returned to the TDC currently to be used exclusively for promotion of the tourism industry, even though those paying the taxes come to our community for other tourism related activities such as restaurants, shopping, golf and a wide variety of both summer and winter events. We are now being asked to become fiscal agents for these funds but with no Board access. We would like some access to these funds to also further promote worthy and approved community projects. We note, in passing, that part of those taxes collected at gas stations are not remanded to station operators for exclusive promotional purposes.

We are doing our best to better this community but find it difficult to proceed with projects, for example "Welcome to the Villages" signs; when, with our limited resources, we are unable to even purchase the lumber. Without adequate financial support, the alternative is only window dressing.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy N. Dougherty  
Chair, The Villages at Mt Hood

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