



Marion County Board of Commissioners Review Successes, Highlight Challenges in State of the County Presentation

Transportation, children and families, public safety and economic development were major themes at the state of the county presentation given by the Marion County Board of Commissioners. Making sure Marion County has a strong and stable financial base during these challenging economic times, while still maintaining efficient programs and services was a key element in today's presentation.

Outgoing chairperson, **Commissioner Sam Brentano** said that Marion County is the state's fifth most populated county and leads the state in agricultural production. He said we need to have well maintained roads and safe bridges for our citizens and to support farm to market issues. He said the **Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act** will give us some resources to help maintain our roads but with 929 miles of paved roads and 191 miles of gravel roads and 147 bridges, it isn't enough.

Commissioner Janet Carlson noted the spirit of community involvement that helped to make 2008 a very successful year for volunteerism. She said that the "Call To Action" mobilized volunteers and mentors throughout the Mid-Willamette Valley. She noted this is the third year of Marion County's federal agenda that focused on strategies to prevent, treat and intervene with problems that impact children and their families. In 2008, with the assistance of Marion County's Congressional delegation Marion County received federal dollars for programs such as Family Building Blocks for home visitations to meth-affected families with children younger than five years of age; to STAR Court mental health treatment and weekend drug testing, focusing on meth-affected teen parents; and for the

Children of Incarcerated Parents Initiative and Center for Family Success for parenting classes and wraparound support services. She said programs like these are vital to building a healthy community.

Commissioner Carlson also noted that the County passed several key ordinances in 2008 that affected our quality of life. Noise and off-road vehicle ordinances were revised to address some technical aspects and to address complaints received from neighbors concerned about constant noise from ATV tracks near urban areas. Carlson concluded by noting the success of last year's Marion County Fair and expressed enthusiasm about the Oregon 150 celebration the county will be commencing this spring.

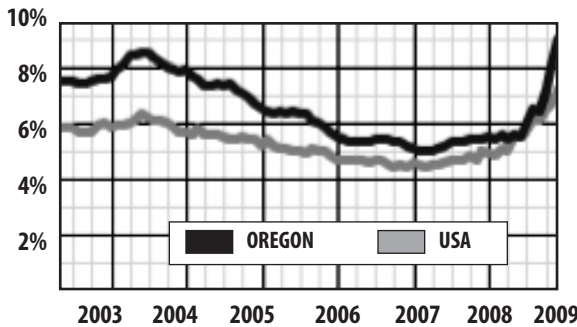
Focusing on economic development, new board chair **Commissioner Patti Milne** noted that the Oregon Garden resort opened October 1. The resort is a \$10 million infusion into Marion County. She also said that SANYO Solar of Oregon, LLC - solar panels companies \$80 million, 130,000 sq/ft. building, intends to begin operations in October of 2009 with the first 150 of a 200 employee workforce.

As Chair of the Public Safety Coordinating Council, Commissioner Milne said that the third annual "Striking Out Meth in Marion County," in July was another huge community success, thanks to the participation of many community and business supporters. She concluded with some words on the Woodburn bombing incident. "In the midst of this horrible dark tragedy, there was an ironic twist: The true meaning of community shined through."

Complete presentation available at <http://www.co.marion.or.us/boc/>.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Additional information @ www.qualityinfo.org



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

SALEM MSA	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
Raw Data	8.9%	7.7%	5.5%
OREGON			
Raw Data	8.8	7.8	5.4
Seasonally Adj.	9.0%	8.0%	5.4%
USA			
Raw Data	7.1	6.5	4.8
Seasonally Adj.	7.2%	6.8%	4.9%

Salem MSA Non-Farm Payroll Employment	Dec 08	Nov 08	+/- Nov08
TOTAL PRIVATE	107,800	109,100	-1,300
Natural Resources & Mining	1,200	1,200	0
Construction	8,300	8,400	-100
Manufacturing Total	13,200	14,100	-900
Durable Goods	6,400	6,500	-100
Nondurable Goods	6,800	7,600	-800
Food Products Mfg.	4,500	5,400	-900
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	26,000	25,900	100
Wholesale Trade	3,900	4,000	-100
Retail Trade	18,300	18,200	100
Transportation, Wrhs & Utilities	3,800	3,700	100
Information	1,500	1,500	0
Financial Activities	7,300	7,300	0
Professional and Business Svcs.	12,600	12,600	0
Admin and Support Svcs.	6,400	6,500	-100
Educational and Health Svcs.	20,300	20,500	-200
Health Care & Social Assistance	17,200	17,200	0
Health Care	14,400	14,400	0
Leisure and Hospitality	12,100	12,200	-100
Accommodation & Food Svcs.	10,600	10,700	-100
Other Services	5,300	5,400	-100
Government	42,700	42,800	-100
Federal Government	1,700	1,700	0
State Government	21,200	21,200	0
State Govt Educational Svcs.	2,400	2,400	0
Local Government	19,800	19,900	-100
Tribal Government	2,000	1,900	0
Local Govt Educational Svcs.	10,200	10,300	-100

Source: Worksource Oregon

Resources/Incentives

Energy Trust is offering enhanced cash incentives for 2009 to help Oregonians save more when making energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy investments. Commercial participants in the food service and lodging industries will see broader incentives for select retrofit lighting projects and other energy efficiency improvements, and expanded incentives for commercial solar electric projects. Visit www.energytrust.org for more information.

Portland General Electric will be offering a variety of courses in 2009 to enhance business practices and provide expert advice on how to save energy and money. Their **Monitoring Load Shape for Energy Savings** class will be held February 12, in Salem. Visit PortlandGeneral.com/Classes.

SEDCOR Member News

Salem Hospital Foundations - Health Education Center Campaign Exceeds Goal

The Salem Hospital Foundation recently completed its first ever capital campaign to create a new Community Health Education Center (CHEC). The campaign exceeded the \$3.5 million goal by raising just over \$4 million. The new Center will be located in remodeled space on the first floor of the hospital's Family Birth Center, and will include the Pierce Resource Center; Gehlar Wellness Kitchen; Gerlinger Support Group Room; King Staff Library; and Green Education Classrooms. The CHEC will provide a unique opportunity for Marion and Polk County residents to access relevant health care information in one convenient location. The center is scheduled to open later this summer. **For information call 503-561-5576 or visit www.PartnerNeighborFriend.org.**

Allan Pollock to serve on Garten Services Board of Directors. Pollock has been general manager of Salem-Keizer Transit for a year and one-half, having moved to Salem from Huntington Beach, California. A resident of West Salem who rides Cherriots regularly, Pollock is also vice chair of the Oregon Transit Association. Garten Services was established in 1970 to provide vocational and retirement opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and long-term mental illness. Other members of Garten's board of directors include: **Grace Walborn** (president), retired from Boise Paper Solutions; **Ken Jundt** (secretary), West Coast Bank; **Pat Spece** (treasurer), Dept. of Consumer & Business Services, treasurer; **Max Brittingham**, retired from Oregon Refuse & Recyclers Association; **Mike DeRochier** of AmeriTitle, **Nicole Godby**, retired from Salem-Keizer School District 24J; **Dick Horner**, retired from Marion County Health Department; **Steve Lewis**, retired from Salem-Keizer School District Special Education Programs; **Kathy Moreland**, retired from Roth's Family Markets; **Jennifer Larsen Morrow** of Creative Company; **Alex Sanchez** of the College of Education at Oregon State University; **Dave VanBossuyt** of Portland General Electric; and **Tim Rocak**, Garten Services, Inc. executive director. **Call 503-581-4472 for information.**

Travel Salem and City of Salem representatives secured four 2010 Amateur Softball Association (ASA) tournaments during the 77th Annual ASA Council meeting. The men's tournaments will boast 60-70 teams from around the nation; taking place on September 2-7, 2010. The women's tournament will be comprised of 30-plus teams; taking place on July 31 - August 3, 2010. All four tournaments will take place at Wallace Marine Park Softball Complex. Salem was one of five cities to receive the James E. Farrell Award of Excellence for conducting three of the highest rated ASA National Championships in 2008. **Visit www.travelsalem.com.**

Oregon Food Bank Receives Boost From Bank Of The Cascades To Support Regional Food Banks

With the slowing economy influencing an increase in the need for emergency food boxes throughout Oregon, Bank of the Cascades has donated \$3,500 to the Oregon Food Bank to support regional food banks located in counties served by the bank. "Each year, in lieu of traditional gifts, our employees choose to honor our customers by supporting the work of nonprofit organizations located in the communities we serve," said Larry Goodreau, senior vice-president and Salem area manager, Bank of the Cascades. "This year, with so many of our neighbors around the state affected by the challenging economy, we feel support of the Oregon Food Bank and its network of regional food banks will provide hope and resources for families in need." **Visit www.marionpolkfoodshare.org.**

Upcoming Member Events & Seminars

January 30, 2009 - Salem Conference Center

SAIF Corporation - Agri-Business Banquet

In celebration of Willamette Valley agriculture. Enjoy great Oregon prepared food and Oregon beverages as the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce shows its appreciation for the continued dedication and commitment of Oregon's farmers to strengthen our state economy. Call Chandra Andersen at 503-581-1466 x300.

Saturday - February 7 at 6:00 pm

Willamette Valley Events Center, Mt. Angel

First Citizen Banquet - "Our Volunteers are Golden"

Presented by Silverton Chamber of Commerce

Visit www.silvertonchamber.org for more information.

February 11th - 12:00 Noon

Salem, State of the City Address

Mayor Janet Taylor, City of Salem

Location: Salem Conference Center

Friday - February 13 - Salem Conference Center

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce

59th First Citizen's Banquet

Dinner banquet and award ceremony recognizing civic leaders and Salem citizens. Call 503-581-1466 x 300 for info.

If you are interested in having your events or seminars listed on SEDCOR website and in our publications, please send information to sappleby@sedcor.com 

For a complete list visit www.sedcor.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Thursday, February 12, 2009 — 12:00 - 1:30 pm
Events at Copperhill

A New Direction for Oregon Business Development

Presented by:

Tim McCabe

Director, Oregon Economic & Community Development Department

More information available at www.sedcor.com



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