

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL
2016 COMMUNITY FORUMS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

1. East Lancaster Neighborhood Association (ELNA): February 4

- 911 Call Center
 - Discussion about whether Marion County is paying facility costs
- Police Facility Public Hearing
 - City could share resources
 - City needs to adequately consider other sites
 - Gauge support for bond measure
- Weathers Street Park- graffiti
 - 6 incidents last week; need a gate; walkways, more light
- Traffic issues – people parking on dead end street, racing, illegal parking at school, people running red lights, school zone issues
- Drug house on Swallow
- Trailers and campers parking from block to block
- Can homeless task force find a place for the trailers and RVs? Can only park on a hard surface.
 - Desire to communicate with neighborhood associations about homeless task force
- Need speed reduction to 35 MPH on Center Street at Cordon Road
 - ESSNA asked Marion County for speed reduction
- Marion County Parole & Probation Division attends ELNA meetings quarterly; keep ELNA informed
- Question about minimum requirements for Measure 11
- Prevention is cheaper
- Question about Metro looking at bringing 200,000 tons of garbage to Covanta in Marion County
- Public using Wi-Fi from businesses

2. Northgate Neighborhood Association: March 8

- Crime rates in northeast Salem?
- 20 houses in City of Salem in dereliction process: squatters, hideouts
- Empty residences are a “haven for crime”
- Portland Road (urban renewal) corridor
- Police facility site
- What are resources for people who need housing?

3. South Central Neighborhood Association (SCAN): March 9

- Problems with magazine sales people in the neighborhood; one in particular appears to be mentally ill
- P&P Officer David Davis – answered questions about mental illness, drugs, caseloads
- Question about court system budget at the legislature and has funding improved? Response: Grant-funded treatment court coordinators. Oregon is 48th of 50 states in judicial salaries.
- Corrections practice moving from punishment based to justice reinvestment approach
- Using evidence-based practices and strengths as a basis, similar to engineering
- Fresh Start Market needs to expand hours
- Smash and grabs occurring in neighborhood

- Have experienced issues with hate crimes
- Homeless camps at Minto Brown and elsewhere
- What are service organizations for veterans?

4. Jefferson (Hosted by City Council, joint State of the County/Public Safety forum): March 10

- Ten parole and probation clients on average living in the greater Jefferson area.
- Transportation is an issue; getting people to treatment and employment
- Marijuana legalization: what is the policy for underage youth?
- School zones – Sheriff’s Office is working with school district
- Interest by school district in expanding wellness strategies with students similar to the initiative in Woodburn; includes nutrition
- Teen Connection/Peer Court- Sheriff’s Office deputies participated in basketball; good prevention program
- 10-15 years (long-term) contract in Jefferson for Marion County Sheriff’s Services; MCSO engages with the community, professional, do an excellent job
- Annual emergency expo; good relations between Marion County Sheriff’s office and Fire District

5. Northeast Salem Community Association (NESCA): March 15

- More hit and runs, traffic issues, speeding on Hawthorne
- Question about weapons as a focus of officer calls
 - Reply: No weapons during time frame reviewed
- Fairly low call rate in the neighborhood; some calls at Motel 6
- Foreclosed bank-owned properties
 - Arrest people who are transients
 - Trespass letter of consent (TLC)
- List of dangerous or derelict buildings, drug labs
- 129 new code enforcement cases, with 35 open
 - 100 plus violations, junk, solid waste
 - 59 parking citations
 - 1 stolen vehicle
- Mother/10-year old observed camping on street in camper on pick up; let officials know so they can make contact and refer to resources
- Transient camps on: (1) ODOT property, (2) city property, 3) private property
- Juvenile Department restitution averages \$70,000 per year
- Homeless Initiative-new location for task force meetings in Keizer
- Referrals down in juvenile justice
- Reasons for juvenile referrals:
 - Gangs
 - Weapons
 - Mental health
 - Stupid things
 - Trauma
 - Home environment
- 32 beds in detention/average daily population is 22-25

6. French Prairie Forum: March 16

- Need funding to sustain House Bill 3194 (2013)/Justice Reinvestment Initiative
- \$1.3 billion shortfall anticipated in 2017 session; need to educate legislators and candidates

- Emphasis on property offenders who are addicts
- Cite and release occurring from Woodburn; strategies: jail reentry, LEAD, CORT team
- No detox facility in Marion County
- In Donald same problem: property crime, theft, juvenile drug use
- Neighborhood Watch is becoming more popular in Donald
- Next Door email system – City of Donald would like more information
- School Resource Officers help with juvenile drug use. Working with North Marion School District
- Influence of marijuana on increased drug use for youth
- Recreational program in Jefferson (Night Court); gives kids in isolated areas something to do
- More co-dependency issues with juveniles; working with Psychiatric Crisis Center to find solutions
- Juvenile Department does risk assessment for Minor in Possession for both alcohol and marijuana
- .370 population; success of treatment programs
- Question about jail capacity; reply: no need to open G-Pod
- Donald mayor appreciated jail tour
- Staffing in Sheriff's Office; recruitment issues
- Increased traffic problems in North county
- Question about county support for CERT; Woodburn Fire Department also does CERT

7. Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association (SESNA): March 22

- CERT Team is seeking volunteers; upcoming training in West Salem
- Loud music in neighborhood; police stated it's too loud if words are audible from 50 feet away; Noise variance permits are required for all loud events
- Traffic congestion and pedestrian safety
- New project happening on State Street to make the street safer for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Marion County Reentry Initiative is focused on redirecting behaviors versus punishment
- Asked about the council's stand on Measure 11 – No position
- Homeless Initiative:
 - Concerned that all services are located downtown
 - Rehabilitation and treatment services are needed – many people receiving methadone aren't getting clean.
- Recommended that available data be compiled and used to identify future trends and issues
- Asked about the frequency of women who seek crisis victim services showing up seeking shelter with their pet; Center for Hope & Safety is looking at this and would like to provide shelter for the individual and a kennel for their pet

8. Aumsville/Stayton/Sublimity/Turner: March 30

- Question about juvenile recidivism data
- Need funding for successful Santiam Youth Peer Court
- Adult recidivism rate decreased, with a slight increase in 2015
 - How will new marijuana laws impact this?
- Discussion of elements of reentry initiative
- Question about whether a probation officer stationed in Stayton makes a difference
- Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA): wants to continue to collaborate with county and needs county support; invite to Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council and Children & Families Commission

- Emergency preparedness
 - Aumsville police chief working with fire chief and Ed Flick to upgrade emergency management plan
 - Presentation to city council – community self-sufficiency is goal
 - People need to be plugged in – regular tips in city newsletter
 - Link to computer program – ideas like rotating food
 - Interchanges not retrofitted- need gate from 1st Street out to Highway 22
- Turner has up-to-date plan, Hazard Mitigation Committee, CERT team, flood inundation maps
- Stayton has updated plan, approved by city council and 12-14 active members on CERT Team
- Sublimity is seeking seismic rehabilitation grant for fire service
- Marion County Sheriff's Office described new Parole & Probation building and command center, along with in depth Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan (send to communities)
- Question about plan for jail and prison inmates if the “big one” occurs
- Not enough resources spent on juveniles, out of control youth
 - Need stronger focus on youth
 - Funds for peer court
 - Marijuana and youth; learning about issues, experience in Washington state
 - Would like Children & Families Commission involved in education to families and youth about marijuana
- Mental health: appreciate Crisis Outreach Response (CORT) team
 - Asked about possibility of psychiatrists/medical doctors located in Stayton; clients who need services struggle to get to Salem
 - Asked for data about approximately how great a need
 - Bridgeway is opening a women's inpatient treatment facility in Stayton

9. Northeast Neighbors (NEN): April 5

- Concern about bicyclist not observing traffic laws
- Homeless people on bikes with trailers, as weather improves, people are displaced because of increased traffic around the pedestrian bridge
- Union Gospel Mission has become more stringent about admitting people who are using alcohol or other drugs
- Where can homeless people go if intoxicated?
 - Detox at the hospital; police officers leave them alone if not visibly intoxicated
 - Warming stations opened in winter
- Question about dumpster diving: city ordinance prohibits people going through another person's garbage
- Question about school bus drivers on 17th & Market; suggested report to 24J
- Concerns about parents on D Street dropping children off at Parrish Middle School
- Does Center for Hope & Safety staff go into schools to raise awareness about family violence?
Yes
- Confirmed that family violence affects all socio-economic levels
- Question about dog rescue entities? Discussion about Senate Bill 6.
- Question about who inspects puppy mills? Answer: US Department of Agriculture
- Question about who governs veterinarians and animal groomers? Answer: Veterinarians have a professional board; not sure about dog groomers
- If an animal is attacked by another animal, how does the victim get veterinary and/or medical bills paid? Answer: small claims court

- Next Door social media is being used by Marion County and City of Salem. Suggestion to post information from Center for Hope & Safety, Public Safety Coordinating Council and Marion County Dog Shelter there so neighbors can read about it.
- Question about whether pet theft is on the rise? Answer: Not sure

10. Grant Neighborhood Association: April 7

- Loading and unloading children at Grant School: changing parking on Winter and Cottage Streets.
- People racing up the street in the night
- Drug house activity
- Property next to Dark Horse Tavern, incremental buildouts
- Side mirrors of cars being smashed along D and 5th streets
- Tire slashings on D and Church Streets
- Police request that neighbors report even the “small stuff” so it gets in their database to be analyzed
- Police facility discussion
- Question about marijuana possession, definitions of non-violent property and drug crimes
- Discussion about aspects of the Marion County Reentry initiative and Justice Reinvestment

11. West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA): April 14

- Information about participating in Telephone Town Hall
- How do Marion County’s crime statistics compare with other counties?
- Do all counties have a Public Safety Coordinating Council?
 - How often does the council meet?
 - Purpose of the council?
- Questions about gang activity
 - Salem versus Keizer
 - How do police identify gang members?
 - Discussion about cyclical activity of gang members
 - Discussion about last two shootings in Keizer and whether they were gang related; Answer: no
 - Interagency gang task force
- Homeless task force
 - Discussion about homeless issues in Keizer (camps, clean-up, etc.)
- Reports from Keizer Police and Marion County Parole & Probation
 - Parole & Probation caseload statistics in Keizer
 - Cooperation among agencies helpful
- Discussion about Keizer Neighborhood Watch program

12. Highland Neighborhood Association: April 14

- Drug activity in neighborhood
- Accessory Dwelling Units: Salem is the only large city in Oregon that does not allow
 - City planners completed a housing needs analysis; City is considering allowing accessory dwelling units as a way to expand housing; wants input from neighborhood associations
- Unaware that my neighbor was a sex offender when I moved here in 2010.
- Pit bulls in neighborhood walking around unleashed; called dog control which did nothing
- Homeless Task Force meetings should be held at Willamette University or Salem Convention Center; Keizer Civic Center is too far from downtown Salem

13. CAN-DO Neighborhood Association: April 19

- Significant reduction in vehicle-related criminal incidents in area compared to prior year
- Salem Police Department no longer does “transient sweeps” of the homeless
- City needs to reduce speed limits in downtown Salem or enforce the 20 MPH speed limit
 - Crossing streets is a problem, drivers not slowing down or endangering pedestrians
 - Put more speed traps especially traffic approaching Leslie Street near Salem Public Library; impossible to cross this street by foot due to traffic
 - Street design should keep pedestrian safety in mind; for example, four lanes of traffic on Liberty make drivers speed up as they come into town, not slow down
 - Think about adding traffic “calming” measures downtown; these include speed bumps, lanes that narrow
 - Salem City Council and Salem Public Works Department will hold a work session to discuss these traffic concerns

14. Gubser Neighborhood Association: April 21

- Discussion of CERT program and upcoming Cascadia Rising emergency preparedness exercise
- Update about Keizer Police Department from Chief Teague
 - Staffing: Keizer is below optimal staffing for cities of comparable size; staffing deployment changes (traffic team and detectives)
 - Overview of recent violent crimes
 - Traffic and traffic congestion are most common complaints
 - 60% of calls involve livability issues, not criminal activity
 - Discussed Neighborhood Watch programs
 - Benefits of early interventions with at-risk families
- Appreciation of motor officers in school zones before and after school
 - Improves safety; presence makes people more aware
- Is there a gang problem at McNary High School or in Keizer in general?
 - Yes, there are gang member in Keizer; however, most gang activity occurs in Salem
 - Problem not as pervasive as in the 1990s
 - Try to identify members and intervene early
- Any problems associated with marijuana legalization?
 - Investigating marijuana driving under the influence (DUI) is difficult; no easy test like alcohol; processing a marijuana DUI takes about four hours versus about an hour and half for standard DUI
 - Have not seen a lot of other marijuana-related issues yet
- Keizer Police Department staffing
 - Down to one motor officer; this position is not at risk
 - Adding code enforcement officer position positive for city; helps improve neighborhood livability issues

15. Lansing Neighborhood Association: April 26

- Helping the homeless helps the economy
- Porta potties are locked near the bridge in Salem; people can’t use the restroom at Union Gospel Mission
- Two new police officers and one new code enforcement officer are proposed in the City of Salem budget
- One officer is already dedicated to graffiti

- Reentry: man just got out of prison and exhibited signs of mental illness; what is being done to help?

16. Telephone Town Hall: April 28

- Police interaction with citizens, walking through neighborhoods, etc.
- What types of funding is available for juvenile mental health services?
 - Children in juvenile system
 - Adults released from prison
- Recidivism
- Can the new Salem Police Department facility be a high rise?
- Panhandling in Salem
- Recreational marijuana
 - Use money for drug treatment programs
 - Impacts on crime and hospitalizations
 - Is this being tracked?
- Prison release to home county
- Salem crime rate by neighborhood
 - Is more funding needed?
- Police Department follow-up on citizen complaints
- Disaster preparedness in the city
- What is being done about gang activity in NE Salem
- Poll question 1: Do you favor or oppose allowing marijuana businesses including retail sales, growers and wholesale operations in the unincorporated areas of Marion County?
 - RESULTS: 140 Respondents 31% favor 69% oppose
- Poll question 2: Would you favor or oppose a county levy to expand a law enforcement levy in East Salem?
 - RESULTS: 63 Respondents 70% favor 30% oppose

17. North Lancaster Neighborhood Association (NOLA): May 3

- Bicycle Safety Month
- Coffee With A Cop- 5/24/16 at Ike Box
- Idea: Could Salem Police Department try "Walk With a Cop"? (Keizer does this.)
- Question about police officers near Chavez School to see if people are going the speed limit; call 503-588-6123: traffic unit targets hot spots
- No derelict buildings, no stolen cars recently in this neighborhood
- Question about abandoned shopping carts
 - Reply: Hotline information available but for grocery carts only
- 503-588-6421 is City of Salem Compliance Services phone number
- CERT questions – where can I get information?
- Question about programs for homeless families with children; responses included 24J Homeless Program, ARCHES, and Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Question about prevention programs; responses included primary prevention programs through Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA, etc.; role of community in prevention (versus government); discussion of intervention programs through Juvenile Department, COURT Team

18. SouthWest Association of Neighbors (SWAN): May 5

- Fir Crest Park - homeless people sleeping there

- Citizen Police Academy - great program
 - Contact Crime Prevention Unit - Sgt. Jim Welsh
- Senate Bill 416 – question about types of crime referred to this program
- Question about jail capacity release criteria
- Styrofoam recycling at Juvenile Department

19. Southeast Mill Creek Association (SEMCA): May 10

- Bicycle safety enforcement
- Homeless camps between creek and freeway
- Difficulties getting emergency services access to transient camps
- Changes to law enforcement approach to homelessness
 - Mental health resources
 - Housing resources
 - Crime prevention
- Methamphetamine treatment programs- how do they work?
- Heard that there are no homeless people in Salt Lake City- we looking at good models locally?
- People in Portland are considering Wapato Jail owned by Multnomah County to house the homeless; could we use the vacant prison in Marion County for the homeless?

20. Woodburn Rotary: May 12

- Update on Homeless Initiative
- Question about whether people released from prison can be returned to their home counties
- Marion County Crisis Outreach Response Team as a tool to address people with mental illness in crisis
- Question about the impact of legalizing recreational marijuana on jails

21. South Gateway Neighborhood Association: May 12

- Traffic congestion has increased in the past year
- Question about tiny houses (with wheels) in conjunction with Accessory Dwelling Units presentation; concerns about parking in relation to accessory dwelling units
- Role of Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee in substance abuse issues
- Question about whether marijuana legalization has resulted in fewer incarcerations
- Increases in jaywalking in Salem
- Panhandling- other communities cite the people who give money to panhandlers
- Homeless camps within the neighborhood
- Are there any plans to build a facility for the homeless?

22. Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association: May 19

- Dangerous/derelict buildings: definitions, list available on city website
- Marion County Sheriff's Office character traits, core functions, and top ten objectives
- Sex offenders – questions about placement, housing, registry, state laws
 - Invite Commander Jeff Wood to a future meeting
- Recent fatal crashes; be careful driving
- Careless driving near schools, danger to children in crosswalks
- Use revenue from 3% marijuana tax for law enforcement and/or housing for homeless people
- Do services in Oregon attract homeless people from out-of-state to come here?
- “Ban the Box” and employment opportunities for reentry clients

- Waiting lists for low-income housing

23. East Salem Suburban Neighborhood Association (ESSNA): June 2

- Homeless people purchase RVs and park on streets; is there someplace where people could be?
- Discussion about tiny houses
- Question about working with Salem-Keizer School District on Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force? Irma Oliveros represents 24J on the task force.
- Using data ?
- City of Detroit, Michigan acquired foreclosed homes for shelter and services; involved Seterus, Inc. loan servicing company.
- National Guard Family Program offers access to resources for veterans; assists with homes
 - Carrie Froelich, Family Assistance Coordinator (503-584-2389)
- Question about whether we are aware of Multnomah County's veterans task force chaired by Commissioner Diane McKeel
 - Discussion about Marion County's Veterans Task Force
- Elma Avenue – 100-200 block transitional housing
- Opportunity to speak with business people about employment opportunities on July 8 at the Chamber greeters held during the Marion County Fair
- Question about state legislation as a solution?
- Discussion about graffiti – juvenile issue
 - Paint over tagging
 - Peer pressure
 - Have gang group take responsibility
- City-County Cooperation
- Speeding in neighborhoods; need to slow down
- Encourage uplifting the neighborhoods through code enforcement; idea from Grunewald area of Berlin, Germany

24. Mt. Angel/ Scotts Mills/ Silverton: June 23

- Discussion about employment opportunities for reentry clients
 - List of more than 100 employers who are willing to hire reentry clients, including food production, service industry, mechanical, general labor
 - County does not subsidize wages
 - Employment coordinator makes sure client and job are good fit to reach success
- Silverton Police Department update
 - School Resource Officer position filled; supports school district and community
 - Working on training and developing multi-agency partners, and coordination with other communities
 - Bike safety program getting out into the community
 - Officers connecting with community through downtown walking patrols
 - Training officers to deal with mental health issues; collaborating with the county for mobile crisis units.
 - Examining possibility of combined police station/city hall in next 3-5 years.
- Silverton Peer Court discussion
 - Young offenders with minor offenses
 - Youth have to be accountable to the community
 - Reengage youth; reconnecting them with family, school and employment

- Mt. Angel update
 - County teams help with mental health issues
 - Difficult to keep officers; move to bigger cities
 - School Resource Officer makes a huge difference
 - Drug and mental health issues are a problem for landlords
- Silverton Fire Department update
 - 70 volunteers, 7 paid staff, 5 stations, 106 square miles
 - 3 calls/day, 950 calls/year
 - Explorer post is successful; youth transition to volunteer academy
 - Good partnerships for emergency management
 - Have a bond for new apparatus and station projects – seismic updates
- Silverton School District update
 - Coordinates School Resource Officer work with Clackamas County.
 - Large number of students miss 20-30% of the school year.
- Natural disasters and emergency management; county coordinates and each jurisdiction plays a role
- Impact of recreational marijuana – too early to know
 - Silverton has not received an increase in marijuana related calls
 - Driving is a concern, information/data closely monitored
 - Each city makes its own rules related to marijuana
 - November ballot measures related to growing marijuana in unincorporated areas of county
 - Laws relate to alcohol intoxication, drug recognition is different
 - Need higher level of training; no easy standard test
- Silverton community vision is community-driven, not council-driven
 - Starting on ten year strategic plan

25. Faye Wright Neighborhood Association: September 8

- Marijuana parties and beer runs on Friday/Saturday nights
- Problems with kids in neighborhood; threatening people in Kroger Park; groups of kids walking at night try door handles
- New hole in fence after last one was fixed (near Woodmansee)
- Report what you observe to police
- Reports of transients on Commercial Street SE
- Vacant houses – open entry causing problems
- Discussion about how state, county, city public safety work together
- Question about emerging public safety issues; public safety council recent discussions about ICE, marijuana, terrorism (FBI)
- Question about closure of Hillcrest and its effects on county juvenile services
- CASA presentation
- Question about time/place of PSCC meetings; invitation for neighborhood representatives to attend