

NEW VIEW



Focus-Marijuana



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PUBLIC SAFETY *from* Laurie & John Underwood-Oregon

My name is Laura Underwood and I live 5 miles East of Sandy next to The Oregon Candy Farm which has been a historical landmark in our community for years. Recently it has been purchased and is now being used as a federally illegal marijuana grow site and marijuana candy processing site.

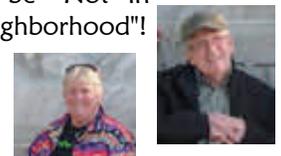
I have lived in the area with my brother for 21 years. My brother, dog and horses have lived peacefully in this beautiful natural safe paradise and we have been blessed with great neighbors who are like family. Over the years I have made im-

provements to the land and home. Cross horse fencing, a 5 stall barn, new roof with eaves, a porch cover and a large carport.

It has been so peaceful to live here without the worry of theft. This has been a dream since childhood to own a place where I could have horses and feel safe. Not to mention a good investment for our future retirement.

Now being next to a marijuana grow site operation which includes edible marijuana candy and knowing that they will

have the most sophisticated security system in the area, we will have cameras filming us daily, we will lose our privacy as well as face issues with public safety, quality of life, and our property values. Would any of you want to live next door to a large marijuana grow operation knowing all of this? Would you be comfortable knowing that you are constantly being watched? Be honest and ask yourself these questions. I bet your reply would be "Not in my Neighborhood"!



QUALITY OF LIFE *from* Sue Jones-Oregon

My name is Sue Jones. I have lived in the Mt. Hood rural community in Oregon for many years on 4 acres. In the year 2000 a rental owned by a large corporation rented their property to illegal drug dealers who



quickly began cooking and trafficking meth and marijuana. Day after day I heard nothing but streams of traffic going into this property, motorcycles, dump trucks, cars with loud mufflers, yelling and screaming, loud music

and barking dogs at all hours of the day and night. My quality of life was gone and I had decided to sell my property until I met with the with the founder of the Mt. Hood Coalition Against Drug Crime, who taught me how to fight back!

This year the Oregon Legislature redefined marijuana as an agricultural crop, just like a tomato which means that it can be grown in all of Oregon's exclusive use farming areas without any regulations such as neighbor notification, conditional use permits, setbacks, or nuisance controls. Because of this Oregon is seeing out-of-state investors flooding into Oregon's rural residential areas from Washington, Montana, Colorado, California, Montana and building large marijuana compounds even before Oregon's Oregon Liquor License rules are in place which will be January of 2016. These investors are setting up compounds with non see through fences with 5 to 10 layers of barbed wire around the top. One compound is on 20 acres and is 300' by 700' all without any required setbacks from neighboring homes. Neighbors are furious!



PROPERTY VALUES

We live east of Sandy on Highway 26, near the Oregon Candy Farm which has been a historical memorable place to visit for thousands of people. This property has been purchased and is now being as a federally illegal marijuana growing and processing site.



As you work through the process of allowing the use of a federally illegal drug, consider what your responsibility as responsible elected officials require. Are you influenced by the all-mighty dollar

bill or will you consider each bill you pass by living by it yourself? Are you willing to allow a once successful - well liked - well known candy company to be turned into nothing more than a drug manufacture - processor -and distributor? Did you take your grandchildren to see the wholesome process of how candy is made, buy it on site, enjoy it as a treat or gift at Christmas? I did!! Now I observe a once unique Oregon icon and see the electronic security entrance gate, I see the security cameras and lights, I see the high security fences and think, I once

walked through my neighbors pasture to experience this once well know Oregon icon call the Oregon Candy Farm and now I am ashamed and saddened to have to live by it. If I ever chose to move, and sell my property, what family will want to enjoy the "country life style" living next to a "drug house"?

The legislature should always make Public Safety, Quality of Life and protection of Property Values as your first priority.



PUBLIC SAFETY—Woman Duct-taped while 5 men rob pot—MICHIGAN

The woman and her boyfriend, a 24-year-old man, were sitting in the living room at their home in the 500 block of Bagley in Ypsilanti Township when there was a knock at the door around 12:36 a.m., according to police.

When the woman answered the door, five young men burst in the door and pushed her to the back of the house where they

duct-taped the woman's wrists, Derrick Jackson of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office said. The man was kept at bay in the living room of the house, which had a significant medical marijuana grow operation in it, Jackson added. They (took) money, marijuana and video games, then fled out of the home," he said. No one was injured in the inci-

dent. The five suspects were described as young, black males. One male was said to be 5 feet 7 inches tall, heavy set with a gap in his teeth. The victims were unable to provide more detailed descriptions for the other suspects.

http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2015/05/woman_duct-taped_while_5_men_r.html

PUBLIC SAFETY—HASH OIL

"Potentially, we could see more of these fires and explosions," said Captain Chris Woodford of Forest Grove Fire & Rescue. "Hopefully nobody gets killed."

Forest Grove Fire & Rescue has seen two cases of hash oil explosions over the past few years. In March 2013, five people were hurt

when a man cooking hash oil blew up his home. In January 2014, another man making hash oil sparked a huge explosion in his home. He suffered serious burn injuries.

Butane hash oil has become a popular product for marijuana users. They get a quick



and powerful high by extracting THC from marijuana to make highly potent oil. But home production can be risky. In an enclosed space, like a basement or bathroom, the butane can fill the room as it evaporates. The right concentration can blow out windows and walls.

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20150506/NEW501/150509338>



CITIZEN MEMBERS VISIT THE OREGON CAPITOL



On Wednesday May 27th, 2015 citizens visited the Oregon State Capitol to meet with legislators to talk about the public safety, quality of life, and property value losses that they are

experiencing in their neighborhoods. Key points made with legislators were that Oregon's current medical marijuana program and their growers are untaxed, unregulated, and unli-

censed. Citizens made it clear that there are too many unwanted marijuana grows in our communities.

Citizens designed their own web site to help educate the community.

www.unwantedpotgrows.com

QUALITY OF LIFE-Letter from Brett N. Ryan-Illinois

I was dismayed to find the Morris Planning Commission blatantly disregard the communities affected by the planned medical marijuana dispensary to be located at the former Rockwell Inn restaurant. The planning commission's mind was clearly already made before hearing any public comments, based on the mostly softball questions directed to the principles of the Greenhouse Group. These callous remarks demonstrated Ms. Gretencord paid scant attention

to any public comments, as nearly every speaker in opposition clearly stated they were supportive of medical marijuana; just not in their backyard. The one individual who spoke in support of the facility even agreed that she would be perfectly happy if the facility were located in a more industrial area around Morris, as clearly suggested by those in opposition. It is clear that the planning commission had an agenda and executed that agenda despite the oppo-

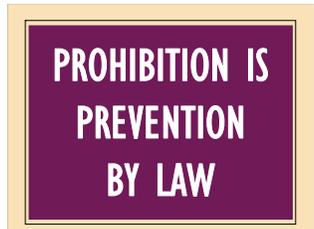
sition of nearly every resident of every neighborhood in close proximity to the proposed business. The people of Morris deserve to have a say, and sadly, did not. Let us hope that the elected aldermen care more about the people in Rockwell Estates and Heatherfield.

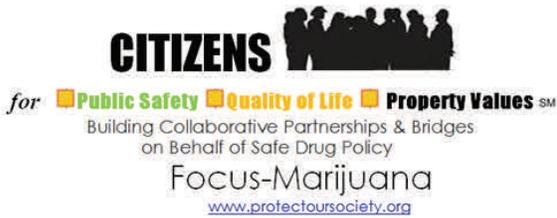


MARIJUANA COMMUNITY FORUMS 4/23 7/28 7/30 2015

3 marijuana education community forums were held April 23-Boring, July 28th-Damascus, and July 30th-Alfalfa. The forums were designed to join community members with their drug policy makers to discuss their concerns regarding the impacts of marijuana grows next to their homes. Over 100 ranchers attended the Alfalfa forum because of their concern for the 300' x700' marijuana compound on main street.

<http://www.cascadebusinessnews.com/alfalfa-oregon-address-marijuana-growing-in-quiet-farming-community/>





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CONNECTIONS

- **Monthly Connections**
- **New View**
- **Quarterly Community Educational Forums –Focus Marijuana**
- **Annual National Safe Drug Policy Summit-Focus Marijuana –April 2016**
- **Web Trainings**
- **Small groups meetings**



We believe we are socially responsible for preserving public safety, quality of life, and protection of property values on behalf of our communities and for the legacy of our children.

BEWARE-OREGON

“If you have never been videotaped in your own backyard by the next door marijuana grower’s security system, I suppose it would be difficult to understand how intrusive this feels. It is one thing to have a camera system at your own home which monitors your own property in terms of your own driveway, your own yard, the street in front of your home, and your backyard, or the inside of your home, but it is another thing when those led-night-lit rotating security cameras are intentionally pointed directly at your home, your driveway, your living room, and your bedroom and everything you do and everywhere you go is monitored by the local drug dealer next door under the guise of Oregon’s medical marijuana program, or what we call a State corrupt legality.” Monika Gartner

“If you have never lived next to a marijuana grow which is unregulated, un-taxed, and unlicensed, and requires no security system guidelines and you wake up Sunday morning with your cup of coffee to sit out on your deck to enjoy the surrounding beauty only to be met with the pungent, foul odor smell of marijuana each day, I suppose it would be difficult to understand how impactful this is to someone’s quality of life.” Rocky Roberts

If you have never had the opportunity to live next to a marijuana candy THC infused processing site that once was an iconic and historic candy manufacturing facility called The Oregon Candy Farm where millions of locals and out-of-state traveler’s visited each year, then I suppose it might be difficult to understand how one now worries about their grandkids getting ahold of one of these candies that are now infused with high levels of THC and has caused a number of deaths in Colorado by those who have eaten them. Jean Roberts



A Portland, Oregon medical marijuana dispensary was using the exact logo that was once used by an Oregon icon candy making facility named The Oregon Candy Farm located just a few miles outside of Sandy, Oregon. They have taken the exact same logo used by the prior owners, except there is one big difference, this candy is now infused with THC.



<http://www.oregoncandyfarm.com/>

LONG TIME HERO'S OF PREVENTION



Thank you Sandra and Bill Bennett for your continued commitment to serving the prevention community around the world with your support, your time, investment and educational tools! We will always remember Garrett who you lost from a drug overdose.

SANDRA served as president of the Oregon Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth from 1989 to 1992. At that time she joined the board of Drug Watch International. From 1993 through 2007 she also served as the Director of the NW Center for Health & Safety.



BILL, MD is Medical Director, Transplantation and Director, Renal Research at Legacy Health Systems, Portland, Oregon. He retired as a Professor at Oregon Health & Sciences University in 1999. Dr. Bennett is the current editor-in-chief of the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology. He has been identified as a nationally ranked top physician by Portland’s Top Doctors, American’s Top Doctors and Best Doctors in America.

