

Subject: comments for city manager/council on Oregon Jamboree

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From: maryjane hildreth

To: Julie Fisher

Julie--please pass along this email to the City Manager and City Council. Thanks very much.

Dear Sweet Home City Manager and City Council:

I recently read in the New Era that the Director of the Oregon Jamboree, Robert Shamek, plans on having a scaled-down Oregon Jamboree this year.

The Director intends to bring thousands of out-of-towners to Sweet Home whose COVID status is entirely unknown. These visitors may be unwilling to wear masks or practice social distancing, especially in a mega party atmosphere. Those of us who walk to Safeway for our groceries know how difficult it is to keep distance when there's a crowd on Sweet Home's Highway 20 sidewalks.

Such a plan ignores the welfare of Sweet Home residents, particularly the most vulnerable (the elderly and those with preexisting conditions), and particularly when the event is held in a residential neighborhood (Sankey family Park).

Furthermore, with new variants of the COVID virus appearing on a regular basis, no one knows how effective current vaccines and protocols will be this August.

In conclusion, losing the life of one vulnerable Sweet Home resident is not worth whatever the amount of money the Oregon Jamboree may bring in. Please protect the citizens and taxpayers of Sweet Home by not having the Jamboree this year.

Sincerely, Mary Jane Hildreth phone: 541-367-8648 or 541-409-4760