

# 1000 FRIENDS urgently needs your help to continue its fight against the City of Rajneeshpuram!

On October 24, 1983 in a suit filed by 1000 Friends of Oregon, Rajneesh officials were ordered by the Wasco County Court to STOP URBAN DEVELOPMENT ON THE MUDDY RANCH. This followed a September 29th ruling from the Land Use Board of Appeals, won by 1000 Friends, that the city of Rajneeshpuram violates Oregon land use goals.

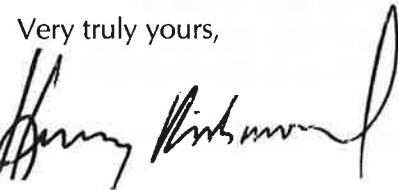
These two successes are the result of two long years of work — involving hundreds of hours of attorney time, and thousands of dollars for water studies, court fees, aerial photos, typing, photocopying, telephone calls, etc.

EVEN WITH THE CASES WE HAVE WON, THE EFFORT TO PREVENT A CITY ON THE MUDDY RANCH IS FAR FROM OVER. The Rajneesh have vowed to Fight these rulings all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

While these appeals are pending, we expect the Rajneesh to use more of the same clever maneuvers that allowed them to get their city approved in 1981.

You can help stop the powerful Rajneesh Investment Corporation from obtaining special treatment under the law by becoming a member of 1000 Friends. Please join and send your tax-deductible contribution today.

Very truly yours,



Henry R. Richmond  
Executive Director



Ma Anand Sheela

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*On Neighbors in Antelope:*

*"The public is absolutely stupid."*

— Eugene Register-Guard, Oct. 23, 1983.

*"Before I was nice, polite. Now I understand better," she said, "Donkeys can only understand a kick, so you kick them."*

—Roseburg News-Review, July 14, 1983

# They told Wasco County they wanted a farm, but . . .

***"[The Bhagwan] wants 10,000 positive people here which will multiply to 100,000 and spiritually generate incredible energy."***

— Ma Anand Sheela, from Rajneesh Coordinators Meeting, November 14, 1982

# You don't need a city to run a farm!



Kelly and Rosemary McGreer

Photo courtesy John Roberts

When the Rajneesh began to establish a large city on the Big Muddy Ranch, Antelope-area residents banded together. We filed petitions, testified at hearings, and filed lawsuits in an effort to prevent urban development at Rajneeshpuram.

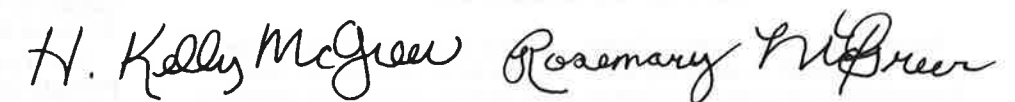
The Rajneesh have tried to stifle our opposition. They have laughed at us on television shows, accused us of religious bigotry, and filed a \$2,000,000 libel lawsuit against Rosemary in Los Angeles.

**Our efforts to stop development would not be possible without 1000 Friends of Oregon.** Private attorneys would cost us tens of thousands of dollars.

Though the Rajneesh apparently can afford these costs, we can't. Thankfully, 1000 Friends represents us for free because they believe in the principles of good land use planning.

**1000 Friends needs your financial help to pay its bills.**

Encourage 1000 Friends to continue its fight against the City of Rajneeshpuram by sending your check in the enclosed reply envelope today.



Kelly McGreer

Rosemary McGreer

RAJNEESH file

# THE BULLETIN

August 18, 1983

## Sect vows to take ruling to Supreme Court

PORTLAND (UPI) — Followers of Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh say they'll appeal a recent Oregon Supreme Court ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Charging religious discrimination, they claim the ruling that their city must meet state land-use goals is incorrect.

The recent ruling threatens the existence of Rajneeshpuram, where the guru lives with 1,000 followers.

The case began in 1981, when Wasco County approved a petition for incorporation of Rajneeshpuram. That decision was appealed

by 1000 Friends, who maintained that incorporations are governed by state land-use goals.

LUBA ruled in 1982 that the land-use goals did not apply but that decision was overturned by the state Court of Appeals earlier this year. The court held that incorporation is a land-use decision and comes under land-use goals.

The Rajneeshes appealed that decision to the state Supreme Court, which upheld the lower court. The Rajneeshes then applied for a rehearing, which was denied Tuesday by the Supreme Court.

# The Oregonian

October 1, 1983

## 1000 Friends win court order barring new construction at Rajneeshpuram

By JOHN HAYES of The Oregonian staff

A Circuit judge in Wasco County issued an order Friday blocking all new subdivisions, annexations and permits for permanent buildings inside the Central Oregon city of Rajneeshpuram at least until Oct. 13.

Judge John H. Jelderks issued the temporary restraining order against the followers of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh at the request of 1000 Friends of Oregon, a land-use activist group that has argued that Rajneeshpuram was not legally incorporated.

# The Oregonian

August 26, 1983

## Rajneeshes set to launch expansion of city

By JOHN HAYES of The Oregonian staff

Followers of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh have embarked on a new building program that their opponents said Thursday was an attempt to circumvent state land-use planning laws.

Officials of the Rajneesh-controlled city of Rajneeshpuram said Thursday they immediately would start a \$3.5

million construction project that will include a hotel, factory, lounge, cafeteria and several other buildings.

But 1000 Friends of Oregon, the land-use planning activist group, immediately charged that the Rajneeshes were speeding up development as a way to counter arguments that the city was not legally incorporated.

# The News-Review

October 2, 1983

## Court order blocks Rajneeshpuram from further development

THE DALLES (AP) — A Wasco County circuit judge issued a temporary order Friday blocking most forms of development in the north central Oregon town of Rajneeshpuram.

The land-use watchdog group 1000 Friends of Oregon sought the temporary order. The group contends state land-use regulations weren't followed in the establishment of Rajneeshpuram.

# Statesman Journal

July 1, 1983

## Rajneeshes lose round in battle over city status

The Oregon Supreme Court has let stand a Court of Appeals decision that Rajneeshpuram's incorporation must satisfy state land use goals, a court spokesman said Thursday.

The decision by the Supreme Court sends the case back to the

land use board, which will consider arguments raised by ranchers in the area and a land use group called 1000 Friends of Oregon that Wasco County's order authorizing the incorporation election violated statewide planning goals.

# THE BULLETIN

July 27, 1983

## Sect plans to build resort

RAJNEESHPURAM (UPI) — Disciples of an Indian guru who built their own city on a remote Oregon ranch now envision a resort with a five-star hotel open to people who are not members of the religion.

Plans for the resort call for a health spa, 25-yard-long pool, a large man-made lake and a 100-unit hotel.

A 100-unit Yashodhara Subdivision also is on the drawing boards, along with fairgrounds with permanent facilities for events like the sect's second annual "World Festival" held about the Fourth of July.

"We're going to be a destination resort," said Swami Krishna Deva, 34, mayor of Rajneeshpuram and a former Los Angeles psychologist.

"We like to live like kings. We hate poverty."  
— Ma Anand Sheela, president of Rajneesh Foundation International.

The city is 20 miles from the nearest town, Antelope, a hamlet that also has been run by Rajneeshes since they took political control from longtime residents last year.

Accountant Swami Deva Prem computes the value of the enterprise thus far at between \$150 million and \$160 million. He said this is based on a construction rule of thumb that materials are one-third of a project's cost.

# The Register-Guard

October 1, 1983

## Building stopped at Rajneeshpuram

THE DALLES (UPI) — A judge Friday temporarily limited future development at a city founded in 1981 by followers of an Indian guru, granting a restraining order at the request of a land-use watchdog group.

Wasco County Circuit Judge John Jelderks issued an order sought by 1000 Friends of Oregon against the city

of Rajneeshpuram in central Oregon, where guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh lives with 1,200 followers.

The Wasco County Commission had joined 1000 Friends in the legal proceeding with respect to a 112-acre annexation that the Rajneeshes approved Sept. 18.

# Medford Mail Tribune

October 2, 1983

## Judge rules against guru's city

Wasco County Circuit Judge John Jelderks issued an order Friday sought by 1000 Friends of Oregon, a land-use watchdog group, against the city of Rajneeshpuram in central Oregon, where guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh lives with 1,200 disciples.

The Wasco County Commission had joined 1000 Friends in the legal proceeding with respect to a 112-acre annexation that the Rajneeshes approved Sept. 18. Construction is occurring on that annexation, 1000 Friends said.

# RAJNEESHPURAM:

## JUST WORRYING ABOUT IT WON'T HELP!



At the request of Wasco County ranchers 1000 Friends of Oregon has shouldered the burden of seeing Oregon's land use laws enforced at the Muddy Ranch.

I am a native of Wheeler County and a landowner straight across the John Day River from the Muddy Ranch. I know the implications the McGreers' land use case has for all our lands; without the hard work of 1000 Friends, we might all one day find "cities" in our back pastures.

Since Tom McCall founded 1000 Friends in 1975, the organization has helped people all across the state to see that our land use laws are not ignored. They work with local citizens in county courthouses, city halls, state agencies, and in the courts — where they've won 92% of their cases.

1000 Friends — a membership organization funded by individual contributions — has never charged anyone a dime for this work. When their Board of Directors decides the issue involves statewide precedents, they make their lawyers available to people like the McGreers.

But the effort to ensure that the Rajneesh comply with Oregon's land use laws has proven to be far more expensive and difficult than anyone ever imagined.

Suits are now pending in the Oregon Supreme Court, and the Oregon Court of Appeals. The Rajneesh are now saying they will file yet another appeal, in the U.S. Supreme Court — 3,000 miles away.

This is an enormous financial burden for a small, nonprofit group to bear for the benefit of all Oregonians who want to see the laws applied equally to everyone.

I think 1000 Friends has done a good, conscientious job of presenting my concerns to the people who should hear them — to decision makers in Salem and in the courts. The Rajneesh situation is by no means the first time that 1000 Friends has stood up for firm, even-handed enforcement of Oregon's laws, and there will likely be more times in the future.

1000 Friends deserves your support. I hope you will become a member and contribute, as I have.

*Bill Bowerman*

W.J. "Bill" Bowerman