

## **REPRESENTATIVE GENE WHISNANT, DISTRICT 53**

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### **REP WHISNANT VISITS SUNRIVER OFFICIALS**

*Sunriver Legislator makes pre session courtesy visits with local officials*

Sunriver---State Representative Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver) visited with Sunriver officials on November 12. Rep. Whisnant was joined by his new Legislative Assistant, Megan Schenewerk and Tiffany Lewis, District Liaison, as they met with SROA Board President Ron Day, SROA Manager Bill Peck, Police Chief Mike Kennedy, and Fire Chief Art Hatch in preparation for the 2009 Legislative Session.

“It is important to have a personal relationship with District officials whom I may call on to seek their expertise on issues we are facing in Salem and to be sure that they know they can contact me and my staff to help with their issues,” commented Rep. Whisnant who was elected to his fourth term as District 53 State Representative.

Rep. Whisnant added, “Sunriver is my home and is a special place with special people. I am proud that in each of the previous two legislative sessions I have been able to lead the passage of bills which improved public safety and public health for Sunriver residents and visitors.”

During the visit, SROA Board President Day and Police Chief Kennedy presented Rep. Whisnant with a framed resolution thanking him for his work on passage of HB 3445 which allowed the Sunriver Police force to enforce Oregon traffic laws.

Earlier, Rep. Whisnant and his staff visited with Superintendent Ron Wilkerson and board member Jori Juba to discuss Bend- La Pine School District issues. He did express concern about the condition of outdoor athletic facilities at the La Pine schools. Rep. Whisnant has served on House Education committees for five years in Salem.

“Megan Schenewerk recently joined our staff,” he reported. “Megan graduated from Corban College and worked in the Washington DC office of Rep. Mike Pence (R-Indiana). Also she served on the staff of Oregon House Representatives Krieger, Morgan, and Greg Smith.

Tiffany Lewis has worked as Rep. Whisnant’s District liaison for about one year. She attends events and activities for him during the session and interim when he is not available.

During the session, constituents may contact Rep. Whisnant at 900 NE Court Street, Salem, Oregon 97301; phone is 503-986-1453; email at [rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us](mailto:rep.genewhisnant@state.or.us). Also, you can follow his work by asking to be added to his “Legislative Updates” emails and watch the Salem committee hearings and floor session on closed circuit television, the link is <http://www.oregonchannel.org/rams.htm>.

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