



ADAIR VILLAGE NEWS

From the City



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Upcoming Events:

- Public Hearing
Planning Commission
4-1-2008 @ 5:30 pm
- City Council Meeting:
4-1-2008 @ 7:00 pm
- City Council Meeting
4-15-2008 @ 7:00 pm

CITY LOGO: Ian Terpin, student from the communication design class at the University of Oregon presented his updated logo to the City Council at the March 4th meeting. He had added a pond, (similar to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department pond), and the motto, "Grounded in History, Growing for the Future", to the logo and offered variations that can be used on letterhead, business cards and other media. Mayor Currier presented Mr. Terpin with a plaque and \$100 gift certificate to the U of O bookstore in appreciation of his work. Mr. Brockhopp, the student who created the motto, received a \$25 gift certificate. The City Council unanimously accepted the design and motto as the City logo and the Adair Village citizens who were present showed their approval with a round of applause.

FIREHOUSE #5 MARKETING PROCESS: Several parties have indicated interest in leasing the Firehouse #5 building from the City. At this time two in particular have proposals that would seem to meet the desires of most of us. One proposal is for a fairly extensive market, a deli, a mail drop and an ATM. The other one is for a fairly extensive market, a small deli counter, propane tanks, a UPS station and a complete restaurant to be opened at a somewhat later date. At the March 4th Council meeting, a committee was appointed to review proposals and business plans. The committee members are Councilor Jeff Kubler, Councilor Charline King, City Administrator Drew Foster, and Building Project Manager Candice Dinnis. They set a meeting date of Thursday, March 20 to review all proposals and discuss them with the interested parties. The intent is for the committee to be prepared to bring a recommendation to the City Council at the first meeting in April.

OUR OWN MUNICIPAL COURT: The Adair City Council approved a Resolution to appoint Judge Todd Carlton McCann, his court clerk and deputy city attorney as our Municipal Court. Judge McCann and his staff also serve as the Municipal Court for the city of Monmouth. This Municipal Court should be established by the first week in May. All persons who have received citations for ordinance or other violations and wish to appear in court will be able to do so in Adair Village, instead of traveling to Philomath as has been required previously.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE: A public hearing was held during the City Council meeting of March 18 to receive comments from those attending regarding a revised Animal Control Ordinance. Several people spoke in favor of the Ordinance and also urged stronger enforcement of our City Ordinances. No one spoke in opposition to the Ordinance. Two comments in the form of letters were read into the record and both were in favor of the Ordinance. Included in the spoken testimony were several suggestions for amendments to the Ordinance. Although the Ordinance and an accompanying Resolution establishing fees, citations, and fines were adopted by the Council by emergency clause a committee consisting of Councilor Jeff Kubler, City Administrator Drew Foster and Adair resident Curt Hubele was appointed to review suggested changes to the Ordinance and to discuss enforcement needs.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MINI-PARK: On April 1st, at 5:30 pm, a public hearing will be held before the Adair Village Planning Commission. The hearing will be on an application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish the Mini-Park located on Barberry Drive. The Planning Commission meeting and public hearing will be immediately prior to the 7:00 pm City Council meeting.

ADAIR'S GOT TALENT: Community Talent Show—Anyone who can sing, dance, juggle keeping it family friendly can join in the fun on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the sanctuary of Prince of Peace Church with refreshments to follow. Please call 745-5840 by Monday, April 21, 2008 if you wish to participate.

ADAIR VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT

To build a safe, attractive, vibrant environment with a welcoming sense of community.

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY EXPANSION UPDATE: The issue of the direction of the UGB expansion to the south was not appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court, so that issue is off the table. The City of Adair Village will continue to work with the developers to prepare a post acknowledgement plan amendment to update the City's Comprehensive Plan and clarify the language concerning density levels for new development. This appears to be the only issue that is still unresolved.

EDITORIAL by Councilor Charline King:

Did you know that we who live in the City of Adair Village could be living in the City of Adair MEADOWS? Here's what happened: In the spring of 1976 a small group of us who made up the Board of Directors of the Adair Meadows Homeowner's Association began the process of placing the issue of incorporation on the May 1976 primary election ballot. The decision to incorporate was brought about because of the disrepair of our streets. Our dues from the Homeowner's Association didn't come anywhere close to addressing this problem and Benton County would not help us because the streets weren't built to County standards. So, our Homeowner's Association Board worked with a local attorney, (who later became our first city attorney), to put the incorporation issue before our residents for a vote. When the ballots were printed we saw that, through a clerical error, the proposed city's name had been changed from the City of Adair Meadows to the City of Adair Village. To make a change, at that point, would have been very expensive. Not only would the ballots need to be reprinted but we would miss the regular May election date and would need to set a special election for a later date which would be even more expensive. After a lot of discussion we came to the conclusion that we liked the sound of the name Adair Village. So that's the way the name of the proposed city appeared on the May 1976 ballot and the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of incorporation. Because of a clerical error thirty-two years ago we are living in the City of Adair Village instead of the City of Adair Meadows.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES: With excellent input from the community, the City now has a much improved Animal Control Ordinance. We will continue to review the ordinance and the City Council has established an ad hoc committee to review issues raised at the public hearing and to see if there are further improvements that can be made. I would like to highlight three issues from the ordinance. The first issue is cats. If you let your cats out of your house, they must be vaccinated for rabies and they must be spayed or neutered and each owner must be able to document those two requirements. The second issue is the use of leashes for dogs within the city limits. Voice control is NOT enough. Any dog within city limits and off of its own property must be on a leash. Finally, there are five levels of behavior that can cause a dog to be labeled a dangerous animal. There are also increasing levels of control or restraint that can be imposed upon an animal once it is declared dangerous. The highest levels can lead to a dog being banned from the City or ultimately destroyed, though the final action could only be taken if the dangerous animal killed another animal, or seriously injured a person.

I have raised the issue of SDCs (system development charges) a couple of times in previous newsletters. Proposed SDCs will be reviewed at a public hearing at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 1st. These are available in Acrobat (.pdf) format (send a request to drew.foster@cityofadairvillage.org) or on the Adair Village website (www.cityofadairvillage.org).



We are very excited to start planning the summer youth program for Adair Village children once again!

We are planning a great summer full of activities, field trips and educational sessions. Our educational sessions will be based on The Botvin LifeSkills Curriculum; also the Old Mill Center for Children will come once a week for large group activities and motor skills. This year we were awarded a grant from Benton County Commission on Children and Families. There are several guidelines and reporting procedures we need to follow. **Please remember to fill out the enclosed pre-registration forms and submit them to us before May 1st.** More details will follow as we get closer to the start of the program.

We hope that your kids will be able to join in this fun filled, yet educational summer program! All volunteers welcome.