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Upcoming Events:

City Council Meeting
12-2-2008 @ 7:00 pm
12-16-2008 @ 7:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting
12-29-2008 @ 6:30 pm
Public Safety Meeting
12-11-08 @ 6:30 pm
Adair Municipal Court
12-1-08 @ 6:00 pm
OFFICE CLOSED
November 27 & 28, 2008
December 25 & 26, 2008
January 1, 2009

ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES

Animal Control Issues: The City continues to fine tune our Animal Control and Nuisance Ordinances (see the Adair Village website-www.adairvillage.org). The issue presently under discussion is limiting the number of dogs to be allowed at each household to two. Once more than two animals are present, there are growing concerns about increased barking, pack behavior and aggressiveness, and the amount of fecal matter. The City Council is very interested in hearing from the community on this issue. So, if you have any input concerning limiting the number of dogs to two per household, please make your feelings and thoughts known at the next City Council meeting is Tuesday December 2nd at 7:00 PM, or by sending your input to City Hall (6030 William R. Carr St., Adair Village, OR 97330) or via e-mail to drew.foster@adairvillage.org.

The existing Animal Control Ordinance requires that all dogs living within the City limits have County registration and a rabies tag. If you have your dog off of your property, it must be on a leash and there is also a "scoop law" requirement when you are walking your dog. Dogs are wonderful pets and friends, but let's make sure they don't become problems for neighbors.

Transit and Transportation System Planning for Adair Village: Ali Bonakdar, Director of the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a transportation planning group, whose membership includes cities in Benton County and Benton County and Albany transportation organizations, spoke before the City Council at the November 18th meeting concerning two issues.

Transit-Transit services to Adair Village are part of the MPO's plan, but there are costs for the City. Adair Village has 1 percent of the population within the planning area. If transit services are to be provided, there will be ongoing costs. The City of Philomath pays \$50,000 for seven daily runs between Philomath and Corvallis. For every \$1 spent on transit by Corvallis, only \$.22 is returned through ridership. For all communities, transit is a service provided, not a way to make money. And, the cost per commuter tends to be higher for smaller communities. The MPO was asked to develop a proposal and budget for transit to Adair Village. They will bring the proposal to the City Council in three months.

Transportation System Planning-Adair Village is the only local area city without a TSP. We will be applying for a Transportation Growth Management grant with the help of the MPO. This plan will allow us to be stronger partners in regional transportation planning, it will open the door to other grant opportunities and it will provide the City with a base to develop transportation within the Urban Growth expansion. The grant timeframe closes April 2009, so work on this plan will not begin until late summer next year at the earliest.

EDITORIAL BY CHARLINE KING: Well, it's over. The speeches have been spoken, the accusations have been hurled, the promises have been made. The 2008 Presidential election, the longest and liveliest campaign in my memory, is finally over. Whether you voted for the new President-elect or not I believe I hear a collective sigh of relief as the nation breathes. "Thank God, it's over!" With this election our country enters into a new era of history making. Whether you voted for President-elect Obama or not, short of an unforeseen tragedy, he will soon begin his first term as the 44th President of the United States and will remain in that position for at least four years. Whether you voted for Barack Obama or not we are witnessing unprecedented history being made. Not all that many years ago our nation experienced the shame and abomination of slavery and its aftermath. On November 4th, 2008, the son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas became the first African American to win election to the highest office in America. This seems to me to be the most obvious example of the "American Dream."

ADAIR VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT

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



“Time was with most of us, when Christmas Day, encircling all our limited world like a magic ring, left nothing out for us to miss or seek; bound together all our home enjoyments, affections and hopes; grouped everything and everyone round the Christmas fire, and make the little picture shining in our bright young eyes, complete.” By Charles Dickens.

NEW CITY EMPLOYEE: Please help us in welcoming our new City employee, Kim Gardner, who will be working as our Janitorial and Administrative Assistant. She will be working with us on a part time basis. Congratulations Kim!

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S NOTES:

These last months of the year are a busy time for grants. We are moving forward on the Adair Village Industrial Park, which is on Camp Adair Rd. 2 ½ miles north of the City proper. Grants were developed to complete a Phase II Site Assessment to determine the extent and depth of contaminant issues on the site, which was previously a plywood mill. We also prepared a grant to the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department for funds for an Economic Opportunity study, to be used to determine the best use of the site for industrial or other development. We are also researching a grant to develop a walking trail between Hibiscus and the County Park.

There is an opening coming up on the Planning Commission. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Planning Commission, please contact me at 745-5507.

Finally, the Public Safety Commission is conducting telephone interviews with applicants for the Chief of Police position. These phone interviews will be followed by face-to-face interviews with the City Council and a Technical Committee. We hope to make an offer of employment in January and to have a new Chief in place and developing the Adair Village Police Department early in the new year.

Linn-Benton Revolving Loan Fund: Adair Village is a participant in this program, which provides no interest, deferred loans for housing rehabilitation. The program is administered by the Community Services Consortium, as part of their housing and employment services. If you would like more information about the program you can check out the website at http://www.csc.gen.or.us/housing_rehabilitation.htm, or contact Jeni Wells-Whitney, Housing Finance Specialist (758-2636 or jwwhitney@csc.gen.or.us) or Tom Hatley, Housing Department Director (752-1010 or thatley@csc.gen.or.us) with CSC.

CSC assists homeowners throughout the process. CSC will...

- Help identify the repairs needed
- Prepare a bid document listing needed repairs
- Assist homeowners in obtaining bids from licensed and bonded contractors
- Monitor the work done as it progresses to ensure it is completed satisfactorily
- Disburse funds to contractors as work is completed

What Kind Of Repairs Can Be Made?

Examples of repairs include new foundations, electrical and plumbing upgrades, dry rot and structural repairs, heating systems, roofing, siding, handicapped accessibility, painting, and weatherization. In rural areas, new septic systems and wells may be installed.

More about the Loans

Loans for homeowners are no-interest, deferred loans. There are no monthly payments, and the loans do not have to be repaid until the property is sold, vacated, refinanced or transferred to a new owner. Loans are secured by a Note and Trust Deed with a lien placed on the property.