



ADAIR VILLAGE NEWS

From the City

Welcome to the Adair Village News! We hope you will find the City's newsletter useful, relevant and timely. It is an important part of the Council's new goal to better communicate with you. We want you to know what is happening in your City and we want your feedback. With your help we will continue to improve the newsletter in the coming issues. Also watch for updates to our website, www.cityofadairvillage.org, in the coming months. We will keep you posted. As always, you are encouraged to attend council meetings to give your input. -Mayor Bill Currier



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Welcome

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Upcoming Events:

- City Council Meeting:
2-5-2008 @ 7:00 pm
- City Council Meeting
2-19-2008 @ 7:00 pm
- AV Building Open House
February 23, 2008
12:00 am to 4:00 pm

City Logo in the Making: On January 16th, Angela and Councilor Charline King drove to the University of Oregon to meet with a Graphics Design and Arts class and their instructor. This class has taken on the creation of the logo for the City of Adair Village as a project and wanted to know more about Adair's history. Angela and Charline made a presentation to the class and then were able to see some of the work that had already been started by the students. The class is asking the Adair City Council to choose 5 of the works as finalists; then those student will meet with the Council to present their work, possibly at the February 19th Council meeting. From those 5 finalists one will be chosen to represent the City of Adair Village as our logo. This will be completed at no cost to the City.

Police Services Proposal: Mike Silver, Police Services Consultant, presented information to the Adair City Council on Code Enforcement and Police Services Planning at the meeting of January 15. Because many of the City's ordinances are incomplete or out-dated Mr. Silver and the City Administrator are reviewing a Public Protection Ordinance which would provide a more complete approach to the entire range of Nuisance, Animal Control, etc. ordinances now in place, updated ordinance will be brought to Council meetings and presented for the Council's review, consideration and possible adoption.

Fire Station No. 5/AV Market and Pub Rehab: Candice Dinnis, project manager, provided an update to the Council on the latest improvements to this City building. These included new drywall, new doors installed, new interior paint throughout and new surfaced floors in the old pub area. Candice reported that the renovations to the building could be completed by mid-February. As soon as the work is finished the Council is planning to have an advertised open house to present this unique historical building to the community and to possible future tenants. An active marketing campaign will begin immediately.

Payment Drop Box Reminder: Just a friendly reminder to all, there is a payment drop box in the Community Center parking lot just left of the driveway as you come into the parking lot. It is very secure, checks or money orders only, no cash please.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE HOURS

The Code Enforcement Officer, Matt McLin, is on-site at City Hall and in the community on Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This means that he will not always be able to respond immediately to your calls, but he will respond as soon as possible. You can contact Matt, or leave a message, at 745-5508.

ADAIR VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT

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

Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Update: We anticipate that the Oregon Court of Appeals will notify the applicant, (and the City of Adair), of their decision sometime in February. In order for the Court of Appeals to find against the applicant they will need to overturn the decision of three governmental jurisdictions --- The City of Adair Village, Benton County and the Oregon State Land Use Board of Appeals. This seems unlikely to us but until the decision is announced the applicant cannot proceed toward any development of the property. If the Courts decision is positive for the UGB expansion the applicant could then apply to the City of Adair for the property to be annexed into the City limits. If the annexation is approved work could begin toward development and could result in 600 to 700 new homes within the City of Adair Village. This would triple the population of our town and open the door of opportunity for new businesses and the amenities that we would like to have available to us here in Adair.

Annexation: A public hearing was held at the January 15th City Council meeting to hear the comments in support or opposition for the request by Nate and Kim Taylor to have their 4.36 acre parcel of land annexed into the City of Adair Village. This parcel was within the Adair Village Urban Growth Boundary with access to be provided from Newton Road. The Adair Planning Commission had recommended approval of the annexation with a R-2 zoning designation. The City Council unanimously voted to accept the Planning Commission recommendation.

Parks Grant Received - \$5,000: Angela Lazarean, our RARE intern, reported to the City Council that Adair Village will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Benton County Commission on Children and Families. Angela had prepared this grant and it will focus on activities that support a Life Skills curriculum. Thank you, Angela, for taking the initiative on this and making it possible for the City to provide this program !

EDITORIAL by: Charline King

Rumors are flying and inaccurate perceptions are troubling some of our Adair citizens regarding the possibility of the installation of police services into our City. Here are the facts: The Adair City Council believes that it is time to begin planning toward some degree of police “presence” in our City. To that end Mike Silver, an experienced police officer, has been hired as a part time consultant to research and present to the Council information on Code Enforcement and Police Services Planning. Officer Silver’s consulting fee is covered by our current approved budget and is not to exceed the amount in the Public Services portion of the budget. **No one** has been hired on a permanent basis. If the Council makes the decision to include a police presence in the new budget of 2008/2009 there will be significant opportunity for citizen input and several public hearings. The 2008/2009 budget will take effect on July 1, 2008.

The Council members are responding to information on a recent survey which indicated that many of our citizens believe that it is time to have our own police force. The discussion among the Council at recent meetings has been along the lines of perhaps one full time police officer or two part time officers. This would not provide full 24/7 coverage but would bring some police presence into our town. As our City grows the need for some additional services becomes evident.

We now have a Code Enforcement Officer and may soon have a Police Officer as well. We have a need for more volunteers to the Adair Rural Fire and Rescue District. Our residents are asking for more shopping opportunities. A library and post office of our own has been mentioned frequently. With more people we could support a “downtown” district.

Dr. Martin Luther King had a dream. His dream was glorious and very noble. It was a wonderful dream that would effect our entire nation. I too have a dream. It is much more modest than Dr. King’s dream and would basically effect just one small town. My dream is that in some February in the not too distant future we will be able to buy our fuel for our vehicles in Adair, that we will be able to shop for groceries in a super market here and maybe even get our hair cut in the Adair shop. My dream is that we will be able to have a future Valentine’s Day dinner in one of two or three restaurants right here in Adair Village and that I can mail a letter, on the way to dinner, at our own post office, and look forward to reading the book that I just checked out of our own library.

In the meanwhile, Valentines’ Day 2008 is just ahead. Have a good one, whatever you plan to do to celebrate.

