



# 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](http://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:  
1-15-2008 @ 7:00 pm
- City Council Meeting  
2-4-2008 @ 7:00 pm

**FAREWELL PARTY:** The Open House held at City Hall, one hour prior to the December 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, gave everyone who attended an opportunity to say “goodbye” to Wanda Tobiassen, our six-month interim City Administrator, as well as a chance to greet Drew Foster, the Village’s new City Administrator. It was a great success, celebrating with words of appreciation for Wanda, words of welcome for Drew, and with a lovely and delicious cake. Thanks to Julie for organizing the event.

**PUBLIC HEARING-TAYLOR ANNEXATION:** The first portion of a public hearing was held at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to review a request by Kim and Nathaniel Taylor for the annexation of a 4.36 parcel along the northeast edge of Newton Road within Adair Village’s Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). A misreading of the public notice requirements means that the Council will reopen the public hearing at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and complete the discussion and take action on the request.

**FIRE STATION NO. 5 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS AV MARKET AND PUB) REHAB:** Candice Dinnis, project manager, reported that there are now new gas furnaces in each part of the building, floors were scrapped and will be painted in the eastern section, and new doors have been ordered. With great volunteer help from the Oregon & Southern Idaho Laborers-Employers Training Center (they really need to come up with a better acronym), new sidewalks and an asphalt overlay on the parking lot were completed for the cost of materials only. Candice has done an exceptional job in organizing the many contractors, bringing in volunteer support, and completing tasks ahead of schedule. One of the few remaining historic buildings in the Village will have been made into an almost new building and it has all been done within the funds received from the insurance settlement. We will be holding an open house in early February. Look for the date and time in your next newsletter.

**ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE:** The Council considered a request for a change in language to allow chickens within the City and decided against any changes. Drew provided an updated Animal Ordinance to the Council, which will be reviewed for possible approval at the January 15, 2008 City Council meeting.

### **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.

USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER BY THE PUBLIC: At the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council approved a resolution setting rental, cleaning, and security fees for use of the Community Center. Fees for use vary according to the type of group using the Center-government, non-profit, private, resident/employees, or non-resident-and the length of time for the requested use. There is a half-day (4 hour) charge, plus an hourly charge for any times greater than 4 hours. Charges will also vary by size of the group using the Center. There will be no smoking or drinking allowed in the building and cleaning deposits are refundable, when appropriate.

ALLIED WASTE RATE CHANGE: City Council approved a resolution for a rate change and for new services from Allied Waste. The City Council had received information from the Manager of Allied Waste at their November 6, 2007 meeting.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND ADMINISTRATOR PRIORITIES: The City Council reviewed their 2007 Goal setting and set priorities among those goals and objectives to help define the Administrator's work plan for the coming year. For 2007, the City established seven Goals and 19 Objectives to reach those Goals. The City Administrator will develop strategies and timeline to move forward on each of the high priority Objectives. The high priority Objectives, in no specific order, are below:

- Codify and publish ordinances (Goal-Upgrade City's appearance)
- Foster a safe and secure environment (Goal-Develop Public Safety Services)
- Reduce criminal freedom factor (Goal-Develop Public Safety Services)
- Protect and justify water rights (Goal-Improve Infrastructure)
- Expand Urban Growth Boundary and annex (Goal-Enhance Regional Perception)
- Foster local employment opportunities (Goal-Seek Industrial Development)
- Use property for highest and best purpose (Goal-Seek Industrial Development)
- Avoid property devaluation (Goal-Upgrade City Appearance)

*We are at the beginning of a new year. This can be a very exciting and challenging time. It is a blank page unwritten on, a song unsung, opportunities unknown. We wish all our citizens and neighbors in the Village a happy and healthy 2008.*

### CA's Notes

A couple of issues, and Council Goals, are moving onto the front burner. They are police services and systems development charges (SDC). At their meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Council moved forward on police services by hiring Mike Silver, as a consultant, to develop policies and procedures, to prepare options on level of service, timelines, and budgets. This initial planning will be completed within the existing public safety budget. Basically, we will look at how the Village can best provide police services to the community, what it will cost, and how these services will be funded. Adair Village owes a debt of thanks to the City of Portland for working with us to obtain a pair of their older vehicles.

We have also begun work on developing SDCs and cost estimates for the work required for our water and wastewater plants. The Village needs to prepare and plan for upgrades/replacement of both plants and of the delivery/removal systems (pipes in the ground and pumps) for two reasons. First, we have systems whose components-plants, pipes, pumps, etc.-are between 40 and 60 years old and past the best expectations for their usable life. With or without growth, we must begin to upgrade our existing facilities before they start to break down. Second, the anticipated growth connected with the (ultimate) extension of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and annexation of this new acreage will require increased capacity in both systems.

The Council has appointed a Taskforce, made up of elected officials, staff, representatives of local homeowners, the developer and builders, local financial institutions, and local real estate services. This group will develop recommendations, on the rate of SDCs and the cost and development options for upgrading the facilities, to be brought before the Council, most likely in February. The Taskforce and the Council will look closely at all the options, but everyone must recognize that these development and upgrade costs will need to be shared between present citizens and those citizens who will come to Adair Village in the not so distant future. Integrating the needs for upgrade and expansion and doing it in a coordinated, cost conscious way will be a major undertaking for this community and the Council.