



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:
3-4-2008 @ 7:00 pm
- City Council Meeting
3-25-2008 @ 7:00 pm

LOGO FOR OUR CITY: Ian Terpin, a student from the communication design class at the University of Oregon, presented the logo he has been working on to the Adair City Council at the February 19th Council meeting. Mr. Terpin's logo was the number one choice of the Council and was selected with only a few suggested modifications. The Council put forth the idea of using a recognizable, existing feature of Adair Village such as the pond on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Also, the Council requested that a motto from one of the other logo entries, "Grounded in History, Growing for the Future," be integrated into the finished logo. It is exciting to be nearing completion of acquisition of a logo for our town and it is just one more step toward more of an identity for the City of Adair Village. The basic design of the logo can be seen on the "For Lease" sign in front of the market.

FIREHOUSE #5 OPEN HOUSE: On Saturday, February 23rd, an open house was held in our newly restored Firehouse #5 building. By all appearances this celebration was a great success! Many residents of our town attended as well as citizens and elected officials from throughout Benton County. Much of the credit for this pleasant day goes to our own City staff **Angela, Julie and Judy**. They worked hard for many hours to make sure that all the details from great food to decorations and historical memorabilia from the 1940's, (when the building was built and was used as a firehouse), came together smoothly. Many thanks to these folks! Also, thanks to our volunteer Fire and Rescue people for their participation with their fire engine and fireman hats for the children. Balloons on the ceiling, and soon in children's hands, added to the festivities. **A very special thanks to Candice Dinnis, and her husband John**, and to the Oregon & Southern Idaho Laborers-Employers Training school for their volunteer labor. We also want to thank all of the people who were hired to work on the renovation and who gave of their time and effort above and beyond what was required or expected. It was a monumental effort by many people which resulted in great success. Candice Dinnis, project manager, expressed it best when she said, "It was a labor of love".

CONGRATULATION TO SUPERINTENDENT STAN BAKER: Stan Baker, Superintendent of Santiam Christian Schools, is the first private school administrator to be elected president of the Commission for Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, which covers all public and private schools in seven western states. Until now this honor has been held only by public school educators. Congratulation, Stan! We know this honor is well deserved.

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.

MUNICIPAL COURT IN ADAIR VILLAGE: At the February 19th Council meeting the City Council adopted an ordinance by emergency clause to establish a court in our City. To appoint Judge McCann and his staff, from the City of Monmouth, to preside in and oversee the Adair Village Municipal Court a resolution to appoint will be considered at the March 4th City Council meeting. Although there will be some cost involved this action will allow a portion of any fines collected to be placed in the general fund of Adair's budget. Under our current arrangement with the City of Philomath, any collected fines remain in Philomath.

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY EXPANSION UPDATE: The Oregon Court of Appeals found in favor of the location of future development being built on the area south of our current Urban Growth Boundary. However, the Court remanded to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals the issue of density levels within the expansion area and the affect of those densities on the amount of land needed for the UGB expansion. The City is working with the developer on the appropriate approval in which to respond to the Court's decision. This decision will delay the beginning of development on this land, but we hope that the delay will be minimal.

City Administrator's Notes

The SDC (Systems Development Charges) Task Force reviewed the final draft of the proposed SDC for the City. Systems development charges are charged to **new** development to provide funding to help pay for infrastructure improvements that will be needed to support the growth that the City expects once the Urban Growth Boundary is expanded. SDCs will help support upgrades and improvements to the City's water system, wastewater system, transportation, parks, and storm drainage.

Here in Adair Village, there is another side to the need for improvements to the water and wastewater systems. When the City was incorporated in 1976, the City received, for free, the existing water and wastewater systems that were built for Camp Adair back in the 1940s and 1950s. Those systems are now 50-60 years old, well beyond their expected life span and they are deteriorating. Whether or not the City experiences any new growth, we have to begin refurbishing and rebuilding our existing systems-plants, pump stations, transmission lines. By combining the improvements and upgrades that we need to start making immediately, with the changes that are necessary for the growth, we will be able to share the costs of improvements between the present citizens or Adair Village and those new citizens who will be joining us in the future.

There are approximately \$12 million in improvements needed for our water treatment and delivery system. There are approximately \$3.8 million needed for the wastewater system. The SDCs will cover about 55 percent of these costs, but the other 45 percent of costs will need to be funded by the City. We will work with Federal and State agencies to develop a program to begin these improvements. The funds will come from a combination of loans and grants; these days more loans than grants. Ultimately, there will be a cost to all our present utility customers to keep all our systems on line. The Mayor, the Council, and I will make every effort to provide you with the most up to date information as this process moves forward.

Saint Patrick's Day - The First Parade

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, his religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for thousands of years.

On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink, and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irish serving in the English army.

Over the next thirty-five years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies, like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

St. Patrick is believed to have driven the snakes from Ireland. Once a pagan himself, St. Patrick is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. Today, the tradition continues with people from all walks and heritages by wearing green, eating Irish food, and attending parades. St. Patrick's Day is bursting with folklore; from the shamrock to the leprechaun to pinching those that are not wearing green.

To learn more about this holiday visit: http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content_type=mini_home&mini_id=1082

