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Upcoming Events:

City Council Meeting
11-18-2008 @ 7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting
11-24-2008 @ 6:30 pm

Public Safety Meeting
11-11-08 @ 6:30 pm

Adair Municipal Court
11-3-08 @ 6:00 pm

ADAIR VILLAGE YOUTH RIDE HOME PROGRAM

Partners for Adair Village Youth (PAVY) have worked hard to provide a very exciting opportunity for Adair Village families with students in the Corvallis School District. PAVY has developed the *Ride Home* Program for Adair Village. This program will provide a ride home from the Corvallis Boys & Girls Club at 6:15 PM every school night. Barring extraordinary traffic, the van will arrive at the Village Food Mart at 6:30 PM and drop the students off.

Students and families participating will have to be members of the Boys & Girls Club. Membership is \$25 per year per child, but there are scholarships available to help cover this cost. School buses from all schools drop students off at the Boys & Girls Club. In addition to general activities, the after school program offers tutoring, a leadership program, snacks, and an opportunity for **free dental care**. This last program is full dental care and more than makes up for the yearly cost.

To make the program work, **families must make their own arrangements to pick-up their children** at the Village Food Mart at 6:30 PM. This is of the **utmost** importance. The Village Food Mart has graciously allowed their parking lot to be the drop off point, but there are **no facilities** for the children at the parking lot or the Village Food Mart. Families will need to have backup arrangements in place. PAVY, the City of Adair Village, and the Boys & Girls Club have no program and take no responsibility after the drop-off. Families will have to sign a waiver during the first week, at either the B&GC or at Adair Village City Hall, to continue to take part in the program. Families not picking up their children at 6:30 PM may lose access to the program.

Partners for Adair Village Youth include the City of Adair Village, the Corvallis Boys & Girls Club, Prince of Peace Church, Santiam Christian School, Benton County, Concerned Parents of Adair Village Association, Northwest Student Services, Inc. and the Village Food Mart. This partnership offers a great opportunity for families in Adair Village, please contact City Hall, 745-5507, if you have any questions.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: At the Council's October 7th meeting Code Enforcement Officer Joel Imamura gave a report on his first two weeks on the job. He recommended the addition of three more areas to the Animal Control Ordinance:

1. Number of dogs at single residence.
2. Enforcement of dangerous Animal Ordinance.
3. Tethering an animal or unattended animal.

He also recommended that the City initiate parking ordinances as part of the Ordinance enforcement package. Mayor Currier stated that the City should consider adopting by reference the ORS for non-moving violations, as these can be enforced by our Code Enforcement Officer. Joel also said that he has been contacted by an individual who is interested in establishing a Neighborhood Watch program. Also, it was suggested that the City repaint the bike lanes.

ADAIR VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT

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

DEVELOPMENT OF CAMP ADAIR INDUSTRIAL SITE: The City Council has approved a Resolution which focuses on completing environmental studies and developing a clean-up plan for the 125 acre industrial site which is north of our city limits and is owned by the City of Adair Village. This could lead to developing an economic opportunity analysis as a first step in certifying and marketing the site. This acreage is only one of two land parcels in all of Benton County which is zoned for heavy industry and therefore has the potential of interesting possible tenants once the clean-up process has been completed.

URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY EXPANSION: Since the City of Adair Village and Benton County have both agreed to remove the 14.5 acres from the LUBA remand that issue is off the table. The only issue remaining is the City's clarification of Section 9.800, Policy 4 in our Comprehensive Land Plan which is the issue of density. The City Council adopted an Ordinance to that effect at the October 7th meeting and our Notice of Decision was sent to the Land Use Board of Appeals, (LUBA) on October 9th. Benton County also approved their amendment and their Notice of Decision will be sent by the end of this week. Verbal arguments will take place on October 30 in Salem. This is just one more step toward final approval of the expansion of our Urban Growth Boundary, a process that began about 3 years ago.

MAYOR CURRIER APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mayor Bill Currier has been elected by the Oregon Cities to the League of Oregon Cities Board of Directors. This is an honor both for Bill and for our City. This will allow him to help insure that the voices of small cities are well represented when decisions are made by the state legislator.



Thanksgiving Day, is a traditional North American holiday, which is a form of harvest festival. The date and whereabouts of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention, though the earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida. Despite scholarly research to the contrary, the traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as having occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation in 1621. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. Sited from: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving>

There are three songs that have become traditional for this day, which include "**Over the River and Through the Woods**" is a song written by [Lydia Maria Child](#) in [1844](#). It celebrates her childhood memories of visiting her [Grandfather's House](#). It is sometimes alternated with lines about Christmas, rather than Thanksgiving.

We Gather Together is a Christian [hymn](#) of [Netherlands](#) origin written in [1597](#) by [Adrianus Valerius](#) (pka François Valéry) as *Wilt Heden Nu Treden* to celebrate the Dutch victory over Spanish forces in the [Battle of Turnhout](#). It was originally set to a Dutch folk tune. In the United States, it is popularly associated with [Thanksgiving Day](#) and is often sung at family meals and at religious services on that day.

"**Alice's Restaurant Massacre**" (commonly referred to simply as "**Alice's Restaurant**") is one of [singer-songwriter Arlo Guthrie's](#) most prominent works, a musical monologue based on a true story that began on [Thanksgiving Day](#) 1965, and which inspired a [1969 movie](#) of the same name. The song lasts 18 minutes and 34 seconds, occupying the entire [A-side](#) of Guthrie's 1967 debut [record album](#), titled [Alice's Restaurant](#) (Warner Reprise Records). It is notable as a satirical, first-person account of 1960s [counterculture](#), in addition to being a hit song in its own right. The final part of the song is an encouragement for the listeners to sing along, to resist the [draft](#), and to end war.

More Than A Day

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.

We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.

We have friends and family we
love;

We have guidance from heaven
above.

We have so much more
Than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes
to shove.

So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving last more
than a day.

Enjoy what you've got;
Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go
away.

By Karl Fuchs