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Upcoming Events:

City Council Meeting
10-7-2008 @ 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
10-21-2008 @ 7:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting
10-27-2008 @ 6:30 pm
Public Safety Meeting
10-14-08 @ 6:30 pm

LET'S KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE PLEASE SLOW DOWN WHEN DRIVING IN ADAIR VILLAGE!

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Joel Imamura was offered and has accepted this part-time position and is already on the job. Joel is studying police services at LBCC and is half-way through his classes. He is also an Eagle Scout. Joel's hours are currently Monday through Friday, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm although those hours may be adjusted from time to time. We are pleased to welcome Joel to this position in our town.

POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT: The Public Safety Commission has met twice and has two additional meetings scheduled. They have established the period of October 1 through October 31 for the advertising/recruitment time with the option of holding it open longer if needed. Interviews could take place in November with a possible hiring of the Police Chief in January 2009. They are working with ESCi (Emergency Services Consulting, inc) for the recruitment process.

RARE EMPLOYEE UPDATE: Our new RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments) employee, Ron Mercer and his wife Heather, are now residents of the City of Adair Village. Ron will begin working the first part of October and our City Administrator already has several projects planned for him. Welcome Ron and Heather to our city and Ron to our staff!

ALLIED WASTE SERVICE: There have been several complaints regarding the condition of our garbage cans and recycle bins on the days that the collection occurs. Cans have been knocked over, lids left open, cans left in the street, etc. Our City Administrator, Drew, contacted officials from Allied Waste and then met with them for a "drive around" town following their Wednesday collection. The officials were embarrassed and apologetic when they saw the condition of the cans that were left by their drivers. We have seen improvement since that time but will continue to check the situation. We are being asked to place our cans on the curb, not in the street if possible so let's cooperate with the folks at Allied in this manner.

WATER PLANT QUITCLAIM DEED COMPLETION: At the September 16th City Council meeting, the Council celebrated receipt of a letter from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services which stated that the 30 year Quitclaim deed between the City of Adair Village and the Federal Government for the water plant and its systems has been completed. The City has operated and controlled the plant for the last 30 years and no longer is required to submit reports to the Department of Health and Human Services federal office. The water plant and its systems are now fully owned by Adair Village.

WATER ALLOWANCE: Water allowance charges are going back to the winter rates. They will be as follows: \$37.17 for the first 6,000 gallons for residential users within the city limits. Those outside the city limits with water only will also see a small change in the allowable portion.

ADAIR VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT

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



RED BARN FARM Adair Village is lucky to have a local farmer in their backyard. If you are looking for fresh grown, off the vine produce this is the place to go. They have items such as: tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, beans, tomatillo's, corn, peppers, beets and fresh herbs just to name a few. For hours and more information please call Candice Dinnis at 541-928-8887@ 6718 Camp Adair Rd.

EDITORIAL, by Charline King

WHY I LIKE LIVING IN ADAIR VILLAGE

When we moved here in July of 1973 it was with the clear understanding that at the end of one year we would return to Portland if that was my wish. It had been hard for me to leave Portland and the "good life" of my friends, family, theatre, musicals and up-scale restaurants and we were moving to a non-city community of what was at that time named Adair Meadows. It would be three years before Adair was incorporated and became the City of Adair Village. At the end of that first year in Adair I was hooked. I now looked at my wonderful City of Portland as a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there. I still feel that way.

I like living in Adair Village because it is so centrally located. It is within a few minutes of Corvallis or Albany, Salem is just over 30 minutes away, Eugene 1 hour, Portland or the Oregon Coast just an hour and a half. I like the feeling of not being isolated. I like living here because our mailman waves to me when he goes by, if I'm in my front yard, and he leaves packages too large to fit into the mailbox on our front porch instead of making me go to a post office to pick it up. I like living here because it's a town where you can get as involved in city activities as you want but you don't have to if you don't want and no one will think any less of you. I like living in our town because we watch out for each other. If we don't see a neighbor for a while we call to see if he or she is okay or if they need anything. I like living here on Halloween when I get to hand out candy to the children of the children I gave candy to 30 year or more ago. I like living here when I open my front door to a boy scout selling plants or a student selling pizza coupons and I know the child and their parents. I like living in Adair Village because if I need to call for help the people responding are neighbors and friends and that is comforting. I like living here when I get a chance to visit with other "old timers" and we play Remember When. It bonds us together like a family.

The City of Adair Village is no more perfect than other cities. I'm looking forward to some additional homes bringing more people to establish an economic base that will allow for more businesses and various commercial enterprises. I would like to see a real downtown area. I would be pleased to have a post office and library here as well as additional restaurants and shopping opportunities. Employment opportunities in our town would be a real plus. I like living here because all of these dreams can become realities. Most of all I like living in the City of Adair Village because I feel at home here. It has been my home for more than thirty-five years. It is definitely not just a nice place to visit. I can't imagine wanting to live any place else.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES

Urban Growth Boundary Expansion-We have completed the next step down the road to final approval of the expansion of the City's Urban Growth Boundary. On September 16th, the Adair Village City Council and the Benton County Board of Commissioners completed the Joint Public Hearing that was opened on July 29th. The meeting was held at the Prince of Peace Church (and, my and the City's thanks to Reverend Dyer and the Church for providing the space and the audio support) and was well attended.

There are only two items still under discussion-1) Reducing the expansion by 14.5 acres, as remanded by LUBA (Land Use Board of Appeals) and 2) Clarifying language on the density to be permitted in the expansion area, as remanded to LUBA by the Court of Appeals. Both governing bodies accepted the reduction of 14.5 acres, so that should take that issue off of the table. The City Council tentatively approved the new language permitting 6.5 dwelling units per net residential acre in all new expansion areas and also, said that the existing language of an average of 6,000 sq ft per lot was to apply only to new expansion areas. Both governing bodies will finalize these tentative approvals at their separate, regularly scheduled meetings on October 7th.

Police Chief Recruitment-As stated above, the recruitment period will run through October 31st. The next step will be interviews with the top candidates these interviews will take place in early November. If any of you have questions that you think should be included in the interview process, please send them to me at drew.foster@adairvillage.org and they will be included in the discussions of the Public Safety Committee as they prepare for the interview segment of the process. Hiring a Police Chief is simply the first step in developing police services for Adair Village. The Chief will take the lead in working out all connected issues, including dispatch, long-term budgets, reserve recruitment and training, etc. We look forward to having a professional Chief in place to develop partnerships and working relationships with other local law enforcement agencies.

Smoke Testing of the Sewer System-This will have been completed by the time you read this. I hope that it did not cause anyone problems. This is a first step to developing a long-term plan to address issues of inflow and infiltration in our sewer system. The next step will be flow testing during winter, probably February.