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Upcoming Events:

City Council Meeting
9-2-2008 @ 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
9-16-2008 @ 7:00 pm
Planning Commission Meeting
9-22-2008 @ 6:30 pm

RARE CANDIDATE

(RESOURCES ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL ENVIRONMENTS)

Councilor Charline King, City Administrator Drew Foster and out-going RARE employee Angela Lazarean completed their interviews of four potential RARE employees. All four candidates had appropriate backgrounds and seemed like a good fit. Ron Mercer, from Michigan, has accepted our position. He has an educational background in Urban Development and is just completing his service with the Michigan National Guard, which included time in Afghanistan. He and his wife Heather, would like to move to Adair Village. He will start in early October after initial training with the RARE program. We look forward to welcoming Ron to our City and working with him over the next eleven months.

FRONTAGE ROAD CLOSURE: The City Council voted to support the closure of the Frontage Road by the Oregon Department of Transportation, if three conditions are met. These conditions are: 1) Gates will be placed at both ends for access by emergency vehicles and to reroute traffic if needed. 2) All refuse along Frontage Road to be removed. 3) Placement of gates and size of parking area be designed to have no negative impact upon residents of Kiwi Road. We are waiting to hear from ODOT as to their agreement to these conditions.

BARRACKS FROM SANTIAM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: At the August 5th Council meeting the Council voted to take both of the barracks from Santiam Christian School. The City budget contains funds to move the barracks and place them on new foundations, replace the roofs and siding on both and install new doors and windows on them. These barracks are from the same era as the building which now houses the Village Food Mart and is one of the last very few remaining structures built and used in the 1940s, during the Second World War. An ad hoc committee was appointed to review possible placement of the barracks. Their work will help preparations for a community visioning process focused on developing a downtown retail area.

POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT: The City Council accepted a bid from Emergency Consulting Services, inc. to support the City's efforts to recruit a police chief and to immediately begin the recruitment process.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: A new job description for this position is complete and the City has joined the Oregon Code Enforcement Association. The description has been placed on the ORCEA site, through community colleges, and with local police departments. The City Administrator has already received several applications for this part-time job and we are looking forward to having a new Code Enforcement Officer actively working in our City in the very near future. Application deadline: September 12, 2008.

APPOINTMENTS: At the August 19th City Council meeting Mayor Currier made the following appointments with the Council's affirmation: Planning Commission – Ebenezer Vedamuthu and Bob Zedwick. Mr. Zedwick lives on Kiwi Lane, within the present urban growth boundary, and Mr. Vedamuthu lives within the city limits. Public Safety Commission – Mayor Currier, Councilor Kubler, Kevin Kryger, Rick Herbert, and Jeff Snyder. Finance Committee – Faye Abraham, Colleen Rimmer and Nicole Real. This completes the appointments to all vacancies on these commissions and the committee. Thank you to all of these folks who are willing to give of their time and talents to serve our town in these ways!

ADAIR VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT

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

Neighborhood Improvement Project: A local citizen in the older part of Adair is volunteering to organize a project to resurface driveways. There is a paving company that is willing to give estimates based on several property owners doing it at the same time, which would let everyone share setup and breakdown costs. A very rough first estimate puts the cost for each driveway at an average of \$300.00 to \$500.00. The procedure involves putting an overlay over the existing driveway, so it is not necessary to remove the blacktop. The project would hopefully take place in October. If you are interested in participating, or want your landlord to know about this, please call City Hall-745-5507-with your name, phone number and address, and we will forward your information to our volunteer organizer. This is NOT a City of Adair Village project, the City is simply supporting this volunteer, neighborhood beautification project.

Oregon Health Advocacy Workshop

Provide feedback on a comprehensive plan to ensure health care for all Oregonians.

When: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 7:00 pm

Where: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship—2945 NW Circle Blvd

How: Advance Registration by September 4, 2008 to kvohland@msn.com or by mail to: PO Box 1873 Corvallis, OR 97339

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.



CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES:

As summer comes to an end and the start up of school is close at hand, it is a good time for me to look at long term planning, both at home and here in Adair Village. At home, my daughter will graduate from college this year and my son from high school, so there is plenty to prepare for-from arrangements for graduation (yes, the senior parent graduation group is already meeting) and to arrange my work schedule, so that I can see as many of my son's final high school soccer games as possible. Then, there is getting in wood for the winter, checking barns, sheds, and water pump for leaks and insulation problems, etc., etc. Life stays busy and planning helps.

Lots of planning happening here in Adair Village. First, I want to thank all those who volunteered to participate on the City's Commissions and Committees. We now have full membership for the Planning Commission, the Public Safety Commission, and the Finance Committee. Fifteen of your friends and neighbors have volunteered their precious time to help make Adair Village a better place for all our citizens. I believe we will keep them busy in the next year.

The Public Safety Commission will be working with ESCi (Emergency Services Consulting, inc.) to recruit a police chief, as a first step in providing police services. There is a lot of work to be accomplished in preparation for establishing our own police force and bringing an individual with a strong police and public service background to focus on just this issue will help the City to move forward a professional manner.

The Planning Commission will continue their regular work of reviewing planning applications and making decisions or recommendations to the City Council. In addition, they will be the lead in working with our new RARE student in developing a community visioning process that will allow all interested citizens to have input into how Adair Village should grow, and more specifically, how and where the downtown should be developed. I will keep you up-to-date as plans are put together. We hope to have the process ready to go in the spring of 2009.

The Finance Committee will work with City staff (and, primarily that is Julie and me) to strengthen our accounting and bookkeeping processes. This committee will provide another level of review for all transactions that will enable us to have even stronger, more open city government.

In addition to these more formal commissions and committees, there are numerous volunteer opportunities that you can take part in. From the Easter egg hunt to the July 4th parade (many thanks to Kim Gardner for taking that on all by herself this year, anyone who wants to help next year will be greatly appreciated, and I promise to mention you in a newsletter) to support for the summer youth program, there are plenty of opportunities to help make special things happen in Adair Village. Speaking of special things in Adair Village, I hope that everyone had a chance to take in at least one of the Jammin' at Jo's Music in the Park Friday nights this summer. The last is August 29th, so this newsletter is probably too late for that, but many thanks to Nancy and Kevin Higgins for providing these special evenings.