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Upcoming Events:

- City Council Meeting
1-6-2009 @ 7:00 pm
1-20-2009 @ 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission Meeting
1-26-2009 @ 6:30 pm
- Public Safety Meeting
TBA
- Adair Municipal Court
1-5-09 @ 6:00 pm
- OFFICE CLOSED
January 1, 2009

END OF AN OLD YEAR, START OF A NEW YEAR

City Administrator's Note:

As we look forward to and prepare for 2009, we are excited for what the New Year will bring and for what we have accomplished over the last year, my first at Adair Village. Much of my focus in 2008 was learning about everything happening here in Adair Village and how things work. I feel lucky to be working with a City Council that has a shared vision for our small, but growing City and with staff who are committed to supporting our citizens and to helping make Adair Village a place that works for everyone. Despite possible harder times, as the national and state economies work through their present troubles, we will continue to work to make Adair Village a positive place to live, to raise families, and to be involved in our community.

2008

We tried to make information more readily available. We developed a new format for City Council minutes that make it clear what decisions were made and what next steps will be taken. Julie Wentland, our Assistant City Recorder is now able to put Council agendas and minutes directly onto the City's Website. We have also put new City Ordinances and Resolutions, and will include the City Code as it is put together. We have started with chapters for Animal Control and Nuisances.

Fire House #5 was refurbished and reopened as the Village Food Mart. Many thanks to Candice and John Dinnis for managing the repair and upgrade project and for their ability to get high level work for a very reasonable price.

With the update of both the Nuisance and Animal Control Ordinances and the hiring of a new Code Enforcement Officer, Joel Imamura, the City looks forward to consistent enforcement of the City's codes and a cleaner, safer, better looking City.

The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion is moving forward through the appeals process. We feel that we are near the end of that process and will be ready to proceed with annexation and updating building standards in the next year. As part of the expansion process, the City completed updates of the Comprehensive Plan, which defines and delineates how the City will approach the future, and Land Use Development Code, though as stated, there is work to be done in updating building standards in anticipation of completion of the UGB expansion.

ADAIR VILLAGE MISSION STATEMENT

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

Through the Public Safety Commission (PSC), the City has made considerable progress in recruiting a Police Chief. We had hoped to complete interviews before Christmas, but were not able to bring all our interview panels together. We also have our own Municipal Court that meets once a month, first Mondays, to take care of citations from our Enforcement Officer.

We had a very successful Summer Parks Program, thanks to Angela Lazarean, our past RARE (Resource Assistance for Rural Environments) participant and Jennifer Glover, our Summer Program coordinator, and numerous local volunteers, with the trip to OMSI and the year-end swim day being the program highlights. We have also begun to look at more opportunities for teens in Adair Village, with a free ride to the Boys and Girls Club in Corvallis being the start. This start has expanded into the Ride Home program, which provides a free ride home for members of the Boys and Girls Club with kids being delivered to the Village Food Mart at 6:15 each evening. We hope to see this program grow and to see more Adair Village families taking advantage of the many programs at the Boys and Girls Club, including free dental care for families that qualify.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009

2008 was a busy year down at City Hall, but I expect 2009 to be even busier. We hope to complete our Police Chief recruitment and have a new Chief in place by early February. That will be the first step in developing an Adair Village Police Department. There is significant work to be completed in preparation for having wheels on the street. Dispatch will need to be organized, equipment purchased, policies and procedures put in place, and reserve officers recruited. We are just getting started, but things should move forward quickly, once we have a Chief in place.

The primary project for Ron Mercer, our RARE student this year, will be to develop a Community Visioning process that will focus on downtown development. We hope to have significant involvement from throughout the community, so if you are interested in helping to develop a vision for Adair Village's future, please contact Julie Wentland or myself and we will make sure that you become part of this effort. In preparation for this larger effort, the Planning Commission will be reviewing possible uses for the barracks that the City will receive from Santiam Christian School.

We will also need considerable input from the community in order to begin to expand the parks and teen programs. We feel good about the program that we provide to toddlers, elementary, and younger middle school children, but we know that we need to develop more options for teens. A first step will be to develop a Youth Commission, to work with Ron and our Summer Program coordinator. Again, if your teen would like to be part of this group, please contact City Hall.

We will also be moving forward with completing an environmental study and an economic opportunity study at the Industrial site on Camp Adair Rd. We will continue with planning and pre-engineering for our Water Plant update; this will include completing aerial photography of the City, the Water Plant, the Industrial site, and the transmission lines.