

City of John Day Newsletter

April 2012

Mother's Day Breakfast slated by JDVFD



Mother's Day is coming up, if you're wondering what to give your mother, wife or girlfriend, start her day with breakfast cooked and served by your local John Day Volunteer Fire Department firefighters.

The event will be held at the John Day Fire Station, 209 SE Dayton Street, John Day on **Sunday, May 13, 2012 beginning at 8 a.m. to noon.** Ham, eggs and pancakes will be served with coffee and juice. The breakfast is free to the public; however, donations will gladly be accepted.

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your comments at grayp@grantcounty-or.gov.

Would you like to become a volunteer fire fighter?
Please contact Fire Chief Ron Smith for more
information at 541-575-0028.

The City of John Day proposes to construct a new fire station that will house the John Day Volunteer Fire Department and the John Day Rural Fire District with good access and parking and meet all OSHA, ADA requirements. A Citizens Fire Advisory Committee, consisting of citizens from the City of John Day and the John Day Rural Fire District; have been meeting with Peter Baer of Pinnacle Architecture. Come to the Firemen's Mother's Day breakfast to review the conceptual designs and see the need for the new fire station while enjoying your free Mother's Day breakfast.

Why do we need a new Fire Station?

The existing fire station was built in the 1950's . Water is coming into the building through the back walls and the ceilings are falling down and are in need of repair.

Firefighters do not have adequate facilities for the 60 hours of annual training required to maintain accreditation with the State. Currently training is done in the old City Hall for indoor training; outside training is done by blocking off Dayton Street.

The existing fire station site does not have room currently to work on trucks within the site and requires use of the public streets for washing, training, and moving vehicles in and out.

Existing fire trucks are being stored outside currently because of limited space. These vehicles are behind a locked gate and are not 100% fire response ready, thus causing possible delays in response times.

A new fire station would improve response times and maintain or lower current fire insurance rates. Long term savings and investment for the community. New building would have an estimated 30% efficiency savings in utility costs.

Ideal time to build with interest rates at 3-4%.

The new John Day Fire Station is to house the city and rural fire department apparatus and administrative functions. This new facility will also have space for an indoor training room as well as space outside for training. This will be utilized for the education of the local firemen and surrounding communities.

The building will be pre-engineered steel building, and the floor plan is rectangular in form to maximize square footage and minimize cost. The building will be made with low maintenance and long life spans. It will comply with current energy codes and utilize energy star rated products for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing to reduce operation and maintenance costs. The new fire station will have a footprint approximately 9,000 square feet, and have ample space on site for doing exterior fire training.

At the May 15, 2012 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting, funding sources were discussed. The Committee made a request to the John Day City Council to seek a qualified consultant to provide fundraising and capital campaign advisory services for the construction of a new fire station. The John Day City Council approved the request of the Citizen's Advisory Committee and released an informal request for proposals (RFP) to six firms or individuals on March 30, 2012. Proposals are due on Monday April 30, 2012.



Conceptual design for new John Day Fire Station

For further information please contact John Day Fire Chief Ron Smith or City Manager Peggy Gray at 541-575-0028.

Notice of Budget Public Hearing

A meeting of the John Day City Council will be held on May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at 450 E Main, John Day, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 as approved by the Budget Committee. A copy may be inspected or obtained at the Recorder's Office, City Hall, John Day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the basis used last year.

A copy of the proposed budget and the budget message received by the John Day Budget Committee can be found on the City of John Day website at www.cityofjohnday.com

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant update

On December 13, 2011 the City of John Day signed the Local Agency Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Transportation Enhancement Project called US26/Main St. & Canyon Blvd. Sidewalk Beautification. The Council selected ODOT to design the project. Once a design is developed the City will hold a public meeting(s) with the affected property owners and public to seek input and to answer questions and concerns with the project.

The City and the State agreed to construct or replace sidewalks and install streetscape amenities on Canyon Blvd from Main Street to SW 2nd Avenue and on section of Main Street between North Canyon Blvd., and SE Elm Street; which include constructing new sections of sidewalk where gaps exist; replacing narrow existing sidewalks; relocating overhead utility lines; installing ornamental sidewalk lighting; and installing landscape or flower planters with drip irrigation.

The Project will be conducted as part of the Transportation Enhancement Program. The total Project cost is estimated at \$892,000. The Enhancement Funds (grant provided by ODOT) are estimated at \$800,000 with the City of John Day providing the match through in-kind up to \$30,000 and a cash match of \$20,540 for the preliminary engineering by ODOT. The City will apply for a Small Cities Allotment (SCA) grant (up to \$50,000) to provide for the remaining match funds.

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

- Start 7-11-12
- Design Acceptance Package (Concept Design) 11-29-12
- Preliminary Plans 4-13-13
- Advance Plans 9-4-13
- Final Plans 11-13-13
- Bid Let 2-27-14

For further information please contact City Manager Peggy Gray at 541-575-0028.