

# City of John Day

## Newsletter

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*Best wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy holiday season*

### **Hazardous Waste Disposal**

The City of John Day and Prairie City Recycling urge businesses and citizens to make an effort to carefully dispose of hazardous waste materials. This is particular true with regards to electronic equipment such as television sets, fax machines and copiers, all of which contain toxic metals. The lead in a computer monitor's cathode ray tube for example causes it to exceed the toxicity characteristic for lead.

Under guidance from Governor Kulongoski, Oregon in 2008 will begin to require that electronic equipment be responsibly collected for disposal or recycling and various collection areas will be established throughout Oregon. For the time being, our nearest collection site is the Deschutes County Department of Solid Waste at 6100 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Bend. There is a charge of \$0.10 per pound and items are accepted year round with occasional "free days". For information call the Department of Solid Waste at 541-317-3163.

Those willing to recycle cell phones, which also contain toxic materials, can check the web site: [www.ban.org/pledge/locations](http://www.ban.org/pledge/locations)

Anyone interested in heading up a local hazardous waste collection day that would be coordinated through the DEQ please contact City Manager Peggy Gray.

## Snow and Ice Removal on City Sidewalks

In the event of snowfall, property owners and residents are reminded that a City of John Day Ordinance requires you to clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of your premises. Please remember your elderly or handicapped neighbors who would appreciate your

assistance with snow removal.

The City will make every effort to keep major arterial and collector streets open and to clear snow from as many downtown streets as possible. The cooperation of all property owners and residents in this matter is greatly

appreciated.

### **PW Department Receives Award**

The City of John Day Public Works Department received an award from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in grateful recognition of **50 years** of weather observations in cooperation with the National Weather Service

## **Parking Ordinance will be Enforced**

Due to recent complaints concerning parking the wrong way on City of John Day Streets, the John Day Police Department will be enforcing Ordinance 67-4 under Title 11, Chapter 2, Section 1 of the John Day City Code. Method of Parking which states "No person shall stand or park a vehicle in a street other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement, and with the curbside wheels of the vehicle within twelve inches (12") of the edge of the curb, except wither the street is marked or signed for angle parking".

The John Day Police Department is asking that if you park on a John Day City Street, please make sure you park lawfully. Please contact Police Chief Richard Tirico if you have any questions or concerns.

## **Winter Readings are now in Effect**

Just a reminder to inform residents, the City will not read residential water meters from November through March. We will start reading meters again in April and any overage you have will be billed at that time. During this time you will be billed for the minimum water usage of 4,000 gallons at the rate of \$22/month. During the freezing weather we ask that residents run a trickle of water from their faucets to keep pipes from freezing (listen to KJDY for announcement when temperatures drop). The City will credit 2,000 gallons back to the customers in April for this use.

## **Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant**

You may have noticed a group of people walking the Main Street area this past week. This was a consultant team hired by the Oregon Department of Transportation to scope the City of John Day's Main Street Enhancement Project to remove the overhead street light power lines, telephone, and TV cable lines to underground utilities and replace the cobra lights with pedestrian-friendly street lighting such as the new street lights installed on SE Dayton Street.

This past spring, the City of John Day received word that our grant application for this project made the reserve list. The City will need to reapply for the grant in the next application round; however, ODOT hired a consultant team to scope the project to make sure our numbers are correct and the project is feasible to accomplish.

The City of John Day will receive a report from the consultant team early

next year. Anyone wishing additional information on this grant application may contact City Manager Peggy Gray for information.

## **NW Bridge Street/OTEC Pole Project Continues**

The sidewalk construction project on NW Bridge Street and NW Second Street continues as weather permits. It is estimated the project is approximately 60% completed.

The City of John Day appreciates everyone's patience during this construction period.

## **Burn Permits Required**

Burn permits are required for all outside burning. Permits for the City of John Day and the John Day Rural areas are issued by the John Day Dispatch Center and John Day City Hall. For areas where the burning is taking place outside of the John Day Rural Fire District; residents will need to receive a burn permit from the Oregon Department of Forestry. If the burn pile is large enough to cause potential concern; dispatch will be informed of the address and the John Day Fire Chief will be call for inspection of the burn pile.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your burn permit; please contact the John Day Dispatch Center at 575-0030; John Day City Hall at 575-0028; or Fire Chief Steve Allen at 575-1855.

## **Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum Reopens**

The Kam Wah Chung & Co. Museum in John Day reopened August 8<sup>th</sup> following a ten-month closure for extensive repairs and renovations, paid for in part by Oregon State Parks Trust's successful \$1.5 million fundraising campaign.

The museum is now closed for the winter months and will reopen on May 1, 2008. An inventory of the objects from within the building and conservation of the objects is ongoing.