

City of John Day Newsletter

July, 2014

John Day Fire Station Update

The City of John Day and the John Day Rural Fire Protection District intend to jointly build and finance a new fire station. The total project cost is approximately \$1.8 million. In order to finance the project the City intends to issue a general obligation (GO) bond in the amount of \$655,000 and the Rural Fire District in the amount of \$550,000, each of which were authorized at the May 20, 2014 primary election. The City and the Rural District will continue to work with PARC to apply for and obtain grant funds for the training room.

The City and the Rural Fire Protection District have entered into an agreement with Pinnacle Architecture, Inc. for the construction documents for the new fire station in the amount of \$113,905. Once the construction documents are completed; we anticipate going out for bid in late fall; depending on weather conditions, we would like to start construction by early spring of 2015.

The City and the Rural will pay for architectural services from existing revenues and reimburse themselves once the bank transaction closes. The financing process for the GO bonds will begin in earnest in late November 2014. The new fire station will be located at 316 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR.

Transportation Enhancement Project Downtown Sidewalk Beautification Project Update

Oregon Department of Transportation opened the sealed bids for the City of John Day's US26/Main Street & S. Canyon Blvd. Sidewalk Beautification Project on May 8, 2014.

Iron Triangle was the low bidder at \$848,029.73. The project is a partnership between the City of John Day and the Oregon Department of Transportation to improve sidewalks and beautify downtown John Day. Sidewalks located within the project area that currently meet city standards will not be replaced.

The project will begin at the intersection on Main Street south to SW 2nd Street (St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church) and on sections of Main Street from the intersection east to SE Elm Street.

Work will include installing ADA ramps at intersections, relocating overhead utility lines to underground facilities and replacing the existing highway-style light fixtures and pole with ornamental lighting units. Provisions for hanging basket planters on the light poles will be incorporated into the project scope depending on budget.

A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014; construction has been scheduled to begin on Monday, August 11, 2014 with completion before winter.

We thank you for your patience during the construction phase and apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

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Visit our website at www.cityofjohnday.com; send us 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.

Grass and Weeds Public Notice

The City of John Day is made aware of vegetation, weed, and grass issues through citizen complaints and/or routine inspections by City staff. The City of John Day maintains a Weeds and Noxious Growth nuisance ordinance that is intended to remedy these complaints and improve our neighborhoods.

Please take notice that according to the John Day City Code Title 8, Chapter 2, Section 4-4: Weeds and Noxious Growth:

No owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on their property or in the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting the property. An owner or person in charge of property shall cut down or destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, weeds or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or in case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or going to seed.

Noxious vegetation is a nuisance in our community.

A courtesy notice is sent to the property owner allowing ten days to arrange for the abatement and clean up of the violation. This notice will also constitute reasonable notice for the remainder of the growing season.

If the violation is not abated and cleaned up, the City will abate the weed, grass and vegetation problem. The property owner will be responsible and billed for the service plus an administrative fee for each violation occurrence and parcel.

Note that the property owner is responsible for the maintenance of all public right-of-way adjoining the private property. Shrubby or other vegetation can not obstruct movement or vision on public streets or sidewalks.

For more information or to see copies of these ordinances; contact City Hall at 541-575-0028.

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE FOR CITY OF JOHN DAY 2014 ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL POSITIONS

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of Ordinance 94-79-5, adopted June 28, 1994, the filing deadline for persons wishing to run for the three Council member or Mayor positions to be elected during the November 4, 2014 election is at the City Recorder's office by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2014.

Nominating petitions may be picked up at City Hall during working hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or downloaded on the City's website at www.cityofjohnday.com.

Nominating petitions shall contain at least twenty-five signatures of qualified electors residing in the city that are registered to vote.

If a nominating petition is not used and an individual wishes to declare his or her candidacy for city office, a fee of \$50.00 must be paid to the City Recorder by the filing deadline.

3rd Street Bridge Repairs

Last year the City received word from the bridge inspector Greg Sharp of Anderson Engineering & Surveying, that on their last bridge inspection trip, the NW 3rd Street Bridge was found to have a Major Structural Deficiency. The bottom portion of the upstream SW Prestressed Concrete Girder had blown out due to water and ice intrusion through a drain hole drilled into the slab. The slab will need to be repaired as soon as possible since the prestressing tendons have been compromised.

The John Day City Council decided working with ODOT to be the most efficient and economical way to proceed with the bridge repairs. The ODOT maintenance crew has been working on the bridge since July 15th. We expect the repairs to the bridge to be completed by the end of July. We estimate the total cost of repairs to be approximately \$40,000.

We thank everyone for their patience during the closure period of the bridge.