

# City of John Day Newsletter

March 31, 2010

## **“Take 10” and Help John Day Get What it Needs for the Next 10 Years**

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses will receive a 2010 Census form by mail or hand delivery. The 2010 Census will document the changes in our nation since the last decennial census in 2000, and tell us how we’ve evolved as a country. Because census data affect how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments, the census also will frame the future of our country and our community for the next 10 years.

During Census 2000, the mail participation rate was 72 percent as of the April 2000 cut-off. About \$85 million is saved for every one percent increase in mail participation. For these and many other reasons, we must work to encourage everyone’s participation in the census.

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## **Citizens Fire Station Advisory Committee Provides Input**

At their March 9, 2010 council meeting; the John Day City council voted unanimously of those attending to allow staff to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for design services for a new fire station upon a recommendation of the Citizens Fire Station Advisory Committee.

The Citizens Fire Station Advisory committee has been meeting informally for over a year and is now ready to take the next step of hiring a consultant for the planning and design of a new fire station. Proposals are due by April 5, 2010 with Council approval of the consultant by April 27, 2010. The selected consultant will assist the City in soliciting public input and developing a facilities plan. The plan for the new fire station will be based on payment affordability and public input. The City is working with USDA Rural Development as a possible funding source. For more information on the project you can go to [www.cityofjohnday.com](http://www.cityofjohnday.com); click on John Day Fire Station Plan. Here you will find the Citizens Fire Advisory Committee roster and the minutes of the previous meetings.

## **Results of the TUF Telephone Survey**

*The results of the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) are in; thank you to everyone who took the survey.*

One of the most difficult and most visible challenges facing cities is the task of maintaining - to say nothing of improving – local streets. With cost rising and other

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Here's what you should know about the 2010 Census:

**It's easy.** One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. The individual in whose name the housing unit is rented or owned should complete the form on behalf of every person living there, both relatives and nonrelatives.

**It's important.** Census data are used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, schools and community centers.

**It's safe.** By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

Finally, the most efficient way to respond to the 2010 Census is to complete the form as soon as it arrives and return it in the postage-paid return envelope. Census workers will visit households that do not return forms to take the count in person.

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## **City Received Technical Assistance Grant from DLCD for Code and UGB Joint Management Agreement Update**

The City of John Day has received a \$7,000 Technical Assistance grant from the Department of Land Conversation and Development for the purpose of updating the

City's land use development code and to review the City of John Day and Grant County Urban Growth Management Agreement for future intergovernmental planning and regulatory action.

At the March 9, 2010 City Council meeting, the John Day City Council hired Siegel Planning Services as a consultant for this project. An advisory committee will be formed consisting of one city councilor, one member of the Planning Commission and three citizens at large. The advisory committee will be asked to review the draft amendments and participate in the planning commission public workshop.

Tasks involved are to review and revise the John Day Development Code (2005) for consistency with 2007-2009 changes in state law and administrative rules, resolving city's identified issues based on past years' development permit processing. Also codify results of past TGM and TA Grant projects; and achieve increased efficiency for permitting as can be accomplished within the bounds of State Law.

The project will also involve working cooperatively with Grant County Planning Department to review and update the John Day-Grant County Urban Growth Management Agreement. This task includes reviewing the existing agreement and identifying key issues to recommend an approach to solving issues to the John Day City Council.

We anticipate having draft amendments ready for a public hearing to present and answer questions on the proposed Development Code and the Urban Growth Management Agreement by November 2010.

## **INDUSTRIAL PARK ANNEXATION PROCESS BEGINS**

The Grant County Industrial Park is owned and operated by the City of John Day; it is currently located outside of the city limits but inside our urban growth boundary. The John Day City Council would like to begin the process of annexing in the industrial park and other adjacent properties adjoining the industrial park.

In preparation for this annexation the City has updated its development code to support compatible land uses adjacent to the airport. The Airport Safety and Compatibility Overlay (AASC) Zone established land use compatibility and navigational safety standards to reduce potential safety hazards for persons living, working and recreating near Ogilvie Field, consistent with applicable State law and administrative rules.

The City also developed a new zoning district in conjunction with our light industrial (LI) and our general industrial (GI) named the Airport Industrial Park (AIP). The AIP district is also intended to provide for compatible land use adjacent to Ogilvie Field, and provide for economic development consistent with Oregon's Certified Industrial Lands program.

Adjacent property owners have been notified; once the City has the support of the identified property owners the City will move forward with annexation process.



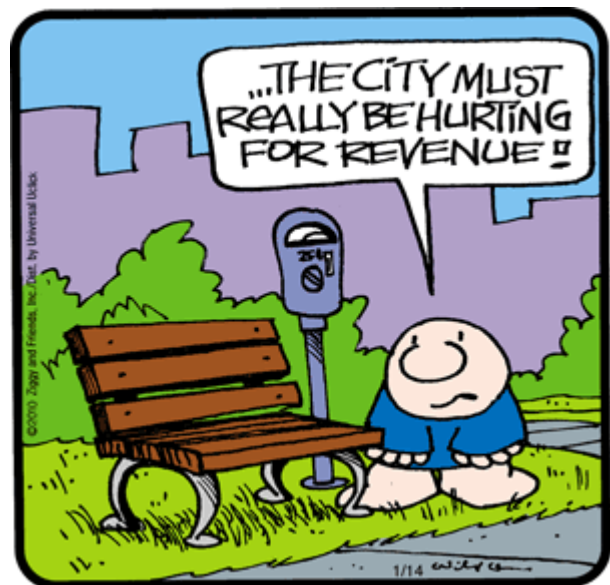
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revenue sources stagnant, cities in Oregon are increasingly adopting Transportation Utility Fees (TUF). These programs have become essential as cities respond to growing transportation needs.

The John Day City Council has been gathering information and public input from citizens for the past two years regarding the TUF. Most recently a telephone survey was conducted by two Eastern Oregon University students; the survey was completed in January 2010. The results showed 92 people were willing to take the survey; out of the 92 people; 73.5% stated they would be willing to pay a street maintenance fee. 36.1% stated they would be willing to pay \$2/month; 44.4% stated they would be willing to pay \$5/month and 19.4% stating they would be willing to pay \$10/month.

The TUF has been included in the proposed budget; the John Day Budget Committee meets on April 8, 2010 to review and make a recommendation to the John Day City Council.

You can find more information regarding the TUF by going to the City of John Day's webpage at [www.cityofjohnday.com](http://www.cityofjohnday.com). Click on Transportation Utility Fee for information.



## **WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN (WWTFP)**

In 2007 the City of John Day entered into an agreement with Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. to develop a Wastewater Facilities Plan. The Plan was partially funded by a \$20,000 grant through the State of Oregon Economic and Community Development Department; now known as Business Oregon. Total cost of the plan is \$38,620.

Construction of our original wastewater treatment facility was completed in 1949. However, due to continued expansion of the system, the original trickling filter facility became overloaded, resulting in the need for an upgraded treatment facility. In 1978, the facility was upgraded and incorporated several of the original plant structures from the 1949 treatment plant. Due to these units being 60 years old, they are showing severe degradation and will not serve the long-term needs of the City.

The selected improvement chosen by the City Council upon input of the City staff, Public Works

Committee, and Engineer, include a new activated sludge mechanical wastewater treatment facility; 2010 dollars project cost is estimated at 8.2 million dollars. Engineer's estimates to repair and upgrade the existing plant were nearly the same cost as building a new plant due to the deteriorating condition of the old facility; 2010 dollars project cost is estimated at 7.2 million dollars.

USDA Rural Development, a federal funding agency, stated our project can be eligible for up to 45% grants using the federal stimulus dollars that are only available this year. For an 8,200,000 dollar project; grant would be \$3,690,000, loan \$4,510,000 at 3.25% interest.

At the February 9, 2010 council meeting it was the consensus of the John Day City Council to proceed with the required environmental assessment, complete and submit an application to the USDA Rural Development Department to seek federal stimulus dollars for the new wastewater treatment facility.

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