

CITY OF JOHN DAY

NEWSLETTER

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

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.

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.

Burning Permits Required

Burning permits are required for all outside burning. You may pick up burning permits at John Day City Hall 8 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday or John Day Dispatch Center after hours and on weekends. Please call 575-0028 for more information.

Vegetation Management in Right-of-Ways

As fall approaches and winter not far behind the City would like to do some vegetation management along all City streets and City street right-of-ways. The purpose of this effort is too improved street safety by making street signs more visible, better vision at intersections, and to reduce the cost of this same task during summer months.

We will be working on this project throughout the winter months. If you have trees or shrubs or other forms of vegetation in the City's right-of-ways that you would rather take care of yourself please let us know and we will not work in your area. However, we would greatly appreciate your cooperation and take care of the vegetation that may contribute to safety issues in the City streets.

Please call City Hall at 575-0028 if you have questions and/or would like to address the issue yourself. We expect to

start mid November and will work on the project until complete. Thank-you very much for your cooperation and assistance.

New Pocket Parks

The City of John Day Public Works Department has completed a new pocket park at the end of N. Canyon Blvd., and is in the process of constructing a second pocket park at the south end of SE Dayton Street in front of the OTEC substation.

The park on SE Dayton Street will have a new decorative street light installed and both parks will have park benches installed for pedestrians.

The City of John Day would like to thank Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative for their generous donation to assist with the expenses of the SE Dayton Street pocket park, their generosity is truly appreciated.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant

On November 20, 2006, the City of John Day received word that our grant application for the NW Bridge Street Improvement Project has been approved.

The committee approved Phase 1 of the grant application which entails new sidewalks on the east side of NW Bridge Street from NW 2nd Street to NW 7th Street. The project includes the installation of a pedestrian foot bridge on the east side of the existing bridge across the John Day River.

The City of John Day was awarded \$256,380. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$284,867; the City will be responsible for a 10% match, totaling \$28,487.

Work is expected to begin after July 1, 2007 and be completed no later than October 31, 2009. The City of John Day will hold a public hearing after the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the project. Property owners adjoining the proposed project will be notified and public notice will be given.

Subdivision Approved

At their November 2, 2006 planning commission meeting, the John Day Planning Commission approved a new subdivision not to exceed 225 single family dwelling units on 82.6 acres over approximately twenty years. The new subdivision called Strawberry View Estates; will be located behind the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Phase 1 of the subdivision will consist of 17 lots and will be built on lots averaging 5,000 - 10,000 sq. ft. All proposed units are single-family detached, beginning at approximately 1,700 square feet. The developer is Blake Webber of John Day Development L.L.C.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and considered the application at its meeting of October 12, 2006.

