

# CITY OF JOHN DAY

## NEWSLETTER

*From the desk of Peggy Carey, City Manager*

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### **League of Oregon Cities**

On behalf of the League of Oregon Cities, the City of John Day invites the public to participate in the first annual City Hall Day. The event is designed to give city officials, legislators and candidates the opportunity to meet one-on-one about issues of vital importance to the cities. The event will take place Thursday, October 14, 2:00 pm at the John Day Elks Lodge, 140 NE Dayton St., John Day. Other city officials, legislators and candidates in our senate district and encompassing house districts are invited to participate. Members of the press and the public are also invited to attend.

This event is being held statewide in host cities, covering all 60 legislative house and 30 senate districts. This event provides an important opportunity to talk about priority issues at home before the legislative session begins and have a dialogue with local leaders.

As host city for Senate District 30 and House District 59 and 60, the City of John Day invites you to share your perspective with key leaders that will be making decisions in the 2005 legislative session. Please help us lay the foundation for success on city issues by participating in **City Hall Day**.

For further information please call John Day City Hall at 575-0028.

### **City of John Day – Downtown Plan**

The City of John Day, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have recently begun a project to develop a downtown plan. A consultant team, lead by H. Lee & Associates, has been hired to conduct the study. The plan will develop and implement concepts along Main Street which will promote downtown John Day as an activity center for commerce, mixed land use such as retail and residential uses, community activities, and pedestrian friendly accessibility while balancing the need for traffic circulation and movement on the state highway.

The downtown plan is a continuation of planning work that was conducted by the Oregon Downtown Association in 2002 when they conducted a Downtown Assessment for the City of John Day. This study will complete the downtown planning by creating a long term vision for the downtown area, developing streetscape projects to enhance the pedestrian environment, and implementing the downtown plan through ordinances that establish design standards and guidelines.

There are essentially three components of the downtown plan. First, a long-term vision for downtown John Day will be established. This work will include illustrations of how the building facades may be improved and coordinated to develop a cohesive identity and a land use plan defining future uses. The second component of the downtown plan is a streetscape improvement plan to improve the pedestrian environment. The third, a final component, is implementing

ordinances to establish design standards and guidelines.

On Tuesday, September 14th approximately 14 people attended the Walking Tour. The purpose of the walking tour was to identify issues that are important to resolve in the downtown plan. The top three issues that were identified were 1) Use of landscaping, lighting, and street furniture to improve downtown streetscapes. 2) Encourage improvement of downtown buildings. 3) Improve parking in the downtown.

Your input is very important in developing the City of John Day's Downtown Plan.

**Public input is a key component in developing this plan.** During the course of this project, the public will be encouraged to participate in the planning and decision-making process.

The consultants will be in John Day on October 11 and 12. October 11 we will have the children's design workshop. October 12 during the day they will meet merchants and engage them in possible façade improvement drawings. The evening of October 12 we will have the adult design workshop. The adult design workshop will be held at the Grant Union High School Library, 7 p.m.

**To be placed on the newsletter mailing list, contact H. Lee & Associates at (800) 354-2687.**

**The City of John Day would like to thank all business owners and residents who have improved their properties this summer. Many of you have painted, landscaped, and improved the looks of your buildings and homes. The City of John Day truly appreciates your efforts and taking pride of ownership. Thank You!**

## **Capital Projects Update**

### **Industrial Park**

Progress continues on the Grant County Airport Industrial Park. Sommer

Construction of Nampa, Idaho has completed the installation of the sewer lines; water lines should be completed within the next few weeks. Construction of the 250,000 water reservoir and two water booster pump stations has begun. The project is on schedule with completion anticipated by November 2004.

On September 15, 2004, the City of John Day received word from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department that our application to extend three-phase electrical power to the industrial park was successful. The City will receive \$41,000 funded out of Old Growth Diversification Funds in the form of a grant.

Grant County Airport Industrial Park has the potential to supply many family wage jobs in an area economically distressed primarily due to major declines in the timber industry. The Park provides opportunity and encourages economic diversity by supplying industrial zoned land with services adjacent to the airport at an affordable price. The objective of the project is to develop business and industrial opportunities that sustain, expand, and support economic growth within the region. The net capital outcome of the project is significant infrastructure development that builds and sustains the economy of Grant County.

### **Well No. 5**

The pump house for Well No. 5 is complete and the pump has been installed. Crestline Construction Company is in charge of this project. We anticipate being on line by late fall or early winter.

The new well is necessary as the City is pumping at peak capacity during the summer months. This well has the potential to pump 850 gallons per minute.

### **Lamford Bridge**

Lamford Bridge Project is nearing completion with a few minor details to be completed. Paving of the approaches and the bridge section is scheduled for the week

of September 20<sup>th</sup>. The contractor for this project is Dice Construction.