

City of John Day Newsletter



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New John Day Fire Station

Cold weather and mother nature was no match for Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company this past winter; they are focused on completing the John Day Station and construction is scheduled to be completed this spring. The John Day Fire Station will house volunteer fire personnel and their equipment for the City of John Day Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the John Day Rural Fire Protection District.

In May of 2014 the citizens of John Day and the citizens of the John Day Rural Protection District passed a bond to help support the proceeds needed to construct a new fire station.

In addition to the citizen bond totaling \$1,205,000; additional proceeds from The Ford Family Foundation totaling \$200,000; Meyer Memorial Trust Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation in the amount of \$200,000; Glen and Jean McKenzie Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation in the amount of \$20,000, Shelk Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 and Trust Management Services, LLC in the amount of \$9,170 accounted for the additional proceeds needed for the project.

City Boards, Commissions & Committees

The City of John Day's boards, commissions and committees provide a vital link between the citizenry and the City Council and City staff and help keep our City government dynamic, responsive and accountable. The City could not function without the outstanding advice, expertise and time provided by the civic volunteers who serve on these boards. Serving on a City board provides an excellent opportunity to make a difference in your community. Service on a board provides a way to become a participant in the municipal government process.

The City of John Day has one position open on the Budget Committee and two positions open on the Planning Commission. Board appointments are generally made by the City Council. Nominations are made by individual council members and voted on by the entire council. To be appointed, an individual must receive a majority vote of the council.

You are encouraged to contact your City Council representative(s) and advise them of the board in which you are interested in. You can also fill out a Boards and Commission Application which can be found online at <http://www.cityofjohnday.com/>.

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of John Day, County of Grant, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 will be held in John Day City Council Chambers, 450 E. Main, John Day, Oregon. The meeting will take place on Tuesday the 5th day of April 2016, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 1, 2015, John Day City Hall, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

BE A LEAK SEEKER



Leaks

Unseen or unfixed, they can drip hundreds, even thousands, of gallons of water wastefully down the drain. A little detective work several times a year can catch these water thieves in the act and put them out of circulation.

Faucets

Most leaks result from worn washers in household faucets and showerheads. These faucets, as well as seldom-used taps in the basement or storage rooms, should be checked periodically. Faucet leaks are usually caused by worn washers or "O" rings (for washerless faucets). Repairing faucet leaks is easy. All you have to do is turn off the water supply line to that faucet, replace the washer and turn on the line again. Any good do-it-yourself book will offer advice on this simple task. If you're not a do-it-yourselfer, have the work done by someone who knows how to do the job.

Toilets

The toilet is one of the most common water wasters but its leaks tend to be less noticeable than faucet leaks. To determine if your toilet is leaking, look at the toilet bowl after the tank has stopped filling. If water is still running into the bowl, or if water can be heard running, your toilet is leaking.

Most toilet leaks occur at the overflow pipe or at the plunger ball inside the tank. To locate a toilet leak, take the tank lid off and flush. The water level should come up to about a half inch or so below the overflow pipe. Adjust the float level control screw, if necessary, so the valve shuts off the water at that level. If the valve itself is leaking, you may need a plumber to fix it.

Although water may not be seen or heard running, your toilet may have a silent leak. To test for a silent leak, drop a little food coloring into the tank. DO NOT FLUSH. Wait for about 10 minutes. If the food coloring appears in the toilet bowl, your toilet has a silent leak. It is probably located in or around the plunger ball or flapper valve at the bottom of the tank. These leaks are also easy to fix with parts from your hardware or home store.