

CITY OF UMATILLA

FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER

City Hall Closed December 18

City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 18 due to our move to the new City Hall. City Hall will reopen 8 a.m. Monday, December 21 at our new location (700 6th Street). The Library will close for moving on December 19 and re-open the day of the grand opening (January 9, 2009).

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 10th. The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. with the lighting of the tree at the corner of 6th Street and H Street in downtown Umatilla. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided, following the ceremony, in the Community Room of our new City Hall (700 6th Street).

City Hall and Library Grand Opening Ceremony

The Grand Opening of the new City Hall and library is scheduled for Saturday, January 9th. The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. with presentations and a ribbon cutting event. An open house will continue until 4 p.m. with tours, refreshments, prizes and entertainment. Please join your City staff and the many volunteers in celebrating our new building.



GRAND OPENING BOOK SALE
January 11th – 15th, 2010

Mon/Tues/Wed 11 am – 5 pm
Thursday 11 am – 7 pm
Friday 11 am – 3 pm (\$1 a bag all day)

Book sale will be located in the Community Room of the new City Hall

Message from Chief Darla Huxel and School District Superintendent Heidi Sipe

Through a partnership of the Umatilla Police Department and the Umatilla School District, gang awareness and prevention training will be offered at Umatilla High School in March. This course will be beneficial to parents and community members alike and is made possible by a grant from the Oregon Department of Education in partnership with the US Department of Education.

An awareness meeting will also be offered in January of 2010. If you're interested in attending either or both opportunities, please contact Debbie Jager at the Umatilla School District Office at 541-922-6500 to be placed on the contact list for specific dates and times.

Additionally, the Umatilla Police Department recently received funding through a Federal JAG grant. The grant goals of the project include annual training for the next three years in drug awareness and gang awareness not only for police personnel but school officials and community members. It is only through such partnerships that we are able to address the needs of our community with regards to public safety.

Please assist us by reporting instances of illegal activity either by phone (541-922-3789 or 541-567-2346 *1) or by visiting our web site at umatilla.bobcop.com where various reports and requests can be submitted electronically.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

NOXIOUS VEGETATION-It's burning season! The city of Umatilla is requesting compliance from all property owners/occupants concerning our NOXIOUS VEGETATION ORDINANCE. The accumulation of tumbleweeds throughout Umatilla has become not only an eyesore but a fire hazard as well. For your convenience Umatilla Fire Chief, Mike Roxbury has provided residential burning information located near the front door of Fire Station #1. It is requested that you call the County Burn Line at 1-800-305-2876 to determine if it is a good burn day prior to burning. The open burning information provided, must be present at the time of burning.

PROHIBITED PARKING-AGAIN, the parking or storing of ANY vehicle, trailer, boat trailer, motor home or R.V. on ANY surface other than a designated parking area is PROHIBITED! This includes the parking/storing of these vehicles on lawns. Please show consideration to those around you by parking appropriately and limiting, if possible, the number of vehicles per home.

WINTER UTILITY BILLING NEWS

Meters are not read from November – February, your billing is for the base rate only and does not include charges for water consumption for this period. Winter water usage will be appear on your April bill and reflect water consumption from November to March.

WINTERIZING YOUR METER

Please winterize your meter anytime after the 1st of November. We suggest using insulation or any other material that is easy to remove in the spring. Winterization material should be placed in individual water proof bags. Thank You.

Automatic Meter Reading System

Over the winter the City will be refitting all of its water meters with a radio transmitter which will send a reading every hour to two strategically placed receivers, and then to a server located at City Hall. This system is capable of transmitting a signal through three feet of snow giving the City the ability to read the meters throughout the winter. With the radio read system, your meter will never have to be unpacked. One of the great features of this system is it will collect a reading from all of the meters every hour, twenty-four hours a day. The system will store these readings in a data base for a period of thirteen months. This information is not only used for monthly billings but can be used for leak detection at each meter. Additionally, with 720 readings per month the City will have the ability to show customers hourly water usage for each billing cycle if requested.

WASTE PREVENTION – HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Following are examples of waste prevention: Reduce the number of print newspapers and magazines you get – read them online; Plan meals to avoid waste; Purchase items from the bulk food department at the grocery store; Buy, maintain and repair durable products; Use rechargeable batteries; Buy used instead of new; Use reusable table service and silverware instead of paper or plastic; When choosing between similar items, select the one that has the least unnecessary packaging; Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs which last about 10 times longer and use less energy than incandescent bulbs.

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