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# Editorial



You see a picture of an empty lot above. It is the lot where the Drain City Hall sat since 1954. Before that it was the home of the old City Hall, built in the 30's. As I have been looking at it, a strong sense of deja vu strikes me.

On that lot at one time, long ago, was something other than the City government building. It was an earlier time in the existence of this town. In the early 1930's a change came and an improvement was implemented. Progress came about from the old to the new and from that building an energy came and brought a new and improved beginning. Around it a town grew and prospered.

But like still water in the pond, it became stagnant and it was outdated. In the early 1950's the people saw a need to make a new change. It didn't come easy I'm sure. Evolution is like a deliberate instigator and so a new and better building was built and it was significant. The town around it thrived not just because of a new building but because of the people who imagined it and the worth it would bring. But through the march of time, no one noticed a zenith had been reached. As that building deteriorated, so flagged the enthusiasm and drive of the people. Then it sat empty and awaited it's desolate and crumbling fate.

Then it sat. My inner vision depicts its correlation with the people who once thrived and built anew and expanded the community with a building that would serve so well. The progress and opportunities each evolution of the building represented the expansion of a better life and growth. But like the old building, it seems that the people who forged the changes and improvements have diminished.

In recent years, as the town has also diminished and sluffed away, it is certainly the people who have averted their efforts from those loftiest of goals.

When I say the people, it's because looking back at the heyday, this town had no shortage of folks who offered their hand in the building of the future. Looking back since the 1954 dedication of City Hall, groups of people divvied up the chores of progress and with the City government as their spearhead, they make the future come to them. This culminated with the planning, fund raising and construction of the Civic Center in 1980's. Accomplished by mutual effort of a majority of the citizens and businesses in the community.

Time has passed and the groups of people - you would call them volunteers, waned. Committees that were strong and productive are now deemed weak

and the City is shedding them.

City government is small, especially in a small town. It seems that there is not much to work with and so the goals and efforts have dwindled to fit the receding coffers. It was leadership that brought about capital improvements through the efforts and cooperation of motivated people. Leadership inspires them to dream and build and grow.

That, I guess, is my point. Just like this town needs a new and modern City Hall to be erected on the old site. The City Government needs to be rebuilt with the vision and the leadership, to gather and influence the populace. To form committees and gather people to begin the work of the rebirth of this City. Because the change and improvement is too slow when it's left on the heads of a few. Who will arise to be a rallying cry to bring people together and seriously tackle the obstacles that have over run our enterprise? If not you, then who?

There is a city election coming in November. Up for grabs are 2 city council seats and the Mayors office. It seems to be a time to look for a new direction and I believe we should look for the leadership that brings people together. There are many out there who dream. Let's bring out the one's who can also dig deep and work for and lead our citizenry forward, promoting mutual efforts and standing alongside any and all that step up to homeplate of civic duty, responsibility and service, because there are many.

Well I am glad to get this issue out to our readers. We struggled a little last month and tried to augment our subscriptions with online subscriptions. Our downloaded version is has been running from 300-500 downloads, obviously it's not going to take the place of mailed subscriptions, as you can see, it's in your mailbox now. So I have decided to bite the bullet and by April 15th ALL subscriptions will be free - no matter from where you are. It's not easy and we have to work harder to make it happen - we are leaning hard on our advertisers - **Please Support Them.**

So I'm asking our readers to consider a donation to help us keep that mailing for free. If you can, scan the QR, there are rewards for your donation, a series of Certificates and such, but mostly the reward is the satisfaction of keeping this little endeavor alive. Thank you for your support.



## Letters to the Editor

**Actual Letter to the Editor** January 3, 2024  
Dear North Douglas Herald,

Entertaining though it may be to know the opinions of City Council members, former City Council members, Mayors, elders of the community and other interested parties about their incredibly detailed knowledge of arcane sections of testimony of various sessions of local current and past committee meetings in Drain, and the injustices contained there, complete with references to the Continental Congress at Carpenters Hall in Pennsylvania in 1774, I would rather talk about Raccoons.

Raccoons live in the cities but are rarely noticed. Life goes on around them and shoppers go to market, but rarely notice their small footprints in the snow. Perhaps the young intentionally step in their parents tracks, so the entire family might

remain cryptic in the community.

So it is with the hispanic community in the North Umpqua Valley... among us but Not noticed. their most brilliant holidays are mostly ignored. Their long history here reduced to a couple of pleasant eating establishments. I speak no Spanish; in order to show friendship all I can do is smile.

But This newspaper has an audience. How about it editor? What about making a Spanish speaking section in your delightfully brilliant North Douglas Herald?

Sincerely,  
Joanne Holland - Drain OR  
*I think I get your point, Joanne, and actually we caught a raccoon in the garden last year. As to our Hispanic neighbors, that is also a good point. We are going to see what can be done in the Paper to include our Spanish speaking friends and neighbors.*  
- Editor

## Government

Know your local Representatives!

### Drain

- Mayor: **Erin Sparhawk**  
Council Position #1: **Grant Vaughan**  
Council Position #2: **Kevin VanPelt**  
Council Position #3: **Katie Decker**  
Council Position #4: **Aaron Lymath**  
City Administrator: **Jeni Stevens**  
City Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 6pm

### Yoncalla

- Mayor: **Kathleen Wertz**  
Councilors: **Dan Wagoner**  
**Gene Vroman**  
**Harold Gilpin**  
**Bryce Wertz**  
City Administrator: **Jennifer Bragg**  
Council Meeting: 04/11/24 - 6pm

### Elkton

- Mayor: **Daniel Burke**  
Council President: **Joan Smith**  
Council Members:  
**Kim Moore**  
**Dan Shepherd**  
**Sandra Galli**  
Public Works Supervisor: **Gary Trout**  
Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 8:30am

### Oakland

- Mayor: **Bette Keehley**  
Counselor: **Jan Wier**  
Counselor: **Kent Rochester**  
Counselor: **Sky Ironplow**  
Counselor: **Betty Tamm**  
Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 7pm

### Sutherlin

- Mayor: **Michelle Sumner**  
Council President: **Debbie Hamilton**  
Councilor: **Lisa Woods**  
Councilor: **Joe Grossman**  
Councilor: **Larry Whitaker**  
Councilor: **Shawn Smalley**  
Councilor: **Gary Dagal**  
City Manager: **Jerry Gillham**  
Council Meeting: 05/13/24 - 7:15pm

### Reedsport

- Mayor: **Linda McCollum**  
Council Position #1: **Rob Wright**  
Council Position #2: **DeeDee Murphy**  
Council Position #3: **Chuck Miller**  
Council Position #4: **Allen Teitzel**  
Council Position #5: **Rich Patten**  
Council Position #6: **Debby Turner**  
Council Meeting: 05/04/24 - 7:15pm

### Cottage Grove

- Mayor: **Candace Solesbee**  
Councilor Ward 1: **Chalice Savage**  
Councilor Ward 2: **Jon Stinnett**  
Councilor Ward 3: **Dana Merryday**  
Councilor Ward 4: **Greg Ervin**  
Councilor: **Mike Fleck**  
Councilor: **Alex Dreher**  
Council Meeting: 04/17/24 - 6:55pm  
05/01/24 - 6:55pm

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District 02: **Virgle Osborne**  
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District 1: **David Brock Smith**  
**U.S. Senate Oregon:**  
**Jeff Merkley**  
**Ron Wyden**

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**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
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