

Housing incentives could be available next summer

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The John Day City Council received an update on a proposed Housing Development District from City Manager Nick Green at their Oct. 10 meeting. Councilors Steve Schuette and Paul Smith were absent.

Green recently completed a 10-page report on the proposed district for the Governor's Regional Solutions

Team. The city's goal is to promote home-building in John Day by offering a rebate equal to 7 percent of a new home's assessed value and pre-paying all system development charges, including water and sewer hook-up costs.

The city of John Day approved only three site-built and two manufactured homes over the past 10 years, Green said. The city's goal is to create 100 new residences over

the next 10 years, he said.

Funding to kick start the program would come from the city's Community Development Investment Fund, but tax revenue from the increase in the city's tax base by construction of new homes would compensate the city for the incentives.

Under the program, the owner of a new home assessed at \$200,000 would receive a \$14,000 rebate and \$7,056 in system development charges.

The \$21,056 incentive from the city would be paid back in seven years by collecting about \$3,187 per year in new tax revenue.

Green noted that home-builders would not receive the money upfront but only after the new home was completed and on the tax rolls. Once the incentive was paid back, the money would be available for additional new homes, and the tax revenue from the new home would become avail-

able to schools, the hospital and other taxing jurisdictions.

To implement the Housing Development District, the city must conduct a feasibility study, develop an urban renewal plan and create an agency to govern the district. The council unanimously approved Green's request to apply for a \$43,500 grant from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to pay for the feasibility study.

"This is a fully funded grant with no match," Mayor Ron Lundbom noted.

Green said some minor amendments to state law governing urban renewal districts will also be needed, and Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, and Rep. Pam Marsh, D-Ashland, were willing to co-sponsor a bipartisan amendment. Green said he wanted to see the district up and running by July 1 next year.

COPS AND COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

Grant County Circuit Court

Melissa A. Haynes, 27, John Day, was convicted on Sept. 28 of violating probation for using methamphetamine. She had been sentenced for one felony count of possessing methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of endangering the welfare of a minor on Sept. 12, 2014. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for time served and ordered to pay a \$25 probation violation fee.

Ren M. Kirkpatrick, 41, John Day, pleaded guilty Oct. 9 to driving under the influence of intoxicants on July 27. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with 20 days suspended, 40 hours of community service and 24 months of supervised probation. He also was ordered to obtain a substance abuse assessment, have an ignition interlock device installed on any vehicle he operated and fined \$1,755.

Oregon State Police

Oct. 11: Responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit after an eastbound sedan slid on black ice. The passenger was transported by ambulance to Blue Mountain Hospital.

Oct. 12: Responded to an abandoned vehicle on Highway 26 near Mitchell that had gone into the ditch the previous day following a tire blowout.

Oct. 12: Report of cows on Highway 26 west of Dayville.

Oct. 13: Report of cows on Highway 395 near Ritter.

Oct. 13: Arrested Haley L. Olson, 23, John Day on a Justice Court warrant for failure to

appear. She was transported to the Grant County Jail.

Oct. 14: Responded to a single-vehicle rollover on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit. An 81-year-old female passenger refused medical response or treatment. Brian F. Clemons, 55, Canyon City, was cited for failure to drive within the lane.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Oct. 12-18:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 6
- Average inmates: 15
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 8
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 0
- Fingerprints: 3
- Civil papers: 23
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 3
- Search and Rescue: 0

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Violation of basic rule: Brandon C. Sinclair, 32, Medford, Sept. 7, 82/55 zone, fined \$260; Alexandra R. Deuel, 26, Beaverton, Sept. 17, 75/55 zone, fined \$135; Mathew S. Lemberger, 75, Louisville, Kentucky, June 29, 69/55 zone, fined \$135; Ivan R. Smith Jr., 59, Prineville, Sept. 24, 74/55 zone, fined \$135; Sascha J. Engel, 29, Penticton, B.C., Aug. 14, 77/55 zone, fined \$260; David W. Sakai, 32, Scappoose, Aug. 19, 75/55 zone, fined \$160; Dustin M. Wright, 19, John Day, Sept. 25, 74/55 zone, fined \$160.

- Exceeding speed limit: Aliza H. Greenberg, 39, Santa Cruz, California, July 5, 72/45 zone, fined \$220; Tiffany N. Davis, 28, Canyon City, June 26, 79/65 zone, fined \$260; Mark H. Goudge, 60, Lakeview, July 21, 74/65 zone, fined \$160; Anne C. Niwinski, 47, Santa Rosa, California, Aug. 20, 45/30 zone, fined \$160; Alexandros Triantafyllidis, 52, Seattle, Washington, Aug. 20, 80/65 zone, fined \$260; Joseph D. Portugal Mechem, 27, Prairie City, Aug. 21, 79/65 zone, fined \$270; Jasmine E. Warming, 37, Fort Rock, Oct. 6, 75/65 zone, fined \$160.

- Violation of speed limit: Kevin J. Rapp, 32, John Day, Aug. 20, 40/25 zone, fined \$250; Lily B. Brown, 20, Santa Cruz, California, Aug. 19, 49/30 zone, fined \$160.
- Driving uninsured: Adrian L. Couey, 32, John Day, Aug. 21, fined \$500; Tiffany L. Daniels, 29, John Day, Aug. 9, fined \$260; Kyle A. Waldron, 32, Bend, Aug. 11, fined \$260; Kevin J. Rapp, 32, John Day, Aug. 20, fined \$500; Matthew P. Walker, 34, John Day, Aug. 18, fined \$260; Lisa P. Mastro, 52, Jamul, California, Aug. 6, fined \$260; Kristopher M. Goodwin, 27, John Day, Aug. 12, fined \$260.

- No operator's license: Kyle A. Waldron, 32, Bend, Aug. 11, fined \$260; Lisa P. Mastro, 52, Jamul, California, Aug. 6, fined \$260; Jebediah P. Williams, 32, McMinnville, Aug. 21, fined \$260; Kristopher M. Goodwin, 27, John Day, Aug. 12, fined \$260; Anne C. Niwinski, 47, Santa Rosa, California, Aug. 20, fined \$260.
- Driving while suspended: Tiffany L. Daniels, 29, John Day, Aug. 9, fined \$435; Kevin J. Rapp, 32, John Day, Aug. 20, fined \$750; Matthew P. Walker, 34, John Day, Aug. 18, fined \$435; Nancy A. Swanson, 61, Nampa, Idaho, Aug. 23, fined \$335.

- Driving while revoked: Adrian L. Couey, 32, John Day, Aug. 21, fined \$750.
- Failure to register vehicle: Mark H. Goudge, 60, Lakeview, July 21, fined \$110.
- Registration sticker expired: Kyle A. Waldron, 32, Bend, Aug. 11, fined \$110.
- Careless driving: Gary W. Lieuallen, 83, John Day, Oct. 9, fined \$220.
- Spencer E. Leifheit III, Mt. Vernon, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to 48 hours in jail and 20 hours of community service, and was fined \$200.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 142 calls during the week of Oct. 9-15. Along with

the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

John Day Police Department

Oct. 10: Report of a non-injury accident on First St. in John Day.

Oct. 10: Report of unattended children in Prairie City.

Oct. 12: Report of a theft and trespassing in Prairie City.

Oct. 12: Report of harassment in Prairie City.

Oct. 13: Investigated a report of a theft at the Parks and Rec building in John Day.

Grant County Sheriff's Office

Oct. 9: Responded to a report of an unwanted person in Mt. Vernon and arrested a woman for domestic violence assault.

Oct. 13: Responded to a report of an assault in John Day.

Oct. 13: Responded to an unfounded report of a drug overdose in Canyon City and arrested Dillon Myers, 20, Canyon City, for probation violation.

Oct. 14: Arrested Robert L. Crosby II, 30, Canyon City, for a Grant County warrant.

Oct. 14: Arrested Shelby M. Pickenpugh, 25, Portland, for a Grant County warrant.

John Day ambulance

Oct. 9: Responded to a 60-year-old woman in John Day.

Oct. 9: Responded to a man with back pain in Dayville.

Oct. 11: John Day and Monument ambulance, Monument fire and the sheriff's office responded to a crash on Highway 395.

Oct. 12: Responded to a 33-year-old woman in Mt. Vernon.

Oct. 13: Responded to a 92-year-old woman in John Day.

YES to 12-69! Keep 911 Local

3 Reasons Why You Should Vote Yes:

1. Local dispatchers have the community connections to help residents with life-threatening health issues and accidents.
2. Losing the department may mean critical loss of response time for police, fire, medical and other first responders.
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SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON - THURS 7:10

AMERICAN MADE R The story of Barry Seal, an American pilot who became a drug-runner for the CIA in the 1980s in a clandestine operation that would be exposed as the Iran-Contra Affair.
FRI & SAT (4:00) 7:00 9:30
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON - THURS 7:00

HAPPY DEATHDAY PG-13 A college student must relive the day of her murder over and over again, in a loop that will end only when she discovers her killer's identity.
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