

City Hall News

With the new year upon us, now is the time to think through how we want 2021 to go differently. City council met this week and along with input from many of you here in town, planned what our goals as a community will be. Below is what we came up with.

Please look through these and think about how you could help out. It might be just a couple of hours a month on a weekend, or to join in with one of the groups tackling these issues. We need you to think about these and offer your thoughts & edits to us @ info@cityofgoldhill.com. Thank you in advance!



Mayor's Corner

Community Goals - 2021

Build Community:

- Town Hall meetings – get updates and provide input on issues facing our village – this is your chance!
- Events: Mindfulness Retreat/ Seminar - train your mind & emotions for calmness - March
- Kiddos Treasure Hunt - first community event at our striking Beach Park - June
- Friday Night Movies- free movies: you bring your kids & picnic, we'll have popcorn - July- Sept

Build Safer Community:

- FireWise Community Certification: do things to reduce the fire risk at your home this summer
- Defensible Space bordering 6th Av – reduce flammable brush & trees in this high fire risk area
- Invasive Species Reduction along river – take back our river-facing park from advancing weeds
- Village Communication: siren, EBS, reader board, evacuation plan – let's improve on last summer
- Fire Goats – green-friendly solution to fast-growing brush – Councilwoman Hinkley heading up

Infrastructure:

- Charter/ Muni Code Standardized – reduce contradictions and clarify rules governing our village
- Wastewater Plant – continue along path to solving this thorny issue that's been deferred too long
- Drinking Water Reservoir – expand capacity to avoid last summer's near miss with too little supply
- Downtown District – continue sprucing up the gateway to our village with banners, awnings, and ??

Citizen Committees:

- Parks - Sports Park spruced up, Camp Host role created, blackberries trimmed back, grass reseeded
- Planning - standardize processes and lay out roadmap for growth, execute our Master Plan
- Ethics - fill empty spot on committee that watches over city events and people, ensuring transparency

Revenue increased:

- Deferred maintenance – not delayed further. We need funds\$\$ to pay for increased productivity
- Grant Writing - which section of parks plan tickles your fancy? Pitch in & write a grant- get \$\$!
- Food Truck spot - provide power/water/sewer/pad & attract vendors to offer food for villagers

Richard Hart is heading up the FireWise Community certification process and is looking for 7 more volunteers who will spend 8 hours in spring to make their home fire safe. With accreditation, Gold Hill will be eligible for funds from Fire District 3 & Oregon Department of Forestry. Be a part of the solution. Offer your name, phone & email to Richard @ last_elk@yahoo.com, and check out the city webpage.

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- **If you'd like an announcement posted either in this newsletter or on the city website, please submit it by the 25th of the preceding month.**

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MEETING NOTICES: ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. LINK TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL FROM THE CITY WEBSITE, WWW.CITYOFGOLDHILL.COM

- City Council Meeting – Monday, February 1st at 6:00 pm
- Parks Committee – Wednesday, February 3rd at 3:00 pm
- City Council Meeting – Monday, February 16th at 6:00 pm