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# **BCCP** Update

# A New Year, A New Century and a Good Time to Restate Our Purpose

Back on September 10<sup>th</sup> of 1997 a Beavercreek community meeting was held at the Beavercreek Grade School as the result of events concerning the Beavercreek area... Metro included over 3,000 acres in Beavercreek as part of their Urban Growth Boundary Reserve, a Business Round Table created a map identifying a proposed large industrial area in Beavercreek and many were concerned about on-going annexations by Oregon City toward Beavercreek. At this community meeting, after political leaders and citizens spoke and questions were asked and answered, a motion was made to form a committee to bring the incorporation of Beavercreek as a city to election.

For over 2 years this committee has been meeting and working towards the directive given to it at the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1997, community meeting. Hundreds if not thousands of hours and dollars have been given to serve the 3 to 4 thousand citizens living in the Beavercreek area. The members of this committee have been and are committed and determined to fulfill its directive. The Beavercreek Committee for Community Planning (BCCP) – the committee formed to bring the incorporation of Beavercreek as a city to election, would like to take a moment to describe below its accomplishments, goals and beliefs.

After electing Officers and Board Members,

# Community Calendar

# Beavercreek Committee for Community Planning (BCCP)...

2nd & 4th Monday at the Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

#### Beavercreek Boosters...

3rd Wednesday at the Grange at 7:30 p.m.

## Beavercreek Communty Planning Org. (CPO)...

4th Wednesday at the Grange at 7:00 p.m.

#### Beavercreek Grange...

2nd Saturday at the Grange at 7:00 p.m.

#### Beavercreek Lions...

1st and 3rd Saturday at the Grange at 7:30 a.m.

#### Boy Scout Troop #445...

Mondays at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

#### Carus Community Planning Org. (CPO)...

2nd Thursday at the Beavercreek Christian Church at 7:00 p.m.

#### Clarkes Community Planning Org. (CPO)...

1st Wednesday of each Quarter plus February & March at the Clarkes Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

**Keep Beavercreek Rural...** 1st Tuesday at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m.

creating Bylaws and acquiring a 501(c)3 non-profit corporate status, the BCCP spent 6 months educating itself regarding Beavercreek's options. What we learned



Happy Year 2000!!



was quite disturbing. Beavercreek has very little representation or decision making authority with regard to its governance. Other than Clackamas County Commissioners and Beavercreek's CPO, Beavercreek citizens have virtually no warning or say with regard to its future. Areas such as Beavercreek can form Districts and acquire various services; however, planning and decision making is made by others... not the citizens of Beavercreek.

In March of 1998, the BCCP held 3 community meetings at the Beavercreek Grade School. Each meeting provided a similar presentation with an opportunity for citizens to ask questions which were answered by both the BCCP and numerous political leaders. The presentations shared what the BCCP had learned and asked citizens to provide direction to the BCCP through an informal survey. As a result, 73% of the surveys returned asked the BCCP to bring the incorporation of Beavercreek as a city to election.

It is important to note that it is a monumental effort to bring the incorporation of an area as a city to election and it is a huge responsibility to consider incorporating as a city. However, it is also very important to note that even though Beavercreek is considered "rural," and some people would like it "to stay just the way it is," Beavercreek has been growing From numbers received from the verv rapidly. Beavercreek Co-Operative Telephone Company, Beavercreek has grown over 400% in the past 20 This growth has been virtually vears alone. unplanned and we today feel that effect with regard to infrastructure and traffic. Beavercreek has been, is and will continue to grow. The question is... who will plan for and manage our future? Will our future be in the hands of Metro. Clackamas County or Oregon City (through annexing) or will the citizens of Beavercreek choose to take on this responsibility?

Since the community meetings in March of 1998, the BCCP has been fundraising through both private and public grants, educating and communicating with citizens through the Beavercreek Bulletin and Beavercreek CPO, and contracting for the completion of an Economic Feasibility Study to determine the feasibility of becoming a city.

In conclusion, the BCCP would like to state that the BCCP has no opinion regarding growth. The BCCP's directive is to bring the incorporation of Beavercreek to election giving the citizens of Beavercreek the right to choose their own direction. What a city is and becomes, how it grows and what services it provides, and how it meets the needs of its citizens is determined by those who plan for and manage it. THE BCCP WILL COMPLETE ITS DIRECTIVE AND WILL HOPEFULLY PROVIDE EVERY VOTNG CITIZEN IN BEAVERCREEK THE RIGHT TO

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### First Breakfast With Santa a Success



The Beavercreek Booster's first "Breakfast With Santa," which was held at the Beavercreek Grange on Kamrath Rd on Saturday, December 4, 1999, was deemed a success.

Santa was there as well as one of his elves to delight the children who attended the

affair. There was a larger than expected turnout since this is the first time the Beavercreek Boosters have hosted this event.

There were pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, milk, juice and coffee for the adults as well as door prizes for those who attended.

I have to admit that my husband and I attended even though we have no children and I did not get to sit on Santa's lap as I had intended, but we sure had a great time and so did the children! I have to say that I believe the adults enjoyed it as much as the children did!

I hope that the Boosters do this again next year and that you will all attend. This isn't just for children you know, but for the young at heart as well! No one said that as I grew older I HAD to grow up!

The Editor

## Leo Club Program History

The first Leos were members of the Abington High School, Pennsylvania, USA baseball team. The year was 1957. Lions, James Graver and William Ernst formed the Leo club to introduce youth to community service.

Eleven years later, the board of directors of the Lions Club International officially adopted the Leo Club Program. Today, there are more than 5,300 Leo clubs in 134 countries or geographical locations. Leo club membership exceeds 133,000.

Each club has its own Lions club sponsor and Leo advisor. Together, they aim to fulfill the objective of the Leo Club Program:

"to provide the youth of the world (with) an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community."

The motto of the Leo Club Program is leadership, experience, opportunity.

- **Leadership** traits organizational skills, time management, personal motivation develop when young people complete community service projects.
- The **experience** of serving the community teaches young people the importance of cooperation.
- **Opportunities** for growth, maturity and a new perspective of the community occur when young people perform community service.

Your local Lions club is the Beavercreek Lions. If you would like more information on the Leos, please contact Mr. Bill Anton at 632-7772.

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### **CPO SPOTLIGHT**

The December meeting of the Beavercreek CPO took place on Wednesday, December 22, 1999, at the Beavercreek Grange on Kamrath Rd. at 7:00 p. m. with 13 members in attendance.

The turnout was light due to travel for the Christmas holiday. There was no guest speaker.

The CPO hopes to have someone from Clackamas Fire District #1 to speak at the January



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meeting to answer questions about the new fire station.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings as it is our main voice to the County on land-use issues which affect us all and our community.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 at the same time and location. If you would like further information, please call 632-8370 and leave a message and your call will be returned.



#### **BOOSTER HAPPENINGS**

The Boosters, Lions, Clackamas County Fire District #1, the Boy Scouts and Beavercreek Co-Operative Telephone Company and all the kind people who volunteered their time and efforts on behalf of those less fortunate in our community would like to take this opportunity to give a big "Thank You" to all of you who were so generous this holiday season with your donations to the annual food drive.

Without the help of the members of this community the food drive would not have been such a success. This year there was enough food to fill food boxes for 88 families as well as enough toys for the children.

The sale of Christmas trees was also a success and was a Booster fundraiser. The sale was held at the "Corner Park" at the intersection of Beavercreek, Leland and Kamrath Rds. The brave Boosters who ventured out into the not so great weather to sell the trees were greatly appreciated and many a home will be more merry for the event. The tree sale could not have been possible without the help of the Hoffman and Kirk Tree Farms who donated the trees for the sale.

Since the tent that the Boosters use to get out of the weather was stolen the group had to improvise as best they could. In spite of the heavy rain and wind, they still sold all of the trees. Great job ladies and gentlemen!!!

## New Fire Station?

With the passing of another year, the Clackamas

County Fire District is now looking ahead to the May 2000 primary election and a ballot measure that would fund much needed improvements in the Beavercreek area.



If you have seen or visited the Beavercreek station, you may question why any changes need to made at all. However, the District believes that is probably because the problems are found in what cannot be seen.

The station currently located at 22024 S. Beavercreek Road, was built and added onto at least three times over the past four decades. And, while it has served the CCFD firefighters and local residents faithfully in that time, it has not been able to keep up with added seismic safety requirements. Many people may remember the Spring Break Quake that shook Oregon several years ago. The district remembers it too.

"It was a wake up call," commented Fire Chief Randy R. Bruegman. "And, more importantly, it was a reminder that we are not immune from earthquakes just because we live in Oregon."

Yet, this is not the only challenge facing the Beavercreek fire station. CCFD has also been dealing with an ongoing environmental situation due to a gas spill which occurred while an underground tank was being filled in the early 1980s. In order to ensure the immediate safety of the facility and grounds, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality ordered several test wells drilled on the station property that must continually be monitored by CCFD firefighters and DEQ.

However, this still is not the end of the unseen challenges facing the district at the Beavercreek station. Since the area does not have established municipal infrastructure – basically, a sewer system each house maintains its own septic tank. This is also true of the Beavercreek fire station. Unfortunately, the district septic system has failed and regular pumping is required to handle the effluents of the fire station. According to Chief Bruegman, "If the district is to maintain safe, efficient septic service, the current system must be replaced with a larger one in a new location."

So, earthquakes, gas spills and sewers aside, what would this ballot measure mean to the local voter? If passed, the average tax bill would include an additional nine or ten cents for every \$1000 of assessed value. Or, if you own a home assessed at \$100,000, this measure would add approximately



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nine or ten dollars to your annual tax bill.

In response to any concerns taxpayers may have about the cost of these improvements, the district points out that they will not be the only benefit to the Beavercreek area. In addition to these changes, the district also plans to increase the size of the station to meet the growing needs of area residents.

Aside from its more obvious roles, such as providing fire protection and emergency services, CCFD believes that its fire stations are often a part of the larger community (to the extent that it hopes to locate the new station as close to the center of Beavercreek as possible). In fact, the district is proud that it is able to share its facilities with a number of local civic groups.

If the district is successful in passing its ballot measure in May, the new station will include a meeting room that can accommodate community meetings as well as meet the training needs of its volunteer and career staff. So, groups like the Beavercreek Committee for Community Planning and others will have more room in which to work.

Certainly not limited to the Beavercreek area, the new funds would also have a positive impact throughout the fire district. The entire project proposes new stations at Pleasant Valley and Mt. Scott; improvements to numerous other stations, including the Lake Road station and repairs and/or upgrades to the district's fleet of fire apparatus as needed.

If you have any questions about the district's plans for Beavercreek, or would like more information about the upcoming ballot measure, please contact Assistant Fire Chief Rob Carnahan at 655-8534.

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