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**City Council Meeting City Hall Hours**

**7:00 pm February 20, 2020 Mon. – Thurs. 10 am – 2 pm**

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**CITY UPDATE**

CITY HALL & PUBLIC WORKS CLOSED mONDAY, fEBRUARY 17

As many of you know, I have been looking forward to retirement. I will turn 61 on February 24, so I have one more year of working for the city. My job entails many different parts. If you have ever visited another City Hall and have seen all of the employees and their jobs, well that is what I do. From City Clerk/Recorder, Utility Biller, Finance Director, Elections Officer, Planning and Building Department, Grant Writer, Web Page Builder, of course City Administrator and the list goes on. If you or someone you know might be interested in my part time (20 hours/week) position, have him or her contact City Hall. Over the next few months, City Council will be taking a look at how to replace me, and advertising for my position along with the Public Works Director. He will be 65 on September 1, and of course will be retiring with me. He is responsible for parks, streets and water. It requires a small city water certification, if anyone is interested (30 hours/week).

***Sodaville History:*** Town histories were abstracted from: "History of Linn County", Compiled by Workers of the Writer’s Program, Works Progress Administration, 1941.

Mrs. Ida Parrish Ireland tells of early conditions in the Sodaville —Lebanon — Peterson Butte neighborhoods:

“... I was born on the old Parrish farm about four miles south of Lebanon and one mile west of Sodaville in 1864. My parents were Jesse Busse Parrish and Delia Thorla Parrish. My father was born in Monongahela County, West Virginia, March 28, 1818, my mother in Noble County, Ohio, November 18, 1826. They were married November 5, 1842, in Ohio and come to Oregon in 1852; they had nine children, four born before coming west and five after they arrived in this state. I was married to James Selby Ireland on February 4, 1883, and we had four children.

When my parents reached Linn County they settled on a claim about l-1/2 miles east of Albany. The house they built sometime between 1854 and 1859 still stands, north of the Santiam Highway. In 1864 my parents moved to part of the Reuben Coyle claim in the Lebanon-Sodaville neighborhood. What is left of the old Reuben Coyle house stands where the Crowfoot-Rock Hill road sends a branch towards Lebanon, on the rocky rise just above the southeast angle formed by the intersection. My father rebuilt the place, but the original old kitchen is still part of the east L. That is where I was born and grew up. The Coyles had built another house farther up the hill on what is now the Archie Campbell place, but that house is now entirely gone. There are still remains of an old orchard on the flat and among the trees are some of the old Peterson Plums. These plums are now scattered all over Linn County, but they are a true pioneer product, grown from seed by, and named for old Asa Peterson, after whom Peterson Butte is also named. A wonderful yellow plum-tree also grew on the Reuben Coyle flat; this plum has been much distributed locally, but never named. It is about the site of the Peterson plum but of very exceptional quality, mild and sweet when cooked, yellow with bright pink cheeks. Everyone who tastes it goes to the old Coyle place to get a sprout from the old tree for a starter.

I went to school for three terms at the ‘Dodge’ schoolhouse, there the Lebanon road turns north after joining the Crowfoot road. My first teacher was Don Byland. That was about 1872. My second teacher was Jim Mack.

The first school at Sodaville was on the Charles Snyder place, west and a little north of the present public school, across the highway from it. The log cabin was a church when I went to school in Sodaville, and I went to services there. Schooling was through the A B C’s, the primer, and to the 6th reader; besides we studied history, arithmetic and geography. Social diversions were spelling bees, singing bees, etc., and everybody went to church on Sunday. Neighbors were few and far between. Those we associated with in a circle around us were the Evans’, Kukendalls, Coyles, Jap (Jasper) Smeltzer and a few others. The Hen. Courtis Stringer now lives on what was the Sam Carl place, but the old house was far back from the road. The Usher farm is the first west of Oak Creek, a half mile west of Sodaville on the north side of the road. The original house is still standing. The upper story was formerly used as a dance hall, was popular for social events and people came there to dances from as far away as Brownsville, men and women riding horseback. The two Cheedle families lived farther towards Lebanon. The original Summers house was on the flat west of where the highway begins to climb into Sodaville, on the old road which circles the base of the hill. My uncle, Gamaliel Parrish took up a claim on the Lebanon — Brownsville road about four or five miles north of Brownsville. The old house is still standing.

After I was married we lived at Sodaville for a time, just west of the present school building. At that time there was no road leading to our place and we were forced to climb the hill to the spring, then bump and wrack our way down the hill again, over logs and rocks to the bottom. The Klum home was directly over the hill to the south of the spring. George Klum was head of the family. Dennis Klum was George Klum’s son. Henry Klum, a brother or cousin of George, was one of the very last surviving Indian War veterans. The Evangelical Church was built about 1890, first as a Union Church. Rev. Plowman was the first regular pastor. The Free Methodist Church was built about 1893. I left Sodaville in 1894. At the time we left the town was burned out badly.

Commenting on a very large family bible with some 25 pages of family records, Mrs. Ireland said: This was the property of Edward Parrish, my great—grandfather, was born August 20, 1748 and died April 13, 1813. His wife was Rachel Evans Parrish, born December 6, 1768 and dying September, 1819. Their home was in Virginia. Their son, Rev. E. E. Parrish, who inherited this bible, was born November 20, 1791. He came to Oregon and settled in the Parrish Gap region, east of Jefferson in 1846. He was the well-known Methodist circuit rider, brought this bible with him and carried it for many years in his saddle—bags as he rode from place to place to preach. His full name was Edward Evans Parrish. Evans was his mother maiden name. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Parrish Knox near Knox Butte, Linn County.”

***Judy Smith, City Administrator***

**MAYOR’S MESSAGE**

**Hey, where’s the snow?** I’m ready and waiting! I love the snow. I like the rain, I want more rain, we need the rain to soak into the ground, so just a nice steady soaking rain would be great.

**Lots of new things** arecoming our way and we’ll need your help and cooperation to get these things done smoothly. Make it fun. Join the **Citizens Committee**. Come plan what’s next. **2/20/20 @ 6.30pm.** We do have a **Celebration party** to plan for this Spring. Along with party plans, I know someone will mention the parade, anyone interested?

**City Council** follows the Citizens Committee meeting **2/20/20 @7pm** want to see the new changes? We may have something new to share about the water issues. We do have some other possible issues to discuss, Want to know what? Join Us and see.

**Personal side note 2/20/2020** is my husband and my anniversary. And yes, I will be at the meetings. I share my time, come share yours.

Take care and stay safe

***Suzie*** [***mayorhibbert@gmail.com***](mailto:mayorhibbert@gmail.com)

Public Works Newsletter

Since before I started working here in Sodaville the City has been involved with an organization dedicated to educating the public and contractors with Oregon's dig laws. The East Linn Utility Coordinating Council (ELUCC) meets on the third Thursday of each month at JC's Barbeque in Lebanon at noon. During the meetings members talk about and decide on training activities, discuss any damages that may have occurred and what the organization can do to promote safe digging practices.

For contractors the ELUCC provides two catered breakfasts each year. Breakfasts are held at the Northwest Natural Building located at 7150 Supra Drive SW next to the LBCC campus in Albany. The next breakfast will be held Friday February 28, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 am.

It is important to know that the State of Oregon has laws that require everyone to call for locates if they plan on digging more than a few inches. The Oregon Utility Notification Center (811) exists nationwide because of the dangers that exist below the ground. The center is a free service to homeowners and contractors. If you would like more information about the OUNC’s Call Before You Dig Program there are Standards Manuals, Color Charts and other useful items available at City Hall.

**Stan Smith, Public Works Director**

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