March 10, 2021

Dear Glenns Ferry Residences,

At the time of writing this the state is moving forward on the vaccine distribution plan developed by Governor Little’s advisory committee. I have talked with numerous folks who have gotten the vaccine and the ones I talked with have experienced mild to no reactions to the vaccine. I have also talked with some people who have chosen not to get vaccine. Their reasoning was sound, and I support their choice. At the council meeting on March 9, 2021 Councilwoman Martinez reported that cases were going down at the medical facility where she works, and it looks like across all regions of the state we are showing similar trends. Let us hope it continues.

I have received several complaints on people speeding around Oregon and Garfield. As the weather improves, we are going to see an increase of youngsters playing outside and we need to be more aware of our speed in these areas. I have asked the deputies to step up speed patrols within our city. Leave home a few minutes early and watch out for the youngsters.

I also want to caution everyone on a scam that is going around the area. A person calls saying that a large purchase has been billed on your credit card and that you need to call a number and verify your card numbers. The ones that Sammy and I received said the items were purchased on Amazon and it was a Visa card. Amazon has stated that they would never contact you by phone and ask for this information. Remember if it sounds to good to be true then it is probably a scam. These predators’ prey on our most vulnerable populations. Report any suspicious activity to the Elmore County Sheriff’s Office and talk with your families about these scams. Knowledge is power.

The public works department continues to work on the water systems. We had a large leak last week that resulted in the crew having to turn off the water to several blocks to make the repair. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may
have caused. Old infrastructure presents the city director with some interesting situations. Once they had it opened the crew upgraded the water meters while they were there. Please help the city crew if you see what may be a leak and report it immediately. If it turns out not to be a leak the city will not complain. The director would rather check it than let it leak.

The city is preparing to submit several grant proposals to install new water lines near the museum. We are hoping that we are awarded the grant to upgrade these lines and install new 8-inch mains in the area.

We continue to look for grants to dredge the sewer plant. We are hopeful that we will be getting this done soon. The city crew is continuing clean up in the lagoon area and addressing erosion areas at the lagoons.

Christy Accord spearheaded a clean up and face lift to the boat ramp area in the past few days. I drove down and looked at the volunteer's work, and I was quite pleased with all their efforts. It was nice to see a group of young adults working together to help make their city look better. I want to thank them for their efforts and to thank their leaders for all their hard work.

The council meetings are being held in the large room off the front reception area and are open to anyone that wants to attend. We still practice social distancing, and you may choose to wear a mask or not. We will continue to offer a call-in option to anyone caring to listen in. I hope to see you there soon.

I again wish all of you the best health as we enjoy some spring weather in the next few weeks. As always Sammy and I wish you the best.

Sincerely,

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