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City of Carlton Seeks Input on Community Vision

Carlton, OR – The City of Carlton is inviting community members to help plan for the future of Carlton. <u>Envision Carlton</u> is a city-wide community engagement process to update its Comprehensive Plan. City leaders are reaching out to community members to help create a Vision that describes how Carlton wants to grow over the next 20 years.

Community members will have many opportunities throughout the spring months to share what they think makes Carlton special, what is important to preserve, and what they would like to change. They can visit the *Envision Carlton* website at:

<u>www.ci.carlton.or.us/projectsland/page/envision-carlton</u> to participate in the following activities and events:

- Host a community conversation. Community organizations, groups and clubs can request
 a vision session or host their own using a "community conversation kit" available on the
 website.
- **Participate online.** Follow links on the project website to an <u>online questionnaire</u> to share your thoughts about Carlton today and in the future.
- **Sign up for email updates.** Learn more about the project and sign up for updates on the latest news and events.

"We hope to reach as many people as possible this summer by visiting the places they already spend their time – schools, clubs, places of worship and community celebrations," said Shannon Beaucaire, City Manager. "This Community Vision will be the foundation of our Comprehensive Plan."

The Comprehensive Plan guides all activities related to land use and the future of natural and man-made systems and services in Carlton. The plan helps manage expected population and employment growth through a set of goals, policies, and implementation measures that align with the community's vision. In turn, the comprehensive plan must be consistent with Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals. The current Plan is outdated in both format and content since its

adoption in 2000. City leaders expect significant growth over the next two decades and is in need of considerable updates to guide future development.

More details about community events will be announced on the <u>Envision Carlton</u> website throughout the spring and summer. For more information, contact Aimee Amerson, Planning/Administrative Manager at (503) 852-7575 or <u>aamerson@ci.carlton.or.us</u>.

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