

DAYTON PALMER CREEK LODGE COMMUNITY CENTER REMODEL

The Dayton City Council had a strategic plan to develop a community center in Dayton. Originally, they had a conceptual design to re-use the fire station. But with a price tag of \$2 million, the project didn't seem feasible in this small town of 2,000. As an alternative, the City was able to acquire the Palmer Creek Lodge in 2009 for \$225,000. The Palmer Creek Lodge was built in 1955 and was originally named the Jacob Meyer Masonic Lodge #10 after Jacob Meyer who was the Grand Treasurer and Grand Master of the Masons in Oregon for several years.

The facility was located in a blighted area adjacent to the City Hall complex. A conceptual drawing was prepared by an architect in spring of 2010. The City applied for and received an \$800,000 federal CDBG grant in the fall of 2010. This grant was matched with \$30,000 of City funding allowing the City to transform a previously vacant building into a thriving community center. The landscape design was donated by a local landscape architect and the landscaping was installed as part of a community project.

The Palmer Creek Lodge is rapidly becoming a venue for local residents to celebrate important events and partake in local activities that enhance small town living.

