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For the past several months, my time has been absorbed by family. My father in Los Angeles developed a bad case of pneumonia in October and was hospitalized as a result. I went to California to be with him during his illness. It was then discovered that he had an advanced case of lung cancer.

While I was at his bedside at the hospital, Dad passed away. This was a very hard emotional blow for me and the family. During November and December I commuted between Gold Bar and Los Angeles attending to my responsibilities at both places. There were complications with probate that I continue to deal with.

I wish to express my appreciation to the City staff and elected officials who took on extra duties to keep the City functions running during this time. Both Bob Strom and Denise Beaston stepped up to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

One thing that I learned from his experience was that having the Public Records processing done by one person causes a disruption to that effort if that one person is suddenly unavailable for any period of time. Because of that, I am making some changes to the City's procedures for such requests to provide a better backup. I apologize to the requestors for this temporary delay in responding and will continue working to fortify our systems.

Linda Loen

Mayor, City of Gold Bar