

BONNEY Lake REPORTER

City of Bonney Lake

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Newsletter

TOWN TIDBITS

- Boater Safety Course.** The City will sponsor a Boating Safety Education Course Sat. April 23, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building located at 18421 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E. For more information on boating rules and links to other course offerings, visit the City’s web site and search boating. The course is 8 hours in length - Pre-Registration is Required. Offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. For more information, contact Gene Rubbert (206) 433-7917 or email cgaux32@clearwire.net. Course Materials are \$35.00.
- Community Garden Plots Available.** The Bonney Lake Community Garden is located off 89th and Main Street, in the Downtown. Interested persons can submit an application form for a garden plot that is available for download from the City website, or call Community Services Director Gary Leaf at (253) 447-3282. There is no cost to participate other than seeds and your own hand tools. For more information, visit http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section_community/community_resources/garden.shtml
- Shop Bonney Lake Initiative launched.** As a part of its overall economic development strategy, the City of Bonney Lake has launched a new initiative called Shop Bonney Lake to promote local businesses to area residents and visitors. The service provides all local businesses in the City with a link on the City’s website that directs residents and visitors to new webpages designed and updated by each local business. Many businesses have already updated their pages. Visit citybonneylake.org for more information (look for the shopping cart logo on the home page).

SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY QUOTE CONTEST

The Pierce County Auditor’s Office will soon install a brand-new, high-volume ballot drop box at the Bonney Lake Park and Ride. The County plans to emblazon one side of Bonney Lake’s new box with a unique quotation in order to draw attention to the boxes, create a sense of local ownership, and inspire people to carefully consider their voting rights and citizenship. The quotation must be limited to 20 words or less, must be non-partisan, is historically significant, must quote a contemporary or historical figure, and must identify the author. For example: *“We in America do not have government by the majority; we have government by the majority who*

participate.” - Thomas Jefferson. Send your entry to David Wells at wellsd@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us. The winner will be chosen by a committee of City representatives. Entries are due by May 31, 2011. ■



WEED ABATEMENT SPRAYING PROGRAM STARTS MAY 2ND

The city will begin its annual spraying program May 2, 2011 (weather permitting). Brush, trees, and other vegetation are chemically controlled along City roads in the Right-of-Way (ROW). This is accomplished following strict application procedures by trained and certified Public Works crew members. This program is required for several reasons:

1. Avoid creation of vehicle and pedestrian traffic hazards from vegetation that is blocking traffic signs or encroaching on roadways and sidewalks. Visual barriers to safe travel and overgrown bushes forcing pedestrians and bicyclists onto roads needs to be prevented.
2. Avoid the spreading of Tansy Ragwort and other noxious weeds. This is also a requirement from Department of Transportation along SR410. Failure to do this could result in fines.
3. Avoid much more expensive maintenance efforts by City crews to cut down grass and bushes when they become too large or too high for chemical treatment to be effective. Failure to keep weeds from growing could result in fire hazards.
4. Maintain the quality appearance of the City.

Occasionally, some property owners with City ROW adjacent to their property prefer to cut the grass and bushes themselves as an alternative to City spraying in front of their homes. To accommodate homeowners who prefer not to have the City chemically control vegetation along their property lines, an *“Owner Responsibility and Maintenance Agreement”* may be signed by the property owner. The property owner assumes responsibility for ensuring that weeds and bushes do not spread or grow too high in the City ROW adjacent to their property. Property owners that choose this option may do so by obtaining an agreement form at the Public Works Operations (PW-OPS) building located behind the City Hall, weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. The form must be completed and submitted to the PW-OPS office by April 29, 2011. An *“Owner Maintained”* sign will then be issued and must be visibly posted on the right of way throughout the summer. The agreement can be downloaded from the City’s website at <http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/forms.shtml#pw>. ■



WEBSITE: WWW.CI.BONNEY-LAKE.WA.US

General Business Hours	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
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City Hall	19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.
City Hall Annex	8720 Main Street
Public Safety Building	18421 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E.
Justice Center	9002 Main Street
Senior Center	19304 Bonney Lake Blvd.

CITY EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 23



The 2011 City of Bonney Lake community Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 23 (rain or shine). The hunt begins promptly at 11:00am at Allan Yorke Park. Don't be late. Once the gun goes off, it's over in a manner of minutes! This is a FREE event. Children ages 1-11 are welcome. Bring your baskets and your camera to take a FREE picture with the Easter Bunny. ■

CITY RECEIVES ANOTHER CLEAN AUDIT

The City of Bonney Lake's financial statements have been audited by the Washington State Auditor's Office. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 are free of material misstatement. The audit involved examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon their audit, that there was reasonable basis for rendering an unqualified or "clean" opinion and that the City of Bonney Lake's financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 are fairly presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). ■



FALSE ALARM FEE CHANGES

Last month, the City Council adopted Ordinance 1379 which revised the Bonney Lake Municipal Code section relating to security alarms. There were a few key changes those with alarms should be aware of. First, the annual fee for an alarm permit decreased from \$35 to \$24 annually with 50% discounts available for seniors and disabled; Second, false alarm fines have increased to \$100 per occurrence. Offenders will have an opportunity to have the first false alarm fine waived by taking an online course. Third, the City has contracted with ATB Services to administer the City's alarm code. This is the same firm that administers the alarm code for Pierce County, Lakewood, and many other municipalities. ATB Services has set-up a toll free telephone number specific for Bonney Lake residents only: 1-877-356-7884. The full text of the Ordinance may be downloaded from the City's website at http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section_business/zoning/passed_ordinances.shtml ■

FUTURE OF PIERCE TRANSIT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28



With the recent failure of the Pierce Transit proposition to raise the sales tax, Pierce Transit will be hosting a number of public meetings on the "next steps", and their proposed "reduction plan". The East Pierce County public meeting will be held Thursday, April 28 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM in the City's new Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, WA 98391. The meeting will be chaired by Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson, who is the small cities representative to the Pierce Transit board. This meeting is currently served by Route 407. The only other East Pierce transit meeting will be held April 25 from 4-6pm at the Puyallup City Hall. ■

BE CAREFUL WHEN TRANSPORTING FRAGILE GOODS!



Biking, skating and skateboarding are lots of fun, a good way to get around and a great way to get exercise. Be sure to be safe and wear a helmet. Bicycle helmets offer head protection for sports like in-line skating and roller skating. In addition wrist guards, knee pads, and elbow pads are recommended for these sports. Those who skateboard or do more aggressive (trick or freestyle) skating may want to look for helmets sold specifically for these activities that meet safety standards for these sports. These helmets cover more of the head, especially in the back. Wrist guards, knee pads, and elbow pads will offer additional body protection.

Since the City has few bike lanes, cyclists need to be especially careful and follow the law. City code states, in part, that: No person shall operate or be a passenger on a bicycle, in-line skates, roller skates, scooter, unicycle or skateboard on, in, or upon any public area within the city of Bonney Lake unless he or she is wearing a protective helmet. The helmet shall have either a neck or chin strap securely fastened while the bicycle, in-line skates, roller skates, scooter, unicycle or skateboard is in motion; A parent or guardian must require that a child under the age of 18 years wear a helmet, the neck or chin strap of which must be fastened securely, while that child is on a bicycle, in-line skates, roller skates, scooter, unicycle or skateboard in any public area of the city of Bonney Lake. Violators may be issued an appropriate warning or citation.

East Pierce Fire and Rescue Firefighters offer **bike helmets at a discounted rate of \$7** in sizes toddler through extra-large. Stop by the Bonney Lake Public Safety Building, 18421 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E., anytime between 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. The wearer must be present so firefighters can provide a custom fit. ■

Council, Board or Commission	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
City Council Workshop	5:30 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.
City Council Meeting	7:00 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Voucher Review	4:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Council Finance Committee	5:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Community Development Committee	4:00 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street
Public Safety Committee	5:00 pm - 1st Monday; 3rd as needed	Public Safety Building 18421 Sumner-Buckley Hwy. E.
Planning Commission	5:30 pm - 1st & 3rd Wednesday	City Hall Council Chambers
Park Board	6:00 pm - 2nd Monday	City Hall Council Chambers
Design Commission	6 pm - 2nd & 4th Thursdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Civil Service Commission	5:30 pm - 4th Monday	City Hall Council Chambers

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