

*"The City of Bonney Lake's mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services."*



# BONNEY Lake REPORTER

City of Bonney Lake JUNE 2011 Newsletter

## TOWN TIDBITS

- Police Chief to Retire.** Police Chief Mike Mitchell submitted his official retirement letter to the City. Chief Mitchell will retire effective September 30, 2011. Chief Mitchell was instrumental in developing a modern 800MHz radio system and a partnership with Puyallup for dispatch services. During his tenure he led numerous improvements to the police department, including improved equipment, and an E-ticketing system that is integrated with the court.
- City Receives Budget Award.** The City of Bonney Lake has again received the prestigious Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and is the second time the City has ever achieved this national award. Less than 5% of local governments nationally achieve the award.
- Urban Forestry.** The City's innovative use of GIS to complete a tree canopy study has been recognized in several national publications. The City's creative means of mapping the tree canopy in stormwater retention areas is being lauded as a best practice standard to use for other municipal tree canopy projects. This was a topic of discussion/presentation at a recent national tree conference in Portland.
- WSDOT Funding.** Thanks in large measure to Senator Pam Roach, the City was awarded an additional \$115,000 from WSDOT to help defray costs of the SR410 lighting and landscape median project in Eastown that will be completed this summer.
- Energy Grant.** The City was awarded an additional \$14,500 for the variable frequency drive grant that will reduce energy costs at our water pumping stations. Special thanks to Brian Hartsell for pursuing these additional funds, and to Doug Budzynski for a lot of the technical work involved in putting the specs and bid package together.
- County Council Meeting.** The City hosted the May 31st Pierce County Council meeting at the new Justice Center building. The County Charter requires that each year at least one County Council meeting be held in each Council district. Bonney Lake was chosen for the May 31st meeting. After the meeting, members of the City Council met with their County Council counterparts to discuss issues of mutual concern.
- Shop Bonney Lake Initiative.** As a part of its overall economic development strategy, the City of Bonney provides the means for local businesses in the City to increase exposure, and for residents to find a needed retailer or service provider. You can access this database on the City's website at [www.citybonneylake.org/business](http://www.citybonneylake.org/business)

## CITY OF BONNEY LAKE LAUNCHES OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE

The City of Bonney Lake announced the launch of its official Facebook page earlier this month. The launch follows an extensive review of issues and options related to social media, open government, public access, and social dialogue.



The City of Bonney Lake Facebook page provides citizens with a new route to interact with their City government. The page includes information on upcoming events, public notices, and newsletters. The Facebook page will be another means to drive visitors to the City's website which will remain the principle source of City information. "Social media sites like

Facebook offer cities exciting new ways to deliver information and provide customer service," Mayor Neil Johnson said. "We hope residents will keep an eye on the City's Facebook page and enjoy getting updates."

Find the City on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CityBonneyLake](http://www.facebook.com/CityBonneyLake), or go to the City's official website at [www.citybonneylake.org](http://www.citybonneylake.org) and click the link on the home page. Once there, be sure to bookmark the page for future reference, or, if you have a Facebook account, 'like' the page to receive Facebook updates from the City. ■

## BARK IN THE PARK – JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>

*Maybe YOU could be the winner of the "Who's Your Daddy?" look a like contest!*

The annual Bonney Lake "Bark in the Park" is on Saturday, June 25, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Allan Yorke Park. The free annual event features exhibits, dog products, adoptable dogs, and prize drawings. Bring your dog on a leash, please. Micro-chipping will be offered by Metro Animal Services for a discounted rate of \$30.00



(for canines only). Events include 'Best Costume', 'Who's your Daddy' (a look a like contest), and lots more! This year there will also be a 6k fun run for 'Bark for Life', with proceeds benefitting the Team Bonney Lake Relay for Life Team. Visit [www.citybonneylake.org/events](http://www.citybonneylake.org/events) to download registration forms. ■

## SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY QUOTE CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to **Jill Karsh** who won the Spirit of Democracy quote contest with her proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower quote: (shown below). This quote will be emblazoned on the side of



Bonney Lake's new ballot drop box that was placed at the Pierce Transit Bonney Lake Park and Ride by the Pierce County Auditor earlier this year. ■

*"The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter."  
- Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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## HIGHER SUMMER WATER RATES IN THE FUTURE – PLAN NOW TO CONSERVE

City water rates are set to encourage water conservation (the more you use the more you pay – especially in the summer). Current City water supplies are sufficient during all but the summer months, when the City has to purchase outside water at a premium, currently from Tacoma Public Utilities, to meet the extra summer water demands. For customers inside the City limits, the months designated as summer are June 1st to September 30th. The first utility billing statement to reflect the higher summer rate will be your July bill. For customers outside the city limits, the months designated as summer are July 1st to October 31st. The first utility bill to reflect the higher summer rate will be your August statement. For commercial customers, summer rates will begin July 1st and continue through October 31st.

### Summer Outdoor Water Conservation Tips:

- Water lawn & garden in short intervals early morning or evening. Only water once every 3 to 5 days. One inch per week is all your lawn needs. Watering less often produces a deeper, healthier root system. Avoid watering in the heat of day or when windy.
- Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- When washing your car, wash it on the lawn if possible and use a hose with a shutoff nozzle.
- Place mulch around trees and plants to avoid excess evaporation.
- Install a timed-automated sprinkler system.
- Collect rain water to water landscaping within yard and home.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.

## BONNEY LAKE SIDEWALK ADDITIONS COMING SOON

Through a combination of grants and local funds, a number of sidewalk construction projects will take place this summer and into next year:

- 1. 80TH STREET E AND 82ND STREET E.** This project is currently out to bid. The project will include installing sidewalk improvements, minor road widening and storm drainage improvements for the existing 80th Street E and 82nd Street E in conjunction with the renovations currently underway at the Bonney Lake Elementary School. Additionally, the City will install 15 parking stalls at the Viking Dog Park upgrade an existing waterline and service connections.
- 2. SR410 SIDEWALKS- 198TH AVE EAST TO 208TH AVE EAST.** This project is currently out to bid. The project includes installing curb, gutter, storm drainage system and a 10-foot wide sidewalk with a (5-foot wide) bicycle lane along the north side of SR 410 from 198th Avenue East to approximately 440-feet west of 208th Avenue East for an approximate project length of 2,800 linear feet.
- 3. WEST TAPPS SIDEWALK AND WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS.** The design phase of this project was recently awarded. Construction is slated for this Fall. This sidewalk link will be added in conjunction with approximately 1,400 feet of new watermain to replace a line that has a history of leakage.
- 4. 97TH STREET & 208TH AVE E.** Design has begun on sidewalk, watermain, and sewer line improvements. This project is expected to be constructed in 2012, and will install a pedestrian “missing link” connection from SR 410 to Cedarview Park, while also replacing substandard watermains. Because of the extensive tear up of the street, a complete street pavement restoration will be included. ■

## PIERCE TRANSIT TO ELIMINATE MOST BONNEY LAKE TRANSIT SERVICE

The Pierce Transit Board held a public hearing Monday, June 13th to consider, among other route reductions, the elimination of Routes 406 (Buckley), 407 (Prairie Ridge), 408 (Sumner-Bonney Lake), and 496 (Sumner-Bonney Lake), including related Shuttle service. Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmember Donn Lewis spoke in favor of retaining service to Bonney Lake. A large contingent of people from East Pierce County attended the hearing and spoke in favor of retaining service to the entire district as had been recommended by staff. Unfortunately, after nearly 3 hours of testimony from over 100 speakers, the Transit Board summarily voted to eliminate all East Pierce County service, except Route 496 which runs from the Bonney Lake Park and Ride lot down the hill to the Sumner Transit Center. Mayor Neil Johnson and County Councilmember Tim Farrell voted in favor of retaining Route 496 but voted against the other cuts. The cuts are expected to take effect around October 12th. East Pierce cities will be considering their options. ■



Council, Board or Commission	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
City Council Workshop	5:30 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
City Council Meeting	7:00 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Council Finance Committee	5:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Community Development Committee	4:00 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
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	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Park Board	6:00 pm - 2nd Monday	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Design Commission	6:00 pm - 2nd & 4th Thursdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Civil Service Commission	5:30 pm - 4th Monday	City Hall Conference Room

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