City of Bonney Lake

APRIL 2014

TOWN TIDBITS

Over the past few weeks, the City Council has:

- Held a joint planning meeting with the Park Board
- Amended the Bonney Lake Municipal Code section relating to building permit fee calculations
- Renewed the agreement with Bonney Lake Community Resources for operation of the Bonney Lake community garden
- Approved an agreement with Columbia Bank to serve as the City’s primary bank
- Confirmed the Mayor’s reappointment of Park Board members Randi Reisenberg and Chaunstelle Hellner
- Renewed the Police Departments agreement with the Swiss Sportsmen for use of their range for firearms training
- Renewed an agreement with Utility Services Associates, LLC for 2014 water main leak detection services
- Approved the final plat of the Hemminger Subdivision
- Authorized a Local Agency Agreement with WSDOT for the Fennel Creek Trail phase 2 design grant
- Accepted 26 APX 7000 police radios from the Department of Emergency Management as part of the Department of Homeland Security equipment program
- Accepted 29 refurbished automatic external defibrillators (AED) from East Pierce Fire and Rescue Program community grant. The AEDs will be placed in each City police patrol car as well as other critical locations.
- Approved a contract with Molly Maid of Bonney Lake to provide custodial services for City facilities
- Extended the moratorium prohibiting the production, processing and retail sale of marijuana. The Planning Commission will have 6 months to recommend either an outright ban, or appropriate land use regulations.

April Pools Day Helps Save Lives

East Pierce Fire and Rescue, Bonney Lake Police and Sumner-Bonney Lake Aquatics teamed up once again to sponsor April Pools Day. It was a free family water safety event held April 12th at the Sumner/Bonney Lake Aquatics Center pool behind Sumner High School. The first two hours included a water safety instruction, activities and prizes followed by an open swim with the firefighters and police officers. Activities were geared toward children ages 7-12. “The event was designed to help teach open water safety in a safe and controlled environment through fun activities and games,” said East Pierce Fire and Rescue Public Education Specialist Dina Sutherland. In one station, the children learned how to help a person, who is in trouble in the water, by either reaching for them or throwing something to them that floats. In another demonstration, a number of life jackets are dumped into the pool, turned inside out with straps tangled. The kids pretended they have been in a boat that has capsized and must retrieve a life jacket and secure the straps while in the water. There was also a lesson regarding the significant aspect about the rivers and lakes in this area and how very cold they can be due to them being glacier-fed.

Cold water incapacitation has been responsible for a number of deaths on Lake Tapps over the years. Two years ago, four people drowned in Lake Tapps. “Through efforts such as April Pools Day as well as lessons being taught by the Bonney Lake Police Officers and East Pierce Fire and Rescue Firefighters in the Sumner and Dieringer School District elementary schools, no one drowned on Lake Tapps in 2013 and we want to keep this statistic at zero in the years to come.” said Bonney Lake Police Chief, Dana Powers.

Need a passport? Special hours for ‘Passport Day’ on Saturday, April 26th

The Bonney Lake Municipal Court is offering special Saturday service hours for ‘Passport Day’ once again this year! Passports will be processed at the Justice & Municipal Center (9002 Main St E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391) on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon as part of this special event. For details visit www.citybonneylake.org/court and look for the Passport section, or call 253.862.6602.

Family Fitness Fest at BLHS May 3rd

The annual Bonney Lake Family Fitness Festival will be held May 3, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Bonney Lake High School. This is a joint event sponsored by the City and the Sumner School District, and the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce, with the support of the U.S. Department of Education. This event promotes healthy families and communities through free, fun, fitness-related activities for children and families. There is no cost to participate in this event - all activities are free of charge.
Volunteers Sought for Parks Board and Arts Commission

There is currently one opening on the Bonney Lake Parks Board. The Park Board meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Park Board members make recommendations concerning the acquisition, improvement and use of parks, trails, playgrounds and recreational equipment and facilities, including rules and regulations. Email leafg@citybonneylake.org for an application form.

Slamtastic Coming to BLHS May 7th

The BLHS Panther Band Alliance is sponsoring a “Slamtastic” fund-raiser featuring the Harlem Wizards. They will “play” against the “Panther Elite” team starring Bonney Lake Mayor Neil “Slam Dunk” Johnson and Police Chief Dana “Quick Trigger” Powers. The event will be held 7pm Wednesday May 7th at the BLHS Gym (doors open at 6pm). Tickets can be purchased at the game or online at wwwltinyurl.com/BLHSWizards or www.harlemwizards.com. Advance tickets: $10 Students; $12 general; At the door: $12 Students; $14 general admission.

Bonney Lake’s Annual Spring Cleanup This Week

DM Disposal is sponsoring the 2014 annual spring cleanup which began Monday, April 21, 2014 and runs through Friday, April 25, 2014. During Spring Clean Up Week, the City’s contracted refuse hauler, DM Disposal, will pick up extra garbage, recycling and/or yard waste and one appliance at no additional charge for customers inside Bonney Lake city limits only. Clean Up Week Details & Requirements: Curbside pick-up only (no alley access); Up to 3 extra cans/bags of garbage and/or yard waste; Additional cans/bags must weigh no more than 45 lbs when full; Extra cans or bags of garbage or yard waste should be placed for curb-side pick up by 7:00 am on your regular garbage pick-up day. All residents are encouraged to clean up their yards this week, and participate in the Park Appreciation Day clean-up project Saturday April 26th.