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.

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Phase II Fennel Creek Trail public meetings

The City of Bonney Lake is hosting two additional public meetings to gather public input and provide information on the next segment of the Fennel Creek Trail.

- Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
  - Open House
- Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
  - Park Commission meeting

These meetings will all be held at the Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center at 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, WA 98391 (directions). Staff and consultants will be on hand to answer questions and receive public input.

The City of Bonney Lake has been planning for the Fennel Creek Trail for many years. The trail master plan was adopted in 2007, and the first mile of trail was completed near the Willowbrook community in 2013. The City is now planning for the next 1.5 mile segment of trail that will extend from the current trail terminus to Sumner-Buckley Highway. The proposed trail is expected to roughly parallel the Fennel Creek, though the precise location has not yet been determined.

For additional information, please contact Gary Leaf at (253) 447-3282 or visit www.citybonneylake.org/Projects and view City/Public Projects > Fennel Creek Trail project.

Changes to Allan Yorke Park Boat Launch

The City of Bonney Lake plans to change the method of payment for use of the Allan Yorke Park boat launch. Fees will remain the same, but instead of paying to launch, boat users will instead pay to park. Residents living inside the Bonney Lake city limits can purchase an annual Resident Parking Pass and receive a sticker that can be placed in the rear window. Others may purchase a daily parking pass at the boat launch payment kiosk, as in previous years, and place the receipt on the front dashboard. The daily pass will still cost $17 plus sales tax. The resident seasonal pass will continue to be available for $30 plus tax at the Finance–Utilities desk at the Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main St E, Suite 250, Bonney Lake. The non-resident season pass pilot program is no longer available. Those parking a boat trailer at Allan Yorke Park will need to display either a resident pass on the rear window or a daily pass on the front dashboard. Violators will be subject to a $41 fine plus court costs, similar to a parking ticket. For additional information, please visit www.citybonneylake.org and click the Boat Launch Updates link.

Bonney Lake Fire Rating Improved

The City has received notice that its fire protection rating has dropped from a "5" to a "4", which should result in a 3% to 7% drop in residential and commercial fire insurance premiums, effective 8/1/2015. Thirty-two percent (32%) of the rating is based on the City’s water system and related fire flow capability (e.g. water hydrants, pressure, supply), and the balance based on the fire protection provided by East Pierce Fire and Rescue. East Pierce Fire and Rescue scored very high in fire response capability and fire safety control. There are 10 fire protection class ratings, with 1 being the highest rating, and 10 the lowest. It is extremely rare to achieve a "1" rating. Generally, ratings between 2 and 4 fall within the same fire insurance premium rate bracket.
Spring Clean This Week

Each customer inside Bonney Lake city limits can set out extra garbage, yard waste, and one appliance at no additional charge this week! For more information contact DM Disposal at (253) 414-0347; www.murreysdisposal.com

TEAM: Bonney Lake Public Works

- NEW this year – free ‘Shredathon!’ (personal record shredding) event on April 25th from 10am to Noon near Midtown Park entrance, 20901 SR 410 (behind Fred Meyer) – in conjunction with Parks Appreciation/Arbor Day event (for more info see www.citybonneylake.org/events). Individuals may bring up to 1 file box or 2 grocery bags of documents.
- Extra Garbage & Yard Waste and Curbside pick-up only (no alley access).
- Up to 3 extra cans/bags of garbage and 3 extra bags of yard waste.
- Additional cans/bags must weigh no more than 45 lbs when full.
- Extra cans/bags must be set out by 7:00 am on Thursday.

Weed Abatement Spraying Program Starts May 5, 2015

The city will begin its annual spraying program May 5, 2015 (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 undertake each year to:

1. Avoid creation of vehicle and pedestrian traffic hazards from vegetation that is blocking traffic signs or encroaching on roadways and sidewalks.
2. Avoid the spreading of Tansy Ragwort and other noxious weeds.
3. Reduce fire hazards
4. Avoid more expensive maintenance later, and
5. 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 old City Hall at 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd. weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. The form must be completed and submitted to the PW-OPS office by April 29, 2015. 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.

City Receives WellCity Award

The City of Bonney Lake received the 2015 WellCity Award from the Association of Washington Cities. As a result, the City earned a 2% discount on all its medical premiums for 2016. The City will also receive a WellCity Award plaque, window clings and certificates for wellness committee members, and a WellCity road sign. AWC thanked the City for its continued dedication to building a workplace culture where employee health is valued and supported.

Arbor Day Foundation Names Bonney Lake Tree City USA

Bonney Lake, WA was named a 2014 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the 7th straight year the City has received the award. Bonney Lake achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program’s four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least $2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. “Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Bonney Lake make smart investments in urban forests,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits.” Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.