“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.”

Over the past few weeks, the City Council has taken a number of actions which may be of general community interest:

- Held their annual retreat. This year’s retreat focused on refining the City’s vision for parks, transportation, and community engagement.
- Adopted a new impact fee schedule for the Sumner School District.
- Renewed the agreement for the operation of the community garden.
- Adopted the Bonney Lake segment of a county-wide hazard mitigation plan.
- Amended the business licensing code to require out-of-town contractors to obtain a City business license in order to do work in the City.
- Authorized an Interagency Agreement with The WA Department of Enterprise Services to manage the contract to replace the boiler system in the public safety building.
- Approved an agreement with the law offices of Donna L. Johnston to provide public defender services for the City of Bonney Lake.
- Approved a new 3 year labor agreement with AFSCME covering public works and general government employees.
- Adopted an updated Economic Development element of the comprehensive plan.
- Authorized an engineering contract to design rehabilitation improvements to the Lake Tapps trestle.

Bonney Lake received a 10 Year Tree City USA Award Saturday April 25th at the annual Arbor and Parks Appreciation Day event. The award was presented to Mayor Neil Johnson by a representative of the Washington Forestry Council. Approximately 40 people attended the event. After presentation of the awards, volunteers cleaned up the Midtown Park trails.

During the recent Bonney Lake Spring Cleanup DM Disposal drivers and helpers disposed of 18 old refrigerators (along with necessary Freon removal). 38 other old appliances were hauled off, including washer/dryers, dishwasher, stoves, etc. All total, 19,180 pounds of garbage was picked up, including 151 extra bags of yard waste. This year’s cleanup also featured a free personal paper shredding event in which 2.65 tons of documents were shredded and hauled off. Thanks to DM Disposal for hosting this annual community cleanup for Bonney Lake.

The City of Bonney Lake hosted two additional public meetings to gather additional public input and provide information on the next segment of the Fennel Creek Trail. 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.
### Bonney Lake Storm Pond Maintenance

The City maintains 52 stormwater ponds encompassing 118 acres of land. The crew that maintains these ponds is also responsible for weed abatement, grass cutting, and tree trimming along 154 miles of Right of Way adjacent to City streets. The City hires a number of seasonal employees each summer to provide grounds maintenance of these facilities. As a result, depending on weather and other maintenance and operational demands placed on these crews, the grounds maintenance work at any one stormwater pond site can only be accomplished two and possibly three times a year. This is aggravated by the rapid growth of grass (and weeds) that occurs in the spring and early summer. While the City would like to maintain all ROW and stormwater ponds at the same level of service we do in our parks, this is impractical. Homeowners, businesses, HOAs and other property owners are encouraged to help the City maintain these properties so the City will look the best it can.

### 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. **This assumes Lake Tapps will have sufficient water to open the boat launch, which may not be the case based on current and projected lake levels.**