THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE'S SCRAPBOOK OF EVENTS, PHOTOS, HISTORY, NEWS ARTICLES, AND RANDOM TIDBITS

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Our history has been written up in several different publications.

HISTORY

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Early residents were land grant homesteaders and life was primitive. Most of the industry in the area was logging, farming, and coal mining. Bonney Lake was established in 1946 when Kenneth and Bertha Simmons purchased a 1,000 acre parcel. Until 1946 there was no electricity or water available. The Simmons family was the driving force for development and incorporation, with Kenneth Simmons serving as Mayor for three terms.

The City incorporated in 1949 under the mayor-council form of government with a population of just 327. In 1966 the City changed to a council-city manager form of government, then again in 1973 voters opted to return to the mayor-council form of government.

The first City governmental headquarters for both police and fire, as well as a community club, was a concrete building located on Locust Avenue near 82nd Street East, on the site of the current parking lot of the Bonney Lake Community Church. By 1950 the new town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, refuse disposal, a blood bank and a community club sponsored booth at the Puyallup Fair. By 1957 there were 12 businesses in Bonney Lake.

Lake Tapps was originally four separate lakes and when they were merged, the four lakes were renamed for the largest of the original four. The Lake Tapps Development Company planned recreational lakefront sites and offered them for sale on west Lake Tapps in 1954. In 1972 the City Hall building was dedicated and has been added to many times since to accomodate the increased demanded for City services and the personnel needed to maintain and provide those services.

Bonney Lake is the fifth largest City in Pierce County with a growing population of 9,350. Before the incorporation of Lakewood and University Place in 1994, Bonney Lake was the third largest City in the County.

Looking Back On Bonney Lake

In 1864 William Barton Kelly traveled from Illinois to the banks of Fennel Creek where he established "Kelly Farm". He worked as a logger, school teacher, farmer, and politician. He was a founding member of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, and served 3 terms as Pierce County Auditor. Kelly Farm was located on the Naches Trail, later known as the Military Road, which Sumner-Buckley Hwy E roughly follows today. Kelly would have likely been pleased that his old homestead served as the site for the 2011 Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire.

Bonney Lake's History

From covered wagons to bustling city...

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In the late 1800's the area halfway between Bonney Lake and Buckley was known as Finland, named for the many Finnish settlers who either established dairy farms there worked in the Wilkeson coal mines or logged the virgin timber along the White River. Another 100 families of Swiss extraction lived on the Plateau and in the valley. Ollie Bauer's Swiss father worked at the Riverside Infirmary (referred to as the "Poor Farm") For 27 years.

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That same year, the Naches Trail became a military road for soldiers traveling from Fort Steilacoom to Fort Walla. Two years later, in 1855, four soldiers were killed by Indians lying in ambush at Connell's Prairie; first Colonels Miles and Moses on October 13, then Lt. McCallister and Michael Connell eight days later. Today these events are known as the Connell's Prairie Massacres, and a monument at Connell's Prairie commemorates the incidents.

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By 1965, the population had increased to 1,280. Between 1949 and 1972, there were a number of attempts to dis-incorporate the community and go back to being part of unincorporated Pierce County. The last such attempt was in 1972.

In the mid-1960s, there had also been a ballot proposition to change from a mayor-council to a council-manager form of government. The election was successful, and in 1966 Evan Peterson was hired as the first city manager. He was followed by John Tapp and then Thomas Rhinevault. However, in the general election of 1973, the voters chose to return to the Mayor-Council form of government. Allan Yorke was chosen as the new mayor. Once in the 1990s, and again in 2003, a proposition was put on the ballot to switch back to a council-manager form of government. The proposition was defeated both times.

Allan Yorke Park Boat Launch 1970s

Early Washington State History within the Bonney Lake & Buckley Communities

Compiled by Jennifer Whipkey

1853

August-October

The Biles emigrant wagon train traveled to the Bonney Lake area via the Oregon Trail and the Naches Pass. This party consisted of 180 men, women and children. Two unique items stand out regarding this pioneer wagon train..

- Families in the area blazed the trail from Steilacoom to Greenwater. They followed the well used Klickitat Indian path that is now part of highway 410 and the Old Buckley highway
- Chief Leschi donated 12 horses and offered his brother, Quiemuth, as a guide to help blaze the emigrant road. Leschi said, "If whites were working without pay and were giving provisions it was as little as he could do to let his horses gather." The locals gathered $1,220.00 for construction of road.
- Because there was no road over the pass the emigrants nearly died of exposure. Near the summit the wagons had to be hand lowered down a sheer 30-foot cliff. No ropes were available so two oxen were butchered on the spot. Remnants of this road can be seen today off of Hwy 410.
- Once the emigrants crossed the pass they let their oxen graze in the area now know as Connell's Prairie.
- December 12, 1853 Michael Connell claimed 320 acres in what is now known as Connell's Prairie.

- 1854

Gov. Issac Stevens meets with 700 Indians to negotiate the Medicine Creek Treaty. Chief Leschi refuses to sign. His tribe prefers living and hunting along the area rivers, Green, White, and Puyallup—they will not be restricted to a small parcel of land along the sound near Olympia.

1855

- September—troops of men from Ft. Vancouver travel via the Naches Pass over to the Yakima area to help with the recent uprisings/killings. Tensions mount with local Indians.

- September 27th, Allen Porter, a neighbor to Connell has his cabin surrounded by Indians—he escapes to the nearby homesteads along the White / Stuck River (Lake Tapps-Auburn)
- October 23rd-Acting Gov. C.H. Mason commissions Capt. Eaton to lead a militia group, the "Puget Sound Rangers"
- October 28th "The White River Massacre" –Three families are attacked and killed.
- October 29th Lt. James McAllister & Michael Connell were killed at Connell's Prairie. According to O.L. Cayton, as recorded in a History of Pierce County, Michael Connell was buried on his claim. In addition, there were twenty-one Indian graves in the northeast corner of the claim.
- October 30th, an express unit of six soldiers is to deliver a message from Capt. Maloney to leaders at Ft. Vancouver. The regiment (positioned along the Naches Pass) fear they are vastly outnumbered by the Indians, have few supplies, and snow is starting to fall. The captain requests permission to return back to Ft. Steilacoom.
- October 31st-The express soldiers meet up with Indians at the swamp near Connell's Prairie. Shots between both parties are fired. Miles and Moses are killed. Moses' horse runs off with his corpse still attached. The surviving soldiers are able to secret his body behind a large log. Three days later it is discovered and given a military burial. The other men take off on their horses, "At the crossing of the creek west of the Kelly place the express was again fired upon, but no one hurt."
- November 2nd After following Fennel Creek, South Prairie Creek, and snaking onto Military Road the surviving express soldiers make it to Ft. Steilacoom.
- November 3rd Capt. Maloney discovers grisly scene at Connell's Prairie
- November 8th Capt. Hays & Lieutenant Slaughter and 100 soldiers face off with 100 Indians along the White River near Connell's Prairie. Thirty Indians and two soldiers were killed.

1856

- November –Chief Leschi captured and imprisoned at Ft. Steilacoom Gov. Stevens charges Leschi with the murder of A.B.Moses .

1857

- Chief Leschi goes to trial, first jury trial is unable to come to a verdict. A second trial convicts and he was hanged on February 19, 1858.

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More Bonney Lake History. . .

Lake Tapps was originally four separate lakes and when they were merged, the four lakes were renamed for the largest one. The Lake Tapps Development Company planned recreational lakefront sites and offered them for sale on west Lake Tapps in 1954. In the early 1960's, company heads sensed the potential need for homesites at Lake Tapps and abandoned their marketing plan for strict recreational sites. They donated 20 acres for Alan Yorke Park, of which only six acres have been developed by the city thus far.

Since 1960, six schools have been built, a city hall, police department building, several fire stations, a library and post office. The majority of the housing stock is new by comparison to neighboring cities.

SCHOOLS:

In 1961 the Sumner School District #320 opened Bonney Lake Elementary School for classes for the first time. It was the first public school "on the hill" since the Rhodes Lake School. The first principal was Wayne Bettinger. The original backfield (present playground) was made of clay. All kindergartners used to go to Wade Calvin Elementary (district office) and rode a bus up the hill with high school students. In 1967-68 all first graders went to Wade Calvin Elementary, riding the bus with the high school students. 1968 began an addition to the Bonney Lake Elementary, to add eight more classrooms (rooms 13-20). The additions were necessary due to a 14% increase in student population. Portables were added in 1967, 1969, 1990, and 1992. There was also a remodel in 1987 that resulted in the backfield being planted in grass, installation of television set in classrooms and other improvements. The present bus loop used to be the playground for three years while the grass grew (or failed to grow!) on the new playfield. VCR's were installed in each classroom in 1989 and new Big Toys were purchased from B.E.S.T. in 1995 to replace the 20 year old Big Toys. Corliss Concrete donated concrete and gravel used to install the big toys. There was a real log cabin adjacent to the back field, which was built by students in the mid-1970's and was dismantled in the late 1970;s.

Six former teachers have gone on to become principals at Bonney Lake Elementary: Mike Kerst, Dennis Hammermaster, Paul Chaplik, Dave Sollars, Nancy Stephens and John Bartkowski. Of those five, one became a superintendent (Paul Chaplik). Jane Queen student-taught under Mike Kerst and has since become a principal and curriculum director. One former principal became a superintendent (John Sullivan).

The Bonney Lake Choir represented the Bonney Lake Elementary School at the Vancouver Expo in British Columbia in 1986.

The building booms and constant growth in the Bonney Lake area resulted in additional schools being built to accommodate the increasing student enrollments. In 1982 Victor Falls Elementary school was built and in 1987 two new schools were opened: Lakeridge Junior High School at 5909 Myers Road and Emerald Hills Elementary at 19515 S. Tapps Drive. They were followed by more schools as the population continued to increase. The school district built a Transportation facility (Bus Garage) on 104th Street East in 1994. Crestwood Elementary on West Tapps Drive was built in 1993 followed by Mountain View Junior High in 1997, built not far from the bus garage. Others were built on the fringe of Bonney Lake, including Liberty Ridge Elementary.

There are at least three day care/pre-schools in the area, including Kindercare Learning Center (1991) and Kid's Country, with Pony Trails located just off 214th Ave East.

Rhodes Lake School at Victor Falls

7-25-00

Dear Wendy!

What a pleasure it was! — To meet you, and talk about Sumner and the lakes — Bonney and Tapps.

My recent memories occasionally fade, but my old ones never die. As a boy of 8 or 9 yrs (1928-29) age I spent a summer at my grandfather's (Fred Wright Bonney) farm in Sumner. He raised raspberries and my mother was one of his pickers. We lived in Olympia at the time. My memories of the nearby lakes are a little hazy but not too bad.

Tapps was a real lake, a body of water for fishing and swimming. Bonney lake wasn't much more like a reedy pond. My son and I flew over it a couple of years ago in his plane. I was astonished at the present day development and size that it had undergone. I would like to know more about that phase. To the best of my knowledge the "Bonney lake" was named after my great-grandfather Sherwood Bonney. who had a farm nearby.

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For your interest I'm enclosing a couple of Sherwood's personal write-ups, plus a picture of his family at the family home in Sumner. I hope you like it. I hope we can meet again in the future.

With best wishes.

Fred

P.S. my father was Leonard Bonney
" grandfather - Fred Wright Bonney
" great-grandfather - Sherwood

A letter received from Fred Bonney. He describes the family history and his recollection of his family coming to Bonney Lake.

Sherwood Bonney with son Fred Wright Bonney and family— Sumner, Washington

THE BONNEY FAMILY

Thomas Bonney was the progenitor of the family in the New World. He was born in Dover, England, in 1604, wedded Mary Hunt and 1634 or 1635 they crossed the Atlantic on the Hercules.

Their son, Thomas Bonney II, married Dorcas Sampson and the line of descent is traced down through John Bonney who married Elizabeth Bishop; Perez Bonney, who married Ruth Snow; Titus Bonney who married Anna Pierce, John Bonney who married Orilla Sherwood; Sherwood Bonney who married Lydia Ann Wright.

SHERWOOD BONNEY LOCATES AT NORTH END OF AMERICAN LAKE

Sherwood Bonney was born February 28, 1812, in Cornwall, Conn. The following year the family moved to Ohio, and settled in Portage County, where the father died in 1814. On March 9, 1837 Sherwood Bonney married Elizabeth Byrnes; and in May of 1839 he moved to Iowa. In 1852 Sherwood Bonney and his wife decided to come west, in later years Mr. Bonney described their trip in the following words.

"I sacrificed my land for $1000; bought two wagons, six yoke of oxen, two cows and provisions for the journey. My wife favored the plan, thinking that in the future we could have plenty of land for our children, six in number, and so saw nothing but success. We were in good health, and with high hopes we started on that tiresome journey for the far west on the 7th of April, 1852. My brother Timothy Bonney, had preceded us, and we overtook him and his wife, Lydia Ann Wright Bonney, with their family, about sixty miles on the road.

"Fearing a scarcity of feed, we camped at Gray's Creek and bought corn for our cattle. On reaching Council Bluffs we were obliged to wait, with many others, for a new boat to be finished before we could cross the Missouri River. The company had now increased to twenty-six wagons and many people. We commenced crossing on May 20th, but it took four days to land all on the other side.

"Our route lay on the north side of the Platte River, through a level country entirely unsettled, mostly without timber, and sometimes making it difficult to get a few sticks with which to build a fire at night. The Indians did not molest us, but often appeared in camp to beg for food, or to find what we left on the ground. We saw no buffalo or animals larger than coyotes or prairie dogs. We encountered one severe storm of rain and wind which blew down our tents during the night and stampeded our cattle, which were found with difficulty next day several miles away from camp. We found the dust very uncomfortable in so long a train. Often we could hardly see the team we were driving, and it shut out all distant view. Gradually the country became more rugged, and we began to ascend hills before we reached Fort Laramie, where we saw Sioux Indians and a few soldiers. I went over to the fort on the opposite side of the river from our camp, where we stayed only over night. Next morning we drove out alone with only my brother Timothy and family for company, leaving the dusty train for a time behind us.

"On the Fourth of July we camped on the summit of the Rocky Mountains at South Pass, starting at night to descend toward the Green River, a beautiful stream on the banks of which we camped in the morning. We paid nine dollars to some men who kept a ferry to take us across the stream. Soon after this Timothy Bonney's team failed, so he had to leave his heavy wagon and take one of mine that was lighter. Reaching Snake River, we found John Rigdon with rope stretched across the river and a wagon-box for a ferry. We camped there, and were permitted to use his ferry in crossing on August 4th. Putting our wagons together again, we pursued our way as usual, until four o'clock in the afternoon, when my little son, Alvin, was taken violently sick with cholera. No medicine seemed to do him any good, and he died the next morning. It was sad, indeed, to lay him down for his last sleep in this wild place, but we had no alternative - the Indians gave us no chance to stop- we must push on to keep out of their way.

"The others became sick, my brother Timothy Bonney, and his little daughter, aged two years. We did all we could for them, but after a few days of suffering they died on the 8th of August, and were buried near our path, as well as many others, who were strangers. There was neither comfort by day nor rest by night. Two of my little boys were unwell, and it was not wonderful that my dear wife, worn and fatigued with the long journey and sorrow, should be the next victim. The situation seemed very hard; everybody was frightened at the cholera and the Indians. We could not stop alone, and none was willing to face death and the Indians, so we struggled along sick and sorrowful until we crossed the Snake River the second time and had a hard drive to reach the next camp after dark, where we could get water. That was a dreary and hopeless night as I watched dear wife, the companion of my early years, battling disease and yielding up that hope that sustained here through many trials. She lingered till about noon the next day, August 14th, when she breathed her last, and left us almost alone to perform the sad rites of burial. Most of the company had hastened on. Mr. Fisk and August Lewis were, with their wives, kind enough to stop with us until it was over. We buried her on a little mound beneath a tree, and smoothed it down as well as we could, lest the Indians might disturb the grave.

"The children were improving slowly and we were obliged to move on and camp at Burnt River, where there was feed and water. We forded the stream in the morning, and at evening camped at Powder River, where I lost an ox. The Indians, still impelled by curiosity, followed us and there were one hundred or more straggling along to escort us across the Grande Ronde Valley. Here we struck the Blue Mountains and difficult traveling. The road was rough and my little son, Samuel, had mountain fever. He could eat nothing and wasted to almost a skeleton, but when we reached The Dalles he began to mend and could eat fresh salmon. Here, what was left of my brother's family went down to Portland in a small boat, but I camped for three weeks, and sent oldest with two hired men to drive the cattle down the trail to the Cascade Landing, where I was to meet them by boat. Fifteen families with their belongings and a crowd of people were put upon a large keel boat called the "Sea Serpent". When we arrived at the Cascades our wagons were put together and loaded and we went down five miles, where they were again taken apart and loaded onto a steamer and carried to the mouth of the Sandy River, and again we rebuilt our wagons and drove to French Prairie to spend the winter."

Mr. Bonney remained in Oregon for several months before proceeding to Steilacoom, and while there was married to Mrs. Timothy Bonney, in February 1853. Arriving at Steilacoom in 1853, Mr Bonney took up his donation claim of 322.90 acres in Sections 16 and 17, Township 19, Range 22 East, near the north end of American Lake. This site subsequently became the home of the County Club until later moved to its present location. It has been subdivided into many small tracts, and is now the location of a number of summer homes. The Veterans' Hospital is on ground adjoining the old Bonney claim.

The first public school, of which there is a record, was taught in July, August, and September, 1854, by Mrs. Sherwood Bonney. This school was maintained in the front room of the Bonney residence.

Mr. Bonney was the first justice of the peace elected by the voters of the county after the establishment of Washington Territory. He performed the first marriage ceremony by a civil officer, and also officiated at the first wedding on the townsite of Tacoma when Nicholas De Lin and Gertrude Meller were married in 1854. He also married J. W. Mc Carty and Miss Ruth Kincaid at the home of Robert Moore in 1855, which was the first wedding in the Puyallup Valley. He was a member of the jury which heard the evidence in the famous Leschi trial. He died on March 30, 1908, at the home of son Fred Bonney at Sumner, and was buried there beside his wife, Mrs. Bonney, who died in 1884.

Sherwood Bonney and Lydia Ann Wright Bonney had five children: Lucy Bonney (Harris); W. P. Bonney; Clarence Bonney; Etta Bonney (Dickenson) and Fred Wright Bonney.

Fred W. Bonney, born February 8, 1864, married Lucy Baker December 17, 1884.

Lucy Baker, at the age of two years, traveled with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, from Indiana to the east coast to take a sailing schooner to the Isthmus of Panama which they crossed by train. From there they came by way of boat to Tacoma where the second daughter Lena Baker was born, the first white girl to be born in Tacoma. Then they came to the Puyallup Valley.

Fred Bonney and Lucy Baker went to and finished school in Sumner. Fred Bonney, before his marriage, went to the University of Washington and then to the College in Eugene, Oregon, studying to be a minister. After being in Eugene for about a year he took sick, his Mother taking him home and nursing him back to health contracted the disease herself and after vainly battling the dread flu she passed on. Fred Bonney then stayed home with his Father to farm the homestead in Sumner. It was there that Fred Bonney took his bride Lucy after they were married.

Fred and Lucy Bonney had seven children; Lila; Horace; Leonard; William; L. Inova; Beulah; Winnifred.

Lakeview, Washington
August 24, 19??

I was born the 28th of February, 1812, in the town of Cornwall, Litchfield County Connecticut. My parents emigrated to Ohio in 1813 and settled in the township of Nelson, Portage County. My father died the next year, leaving my mother with eight children to support and care for, consequently we had few advantages and carved our own way in the world. When I was 21 years old I had a portion of my father's land and bought a brother's share to make a small farm, where I lived fifteen years. Then came great excitement about this country, what advantages were to be had here, and what the government would do for those who dared to come. I sacrificed my land for $1000.00, bought two wagons, six yoke of oxen, two cows and provisions for the journey. My wife favored the plan, thinking that in the future we could have plenty of land for our children six in number, and we saw nothing but success. We were in good health, and with high hopes we started out on that toilsome journey for the far west on the 7th day of April, 1852. My brother Timothy Bonney had preceded us, and we overtook him, with family, about sixty miles on the road.

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Sherwood Bonney

Wherein I was born
Emigration to Ohio
Emigration to Iowa
From Iowa to Oregon
From Oregon to Puget Sound

The writer of this sketch was born in Litchfield Co., town of Cornwall, Connecticut, in the year of our Lord 1812, the 28th day of February.

My father and mother with seven children emigrated to Ohio in the summer of 1813 and settled in the township of Nelson, Portage County. Had one son born unto them in 1814, T. S. Bonney. My father died in the fall of 1814 which my mother with 8 children to battle through life.

When I was 14 years old I went to live with my oldest brother, lived with him until twenty-one. I then commenced the battle of life on my own hook; I bought my brother T. S. Bonney's share of land that fell to him from father's estate which together with my share made fifty-eight acres. I then went to clearing land for myself and other people. I took jobs of chopping timber, heavy beach and maple for four dollars per acre, cut it up logging length, piled the brush. In the spring of 1837, on Thursday the 9th of March, I was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Byrnes. I built a log house on my land and lived there until the spring of 1839. I sold my land for seven hundred dollars, took one span of horses and wagon, the balance in dry goods and money; about the first of May we left our home in Ohio and started for Iowa with our one year old boy. We had a very pleasant journey to Iowa - stopped 14 miles this side of Burlington at my brother's house, T. S. Bonney, while he went back to Ohio for a wife. While he was gone I rented a farm of S. S. White, brother-in-law to Gen. Mc Carver, Proprietor of Old Tacoma. I lived fifteen years in Iowa. I then sold my land and other property which amounted to about $1000.00 for cash (The Oregon fever was raging very high). I bought my outfit for crossing the plains which was 2 wagons, 6 yoke of oxen, 2 cows and provisions for the trip; my brother had gone ahead a few days before I started. My wife and I and 6 boys started for the far west on the 7th day of April. My oldest son was 14 years old - the youngest, 2. We were all in good health and spirits. We overtook our brother and family in Wapolo Co., Iowa, about 60 miles on the road. We went into camp on Grays Creek and bought corn as much as we could conveniently carry, but to our great surprise we found plenty of corn on the road - so much for people not speaking the truth. However, we got to Missouri River all right on the 20th of May. We crossed the river, which took four days to cross, the whole company consisting of 26 wagons, cattle, horses, men, women and children; then we began to see Indians but they did not trouble us much. Our Capt. name of Ogle; he was father to Ogle who owns the Nursery at Puyallup. We corralled cattle nights - one night we had a hard wind storm and rain - blew down tents and stampeded our cattle which took nearly all the next day to find them. My oldest son found them about 3 miles away; nothing of any importance happening, we arrived at Fort Laramie; there we saw a few soldiers and a few Sioux Indians. My brother and I started with our three teams from the Fort and traveled alone for awhile. On the fourth day of July we camped at the South Pass on the summit of the Rocky Mountain at night. We went on and came to Green River where we found a ferry kept by white men; the next morning we crossed our wagons on a boat - cost us 8 dollars. Before we came to the Snake River, my brother Timothy's team had failed so that he had to leave his wagon and take one of mine. We took his things and family into one of my wagons. When we came to the first crossing of Snake River we found Bro. John Rigdon with rope stretched across the river and with a wagon box for a ferry boat. We asked him if we could join his company. We were permitted to join his company. We then brought up our teams and the next day we all got across safely. The following day was the 4th of August - we got our wagons put together and went on until four o'clock in the afternoon, here our worst trouble commenced. My little son Alvin, five years old, was taken with the cholera and died; the next morning we put him in a chest, it not being long enough we had to knock out one end which left his feet sticking out. There were several persons buried there that day. Still we had to keep on the move. Then my brother was taken with cholera and died on the 8th - also his youngest child. My dear wife and taken the same disease - also my second and third boys, David and Lyman, but they got well again. My wife lingered along until we crossed the river again then we had a hard drive to the next camp which we did not reach until after dark; that dreary night I did not sleep any. The next day, about noon, my dear companion breathed her last breath in this life. We were left almost alone - A Mr. Fisk and wife, and August Lewis was kind enough to stop with us until we got through burying; we then went on over to Burnt River and camped for the night - in the morning over to Powder River - there I lost an ox. Then we arrived at the Grande Ronde Valley where there were quite a troop of Indians to escort us across the Valley. When we arrived at the foot of the Blue Mountains we found a man by the name of Gabriel - he had one yoke of oxen, and cart, and wife. He could not have been an angel for he swore like a pirate at his oxen because his poor oxen could not pull his almost empty cart up the mountain. I told him to quit and I would help him up - we put one yoke of my oxen on the lead of his and went up without any further trouble. My fourth son Samuel A took the mountain fever, was nigh unto death's door, but when we arrived at The Dalles he began to mend. We arrived at The Dalles my brother's widow had a chance to go down to Portland in a small row boat with her three children, but I camped for 3 weeks - sent my oldest son down the trail with two hired men to drive the cattle to the Cascade Landing. We embarked on a large keel boat called the Sea Serpent. We had to take our wagons all apart and put them on the boat. Fifteen wagons was our load with all their belongings. When we arrived The Cascades I carried my wagons off the boat, put them together, hitched on our teams, went down the river 5 miles then took them apart again, put them on board a steamer - went as far as the mouth of the Sandy River - from there to French Prairie where we stayed through the winter - thrashed wheat with a flail, made 20,000 shingle - sent our children to school, hauled shingle to Salem, sold them for $9.00 per thousand. Married my brother's widow in February, took a trip up the valley - moved to Salem, rented a house on the opposite side of the street from T. Mercer and Dexter Horton - worked at carpentering some, took a job of cutting and thrashing 25 acres of wheat on shares, hired Mercer and Horton to help me some. Mercer and Horton went over to the Sound - came back with good report of the country. Wife and I concluded we would go over in the fall. We started about the 1st of October with 8

children, 5 yoke of oxen, 4 cows; Ring Perkins accompanying us as far as Olympia. We came through Portland over to St. Helen. There we stayed one week waiting a conveyance down the Columbia River. Shipped our stock across the river in a scow. Mr. Perkins and my three oldest boys went down the trail with our stock. After staying about a week we were very glad to get aboard a large batteau. Myself, wife and five children,; Mr. Sanders, wife and two children - eleven soul besides Captain of the boat. We had two wagons besides our bedding and other things. Was two and a half days in getting down to Monticello, a little town above the mouth of the Cowlitz River - there we had to wait another week before we could get conveyance up the river. I chartered two canoes, Sanders one - put wagons on one, families on other two - we had two Indians to each canoe. I gave the proprietor a fifty dollar gold slug - fifty dollars for my part of conveyance. We were two days going up to Landing - the river was low; a good part of the way we had to walk - the Indians used paddles where the water was deep, and poles where it was shallow. We found the boys with the cattle all right. We hitched up our teams and went on to Olympia - bought some provisions and struck out for Chambers Prairie - there we made a halt and camped close by T. Chambers. Sanders and I rode his horses down to Steilacoom - we found the place quite lively, went back for our families and moved to the city. Turned my stock out on the plains by American Lake - went to work at carpenter work, worked three weeks and then went to hauling lumber from Bird's sawmill. In the fall of 1854 we had our first election in Pierce County. The writer of this was the first Justice of the Peace elected by the people of the county - the first marriage ceremony was performed by the writer at old Thomas Chambers house near Steilacoom - Charles Hogen and a Miss Kilbuk - the next party, Mr. J. R. Meeker to Mrs. Nancy Burr, at Ft. Steilacoom - the next marriage was at the old sawmill at the head of Commencement Bay in the fall of 1854 - Mr Andrus Delin to a Miss (German girl) (?) and the first marriage in Puyallup Valley was at the Hon. Robt. Moore's house on the South side of the river - Mr. J. W. Mc Carty to Miss Ruth Kincaid. 1855

In the spring of 1855, I took up a donation claim near American Lake, built a house on it - moved my family to it; in the summer there began to be rumors of war with the Indians. My oldest son had gone in company with some 8 or ten others, east of the mountains to the Colville mines. When they got in the Clikitat Valley and camped for the night they heard quite a noise not far away. My son told the other men he thought the Indians were having a war dance and "I think I will go up and see what they are doing." The men said "We don't think it will be safe for you." He had been there before with the Indian Agent Andrew Bolen and knew some of the Indians. He went to their camp and looked at them awhile - soon they all stopped dancing and one of the chiefs came up to him and said "How dare you come here - we are having a war dance and are going to kill all of your company." (when asleep). When my son told him that would not be brave and talked with them awhile, they agreed not to molest them but they said the next ones that came along, they would kill. The next one that went along was Lecky, who use to own the Wintermute place, and they did kill him - then they smoked the pipe of peace and gave my son all the beef he wanted, and they went on their way rejoicing.

The writer had rented a double log house and moved into it. The people of the town thought if I was willing they would make a fort of it where they could sleep nights, so they made a stockade of split cedar logs and stuck them on end around the house, one night there were some friendly Indians came over from Vashon Island and said the Wasache Indians were on the Island and would be over to attack the town - then they went to cutting port holes to put their guns through when the Indians came and shot them. The Hon. Judge Lander undertook to hold court after Martial Law was claimed by the Governor, I. I. Stevens, and Col. Shaw of the Volunteers arrested, Steven Judson was not Sherrif then. W. E. Hicks -- made a mistake.

In the fall of 1856 we moved back on our claim near American Lake; in winter of 1861 and 2 there fell a deep snow and lay on the ground all winter - more than two thirds of the stock in Oregon and Washington died. I lost about 40 head - it was the coldest winter the writer has know here for forty years. In the spring of 1862, I, in the company of Capt. Settle, went to the Salmon River mines in Idaho - we had 2 horses apiece - went by way of Columbia River, past Ft. Vancouver, on over the trail to the Dalles; on we went up the Umatilla River. We saw a great many dead cattle on the road past Walla Walla; on over to Lewiston - from thence we took a southeast course across the Cammar Prairie from there up a trail and along the bank of Salmon River along a very dangerous trail where the river was several hundred feet below. We came to the mouth of Skate Creek, then ascended up a very long and steep mountain to the summit - then through a trail where the snow was five or six feet deep, down into a basin or sink in the mountain. I worked two days with another man, we gained six dollars, he gave it all to me. I sold one of my horses for eighty dollars - went on a prospecting tour around what was called Camel's Hump with several others - then came back and started for home in company with Father Guthery of Olympia. When we arrived at Portland we called on E. Hicks, Esq., and then came home. Soon after I arrived home I rented a farm of Cyril Ward, the farm that is now owned by I. R. Dickinson, for one year - raised a good crop of wheat, oats, barley and vegetables; the following year I rented John Carson's farm; the winter following, Mr Carson, E. Meeker and the writer chartered a scow and loaded it with wheat and went past where Tacoma now stands around by the Narrows to Chambers Mill, when we returned we got an Indian to pilot in to the slough.

Copied from original story of (and by) Sherwood Bonney

(Note written by Sally Mc Govern to Melva Hardy: Melva, This is written as it was in the original - If you find mistakes in grammar, etc - Remember the education of the pioneers was scanty!)

Connell's Prairie Battlefield

In 1949 the Town of Bonney Lake filed for incorporation.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR THE

INCORPORATION OF BONNEY LAKE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petition of Kenneth H. Simmons, et al, for the incorporation of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, State of Washington, which said petition is hereinafter set forth, will be presented for hearing at the regular meeting of the Pierce County Board of County Commissioners in their office at the Court House in Tacoma, Washington on MONDAY, the 17th day of January, 1949, at the hour of ten o'clock A.M. of said day, or as soon thereafter as the case can be heard:

PETITION FOR THE INCORPORATION OF BONNEY LAKE

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors of Pierce County and residents within the limits of the proposed boundaries of the town to be incorporated as described below, do hereby respectfully petition the County Commissioners of Pierce County that the area below described shall be incorporated under the law of the State of Washington and that the name of said municipal corporation shall be Bonney Lake and that the boundaries of said municipal corporation shall be as follows:

Beg. at the Sec. cor. of Sec. 28-29-3E-33 all in Twp. 20 N. R. 5 E.W.M. thence South along the West line of McDonald Fruit Tracts to the SW corner of Tract 32 of McDonald Fruit Tracts, thence East to the SE cor. of Tract 31, thence North to the NE cor. of Tract 25, thence East to the North-South centerline of Sec. 33, thence North along said centerline to it's intersection with Church Lake Road, thence in a NELY dir. along said Church Lake Road to it's intersection with the South line of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Sec. 33, thence East to the SE cor. of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Sec. 33, thence North 610 feet, thence West to an intersection with the East line of McDonald Fruit Tracts, thence North along the North-South centerline of Sec. 33 and 28, to the NW corner of the SE¼ of the SW¼ of Sec 28, thence W to the NE cor of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Sec. 28, thence N. to the East West centerline of Sec. 28, thence West to the SE cor. of the W½ of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Sec. 29, thence N. to the NE cor of the W½ of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Sec. 29 thence West to the NW cor of the East half of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Sec. 29, thence South to the SW cor of the W½ of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Sec. 29, t thence East to the pt. of beg.(All in Sec. 20 NE 5 E.W.M.)

WHICH AREA INCLUDES

W½ of the NW¼ of the NW¼	Sec. 29	80 ac.
W½ of the SW¼ of the NW¼	Sec. 29	80 ac.
W½ of the W½ of the SW¼	Sec. 29	80 ac.
E½ of the SW¼	Sec. 29	80 ac.
NW¼	Sec. 33	160 ac.
W½ of the SE¼	Sec. 28	80 ac.
SW¼ of the SW¼	Sec. 28	40 ac.
S½ of the NW¼ of the NE¼	Sec. 33	20 ac.
W½ of the NW¼ of the SE¼	Sec. 33	20 ac.
W½ of the SW¼	Sec. 33	80 ac.
That pt. of the SW¼ of the NE¼ lying N. of Church Lake Rd.	33	5 ac.
		585 ac.

THIS AREA BEING COMMONLY KNOWN AS MCDONAL FRUIT TRACTS, BONNEY LAKE AND MYERS ROAD.

The aforesaid described area contains more than 300 and less than 1500 residents.

(Signed, Kenneth H. Simmons, et al)

By Order of the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, Washington, dated December 27th, 1948.

JACK E. HUNTAS
County Auditor and Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

By H. Leif
Deputy

(SEAL)

NOTICE BY PIERCE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

SPECIAL ELECTION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1949

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Election will be held on Saturday, February 26, 1949, for the purpose of voting on the establishment of a corporation, such corporation to be known and designated as the "Town of Bonney Lake"; and for the purpose of the election of such officers as may be prescribed by law for such corporation.

The boundaries of such corporation, as set forth in Resolution No. 3091, of the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, Washington, are described as follows:

"Beg. at the Sec. cor. of Sec. 28-29-3E-33 all inTwp. 20 N.R. 5 E.W.M. thence South along the West line of McDonald Fruit Tracts to the SW cor of Tract 32 of McDonald Fruit Tracts, thence East to the SE cor. of Tract 31, thence North to the NE cor. of Tract 25, thence East to the North-South centerline of Sec. 33, thence North along said centerline to its intersection with Church Lake Road, thence in a NELY direction along said Church Lake Road to its intersection with the South line of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Sec. 33, thence East to the SE cor. of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Sec. 33, thence North 610 feet, thence West to an intersection with the East line of McDonald Fruit Tracts, thence North along the North-South centerline of Sec. 33 and 28, to the NW corner of the SE¼ of the SW¼ of Sec. 28, thence W to the NE cor of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Sec. 28, thence N. to the East West centerline of Sec. 28, thence West to the SE cor of the W½ of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Sec. 29, thence N. to the NE cor of the W½ of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Sec. 29 thence West to the NW cor of the East half of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Sec. 29, thence South to the SW cor of the W½ of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Sec. 29, thence East to the pt. of beg."

In the above mentioned Resolution, the Board of County Commissioners, Pierce County, Washington, finds:

"That the inhabitants residing within the said boundaries are more than 300 and less than 1500 people."

The above district, within the boundaries of which the above proposed corporation is to be established, is contained within the Precinct of Bonney Lake, a rural precinct of Pierce County.

The polling place for said Special Election will be:

BONNEY LAKE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

At said Special Election, the following names will appear on the ballot as candidates for the various offices of the proposed corporation, said candidates to be elected until the next General Election for the election of officials in the various cities and towns of Pierce County, Washington

Mayor	Kenneth Simmons	Vote for 1
Treasurer	Chet Roberts	Vote for 1
Councilmen	Charles Maddux -- Robert Wheeler -- Alva Sinnitt -- E.N. Miles -- Clarence Roberts	Vote for 5

The polling place will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., at which time any legal registered voter within the district above mentioned and described may cast a ballot "For INCORPORATION" or "AGAINST INCORPORATION" of the Town of Bonney Lake.

Dated at Tacoma, Washington, this 22nd day of January, 1949.

L.A. HUDSON (signed)
Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

FAYETTE M. [illegible] (signed)
Prosecuting Attorney.

JACK E. HUNTAS (signed)
County Auditor.

Pierce County Election Board

FILE NO. 1019 RESOLUTION NO. 916

Incorporation-
Town of Bonney Lake

FILED
FEB 28 1949
EARL COE
SECRETARY OF STATE

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of February, 1949 a special election was held to determine whether or not a corporation to be known as the Town of Bonney Lake, Washington should be established embracing the territory hereinafter described, the holding of said election being evidenced by a Certificate of Election of the Pierce County Election Board dated February 28th, 1949; and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the boundaries of said town are contained within the limits of Bonney Lake Precinct, a rural precinct of Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, by a canvass of the votes made pursuant to law it appears that 109 persons voted at said special election, and that the proposition for the establishment of the corporation carried by the vote hereinafter set forth, towit:

PROPOSITION

Formation of a corporation to be known as the "Town of Bonney Lake, Washington"	FOR --62 Votes
Formation of a corporation to be known as the "Town of Bonney Lake, Washington"	AGAINST--47 Votes

That the following persons received the vote set opposite their respective names, as listed below, for the various elective municipal offices prescribed by law for cities of the fourth class, towit:

MAYOR	
Kenneth Simmons	69
TREASURER	
Chet Roberts	67
COUNCILMEN	
Thurlow Maddox	63
Robert Wheeler	65
Alva Simnitt	62
E. M. Hiles	61
Clarence Roberts	60
Paul Maddox	2

File No. 1

That the following listed candidates having received the required number of votes for the office set opposite their respective names were elected to said offices and that certificates of election have been issued to said successful candidates, towit:

MAYOR	Kenneth Simmons
TREASURER	Chet Roberts
COUNCILMEN	Thurlow Maddox Robert Wheeler Alva Simnitt E. M. Hiles Clarence Roberts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, Washington, that the territory included within the following described boundaries in Pierce County, Washington, towit:

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be and the same is hereby declared duly incorporated as a municipal corporation of the Fourth Class under the name and style of the "Town of Bonney Lake", Pierce County, Washington, and that the following persons are hereby declared the duly elected officers of said corporation, towit:

Mayor	Kenneth Simmons
Treasurer	Chet Roberts
Councilmen	Thurlow Maddox Robert Wheeler Alva Simnitt E. M. Hiles Clarence Roberts

Dated, at Tacoma, Washington, this 28th day of February, A. D., 1949.

L. A. Hudson Chairman

Paul Norman

Harry Sprinker
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

S. F. No. 4401—1946. 5M.

No. 622

Copy of Proceedings had in the Matter of the Incorporation of the Town of Bonney Lake

STATE OF WASHINGTON, ss.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 28, 1949 at 1:45 o'clock P. M.

Earl Coe
Secretary of State.

Filed at the request of

Robert J. T. Wheeler

Rt. 1, Box 110-C

Sumner, Washington

Fee $5.00

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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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County of Pierce)

I, JACK W. SONNTAG, County Auditor and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, Washington, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. 3116

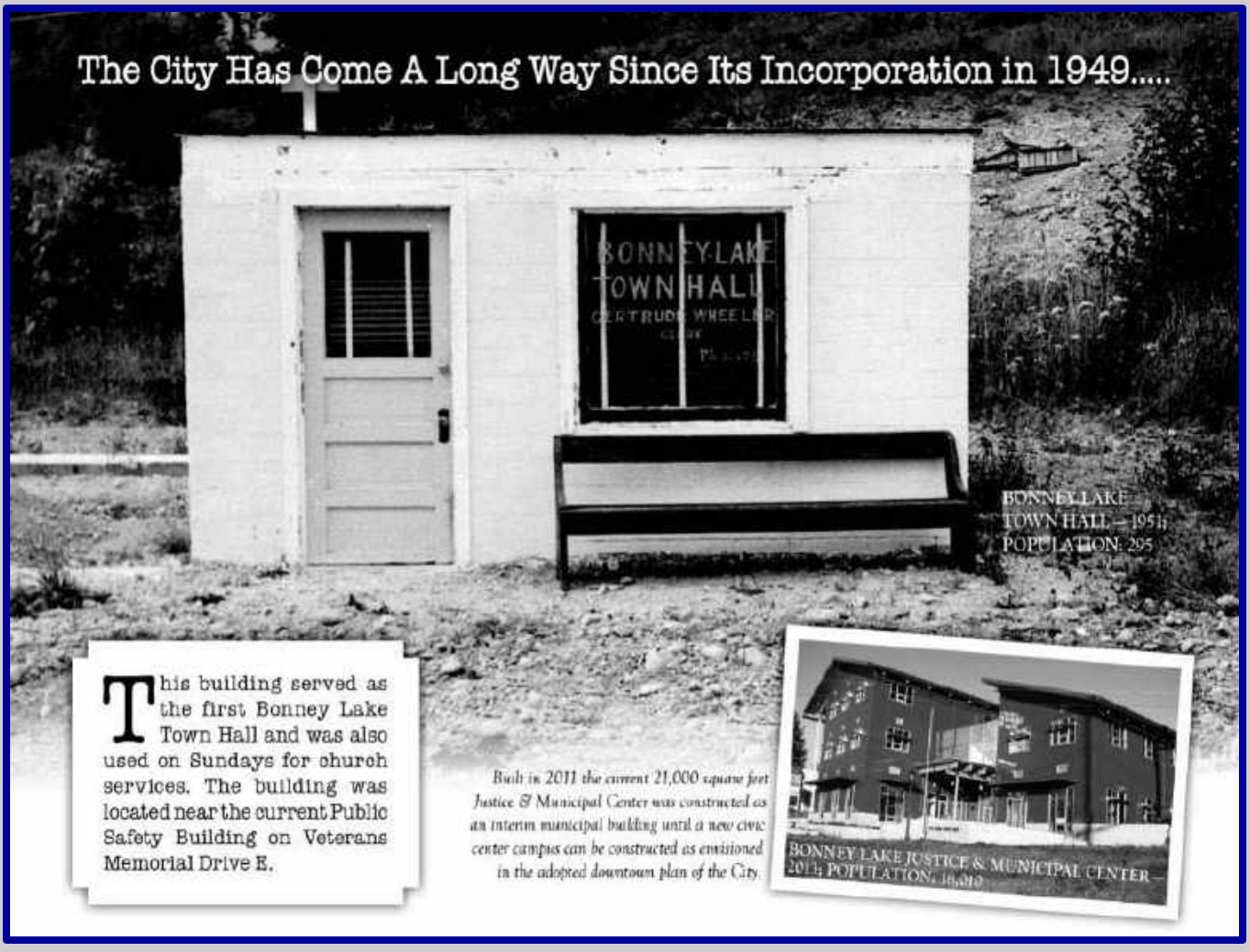
of the Board of County Commissioners, dated Feb. 28, 1949, and can be found of record in Volume 55, page ____, of the Commissioners' Records.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of Pierce County, Washington, this 28th day of February, A.D. 1949.

JACK W. SONNTAG
County Auditor and Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

By Hilda Feil
Deputy

Vandermark Farm 1893



Fun Random Tidbits!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (the early years)

The Award restarted in 1984 by the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce was not new. The City of Bonney Lake beginning in 1950 and running through 1969 had previously presented the award. It was presented by Mayor Kenneth H. Simmons and was given in recognition of outstanding service or accomplishments. The past winners of this award are:

1950 Clarence Roberts, Robert Wheeler, Alva Simnitt, Elias Hiles, Thorlou Maddux, and Gertrude Wheeler for Civic Affairs (water system)
1951 Rodney Martin – Sports – Football
1952 John Strobie – Civic Affairs – Civil Defense
1953 Lendall Hunton – Sports – Fly Club
1954 Ronald Simmons, Duane Keough – Sports Community Building
1955 Mrs. Kate Hall – Community Affairs – Garden Club
1956 Sherrill Francis – All American Baton Champion
1957 Rev. Fred Werbin – Religious Field – new Church
1958 Albert Shepard – Sports – Soap Box Derby
1959 Tom Walker – Civic Affairs – Fire Dept
1960 Lou Ann Keough – Journalism – Reporting & Lake Jane Secretary
1961 Francis McCoy – Religious Field – Sunday School Supt. & Howard Heyer – F.F.A.
1962 Bertha Simmons – Community Affairs & Harry Corliss – Community Interest
1963 Al Kennedy – Civic Affairs
1964 Arnold Turner – Community Services
1965 Alden Dobson – Fire Dept.
1966 Lola McCoy – Daffodil Princess 1966
1967 Rev. Archie Brown – Religious Field – Nazarene Church
1968 Clyde Greenwood – Community Service
1969 Tom Tuthill – Community Service

BONNEY LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber was organized to promote business growth in Bonney Lake. It is an organization of business and civic leaders active in community events and business leadership. The Chamber created and sponsored the yearly Bonney Lake Days' event and, from 1985 to 1987, the Mud Flat Golf Tournament. The Golf tournament took place on the mud flats (hence it's name) of Church Lake, before the water level rose. The muddy, stump filled area was bravely navigated by the participants, who usually wore theme costumes and got real muddy but had lot's of fun. The winners of the competition for the years it was held were: 1985 – The Clean Team (Perry Erichsen, Rusty Doering); 1986 – The Dirty Sheiks (Jim Roundtree, Carl Wagenblast); 1987 – The Muddiest Team (Carl McKenzie, Maettie Harvey).

The Chamber also restarted the Citizen of the Year Awards in 1984. This was an effort to recognize those citizens who were active in support of the City. An Awards Banquet was held, during which time the actual plaques were presented to both the winners and those nominated. The Award winners were: Betty Rozell (1984), Heca Fulton (1985) Ann E. Stanton (1986), Jerry Capp (1987), Linda Trinidad (1987), Paul Anstey (1988), Ray Fulton (1989), Don Frazier (1990), Ben Clifford (1991) Jack Kobelin (1991), Elida Kirk-Lathrop (1991), 410 Soils (1992-Denny Frye, Jody Kerth), Louisa Smith (1992), Hal J. Geirsbach (1992), Duane Bratvold (1993), Bryan Jeter (1993), Mary Kay Powell (1993), Phil DeLeo (1994), J. F. Juarez (1994), The Bonney Lake Bicylce Shop (1994), Ken Darby (1995), Leota Musgrave (1995), Richard Hoffman (1995) and Darlene Hoffman (1995).

Through its example, the Chamber of Commerce continues to promote community spirit and civic pride.

City Hall. . .

The Bonney Lake City Hall was built in 1972 and houses the Water Department and Street Department, as well as offices for the Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, City Engineer and the City Council Chambers. Bonney Lake City Council meetings are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Board of Adjustments meets the 1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Park Board meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Phone 863-8602

Police Department. . .

The Bonney Lake Police Department will move into the new 30,000 square foot Public Safety Building in the fall of 1993. The Department is made up of 14 Commissioned Officers, 6 Communications Officers and an Animal Control Officer.

Specialized services within the Department include: The Bicycle Patrol, Marine Patrol, K-9, D.A.R.E., Reserve Officers and Communications Officers program.

Phone 863-2218

Library. . .

The Bonney Lake Library originally was built in 1975 on the Old Buckley Hwy and moved into a new building on 90th Street in 1982. This new library building of 3,800 square feet won an award for building design and houses 16,000 books, with films, records and videos also available.

Phone 863-5867

Fire Department. . .

The Bonney Lake Fire Department was built in 1965 and remodeled an enlarged by 1970 to house the chief and nine full - time fireman. The department also has 35 volunteers. As part of Pierce County's District No. 24, The Bonney Lake Fire Department has three stations. One is located on 214th Ave. E., another on Inlet Island and the main station is on Bonney Lake Boulevard and Locust Avenue. The main station is equipped with a fire boat that pumps 2,500 gallons of water per minute, two medical aid vehicles and five pumper trucks. CPR and First Aid classes are given at the main station, along with booklets of all emergency medical programs.

Phone 863-1800

Bonney Lake's Senior Center

Senior Center. . .

Opened April, 91', the new Bonney Lake Senior Center marks the first time the city's seniors have a place to call home. The new facility accommodates 267 people in approximately 3,500 square feet of space, which includes meeting rooms and a full-sized kitchen. The Senior Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. The active senior members meet for a noon pot luck on the second Thursday of the month.

Phone 863-7658

POPULATION GROWTH IN THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE 1970-1996

YEAR	POPULATION
1970	2700
1971	2838
1972	2900
1973	2824
1974	3100
1975	3516
1976	4187
1977	4380
1978	4565
1979	4900
1980	5328
1981	5720
1982	6020
1983	5975
1984	6260
1985	6280
1986	6310
1987	6360
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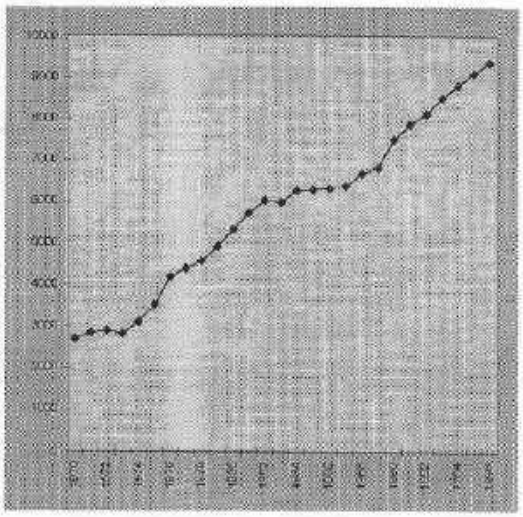


MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 1996

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor - Council	1949-1965
Council - Manager	1966-1972
Mayor - Council	1973-present

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

Legislative	Executive	Administrative
1 Mayor	1 Administrator	5 Department Directors
7 Council Members		

CORPORATE INFORMATION

The City of Bonney Lake is a Noncharter Optional Code City. It was incorporated in 1949 with a population of 327.

LOCATION AND AREA

Bonney Lake is located in the SE portion of Pierce County in the shadow of Mt. Rainier with major access from State Route 410. Three lakes are located within the City and are used for recreational purposes: Lake Bonney, Debra Jane Lake, and Church Lake. The latter is the lower (southern) portion of greater Lake Tapps. The City encompasses an area of approximately 6.91 square miles. The City is located outside of a major urban growth area and has a mainly rural atmosphere, but is close enough to enjoy urban amenities and a rural lifestyle despite recent commercial development. The City lies along State Route 410, nestled between Sumner and Buckley. The local lakes are popular recreational centers during the summer and the state highway allows quick access to a wide variety of recreational opportunities and pursuits year round.

POPULATION, REGISTERED VOTERS AND EMPLOYMENT WITHIN CITY LIMITS

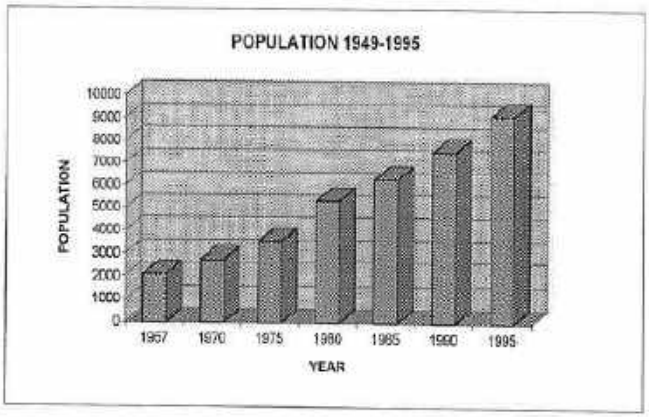
The population of Bonney Lake is 9,350 of which 4,607 are registered voters. The City is the fifth largest in Pierce County.

NUMBER OF CITY EMPLOYEES

83	Full and part time employees - full time employees represented by the Washington State Council of County and City Employees - Local 120
13	Law Enforcement officers - represented by Bonney Lake Police Guild
7	Communications Officers - represented by Bonney Lake Police Guild
8	Firefighters - represented by the International Association of Firefighters - Local 3576
49	Volunteer firefighters

POPULATION GROWTH IN BONNEY LAKE

YEAR	RESIDENTS
1949	327
1967	2061
1970	2700
1975	3516
1980	5328
1985	6280
1990	7494
1995	9085



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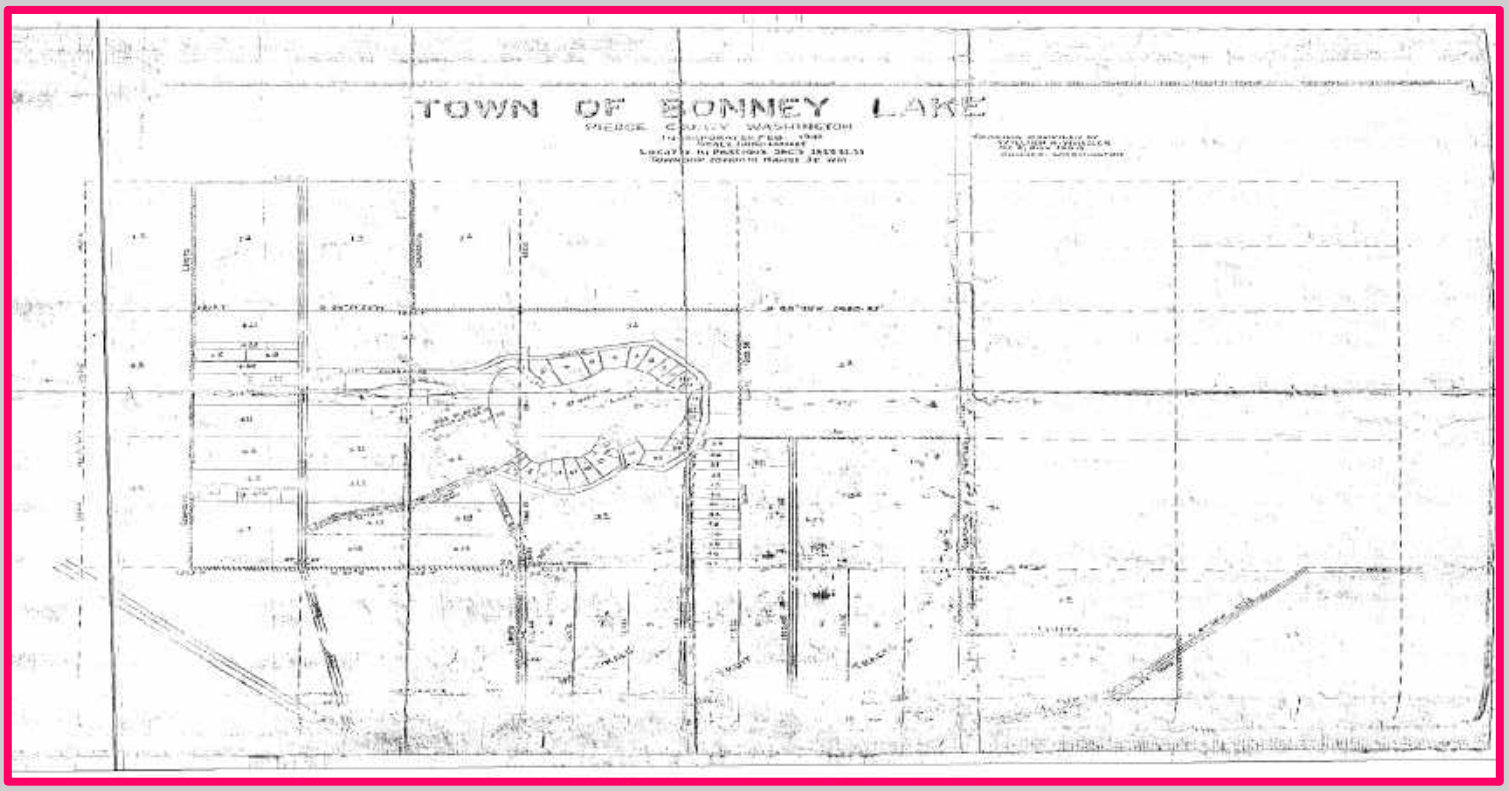
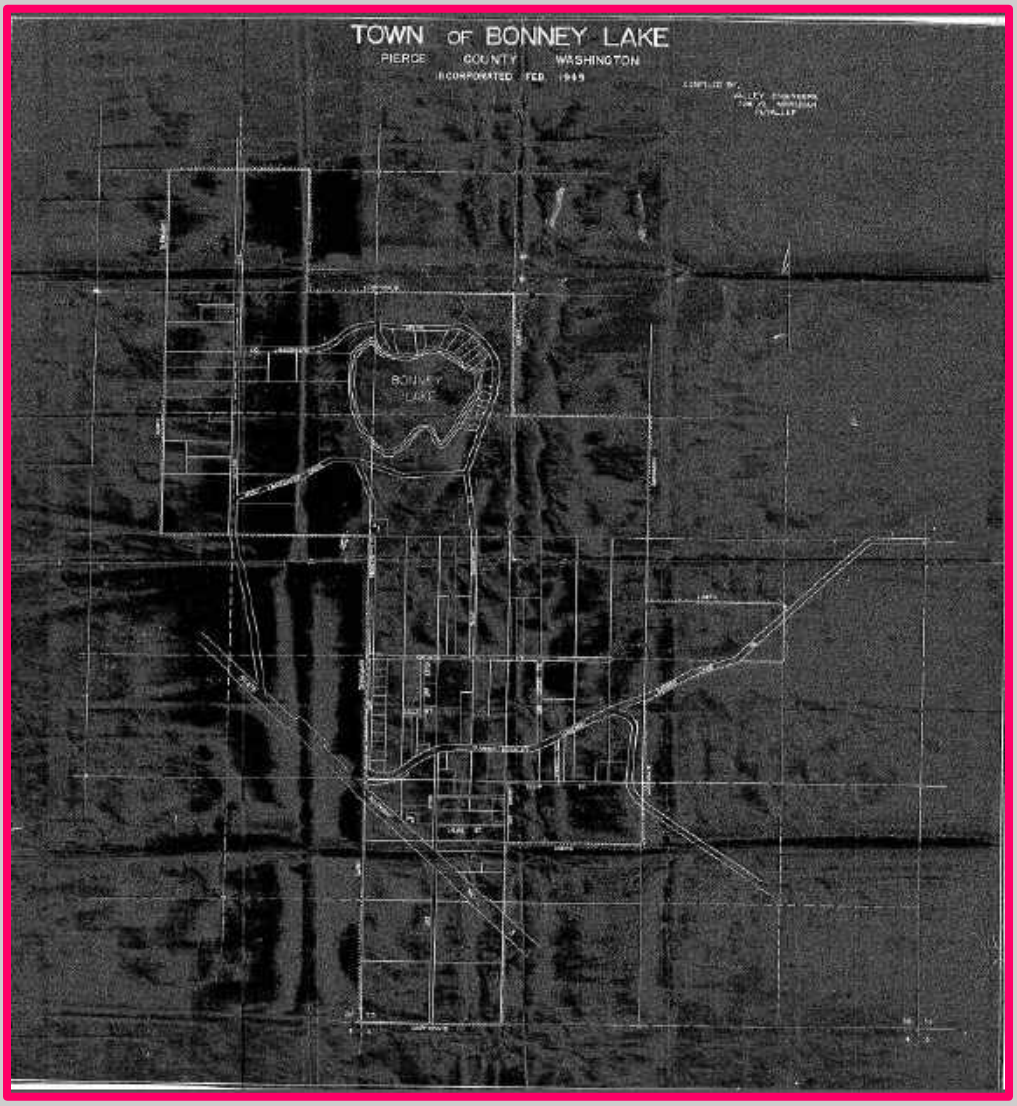
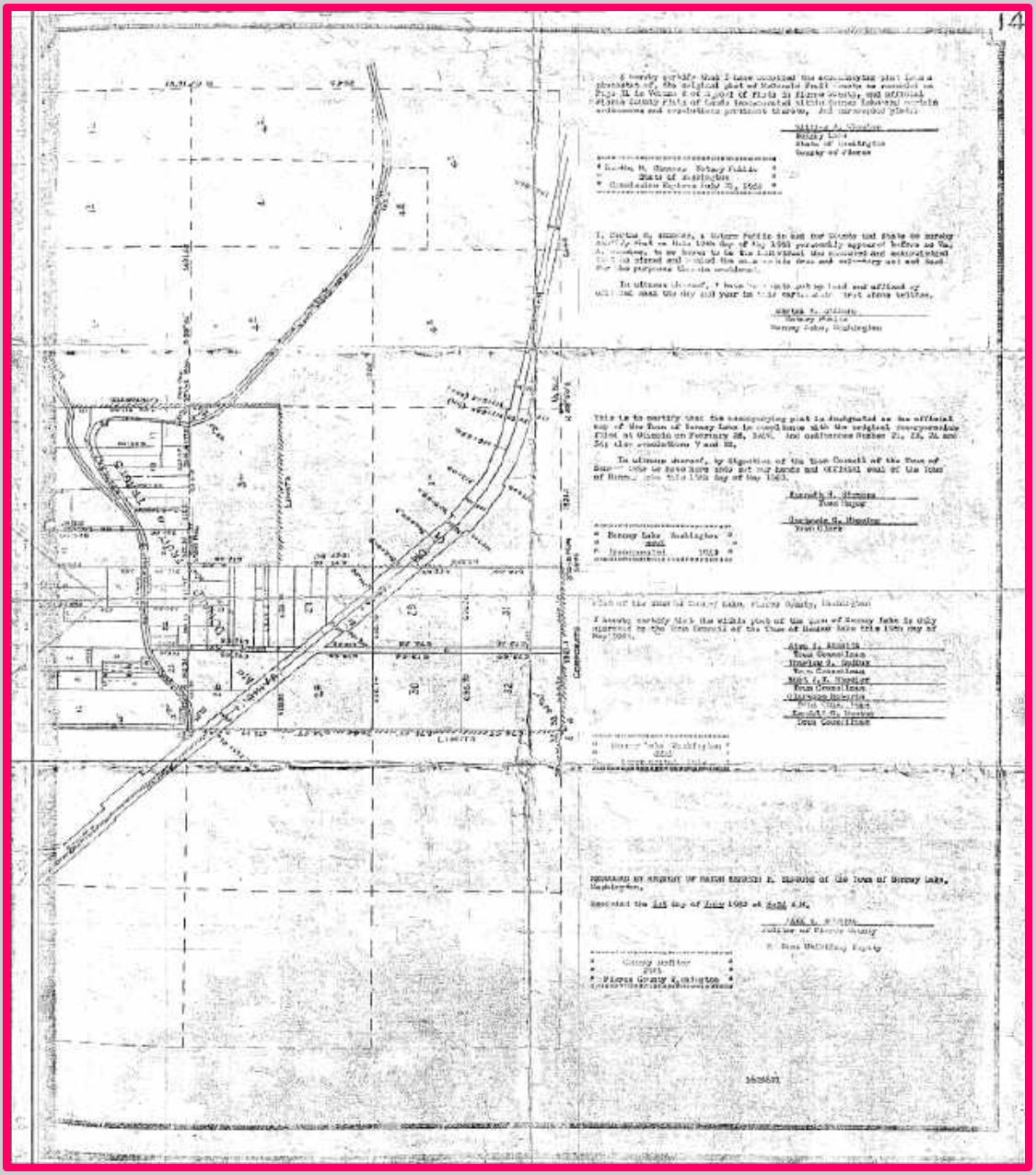


Town of Bonney Lake Map #1 Dated July 1, 1952



Town of Bonney Lake Engineer Map

Dated July 1, 1952



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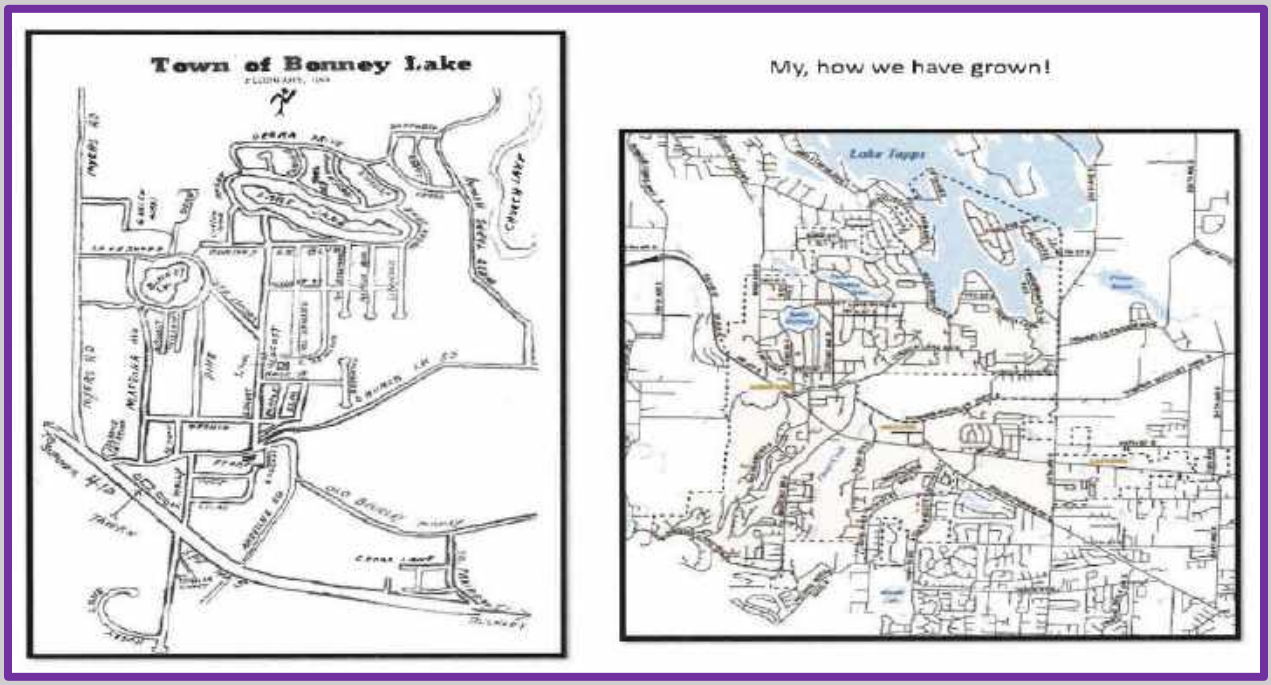

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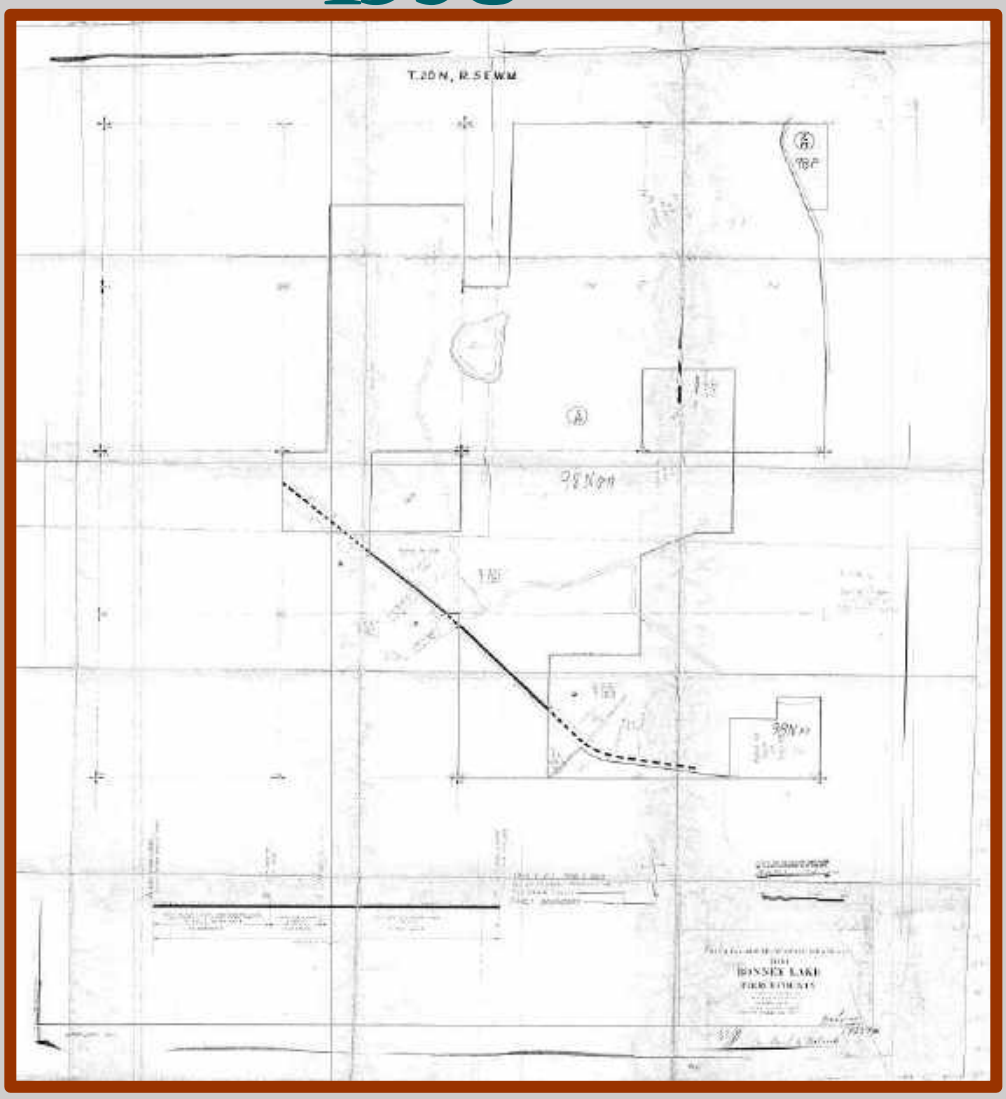

Official Route of State Highways thru Bonney Lake Dated March 30, 1958

And More Random Tidbits

Businesses come, go, and change, but the longest, continually operating business has been the Bonney Lake Tavern, popularly known as the BLT. People have been quenching their thirst since about 1950.

Just six weeks after incorporating as a town on February 28, 1949, the residents were eager to show their new status by entering a float in the 16th annual Daffodil Parade.

~1966~

Council-Manager Special Election

JACOBS, STEINER & SMITH
LAWYERS

EDMUND F. JACOBS
D. R. STEINER
FREDERICK P. SMITH

October 16, 1970

P. O. Box 212
114 2nd AVENUE, S. E.
PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON 98371
TRemont 5-7531

The Honorable Robert Allen
Mayor City of Bonney Lake
18610 Bonney Lake Boulevard
Sumner, Washington

Dear Mayor Allen:

Pursuant to request directed at me by the Council, I have investigated the details surrounding the election wherein the City of Bonney Lake became a council-manager city.

In investigating, I first personally interviewed the County Auditor, Mr. Greco, and then Mr. Greco and the writer went to the County election office master files, where I personally viewed the original certificate of election, resolution, and all of the necessary and relevant documents. As you can see by the enclosures herewith, the election was duly and properly certified and the resolution was signed by the Mayor, attested to by the Town Clerk and approved by Ed Wheeler, the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Civil Department, Pierce County, Washington.

Therefore, it is my conclusion that the election was duly and properly certified.

I have also taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter as well as copy of the certificate of election to Richard Ferguson, of the Tacoma News Tribune, since Mr. Ferguson had earlier inquired of me about the rumors he had been hearing and I told him that I could not divulge any details until I had proper answers. However, I see no quicker way to squelch the rumors than via this letter and the enclosures.

Yours very truly,

JACOBS, STEINER & SMITH

Frederick P. Smith

FREDERICK P. SMITH

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Enclosures

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE
OCT 19 1970

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

Town of Bonney Lake

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County Canvassing Board of Election Returns, do hereby certify that we did meet at the office of the County Commissioners of Pierce County, State of Washington, on the 29th day of June, 19 66, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the Special Election held on the 28th day of June, 19 66, in the town of Bonney Lake.

We find, after making said canvass, there was a total of 108 persons voting at said Special Election on the above mentioned date.

One proposition was submitted to the qualified electors of said Town of Bonney Lake for their approval and adoption or rejection. The proposition submitted and the votes cast for and against the proposition are as follows:

PROPOSITION No. 1

"CHANGE OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT"

"Shall the Town of Bonney Lake adopt a Council-Manager Plan of Government?"

FOR Organization as a Council-Manager City or Town	78
AGAINST Organization as a Council-Manager City of Town	30

The result of said canvass shows that more than 50% of the votes cast at this Special Election were in favor of Proposition No. 1

DATED at Tacoma, Washington, this 29th day of June, 1966.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Pierce County, Washington

ABSENT VOTER

OFFICIAL BALLOT

TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE

PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Special Election June 28, 1966

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote for or against a proposition place X in appropriate ☐ following the proposition.

PROPOSITION No. 1

Change of Municipal Government

"Shall the Town of Bonney Lake adopt a Council-Manager Plan of Municipal Government?"

FOR Organization as a Council-Manager City or Town ☐

AGAINST Organization as a Council-Manager City or Town ☐

A RESOLUTION ON THE COUNCIL-MANAGER PLAN OF MUNICIPAL COVERNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 187

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bonney Lake has completed a study of the council-manager form of municipal government as defined in R.C.W. 35. 18, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bonney Lake has determined it is for the best interests of the Town of Bonney Lake that the proposition of council-manager form of municipal government be submitted to the voters of the Town of Bonney Lake at a special election, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Mayor of the Town of Bonney Lake, by proclamation, call a special election to submit the question of council-manager form of municipal government to the voters of the Town of Bonney Lake: now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. The following proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the Town of Bonney Lake at a special election:

PROPOSITION:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE ADOPT A COUNCIL-MANAGER PLAN OF MUNICIPAL COVERNMENT?"

"FOR ORGANIZATION AS A COUNCIL-MANAGER CITY OR TOWN _____."

"AGAINST ORGANIZATION AS A COUNCIL-MANAGER CITY OR TOWN _____."

SECTION 2. The Mayor of the Town of Bonney Lake is authorized and directed, by proclamation issued within ten days hereafter, to submit

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the question of council-manager form of government to the voters of the Town of Bonney Lake at a special election to be held at a time specified in the proclamation.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect on the 11th day of May, 1966.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON, AND APPROVED BY ITS MAYOR AT A REGULAR MEETING OF SAID COUNCIL HELD ON THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, 1966.

TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON

BY: K K Co Simmons
MAYOR

ATTEST:

B Freida Jones
TOWN CLERK

Approved by Pat Wheeler

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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

Town of Bonney Lake

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County Canvassing Board of Election Returns, do hereby certify that we did meet at the office of the County Commissioners of Pierce County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of September, 1966, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the Special Election held on the 20th day of September, 1966, in the town of Bonney Lake.

We find, after making said canvass, there was a total of 159 persons voting at said Special Election on the above mentioned date.

One proposition was submitted to the qualified electors of said Town of Bonney Lake for their approval and adoption or rejection. The proposition submitted and the votes cast for and against the proposition are as follows:

PROPOSITION No. 1

"Shall a tax levy of $2400.00 (approximately two (2) mills) in excess of the maximum levy provided for by law be made on the assessed valuation of the real and personal property in the Town of Bonney Lake, and the proceeds thereof be used for "Library Purposes?"

TAX LEVY	YES	82
TAX LEVY	NO	76

The result of said canvass shows that Proposition No. 1 failed to receive a 60% majority of the total votes cast at this Special Election held on September 20, 1966. It did receive the 40% validating votes cast in the last General Election held on November 2, 1965.

DATED at Tacoma, Washington, this 22nd day of September, 1966.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Pierce County, Washington.

Prosecuting Attorney, Pierce County, Washington.

Auditor, Pierce County, Washington

CANVASSING BOARD OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Random Tidbits!

From the oldest known building in Bonney Lake

(the Kelley Farm icehouse),

...to one of the city's newest businesses, Bonney Lake continues to grow and evolve.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County Canvassing Board of Election Returns, do hereby certify that we did meet at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, State of Washington on the 17th day of November, 1966, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the Special Election Held on the 8th day of November, 1966, in the Town of Bonney Lake.

We find, after making said canvass, there was a total of 389 persons voting at said election on the above mentioned date and the following candidates received the votes set opposite their names for the office indicated:

COUNCILMAN

Robert Allen	240
Louie W. Dahl	237
Wm. A Daniels, Jr.	214
Carle R. Whisler	213
Earl W. Heckler	207
George Roloff	193
Alden E. Dobson	184
James L. Oneil	140
Ron Simmons	131
Richard E. Pflugrad	126

The result of said canvass shows that the first five of the above listed candidates received the required votes to elect them to the office of Councilman, City of Bonney Lake for a term of one year.

We further certify that certificates of election have been issued to the above named successful candidates.

DATED at Tacoma, Washington, this 17th day of November, 1966.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Pierce County, Wn.

Prosecuting Attorney, Pierce County, Washington.

Auditor, Pierce County, Washington.

CANVASSING BOARD OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County Canvassing Board of Election Returns, do hereby certify that we did meet at the office of the County Commissioners of Pierce County, State of Washington, on the 17th day of November, 1966, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the Special Election held on the 8th day of November, 1966, in the Town of Bonney Lake.

We find, after making said canvass, there was a total of 389 persons voting at said Special Election on the above mentioned date.

One proposition was submitted to the qualified electors of said Town of Bonney Lake for their approval and adoption or rejection. The proposition submitted and the votes cast for and against the proposition are as follows:

PROPOSITION No. 1

TOWN ADVANCEMENT

Shall the Town of Bonney Lake Advance to a City of The Third Class?

For Advancement	238
Against Advancement	139

The results of the above canvass shows that Proposition No. 1 received a sufficient number of votes, a simple majority being all that was needed, to legally create a City of the Third Class.

DATED at Tacoma, Washington, this 17th day of November, 1966.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Pierce County, Washington.

Prosecuting Attorney, Pierce County, Washington.

Auditor, Pierce County, Washington.

CANVASSING BOARD OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County Canvassing Board of Election Returns, do hereby certify that we did meet at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, State of Washington on the 14th day of November, 1969 for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the General Election held on the 4th day of November, 1969, in the City of Bonney Lake, Washington.

We find, after making said canvass, there was a total of 390 persons voting at said election on the above mentioned date and the following candidates recieved the votes set opposite their names for the offices indicated.

COUNCILMAN - Position No. 1	Vote for one - Four year term	
	* Richard "Dick" Sills	197
	F. W. VanBrocklin	185
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 2	Vote for one - Four year term	
	* Marcus "Tex" Goins	198
	George Roloff	189
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 3	Vote for one - Four year term	
	* Roland D. Young	198
	John H. Trawel Sr.	192
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 4	Vote for one - Two year unexpired term	
	* Dean O. Cooper	224
	Fred Hacker	160

The result of said canvass shows that Richard "Dick" Sills recieved the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, four year term, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, and further

The result of said canvass shows that Marcus "Tex" Goins recieved the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, four year term, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, and further

The result of said canvass shows that Roland D. Young recieved the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, four year term, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, and further

The result of said canvass shows the Dean O. Cooper recieved the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, two year unexpired term, City of Bonney Lake, Washington.

We further certify that certificates of election have been issued to the above named successful candidates.

Dated at Tacoma, Washington, this 14th day of November, 1969.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Prosecuting Attorney, Pierce County

Auditor, Pierce County

CANVASSING BOARD OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON

CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County Canvassing Board of Election Returns, do hereby certify that we did meet at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, State of Washington, on the 17th day of November,1967 for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the General Election held on the 7th day of November, 1967, in the City of Bonney Lake, Washington.

We find, after making said canvass, there was a total of 378 persons voting at said election on the above mentioned date and the following candidates received the votes set opposite their names for the offices indicated:

COUNCILMAN - Position No. 1	Vote for One
	Thomas A. Burnett 201
	Harmon F. Bussard.....155
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 2	Vote for One
	George Roloff.....197
	Alden Dobson.....154
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 3	Vote for One
	Louis W. Dahl.....229
	Fred A. Hacker.....124
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 4	Vote for One
	Carl E. Peaty..... 211
	Wm. A. Daniels, Jr..... 153
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 5	Vote for One
	Robert E. Allen 286
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 6	Vote for One
	Carle E. Whisler.....231
	Gerald (Jerry) Presley.....130
COUNCILMAN - Position No. 7	Vote for One
	James L. O'Neil.....215
	Harry R. Corliss.....145

The result of said canvass shows that Thomas A. Burnett received the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, Position No. 1, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, for a two (2) year term and further

The result of said canvass shows that George Roloff received the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, Position No. 2, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, for a two (2) year term and further

The result of said canvass shows that Louis W. Dahl received the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, Position No. 3, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, for a four (4) year term and further

The result of said canvass shows that Carl E. Peaty received the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, Position No. 4, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, for a two (2) year term and further

The result of said canvass shows that Robert E. Allen received the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, Position No. 5, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, for a four (4) year term and further

The result of said canvass shows that Carle E. Whisler received the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, Position No. 6, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, for a four (4) year term and further

The result of said canvass shows that James L. O'Neil received the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, Position No. 7, City of Bonney Lake, Washington, for a four (4) year term .

We further certify that certificates of election have been issued to the above named successful candidates.

Dated at Tacoma, Washington, this 17th day of November, 1967

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Prosecuting Attorney, Pierce County

Auditor, Pierce County

CANVASSING BOARD OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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ABSENT VOTER

OFFICIAL BALLOT

TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE

PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Special Election, November 8, 1966

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote for or against a proposition place X in appropriate ☐ following the proposition.

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote for a person place X in ☐ at the right of the name of such person.

Proposition No. 1

TOWN ADVANCEMENT

SHALL THE TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE ADVANCE TO A CITY OF THE THIRD CLASS?

FOR ADVANCEMENT ☐

AGAINST ADVANCEMENT ☐

COUNCILMAN

(Vote For Five)

ROBERT ALLEN ☐

LOUIE W. DAHL ☐

WM. A. DANIELS, JR. ☐

ALDEN E. DOBSON ☐

EARL W. HECKLER ☐

JAMES L. ONEIL ☐

RICHARD E. PELUSORAD ☐

GEORGE ROLOFF ☐

RON SIMMONS ☐

CARLE R. WHISLER ☐

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Legal Description for Bonney Lake

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - BOUNDARIES OF CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON 8-15-68

COUNTY OF PIERCE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
Township 20 North, Range 5 EWM
Township 19 North, Range 5 EWM

Beginning at corner common to Sections 32 and 33, Township 20 North, Range 5 EWM, and Sections 4 and 5, Township 19 North, Range 5 EWM, thence north along the east line of Section 32 (west line of Cedar Heights) to the NE corner of the SE¼, thence west along the north line of said subdivision, to the SW corner of the SE¼ of the NE¼, thence north along the west line of said subdivision to the SE corner of the NW¼ of the NE¼, thence west along the south line of said subdivision to the SW corner thereof, thence north along the west line of said subdivision to the NW corner thereof, thence east along the south line of Section 29 to the west line of the E½ of the W½ of the E½ of Section 29, thence northerly along said west line to the south line of the N½ of the NE¼, thence east along said south line to the east line of Section 29, thence northerly along said east line to the NW corner of Lot 6, Debra Jane Division No. 3, thence east along the north line of Lots 6 and 5 of said plat to the west line of Debra Jane, thence north along the west line of Debra Jane to the NW corner thereof, thence east along the north line of Debra Jane and Debra Jane Division No. 2 to the west line of Interlake Island Addition No. 1, thence northerly, easterly, and southeasterly along the boundary of Interlake Island Addition No. 1, to an intersection with the easterly line of Inlet Island, thence southeasterly along the easterly line of Inlet Island to the northerly line of Maple Point Addition extended, thence easterly along said northerly line to the east line of said plat (east line of Section 22), thence south along the east line to the SE corner of Maple Point Addition, thence west along the south line of said plat to the west line of 207th Avenue East, thence south along said west line to the north line of Van Der Mark Road, thence southwesterly along Van Der Mark Road to the north line of Lot 8, Lake Tapps

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Cedar Addition, thence east along said north line to the NE corner of Lot 8 (east line of Section 27), thence south along said east line of Lake Tapps Cedar Addition to the SE corner thereof, thence west along the south line of the N½ of the SE¼ of Section 27 to the SW corner thereof, thence north along the westline of said subdivision to the NW corner, thence west along the north line of the NE¼ of the SW¼ (and the south line of Church Lake Waterfront Tracts Division No. 1) to the NW corner of said subdivision (east line of Church Lake Waterfront Tracts Division No. 1), thence south to the SE corner of Tract C, thence west along the south line to the east line of Tract B, thence south and west to the SW corner of Tract B, thence south to the north line of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 27, thence west along the north line to the west line of Section 27, thence south along the west line of Section 27 to the SW corner of Section 27, thence west along the south line of Section 28 to the NE corner of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 33, thence south along the east line of said subdivision to the SE corner of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 33, thence west along the south line to the west line of Lakeway Drive, thence southwesterly along the west line of Lakeway Drive to the east line of the W½ of Section 33, thence south along said east line to the south line of the N½ of the NE¼ of the SW¼, thence west along said south line to the east line of the W½ of the SW¼ (east line of McDonald Fruit Tracts) thence south along said east line to the north line of State Highway 410, thence easterly to the west line of Cedar Grove Addition, thence north, east and north along said plat to the north line thereof, thence east along the north line to the west line of Section 34, thence south along said west line to the SW corner of Section 34, thence east along said south line to the west line of Cedar View Addition, thence north along the west line to the NW corner of said plat (Cedar View Addition), thence east along the north line to the west line of the E½ of Section 34, thence north along the east line to the north line of the S½ of Section 34, thence east along the north line to the centerline of Van Der Mark Road (J.F. 61st Road), thence southerly along said centerline (east line of Section 34) to the north line of the

SE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 34, thence west along said north line to the east line of Cedar View Addition, thence south along said east line to the north line of State Highway 410, thence northwesterly, north, and west along the southerly boundary of Cedar View Addition to the NE corner of the NW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 5 EWM, thence south along the east line of said subdivision to the north line of State Highway 410, thence northwesterly along said north line to the north line of Section 4, Township 19 North, Range 5 EWM (south line of Cedar Grove), thence west along said north line of Section 4 to the east line of Kelly Creek Heights, thence south and southwesterly to the west line of said plat, thence north along the west line to the north line of Section 4, thence west along said north line to the NW corner of Section 4 and the true point of beginning, except any portion lying within the NE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 32, Township 20 North, Range 5 EWM, and except any portion lying within the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 28, Township 20 North, Range 5 EWM.

Random Tidbits!

Mayor Ken Simmons was thrilled to offer Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson a drink of water from the brand new water lines that had been installed. It was one of the first orders of business for the new town.

What did it cost to live in 1949?

$1650

26 cents a gallon

Suits- $24.95

$1650

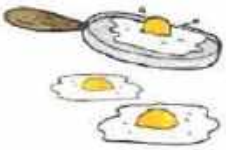
Average annual wage
$3100

Campbell's Soup
3 cans– 25 cents

5 cents

5 cents a cup

14 cents a loaf



Dozen eggs– 64 cents

Milk
84 cents a gallon

Postage Stamp
3 cents

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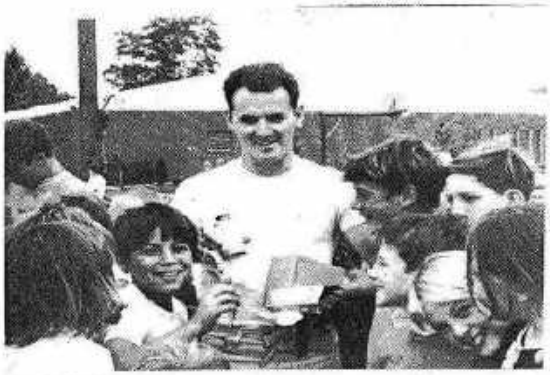
NEWS-INDEX & STANDARD
Sumner, Wash.
SEP 17 1970

BL School playground enlarged

The school doors have been open for two and a half weeks now and many pupil activities have become routine for the youngsters at Bonney Lake Elementary School. A routine they have been enjoying ever since their first recess break is playing under the trees of a newly cleared wooded area adjacent to the old playgrounds.

The additional play space is the result of a work project held during the summer by members of the Bonney Lake Chapter of the Mobil Home Owners of America. Spending an entire Saturday swinging axes and dragging limbs and brush, fifteen members of the club worked to improve conditions for the local children. Paul Chaplik, principal of the school, states it's interesting to note that only two of the adults in the work party have children attending Bonney Lake School.

Project co-chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kleppin organized the activity after hearing Mr. Chaplik describe landscaping plans at a meeting of their association. The group enjoyed a pot luck lunch midway in their labors.



MEMBERS OF THE Sumner Swim Team and their coach, Mr. DeHann, are shown at a "fun in the sun day" which climaxed a full summer of hard training. Team members presented their coach with some jokes and a big "first place" ribbon to show him their appreciation.

CHILDREN OF members of the Mobile Home Owners' Association, Green Hills Chapter, carry brush as part of a project of clearing a wooded area adjacent to the existing Bonney Lake School playground. The clearing provided an enlarged playground area.

~1976~

Staff photo by Jerry Buck

Homemade police station now under way

Bonney Lake Police Chief George Webb, leaning on crutches to protect an injured left heel, is directing construction of an addition to his police station in the background. After a $50,000 bond issue for the project failed twice, Chief Webb convinced the City Council the job could be done with volunteer labor for $8,000. Started Jan. 2, the addition will be completed by city residents later this year. Story, Page One.

Bonney Lake volunteers help expand police station, jail

By BOB BOXBERGER
TNT Staff Writer

BONNEY LAKE — The people of this community are building an addition to their police headquarters and jail even though they twice turned down a $50,000 bond issue for the project.

And they're doing it with a mere $8,000 provided by the City Council from the general fund.

Construction began Jan. 2 after Police Chief George Webb persuaded the council he could get the job done with volunteer labor if the city would provide money for materials.

So now, every weekend you can find volunteers as different as businessmen and airline pilots turning their hand to a variety of construction tasks. And the backbone of the do-it-yourself project is a trio of retired men that donates its skills to the effort all week long; it includes Dean Cooper, Glen Kleppin and Roy Yorke.

Under the retirees' and Webb's guidance, the structure has grown to the point where only a small records center remains to be framed.

The addition will include three offices and a large training-meeting room on the upper level, and three cells, a booking room, evidence and property rooms, a small darkroom and a kitchen on the daylight basement level.

A majority of Bonney Lake voters favored the new structure at bond elections in September and November, Webb said. But the issue failed by one vote to get the necessary two-thirds majority in the first election, and by 19 votes in the second.

When completed later this year, the entire police structure will have a white stucco exterior and landscaping.

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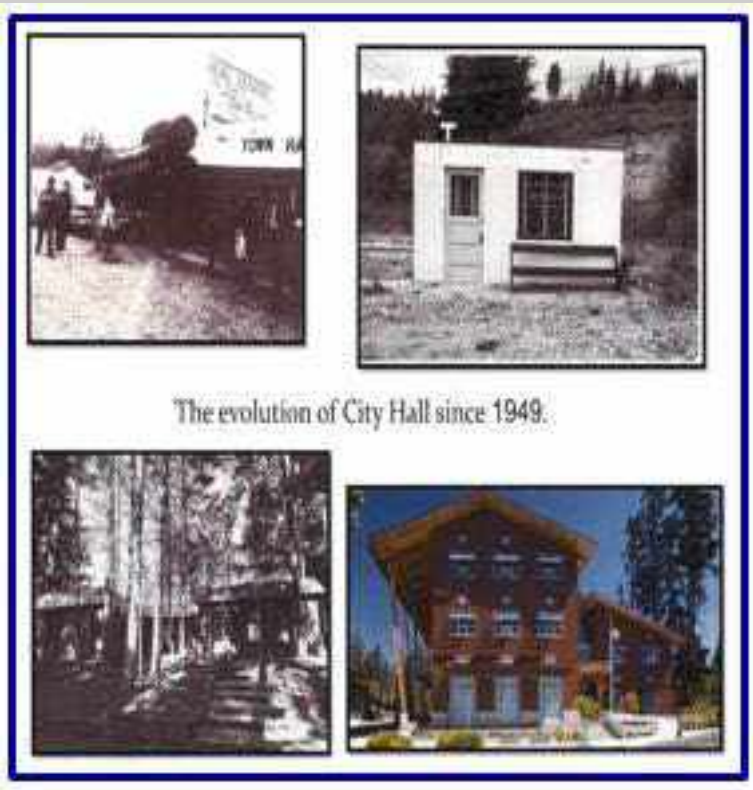
Past Photos

Clean up week successful

THRU THE COORDINATED EFFORTS of the City of Bonney Lake, the Bonney Lake Elementary School, the Service Club and Tri-Lakes Women's Club, Bonney Lake is a cleaner city by 357 bags of litter. Competition between classes for picking up the most litter was stiff with the winning class picking up 67 bags of litter and the runner up picking up 59 bags. A plaeque donated by the City of Bonney Lake was presented to Miss Carol Kelbell's 5th grade class by City Councilman Louie Dahl. The coordinators were: Tom Rhinevault, City Manager, John Sullivan, Principal, Venita Congdon, Service Club, Leah Kleppin, Tri-Lakes Women's Club. On Saturday, the Pierce County Refuse Co. will haul away the two week accumulation and the Firemen's Assoc. will be picking up brush and other litter put out by various householders to complete Cleanup Week.



The evolution of City Hall since 1949.

Bonney Lake gets sign

THOSE ENTERING Bonney Lake from Highway 410 will discover a new bold sign declaring entrance into the City of Bonney Lake. Benjamin Clifford furnished shrubbery surrounding the sign. Compton's Rhododendron and Shrubs offered them at a 10% discount and donated two free shrubs. This new addition to Bonney Lake has been gratefully received by its citizens.

~1978~

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Environmental board meeting to improve BL neighborhoods

Bonney Lake's new environmental board has initiated action against two properties and has actions pending against five more, chairman Bob Westberg has reported.

The board, formed approximately six weeks ago, is focusing its attention on complaints from property owners against other property owners who allow their homes and land to deteriorate.

In one case, Westberg reported, a couple reported they were able to buy their home at a bargain rate because a nearby residence was so poorly kept it depreciated the value of the property the couple bought.

However, once they moved into the neighborhood, and realized how unkept the nearby property was, they filed a complaint, Westberg said.

The property in question — one of the first two against which the board acted — had five junk cars in view, two of them without motors in them, Westberg said.

The other property contained a house with half the siding on one side missing. Trash and lumber were in the yard, he reported.

He reported difficulty in learning who the residents of the home were, although he said "three or four" people live there.

Westberg reported his board meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, just prior to city council meetings.

When the board acts against a property, it sends a property owner written notice giving 15 days to take action to clean up or improve property in accordance with city code. If no action is taken, another five-day notice is given. After that, the case may be turned over to the city for legal action.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis, and the board is not likely to act unless it unanimously agrees that a property is an eyesore that [illegible] correction, he said.

Composed of volunteers, the board acts with the advice of the city attorney and engineer, Westberg said. People may file complaints with the board by letter, by attending its meetings, or by phoning Westberg at his home.

Past Photos

A Good Sign

RESTING ON HER LAURELS is past president of the Bonney Lake Garden Club, Helen Stuhr, as some of the new officers get practice in taking care of the landscaped mini-park at the "gateway" to Bonney Lake. The garden club did the work, the shrubs were furnished by Benjamin Clifford and Compton's nursery and Bonney Lake's city manager, Tom Rhinevault, made the welcome sign. Bill Patterson donated the rocks .. or "laurels," in this case. The entire project was a civic endeavor and gives a new look to Bonney Lake. Workers are garden club vice-president Jane Ellis (left) and treasurer Leah Kleppin, while the incoming president of the club, Del Brown, stands in the supervisory spot. An interesting sidelight to the project, Clifford donated $200 for the sign but after it was made by the city manager, the money was channeled to the Bonney Lake Library by Clifford.

~1981~

Bonney Lake's sewer might generate power

Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso met stiff opposition from council members Monday, Nov. 23, when he introduced proposals for a $9,000 alternative technology investment for the city sewer project and a higher utility tax.

The alternative sewer addition would generate hydro-electric power from the untreated sewage wastewater which will plummet down an interceptor line to the base of Elhi Hill, near Route 410.

That electricity would be sold to Puget Power and, according to mayor Pedroso, will equal or exceed the cost of pumping the sewage up the many hills in Bonney Lake.

Grants from the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Ecology will pay for 94 percent of the project costs on a money back guarantee, according to consulting engineer Greg Botch. Botch said the EPA will pay 100 percent of the project cost if it fails, as well as replace it with a system that does work.

Councilmen Dan Scarborough and Leonard Moore both questioned the wisdom of investing more money in design fees for the sewer project that already has cost several million dollars.

And Scarborough wanted to know, specifically, how much the city would have to spend for maintenance of the hydro generating station. He also wanted to know what would happen, once the generator was deemed "efficient" by its makers, if it broke down. How much could the city end up spending in repairs, Scarborough asked.

No one present at the meeting could answer the question. But the other four council members present voted to spend $9,000 on design work for the hydro-electric technology.

At a brief recess of the marathon 4½ hour meeting, Scarborough added to his previous remarks on the sewer project. "I think we're getting a pink elephant here," Scarborough exclaimed. "Say, the first day it operates, it breaks a shaft. Who pays? And at what point do they (THE EPA and the DOE) say it isn't operating efficiently? If it's a one percent profit—or what?" There are "too many unknowns," Scarborough concluded.

The following day, Bonney

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Lake city engineer Paul Anstey said, "I think it's an excellent proposal."

"If it works six months, it'll work for a long time," Anstey said in response to Scarborough's objections.

"If we go down to Sumner," Anstey added, "it's the best way to dissipate the energy of effluent going down hill." Without the alternative hydro generators, Anstey said the city would need many thousands of dollars worth of energy dissipation devices to cool the sewage.

Anstey admitted he did not know how much maintaining such a generating station could cost the city. But he said the city's consulting engineers, Botch and Associates, are studying that now.

Anstey also said other options for transporting the sewer effluents downhill to the Sumner sewage treatment plant were unattractive. He said "it's predictible that you'd have a lot of trouble" with the conventional systems.

In another issue, the council carried its Nov. 23 meeting past midnight as it tried to decide how much tax to assess on utility bills.

Jerry Foy, a business office manager for Pacific Northwest Bell, argued that an across the board tax increase (from 6.75 to 8.5 percent) including intra-state phone calls, would be grossly unfair to the telephone utility.

And Foy produced figures compiled by PNB which purported to show how a tax increase on basic service alone would raise the $22,000 the city sought with its tax on telephones.

At one point, the council nearly recessed the issue to another meeting due to confusion and lack of concensus. But Foy, former mayor of Aberdeen, told the council it would have to come up with a tax agreement soon or lose what PNB was offering.

City Treasurer Myrtle Thompson said phone company estimates of taxes in previous years ended up too optimistic, once taxes were actually collected. And given the sluggishness of the economy, she questioned whether a significant growth in service would occur.

Foy argued that Bonney Lake has an historically predictable tendency to add more service. And he speculated that second phones for teenagers and altogether new customers could supply the growth in local phone service that his calculations were based upon.

Eventually the council voted to adopt the 8.5 percent utilities tax on all utilities, except garbage (which is under contract). But the council honored Foy's request to leave the intra-state toll tax out of the proposal. Such a tax, Foy had argued, would have overshot the council's goal of $22,000 by about $12,000.

Leonard Moore, Dan Scarborough and Victor Gould had voted against including the intra-state tolls, in order to keep down costs to citizens.

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Bonney Lake Council

Explosion fizzles as tax levy is passed

A potentially explosive disagreement over terms of the 1982 tax levy ordinance for Bonney Lake was defused during a special meeting of the city council Monday night.

The special Monday night session became necessary when a 4½ hour meeting the previous week ended in bitter disagreement over the proposed tax levy ordinance for 1982.

Councilwoman Nina Sedlak refused to vote for the levy because she felt it was worded too vaguely, and councilmen Dan Scarborough and Leonard Moore questioned the apparently high assessment rates. A 3-3 tie vote ensued, and Mayor John Pedroso called the special meeting.

This Monday's meeting, however, came to a speedy conclusion as councilman James Young attended for the first time in several weeks and cast his vote in favor of adopting the ordinance. Young had missed several meetings while recuperating from major surgery.

COUNCILMAN YOUNG
back at work

Coupled with Young's extra vote, Nina Sedlak reworded the ordinance and then reversed her position to make a 3-2 vote in favor of adoption.

The new ordinance now allows the city to levy property taxes for 1982 as well as meet interest payments on two general obligation bond issues still out standing from 1976 and 1981.

The vote came just one day prior to a December 1 deadline imposed by law for adoption of the levy ordinance. Consequently it spared the city a financial collapse which could have resulted without the more than $200,000 in property taxes that the ordinance authorized.

Leonard Moore and Dan Scarborough maintained their opposition to the ordinance in both meetings. Moore argued that certain monies sitting idle in a bond redemption fund from the 1976 General Obligation Bond issue for fire trucks should be used to pay for the interest due

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this year on those 1976 fire truck bonds.

By doing so, Moore said he wanted to save the taxpayers some money. He said a similar maneuver cut the library levy for 1982 in half.

But the council voted to adopt the ordinance without further changes which left Moore shaking his head. "The taxpayers got ripped off again," he said after the meeting.

The council's action will use the $20,000 now sitting idle in the bond redemption fund from the 1976 bond issue to pay for interest due in January 1983 for the new bond issue for fire trucks that was just passed by the voters this November.

Myrtle Thompson, city treasurer, called this maneuver an "interfund loan," and fire chief Alden Dobson called it a routine matter.

As adopted, the ordinance will tax property at $3.273286 per thousand dollars of assessed property, raising a total of $267,962.

In other business, the council adopted a business license ordinance with new fees after incorporating language suggested last week by councilman Moore.

Moore and Scarborough then took issue with the new working, which still may have left a loophole for single proprietorships. But city attorney George Kelley raised his voice and told the council: "we're rapidly running out of time on this thing!"

voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance which provides a new fee structure and higher license rates for businesses operating within the city of Bonney Lake.

The sudden concensus left city clerk Mildred Berend nearly speechless as she pronounced "that's unanimous" with a strong note of incredulity.

The council also swore in member Nina Sedlak to her council seat for 1982, since she will have surgery soon and will be unable to attend some meetings. But no one was sure whether the swearin-in was strictly legal, so Mrs. Sedlak may be sworn in again when she returns. "It's faster to swear her in twice than it is to debate it," Kelley advised.

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Victor Falls may be electricity source

Just 30 years ago, Cecil Frazier of Bonney Lake lived at the end of the power company's service line at Victor Falls. But within a few years—through a proposed city of Bonney Lake public project which underscores the lightning pace of development in that area—Frazier could be living next door to a new source of electricity.

The project is the brainchild of Bonney Lake City Engineer Paul Anstey. He obtained a federal grant in 1980 to study the feasibility of generating electricity at Victor Falls where Fennel creek splashes some 75 feet into a mossy, log-jammed ravine.

This May, Anstey will have completed a full year of data collection and then will look into how precisely the city can build a practical facility, Anstey said recently.

"We have had sufficient information to know it was economically feasible before we went into it," Anstey said. But he explained the extensive water level readings were necessary to determine precisely how much water the city could count on year-round and thus to determine what kind of system will make electricity generation most efficient.

The city's project is not the first considered for the falls, however, as Cecil Frazier noted last week.

Both Frazier and his brother-in-law Cloris Shinn considered building some kind of generator on the falls during the late 1940s.

Shinn owned the falls at that time, having bought them in 1947 from a wanderlust Scotsman, Henry Hunter, who traded a Seattle hotel for the falls in 1913.

"We maybe talked about it and did some investigating," Frazier said of their plans. "But money was scarce then in the '40s and it was easy to get discouraged. However, we looked at plans and considered it."

Power Source

Bonney Lake city engineer Paul Anstey stood at the top of Victor Falls recently, surveying the location of a future small dam. That dam would divert some of the Fennel Creek (seen above) to a hydro-electric facility the city currently is considering as a source of revenues. In May, Anstey will finish making measurements of the water flow which varies seasonally in Fennel Creek. The city then will decide if it wants the facility and how to build it.

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City sewage plant seen costing less

The City of Bonney Lake should proceed with the construction of its own sewage treatment plant, a special study by engineers Phillip M. Botch and Associates recommended last week.

The study compared the costs of a Bonney Lake treatment plant with two other alternatives, both of which would have expanded the existing Sumner sewer plant.

The recommended Bonney Lake alternative will not only cost less than the other two alternatives, it also will provide 60 percent more capacity, the study concluded.

The study recommended placing a treatment plant at one of two sites located near the Puyallup River—one in the valley on Weyerhaeuser land and the other located near the top of the hill on Bisson-Scannel Road.

The Botch study, however, recommended against building an electricity generating plant, utilizing the sewage that will run downhill from Bonney Lake to the sewage treatment plant.

Such an energy plant will not be cost-effective until the value of electricity increases nearly two-fold.

The Botch study also showed a seperate Bonney Lake treatment plan will save about $2,280,506 over a similar-sized Sumner alternative that included the Pierce County and South Hill as partners.

The Botch study said these savings would amount to as much as $2.35 per sewer customer each month.

The Botch study considered a smaller Sumner alternative in its figures, but concluded a Bonney Lake plant would save customers as much as $1.14 each month.

The study however, failed to compute the exact cost for completing the Bonney Lake sewer system project—using any of the three alternatives.

Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso said the Botch study has been forwarded to the state's Department of Ecology (DOE) for a 30-day review.

The city is negotiating with the DOE for a grant that will pay approximately 75 percent of the remaining sewer project costs.

The DOE's response to the study probably will not be ready before the September 14 city bond issue goes before the citizens of Bonney Lake, Pedroso said.

Pedroso also said that he has not signed a contract with DOE as he previously planned to do last Friday.

"Housekeeping changes in the contract language" were to blame, Pedroso said.

City engineer Paul Anstey said the city's proposed $3.225 million general obligation bond issue will be enough to cover the costs of the project.

"It's got to be enough," he said.

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County planners leave sewer pact intact

The City of Bonney Lake won another minor battle last Thursday in its effort to keep alive its sewer proposal, as the Pierce County planning commission recommended to the Pierce County Council that certain sections in the original Lake Tapps sewer agreement remain intact.

The Planning Commission's recommendation came after protest from several persons attending the commission's hearing. Those persons included an engineer from Parametrix Inc., Bonney Lake city attorney George Kelley, Bonney Lake city engineer Paul Anstey and Bonney Lake Mayor Pro Tem Vera Strong.

All of them expressed concern that changing the terms of the original agreement (including Pierce County, the City of Bonney Lake, the City of Sumner and the South Hill Sewer Improvement Association) could endanger pending funds from federal agencies by creating a fresh array of bureaucratic entanglements.

Thursday's recommendation, however, displeased other parties.

Roland Crabtree, who is developing what may some day become a city in the Dieringer area and parts of south King County, had hoped to incorporate sections of the Lake Tapps sewer service area into his own sewer system.

Crabtree is working toward hooking up the sewer system of his Lakeland Hills development with the city of Auburn and subsequently with the King County's Metro sewer system.

In a related matter, the county planning commission tabled for 90 days another proposed recommendation which would have changed the sewer contract terms referring to the proposed trunkline carrying Lake Tapps' and Bonney Lake's sewage to the Sumner sewage treatment plant.

Several Sumner city officials and council members were on hand to argue against including county residents along Riverside Drive now in the Lake Tapps sewer system plan.

Bonney Lake sewers are rejected by voters

Voters crushed the $3.225 millions sewer bond issue in Bonney Lake yesterday by more than a 75 percent margin and Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso blamed the landslide on recent water rate problems.

A total of 495 persons voted against the general obligation bond sewer issue. Just 151 voted in favor, according to unofficial figures supplied last night by city hall.

Absentees, yet to be counted, will hardly make a dent in the outcome.

But the issue probably is not dead.

The $3.225 million general obligation bond issue may be submitted again on the November 2 general election ballot, if the Bonney Lake City Council votes to do so tonight.

Monday night's council meeting was adjourned to 7:30 tonight (Wednesday) for that purpose after a Monday night vote to resubmit the bond issue failed to attract the needed four votes.

Councilman Leonard Moore and councilwoman Nina Sedlak opposed the motion, while councilmen John Anderson, Victor Gould and James Young favored it.

Mayor John Pedroso told the council Monday it must act this week to put the bonds on the November 2 ballot in order to meet the state's 45-day deadline before the election.

"This is to protect the intent of the city to continue its commitment to its project and ensure (the sewer's) completion," the mayor said.

In other matters Monday night the council adopted a revision of the city zoning ordinance, went out for bids on a computer, accepted a bid for fire trucks and adopted a resolution regarding flood insurance.

The zoning ordinance, No. 515A, will change the requirements for business signs, require conditional use permits for arcades, car lots, lumber yards, kennels and theaters, and it will reset requirements for minimum setbacks on commercial lots adjacent to residential areas.

Another amendment of the code will reset the requirements for parking spaces for several kinds of businesses.

The fire truck bid award went to Sea-Western Seagrave which bid $243,118 plus tax for the two fire trucks approved in a bond issue last fall.

Fire chief Alden Dobson said the interest earned from investing the bonds already sold will cover the cost of equipping the trucks. It also will buy "a nearly complete load of fire hose," Dobson said.

The computer, a Burroughs L-9, will replace the city's current L-6 and it will speed up the processing of city business, city clerk Mildred Berend told the council.

Berend said the computer is a budgeted item but will cost less than the $15,000 budgeted.

"It will be five to ten times faster than the computer we have now," Berend said.

Resolution No. 579 will revise the city's building permit system, by including a concern for floods in the city engineers consideration of permits.

The council also voted to negotiate with the Hill, Ranum Investments company for a sewer maintenance agreement at Bonney Lake Village.

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They weren't persuaded

Greg Botch, consulting engineer for the City of Bonney Lake, helped explain the need and costs for sewers last week in a public meeting held at Bonney Lake Elementary School. Botch predicted a close vote on sewers but expected the issue to pass. However, Leonard Moore, who has opposed the city's handling of sewers, expected the bond issue to fail by a 9-1 margin.

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Water bill relief voted by city

High water users on the City of Bonney Lake's water system will receive credits on their summer bills, the Bonney Lake City Council ruled unanimously Monday night.

The council action—Ordinance No. 464F—marked the third time the city water rate structure has been changed since April 19 when the council first changed it.

Those customers using more than 3,000 cubic feet of water in a two month period will receive credits on their bills, City Engineer Paul Anstey told the council.

As many as 50 percent of the city's customers could receive credit for payments they have already made, according to the figures in a study prepared by Anstey in April.

Mayor John Pedroso said the new ordinance was necessary because the city's first (June 1) water rate structure was illegally high.

That water rate—approved April 19 and in effect from June 1 to August 31—assessed $2 per 100 cubic feet of water for the first 1,000 cubic feet used above the 3,000 cubic foot level in any two month period. The rate also assessed $3 per 100 cubic feet for all water used above the 4,000 cubic foot level in a single billing period.

Pedroso said those higher punitive rates were "fat in excess" of what the city needed to run the water department so those rates would be illegal according to state revised codes.

The mayor also said he consulted with a representative of the state Attorney General office on the city's move to reduce water rates retroactively to June 1.

A previous effort to reduce water rates retroactively failed by a 3-2 vote Aug. 9, when City Attorney George Kelley said it would be illegal to give away public monies.

But Kelley said after last Monday night's council meeting, the city had no idea as many persons were affected by the high water bills.

He also claimed the city had not been able to project the income from the June 1 water rates until last week when Anstey reviewed his original April study of water rates.

Anstey's second study, Kelley maintained, showed the city's June 1-August 31 water rates were higher than needed.

Councilman Leonard Moore, who sponsored the August 9 motion to grant retroactive rate reductions, hailed Monday night's vote.

"I think this is wonderful," Moore told the council.

Moore noted his previous effort on Aug. 9 and said the council's latter action "is doing the job at a later date, when it should have been done before."

Mayor Pedroso said the council could not act on Moore's August 9 motion because of legal complications.

Pedroso also told the council and more than 35 persons attending Monday night's meeting that the water department showed a net $800 deficit on June 30.

No figures were released Monday night showing the amount of money collected under the rate structure which was repealed.

The new water rates authorized by Ord. 464F will assess $1 per 100 cubic feet of water used above the 2,000 cubic foot minimum allowed for two months.

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Smooth ride ahead

The days of frequent fender benders at Myers Road and State Route 410 may end soon with the completion of two left turn lanes on SR 410. The state highway has been widened to accomodate the turn lanes and new paving has been laid. Bonney Lake City Engineer Paul Anstey estimated at least another week of work barring weather delay

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Dog joins police; salaries unleashed

The City of Bonney Lake gained a K-9 unit for its police department but failed to put a leash on city officials' salaries—in two separate actions during Monday night's meeting of the city council.

The police dog, an eight-month old German Shepherd named Pepper, will be under the guidance of Bonney Lake Police Officer Tom Jenkins, who has been caring for the dog since it was given to the Bonney Lake Police Department.

Police Chief Don Frazier told the council the dog would receive free food and veterinary care from local citizens who have made donations to the police.

"The initial cost to the city is nil," Frazier said.

Even the cost of a complete kennel has been provided by donations.

Chief Frazier also cited a "high suspect capture rate" using K-9 units in other cities, and he said the success of those other programs prodded his department into getting its own K-9 unit.

The council unanimously passed the resolution establishing a K-9 unit for Bonney Lake.

In another matter, councilman Don Scarborough moved to freeze the salaries of all city officials earning more than $20,000 in annual base pay.

But the motion, which was supported by Councilman Leonard Moore, was crushed 5-2. John Anderson, Victor Gould, Vern Strong, Nina Sedlak and James Young voted against it.

Scarborough said he wanted the salaries frozen for one year only and noted the salary negotiations for 1983 will come to the council's attention very soon.

Moore claimed city officials ought to accept cuts in salary following their incompetence in handling the recent water rate situation and other city business.

He claimed the state auditor's report on Bonney Lake (for 1981) indicated many reasons for heads to roll.

Moore also said Mayor John Pedroso had "unilaterally" raised the pay of several department heads last year. Since inflation has abated considerably since then, Moore said, additional raises will not be needed by those department heads.

Councilman John Anderson however, claimed the city has a certain "process" for arriving at salary adjustments which should be used in the contract negotiations later this fall.

Anderson also said Moore's claims about the auditor's report were "not based on careful study" and should be considered as opinion.

Mayor Pedroso said Moore "made some charges I don't feel are appropriate."

But Moore advised the mayor. "You should read the report too, sir."

"I take offense," Pedroso replied tartly. He described Moore's remarks as "intensively political."

The mayor also said city employees deserve all the pay they are getting, and city engineer Paul Anstey was told he has performed an "admirable" job for the city.

Anstey had stood up in the meeting to tender his resignation if the council wanted it.

"If I'm not doing my duty as city engineer and manager of the water department, I should be discharged. I'm willing to do that," Anstey explained.

Vern Strong later said city salaries might be frozen—but only through the city's wage negotiations and not by an act of the council.

Dog night

Police dog Pepper, an eight-month-old German Shepard, joined Bonney Lake officer Tom Jenkins at the city council meeting Monday night. Jenkins will run the K-9 unit for the city police department, but Pepper will not cost the city any money thanks to donations from citizens.

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Group in Bonney Lake starts recall against mayor, council

By EMMET PIERCE

BONNEY LAKE — A group calling itself the Recall Committee for a Competent Government has started a recall drive against Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso and City Council members John Anderson, Victor Gould, Nina Sedlak, Vern Strong and James Young.

"I'm not surprised," Pedroso said today. "It's really no news to me."

He noted that Gerald Ford, chairman of the recall committee, placed a sign saying "recall the mayor" in his front yard last summer.

Ford filed a petition for recall with city Clerk Mildred Berend yesterday afternoon. The petition alleges that city officials broke the law last summer when they increased municipal water rates. Ford said the rate increase was improper because it was designed to raise more money than it took to run the water system.

Pedroso said he has been in hot water since new water rates were adopted in June. Miscalculated penalty fees for high-volume users sent water bills soaring throughout the city of 5,700 persons. Under the old rate structure, fees averaged about $40 per two-month billing period, said city officials. Under new rates, bills climbed as high as $600, said the mayor.

Ford said his own water bill went from about $24 to $108 in a single billing period.

Water rates were reduced in September. The state attorney general's office said the city could credit accounts that were overcharged because it was illegal for the city to increase rates beyond the cost of running the system.

The mayor and other city officials blamed anger over water rates for sinking a $3.2 million sewer bond proposal in the Sept. 14 primary election. The 529 to 178 defeat left the city with $8.5 million worth of sewer pipes in the ground, but no place to put the sewage. The bonds would have funded construction of a treatment plant.

Leonard Moore and Dan Scarborough, the only city councilmen who voted against the water rate increase and opposed the sewer bond election, are not on the recall petition.

"I feel like they (city officials) have misrepresented the people," said Ford, a 38-year-old salesman who has lived in Bonney Lake for 10 years.

Gould dismissed the recall drive as frivolous.

"Thanksgiving is early. The turkeys are out," he said.

"I don't feel that we did anything illegal," said Strong. "If we did, it was corrected."

To require a recall election, the committee would need petition signatures equaling 25 percent of the votes cast in the elections that put Pedroso, Anderson, Gould, Selak, Strong and Young in office.

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Bonney Lake recall started

Recalling better days

Gerald Ford is fed up with Bonney Lake city government. That is why he first put up these signs and why later he started a drive to recall six city officials. City officials, meanwhile, have reacted many ways, from expressing surprise to expressing sarcasm and scorn.

Movement would unseat mayor, five councilmen

Bonney Lake's mayor and five council members should be recalled from office for their roles in setting the city's summer water rates, one Bonney Lake citizen has charged.

Gerald Ford, a 10-year resident of Bonney Lake and president of something called the Committee for Competent Government, filed recall charges with Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend Monday afternoon.

Ford's deposition accused Mayor John Pedroso and councilmen Vernon Strong, Victor Gould, Nina Sedlak, John Anderson and James Young of misfeasance and malfeasance in office because they voted to set "illegal" water rates during the Aptil 19, 1982 city council meeting.

One of the city's two other councilmen, Leonard Moore also belongs to Ford's committee. Ford said late Monday afternoon after filing his papers.

Ford also said Moore has committed $50 to the campaign which has collected about $250 commitments from several committee members.

But councilman Moore denied Monday night that he has committed any money to the campaign so far.

Attorney John Kramer of Tacoma is handling the case for Ford and the committee.

"We've still got two years under John Pedroso and I don't think this community can handle any more," Ford said, explaining his action.

He also cited a Revised Code of Washington (RCW 29.82.010) which grants citizens the right to recall public officials who are guilty of misfeasance or malfeasance.

Misfeasance and malfeasance apply to actions "clearly inappropriate or not in the best interests of the body or constituency the office represents," according to the RCW. Misfeasance further relates to "lawful acts improperly done" and malfeasance relates "to the doing of official acts which are unlawful."

City officials admitted several weeks ago that they had approved an "illegally high" water rate which would supply the city with more money than needed to maintain the system.

The "illegally high" rate, in fact, was one of the reasons city officials later justified retroactive water rate reductions effective Oct. 1.

Until then, the city officials and city legal counsel had argued that retroactive rate reductions would be an illegal "giving-away" of public money.

Gerald Ford, the man active in the recall efforts, is a 38-year-old bio-medical engineer for North Pacific X-ray in Seattle. He lives with his wife and five children next door to the city's fire department on Bonney Lake Boulevard.

He hung several signs on his property during the middle of last summer's water rate uproar.

One sign read "Mayor Pedroso and water rates s---." Another recommended citizens "flush the mayor." Later he repainted his signs to read "Recall The Mayor" and "Lower Water Rates."

Ford said he owns a swimming pool but he insisted his $108 two-month water bill during the summer was not due to filling the pool. Frequent chemical treatments make changing the pool water unnecessary, Ford said, adding that he has not emptied his pool for three years.

The recall campaign and sign painting are his first political activities since he campaigned for State Representative George Walk several years ago, Ford said.

But the city's high water rates and then the city's handling of the situation strained Ford and forced him to act, he said.

"I'm just fed up," Ford explained.

"They took school clothes off my children's backs when I got that water bill. I've got five kids," Ford said.

Ford said his group will wait for a ballot title from the county prosecutor's office and then will collect signatures to put the recall issue on the ballot.

Signatures from about 35 percent of the voters in the last general election will be needed to put the issue to a vote, Ford said.

Ford also noted that city clerk Mildred Berend has 20 days to serve notice of action "to all those concerned—as you would with a civil suit."

About 15 more days will be allowed for the county prosecutor to draw up a ballot title.

"It's not an easy thing. We're probably looking at two months," Ford said of signature taking.

"They generally hold a school levy in March and we would like to see it (on the ballot then)," he added.

Other members of the recall committee besides Gerald Ford are Nelma Harralson, Pat Hannah, Leopold Muir, Thomas Moore, Terry Hickok, Evelyn Witte, a Mr. Haviland and Wayne Dwinell, Ford said.

Past Councilmember

James Rackley

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City to buy property next to fire station

Tempers cracked and flared again during the Bonney Lake City Council Monday night when officials wrangled over the purchase of land for a public safety building.

The council finally voted 5-2 to spend $20,000 for the 90-foot by 300-foot parcel of land next door to the city's fire department on Locust Avenue.

Mayor John Pedroso hailed the purchase as a chance to consolidate the city's fire and police departments. And he said the city could have a 24-hours dispatch if the two departments were housed under one roof.

"The least costly expenditure would be to place the (public safety) facility on the present fire hall site," Pedroso argued.

Councilmen Leonard Moore and Dan Scarborough, however, both questioned the wisdom of the location of the proposed public safety building.

The councilmen said the police department should be close to the city's commercial districts as it is now.

Police chief Don Frazier countered their objections by saying the location of the building would not hurt service to the community.

"The (squad) cars are going to be in the business district a good deal of the time," Frazier said.

Pedroso then said the city could sell its current police station site and recover its original investment on that land.

But Moore questioned the land purchase price which was set without an independent appraisal. He also questioned the propriety of the purchase from Clyde Greenwood Sr., whose son Clyde Greenwood Jr. works for the city. Moore said he would investigate to see if there was any wrongdoing.

Mayor John Pedroso, struggling to control his temper, later responded to Moore.

"I find the comment out of line—an accusation unfounded," the mayor said, taking a long pause. "And cloaked with malice."

Pedroso said he sought Greenwood's property because of its location and long before he knew who owned it. He also said he sought the lowest price Greenwood would accept.

"The minimum amount was $20,000. That is fair, simple and the honest truth," Pedroso added.

A vote was taken, and both Moore and Scarborough opposed the payment of $15,000 this year and $5,000 next year to Greenwood.

"If the chair wanted to be as vindictive—I would probably say the 5-2 vote too is natural," Pedroso added after the vote.

The council later agreed to spend $6,000 of water department funds for a "hole hog."

City Engineer Paul Anstey said the pneumatic-powered tool would allow the water department to drill holes under streets without cutting through the pavement. He also said county regulations forbid "open cuts" on busy roads such as 214th Avenue East or South Tapps Highway.

"We feel that we would be able to pay for this machine probably within six months to a year with the savings of rental costs," Anstey said. He indicated the city must pay $400 for each hole dug with a rental "hole hog."

The council voted 6-1 to let Anstey go out for bids on a new "hole hog."

The council attended to other city matters Monday night:

- It held a public hearing to discuss how the city will spend $47,189 in federal revenue sharing monies next year.

Suggestions ranged from improving city streets and building sidewalks to spending it on library service.

The revenue sharing funds traditionally have been spent on the Pierce County Library service contract, Pedroso said. He also said the cost for the service has increased more than $10,000 to about $59,000 this year.

- It turned over to city attorney George Kelley a request for a water connection fee refund.
- It heard Joe W. Schwartz request a change in the deed for property he owns along Old Buckley Highway.

Attorney Kelley will look into the issue which could involve the city and Schwartz trading a right of way for property.

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Unlocking business

Keys were handed out this week to owners of five businesses in Bonney Lake Village, although construction continues at the site. Above, developer Gus Raaum handed keys to Kendra Pugh and Janice Swan, far right, while Raaum's partner Harold Hill looked on. Swan owns Swans and Daughter, a gift shop and Pugh will manage the Bonney Lake store.

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Recall signing seen this month

Bonney Lake citizens wanting to recall their mayor, John Pedroso, along with five of the city's seven councilmen could begin circulating their recall petitions as soon as November 24, Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend indicated yesterday.

The charges against the six city officials were filed with Berend October 25 by Bonney Lake resident Gerald Ford. Ford is president of a group he calls the Committee for Competent Government.

Berend has forwarded those charges to the Pierce County Prosecutor who now must determine their constitutionality.

The prosecutor has until November 9 to reckon whether the recall meets the guidelines set out in the Washington State Constitution, which guarantees citizens the right to recall.

He will have 15 more days, until November 24 to formulate a ballot synopsis, if he decides the recall is valid. Citizens then will be able to print their petitions and begin circulating them.

Besides Mayor Pedroso, council members James Young, Nina Sedlak, Vern Strong, Victor Gould and John Anderson have been charged with misfeasance and malfeasance in office. The accusations stem from the council's vote to change the city water rates this past summer.

To put the recall on a ballot, petition gatherers will need signatures from at least 35 percent of the voters who cast ballots when each of the six officials won election to office.

Assuming Ford and his committee gather enough signatures to put a city official's name on a recall ballot, voters then would decide for themselves if the offical has committed any wrongs in office. The voters will act as a jury, according to Tacoma lawyer John Kramer, who is representing Ford's "Committee for Competent Government."

Councilman James Young, who ran unopposed for his Ward 3 position in 1979, could find his name on a recall ballot if as few as 23 registered voters from his ward sign a petition to recall him. Only 64 persons voted on Young's seat in the 1979 election, according to city clerk Berend.

John Anderson, by contrast, will find his name on a recall ballot only if 270 voters sign recall petitions. In his 1981 race against Ray Fulton, Anderson won by 494 votes to 287.

Mayor Pedroso ran opposed in 1981 when 515 votes were cast. It will take 180 signers to get his name on a recall ballot.

Nina Sedlak ran against the late David Larson in 1981, and a total of 779 votes were cast in their race.

Victor Gould's 1981 race against Leopold Muir for the Ward 2 position attracted 177 total votes.

Vern Strong, chairman of the city's water committee, ran unopposed in 1981 when 140 votes were cast. Signatures from about 50 Ward 1 voters could put Strong's name on the recall ballot.

Chief Civil Deputy Roger Miener will be handling the recall for Pierce County. He refused to comment on the matter yesterday.

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Recall skirmish ends, but war may continue

by Bruce Blizard

The Pierce County Prosecutor's office has determined the charges against Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso and five members of the Bonney Lake City Council in a recall petition filed by Gerald Ford are insufficient to warrent further action on the recall move against the six officials.

Despite the prosecutor's assessment of the recall petition — an assessment required by state law before the recall could procede — Ford insists his battle to remove Pedroso and the five members of the council (John Anderson, Victor Gould, Vern Strong, Nina Sedlak and James Young) will continue.

Ford apparently has the baking of at least one member of the council not named in the recall petition in his fight, Leonard Moore — an outspoken critic of Pedroso and what he calls "his rubberstamp council."

Ford expressed shock and disbelief when informed the prosecutor's office had ruled against his petition, but added he would discuss the matter with his attorney.

"I'm going to pass this on to my attorney," Ford said. "If he thinks we have any chance, we'll pursue it. This isn't going to end here. I didn't expect this to be quick and easy."

According to Roger Meiner, the county prosecutor's chief civil deputy, the decision by his office only stops the recall petition as it currently reads. Ford and his Recall Committee for a Competent Government are free to challenge the prosecutors assessment of the charges specified in the recall petition in court or to file another recall petition worded in such a way the prosecutor's office could find merit in the charges.

In a letter to Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend, Meiner explained the reasons behind the decision. There was a problem in the wording of the recall petition which "introduces an element of ambiguity which tends to offend the state law requirement that a recall charge be concise and specific."

An observation made by Meiner in the letter to Berend could become a key issue in future recall efforts. Ford's chief complaint against Pedroso and the council was that they illegally raised water rates in the city to a level beyond that which was needed to operate the water system.

Opponents of the mayor nsisted it was illegal for the city to raise water rates to such a level. But, as Meiner noted in his letter to Berend, "the (state) statute clearly anticipates that the (water) rates may produce revenue in excess of cost of operation (of the water system) and offers alternative lawful courses of action for the city to follow should that occur. The recall petition thus states an erroneous conclusion of law."

Specifically, state law says excess water rates may be reduced (which the city council did) or that excess money may be transfered to city's current expense fund.

Moore and Ford suggested, however, that the water-rate controversy was only one of a dozen possible grounds for recalling the mayor and the five councilmembers. Ford and his committee have, in fact, compiled a list of 11 other actions the mayor and the council have taken which they say are illegal.

"There is enormous feeling in the city against what's going on," Moore said. "It's been building for a long time. There's just no end to the illegal acts. They have no thought for complying with the law at all."

Pedroso was obviously relieved that the recall drive had been turned aside by the prosecutor's office. But like, Ford and his committee, the Bonney Lake mayor expects the battle against him to continue for some time.

"It's something that's gone on for many years," a visibly disturbed Pedroso said following Monday night's city council meeting. "When you consider the source, you have to expect the problem is apt to go on until the source no longer exists."

Pedroso admitted his effectiveness as mayor and the council's ability to run the affairs of the city is affected by the recall drive.

"It's become extemely hard," he said. "It's like trying to fight your way uphill. We've got to address ourselves to maintaining our equilibrium no matter what happens."

Pedroso is satisified he and the five councilmembers charged in the recall petition have the backing of the people of Bonney Lake.

Moore attacks on mayor

by Bruce Blizard

The bulk of Monday's Bonney Lake City Council meeting was taken up with relatively mundane housekeeping matters.

There were no real fireworks until Mayor John Pedroso opened the meeting for remarks from the audience and the council.

Two issues were immediately raised by Councilman Leonard Moore. Moore first accused Pedroso of being in violation of state law by not submitting his budget message to the council in time. He read from state statues requiring the mayor to submit a message to the council regarding the city's budget not less than 60 days prior to the start of the city's fiscal year, Jan. 1.

"I don't have my copy of the mayor's budget message yet," Moore stated.

(Then Moore took exception to the "unprofessional" appearance of a letter from the city's Environmental Committee composed on city stationery and signed by the mayor. Moore took exception to misaligned margins and several typographical errors which appeared in the letter.

"This letter does not appear business like at all," Moore complained to the mayor. "People are going to wonder what kind of people are running this city when they see something like this."

The complaints and accusations leveled at the mayor and the city's Environmental Committee (a volunteer group which deals with environmental problems in the city) visibly angered Pedroso.

He responded to the budget message accusation by explaining he had submitted his remarks concerning the city's 1983 budget to City Clerk Mildred Berend in advance of the Nov. 1 deadline and he was unaware he was required to submit his message to the council by that date.

"A copy of my address was submitted to the city clerk," Pedroso responded. "I was not aware it had to be submitted to the council."

Berend retrieved a copy of the mayor's address dated Nov. 1 which Pedroso read to the council.

Pedroso appeared even more disturbed by the attack on the Environmental Committee than he was over Moore's allegations he had violated state law.

"I have asked you Mr. Moore and the rest of the council to submit names to me of persons from each ward willing to serve on the Environmental Committee," Pedroso said. "I don't think you should be attacking the secretarial expertise of those people. They are volunteers and they are overworked."

Berend offered a solution to the problem by suggesting that correspondence from the committee be typed by the city's office staff.

During the business portion of the meeting the council discussed an amendment to the city's utility ordinance that would bring the city into line with assessment figures from the county auditor. With only five councilmembers present at the time of the vote, the motion failed. Councilmen Vern Strong, Victor Gould and James Young all voted in favor of the measure. Moore and Dan Scarborough voted against it.

Marv Johnson

photo by Jim Lane

Water for Bonney Lake

It was a hard-fought resource

The Bonney Lake Water Department tapped the Millot Springs this year in one of the city's most recent efforts to expand its water supply. City Engineer Paul Anstey, far right, pointed to the water that had been spilling as waste into a swamp.

The following is the first of two articles dealing with the history of water in Bonney Lake—and the Lake Tapps area. It has been written by Bonney Lake Councilmember Nina Sedlak, who writes a weekly column for the Lakes Observer and News Review:

I have written this article because many people who live here seem to think that water just comes out of every rock and crevice. They don't know that the top of this hill is of a very different composition that the river bottom soil down in the valley, or they choose to overlook it. I will write one more article after this explaining about the growth of the system as the city grew—and the addition of springs, other wells, work that's been done over the last 30 years—briefly noting what a water system is all about.

BY NINA SEDLAK

Water has always been a hard-sought-for resource for the people living at the top of Elbi Hill. In fact, back in the 30s and 40s the people here dug wells to get water.

"In the summertime the wells went dry," one long-time resident said, "and we had to go to the town well for water. This well was on a hill near the Old Buckley highway. Nearly everyone used it or one or two other wells farther away. Some hauled water from Sumner, and they had to bring water in every day in the summertime.

The July 13, 1950, issue of the News Index relates that Mayor Ken Simmons and several concerned citizens in Bonney Lake formed a community club in 1946 to work for a water system. The people pledged themselves to coordinate their efforts in "a program of water."

Property owners pledged to contribute proportionate shares to support the cost of the system.

The people petitioned for a Bonney Lake voting precinct. This was established. The next step was the formation of a legal Bonney Lake Water District by a vote of the people. At this time a comprehensive plan for a water system was approved along with a $165,000 water bond issue. Kenneth Simmons, Robert Wheeler and Keith Olson were the first elected water commissioners. Their job was "to survey a system and bring it into reality."

Months later a new road, now known as Locust had been cleared; the first float from Bonney Lake was entered in the Daffodil parade, but there was still no water system. The community then learned that a water system which could operate under Water District laws to serve everyone at a reasonable rate could not be established unless the community incorporated to become a city. Without city status the water district could not sell revenue bonds.

On February 28, 1949, the Town of Bonney Lake was incorporated as a fourth class municipality in Secretary of State Bert Cole's office.

Voters then approved a water system and revenue bonds to support it. A few months later when bids were called for, there were no bidders! However three water rights were obtained. The mayor and the council "proceeded to spend $4,000 that they did not have to drill a well." The whole community watched and waited as the men worked on and on, drilling day after day for water.

Mayor Simmons said in an interview for an article published in the TNT in 1967 that "the council authorized the mayor to issue revenue bonds to drill a well, install a reservoir and a pumping plant. They drilled down 300 feet and had a dry hole. They were almost out of funds, but the people voted to KEEP DRILLING and five days later water was discovered at 400 feet. They began laying pipe lines.

Then the money run out.

Determined, the mayor and town council spent their spare time digging water mains and making connections without pay.

When asked why they worked so hard on their own the mayor said, "It was all worthwhile the day we turned the water on to an elderly woman's home, who had lived here for many years, rearing a family of 12 children. She held her hands under the faucet as the water flowed and tears ran down her cheeks."

There was a population count certified for public record in 1949. There were 327 people living in Bonney Lake. Today the most recent count stands at 4020.

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Recall charges are rejected

Recall charges against Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso and five city council members were judged "legally insufficient" by county prosecutors Monday.

But the drive to recall six elected officials is still alive, recall sponsors vowed Monday night.

Chief Civil Deputy Roger Miener, of the Pierce County Prosecutor's office, cited his reasons for rejecting the initial recall bid in a letter dated Monday and addressed to Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend.

The recall charges, according to Miener's letter, were not specific enough, nor were they concise enough to meet lawful requirements for recalls.

The recall charges were filed October 27 by Gerald Ford and his Recall Committee for Competent Government. Those charges alleged that Mayor Pedroso and five council members had committed a malfeasance and misfeasance when they voted April 19 to boost summer water rates beyond the level needed to support the city's water system.

Since Pedroso did not vote on the ordinance which set water rates, Miener said the charges against the mayor were invalid.

As for the five accused council members—John Anderson, Victor Gould, Nina Sedlak, Vern Strong and James Young—Miener rejected charges against them on the grounds the word "attempt" was used to describe their votes raising water rates. That description, Miener said, was vague enough "to offend the State law requirements that a recall charge be concise and specific."

Miener also disputed Ford's claim that high water rates were "illegal." The prosecutor cited a state law which allows a third-class city government such as Bonney Lake to either reduce its water rates or pour its extra income into the city's current expense fund.

Meiner concluded the ordinance which set summer water rates, was lawful. And he said his department would not prepare a ballot synopsis for a recall.

Ford, president of the recall committee, vowed to continue the fight to recall Pedroso and the five council members.

"I'm sorry (the prosecutors) didn't rule it right the first time. It will mean a little more expense and time. But eventually it will go to the people. And they will make the decision," Ford said Monday night.

"They took a dollar, gave me back 50 cents and said that's okay," Ford said of the council's disputed decisions to first raise and then lower city water rates. "So we can forget about the dollar theft," he added ruefully.

Ford, however, indicated he will not forget the transgression. He vowed to hire another attorney who will prepare a second round of recall charges.

"I think it just wasn't properly prepared and submitted," he said of the initial charges rejected by Miener.

Ford said a week may pass before the second round of charges is filed with Bonney Lake city Clerk Mildred Berend.

Councilman Leonard Moore commented on the rejected recall charges which were drawn up by a Tacoma lawyer.

"He wrote it so briefly the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney turned it down," Moore said. "We'll probably change attorneys and get one who's more knowledgeable, more thorough..." Moore added.

Ford also claimed he bears no "malice" toward individual councilmen and said he could understand outsiders' confusion about the recall drive.

"It's easy for someone living outside the community to think we're a bunch of nuts who want to get rid of our government. That isn't true. We want a government that represents us. That's all we want, too," Ford said.

Mayor Pedroso reported relief over Miener's ruling, because some of the pressure on him has subsided.

He previously characterized the recall campaign as "ridiculous."

"I feel city officials have done nothing to warrant this kind of accusation. And I'm sure all are willing to meet the test that may be coming—and not reluctantly," Pedroso said.

Councilman Vern Strong, one of the recall targets said, "I'm satisfied with (Miener's) decision. I wasn't concerned in the first place."

Strong was chairman of the city's water committee, which recommended $1, $2 and $3 tiered water rate to the council. That rate for excessive water use was rescinded late in the summer.

City engineer Paul Anstey had originally recommended a flat 60 cents per 100 cubic feet rate.

WATER FOR ELHI HILL

Bonney Lake's first well, 'Madrona', is still flowing

The following is the last of two articles dealing with the history of water in Bonney Lake—and the Lake Tapps area. It has been written by Bonney Lake Councilmember Nina Sedlak, who writes a weekly column for the Lakes Observer and News Review.

by NINA SEDLAK

The first city drilled well where water was discovered at about 400 feet was called Madrona. This well is still being used today.

Other wells and springs were added as the city of Bonney Lake grew.

Back in the 1930s Victor Falls was used as a water source for a sawmill. The old concrete foundation for the sawmill steam engine is still there, and a spring nearby was developed for the sawmill. Across the road a new spring became a second water source for Bonney Lake, about 24 years ago when water rights were obtained. A four-inch main came into town from Victor Falls along Angeline Road from this spring—called *Unnamed Spring No. 1*. Recently another spring was found and was called *Unnamed Spring No. 2*.

There are eight sources of water for the town. Three wells were overpumped during the 60s. *Leaky Lake, Ball Park* and *Tacoma Point*. Overpumping creates cavities around the bottom of the wells and the well falls in from the loose sand and dirt. No well can stand to be overpumped.

"We are presently pumping one million gallons of water per day for domestic use," City Engineer Paul Anstey said. "If the city grows in ten years to double the population we have now, we will have to find more wells and more springs," he added.

The city is constantly on the lookout for more water sources. Just four years ago serious water warnings were issued to control the use of water because the lack of rainfall and no snow the previous winter actually caused all of the main springs which furnished water for Bonney Lake to flow at half capacity.

"The biggest problem we have with water is the sub-standard mains which constantly break," Anstey said. "The second biggest problem is the high summer usage of water."

What is the cost of pumping water to the entire city? In 1981 the total cost of pumping water was $33,864. In 1982 if the cost of electricity goes up this month the cost will run higher, if not the cost will be about the same as it was in 1981. However, the cos of equipment and pipe and repair work has risen with the tice of inflation, as the cost of operating any business has risen.

There is hope for a growing city. Conservation of water by users, finding and developing new sources of water, and maintaining and updating the system will insure an adequate water supply for the people of Bonney Lake, fir now and in years to come.

Bonney Lake's post office nears

Bonney Lake may yet win its own zip code and its own full-service post office, city officials learned yesterday after meeting with a postal service administrator from San Bruno, California.

Keith Oswald, an administrator in the United States Postal Service San Bruno regional office, visited Bonney Lake City Hall yesterday on a fact-finding tour of the area.

City Engineer Paul Anstey, city Clerk Mildred Berend and City Councilman Vern Strong—all from Bonney Lake—met with Oswald, Sumner Councilman Barbara Skinner, Sumner Acting Postmaster Al Farrar and other local government officials to discuss the post office proposal.

Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso, who spearheaded the drive for a larger Bonney Lake facility, did not attend.

But the meeting was the first sure sign local officials have received that the postal service is seriously considering the request for more service in the Bonney Lake area.

"I believe Mr. Oswald will give us everything he can within the rules he has to operate under," Anstey said after the meeting.

Oswald has not ruled out the possibility of giving Bonney Lake its own facility," Anstey added.

Bonney Lake city officials previously fought for the postal service to consider their request. Some local postal workers in Sumner and Tacoma had openly doubted Bonney Lake would ever get its own zip code.

So Oswald's visit signalled a new postal view to Bonney Lake, even though Oswald did not promise a full-service post office in Bonney Lake.

"What Mr. Oswald effectively told them was not to feel they would necessarily get a branch post office," acting Sumner Postmaster Al Farra said yesterday. "He couldn't promise them anything at this time," he added.

"At this point (the postal administrators) are going to put all their facts and figures together," Farrar explained. "It boils down to economics as to what they'll actually do.

"Our preference (in Tacoma and Sumner) is to keep the whole operation under one roof," Farrar said. "But what it's going to boil down to is what is the most cost effective operation."

Sumner Post Office officials decided several months ago they needed to expand their operations. They cited a shortage of space in current facilities as their reason.

But as soon as Mayor Pedroso heard of the proposal, he and members of the Puget Sound Council of Governments offered several alternatives to simply enlarging the Sumner Post Office.

Two alternatives included the construction of a branch or central post office in Bonney Lake. Both alternatives also mean a separate zip code for Bonney Lake, which is now served by a "contract" post office.

Oswald told the group a final decision is still at least four months away.

City employees back their mayor

"As city employees, we know that if a mistake is made we realize our responsibility is not to falter, but to correct the problem, carry on and do the best job we can on behalf of the residents.

"You and the members of the council who work toward positive improvements for our city have our appreciation and our support," the letter concluded.

City clerk Mildred Berend said yesterday she and other department heads drafted the letter.

"The department heads got together and decided this. We felt we should let the mayor know he has our support," she said.

"The employees were more than happy to sign it," she added.

Berend also said employees from all the city's departments—including office, water, street, court, fire and police—signed the letter of support.

Rocked by a recall effort and frequent criticism of his actions, Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso has won the overwhelming support from the city's employees.

Twenty-eight city workers signed a letter of support dated November 1.

Pedroso read the letter to the city council last week during its Monday night meeting.

"We, the employees of the City of Bonney Lake, desire to commend you, Mayor Pedroso, for the diligence and time consuming effort you have brought to the office of Mayor," Pedroso read last week.

"This vote of confidence is not based on an issue or a number of issues but rather on our perception of a mayor who works long hours on all the problems and issues facing our city.

"We commend you for the positive way you conduct the business of the mayor.

Past Mayors

Ken Simmons

Vern Strong

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Council has new plan for sewers

New life was breathed into the stalled Bonney Lake sewer project Monday night when the Bonney Lake City Council took the first step needed to form a local improvement district. The LID could pay for the project.

Voters rejected a $3.225 million general obligation bond issue for completing the sewers during the September primary vote this fall. About 75 percent of the voters opposed the bond issue which would have assessed every property owner in the city.

The new proposal, which won a preliminary 5-1 approval from the council, would assess only certain property owners for the cost of completing the system. The costs would be paid equally by the owners of the lots actually served by the partly built sewer project.

The proposal would also preserve an estimated $11 million grant offered by the State Department of Ecology (DOE).

The 5-1 vote Monday night, however, only approved drawing up of a "resolution of intent" to form an LID. The council must approve that resolution during its December 13 meeting.

Leonard Moore was the only councilman who opposed the motion to draw up the resolution Monday night. Councilmen John Anderson, Victor Gould, Dan Scarborough, Vern Strong and James Young voted in favor. Councilmember Nina Sedlak was absent.

Despite the whopping 75 percent negative vote against the sewer bond issue in September, Mayor John Pedroso told the council he believed residents

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were not necessarily opposed to sewers in Bonney Lake.

That bond vote, Pedroso claimed, was a rejection of only one manner of financing the sewer project.

Pedroso promised to mail a newsletter next month to Bonney Lake property owners. He said the letter will include a questionaire about sewers.

City Engineer Paul Anstey called the LID "mostly my idea and my recommendation. I feel this is a chance for the people to have one more say on what they feel about sewers for Bonney Lake."

Anstey said the LID proposal was more "equitable" than the rejected general obligation bond issue.

The engineer said individual lots would be assessed equally with an LID rather than on a percentage of individual lot values.

"Each lot or tract that benefits from the sewer would pay the same," he told the council.

There are about 2,200 lots inside the city limits, Anstey added after the meeting.

Leonard Moore condemned the LID proposal during a brief break of the Monday night meeting.

He called the "resolution of intent" the first step to forcing sewers on residents.

Moore condemned Pedroso's proposed newsletter, saying, "People will throw it away and (city officials) can say there is no negative response. If they get no negative response (They) can railroad it through. That's how they did it in Lakewood," Moore observed.

Dan Scarborough, who has opposed the sewer proposal for several years due to its high cost, favored drafting the resolution. But he said he cannot vote on it December 13 because he represents city political Ward 3. That ward will not be served by the sewer system.

He also expressed a suspicion that the LID may backfire in the face of Mayor Pedroso and the other council members who may favor it.

"I think it's liable to backfire. People don't want sewers," Scarborough declared. "I think they're asking for trouble."

James Young, another councilman representing a ward which won't be served by sewers, should also abstain from the December 13 vote, Scarborough claimed.

But both Young and City Engineer Paul Anstey termed that claim "bogwash" after the meeting.

"You represent the city and when you vote you should consider the (overall) good of the city," Young said. He flatly rejected the notion he cannot represent the city's interest as a whole.

Despite the tentative move to form an LID, both Anstey and Pedroso said it could be stopped during a 30 day period following the city's "resolution of intent."—if the city council approves that resolution.

At least 60 percent of the lot owners in the city would have to protest the LID to stop it, they said.

If fewer than 60 percent of the affected property owners oppose the LID, then the city council can pass an ordinance putting it into effect, Anstey said.

Pedroso emphasized the LID proposal will tentatively secure the $11 million grant still offered by the state Department of Ecology.

The deadline on that offer falls on December 31, so the city must show its "intent" to accept the grant by then or lose it, he said.

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Healing Bonney Lake

Drs. J. Juarez, right and Rick Schoen have opened The Lakes Clinic in a trailer in Bonney Lake. More doctors may join them after their permanent facility is built in January next year.

Physicians take 'first step' with hospital in a trailer

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step."

Quoting that snippet of folk wisdom, Dr. Juan "Jay" Juarez, M.D., has opened a medical clinic in a trailer in Bonney Lake.

Together with Dr. Rick Schoen, M.D., Juarez hopes one day to fill many of the medical needs in the Bonney Lake area, possibly leading one day to the construction of a hospital in Eastern Pierce County.

"I'm taking my first steps here," Juarez said. Monday night of his trailer clinic open six days a week and several evenings.

Dr. Juarez, a Seattle resident, said he will move his family to Bonney Lake within "a few days." Dr. Schoen, of Tacoma, may move later if he becomes a full partner with Juarez. He currently works at the clinic part time.

Both men said they want to offer a general medical practice to families, a style of medicine which went out of style during the mid 1960s but which has regained popularity in recent years.

"If you know the people and the situation they live in, you can help them a lot more," Dr. Schoen said, commenting on his preference for general practice.

"I want patients to be in the center of their own care," both men added. "I think they should take responsibility for their own care. And if they don't understand something, they should ask the doctor. The doctor, he said, should be someone the patient can trust.

Dr. Juarez said he wants "to be of service." And he called the "fully-equipped" trailer a way "to introduce ourselves in a gentle manner. I believe in what Paul Masson the wine-maker said: 'I won't sell wine before it's done. So I won't move until I'm ready,'" Juarez said.

For Dr. Juarez, that will mean moving into a permanent clinic behind the post office in January. Footings were poured for the foundation of that building Monday afternoon and construction is scheduled to begin shortly.

Ultimately, as many as six doctors may practice at the facility, Dr. Juarez said. But first, he said, he wants to test the area to know what it wants and what it needs. So he and Dr. Schoen will practice alone at least until March.

The permanent clinic will have at least 2,000 square feet of floor space in a one-story building, and it will have space for six examining rooms. Dr. Juarez also plans to add on a pediatric wing later if the practice warrants it.

Eventually, he said, he might spearhead the drive for a hospital in the Bonney Lake area. But first he needs to accumulate the need.

"Does the place need a hospital? Can it support a hospital?" Those are questions to be decided ultimately by someone else, according to Dr. Juarez.

"This will evolve," he said. "This will emerge one way or another. If it does...I want to be on the right side of the equation," the doctor added of the

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hospital possibility.

Dr. Schoen, 34, currently teaches part time in a residency program in Tacoma. He grew up in Indiana and received his medical degree from Indiana University.

Dr. Juarez, 37, will bring a broad background, including specialization and experience teaching. He taught for a year most recently at the University of Washington, ending the course last June. But his preference will be for general practice, he said.

"I do general medicine by choice," Dr. Juarez explained. "Like Rick, I want to be close to the people, the families."

New recall attempt begun in Bonney Lake

With one aborted recall effort behind them, members of the Committee for Competent Government have hired a new attorney and are preparing a second set of recall charges against Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso and five city council members.

The committee also has rented the gymnasium at Bonney Lake Elementary School for a 7 p.m. public meeting Dec. 9, councilman Leonard Moore said yesterday.

Moore is a city councilman who also is a member of the recall committee.

Besides Mayor Pedroso, council members John Anderson, Victor Gould, Nina Sedlak, Vern Strong and James Young are targets of the recall.

Dan Scarborough, the seventh councilman in Bonney Lake, is not listed in the recall effort.

The purpose of the Dec. 9 meeting is "to explain the recall action, what we're doing and answer questions—and to see how much support we have," Moore said.

"We're calling ourselves the Committee for Competent Government. And (Gerald) Ford's the president of it yet. We've filed our public disclosure statements and opened a bank account. We've got to pay for an attorney and we're hoping some people will step forward and help us do that," Moore said.

Previous recall charges—also under the presidency of Ford—were dismissed by the county prosecutor's office which said the charges were not specific enough.

"We've got another attorney who knows what he's doing. We've got more support and have increased our strength a great deal," added Moore, who did not specify how much support his group has.

"We're pretty well organized right now and pretty well ready to go ahead full bore," the councilman said.

A new round of recall charges could be ready within two weeks, Moore said.

"We hope our attorney has it ready by that time. He's going into it very thoroughly this time."

As for finding appropriate charges against the city officials, Moore said, "I'm sure we've got plenty of grounds for all of them."

He did not specify.

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Sewer proposal revives Bonney Lake recall movement

By EMMET PIERCE

BONNEY LAKE — A proposal to form a $3 million local improvement district to complete this city's sewer system has revived a recall drive against Mayor John Pedroso and five city council members.

"We're stronger than ever," said Councilman Leonard Moore, a vocal critic of the mayor and a member of the recall movement.

Moore and Councilman Dan Scarborough have been left off recall petitions because they oppose completion of the city's sewer system. The first recall drive fell short of its mark last month. The Pierce County prosecutor's office ruled the petition submitted by the Recall Committee for a Competent Government was legally insufficient because no act of malfeasance or misfeasance or violation of oath of office was alleged.

The committee sought the recall of Pedroso and council members John Anderson, Victor Gould, Nina Seelink, Vern Strong and James Young. Recall committee chairman Gerald Ford acknowledged that he failed to write the first petition properly. He said he would try again.

The initial recall drive was sparked by widespread public anger over water rate hikes. City officials blame anger over excessive rates for defeating a $3.2 million general obligation bond levy in the September election. The levy would have funded completion of Bonney Lake's sewer system. Excessive water rates were reduced, but not in time to save the levy.

Moore and Scarborough said the 495-161 defeat of the tax measure demonstrated that Bonney Lake residents don't want to fund completion of the system. Those who opposed the levy also oppose the LID, they said.

Moore said recall proponents will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at Bonney Lake Elementary School to discuss their strategy.

"You know how people voted," said Scarborough. "This LID — they (council members) can ram it through anyhow. I believe this (recall) is the last chance to kill the sewer thing."

Pedroso and a majority of council members are counting on the proposed LID to raise the matching share of a $10 million state Department of Ecology grant. The grant would be used to build a sewage treatment plant at an unspecified location.

Anderson, who supports the LID, said council members don't intend to approve it until the proposal has had a full public airing.

"We want to know what the property owners who would be benefited by the sewer system have to say," he said.

He noted the LID would exclude the Cedarview area, which has no sewer lines. Currently some $8.5 million worth of pipes are in the ground. But, without a sewage treatment plant, the city can't use them.

Formation of the LID was recommended by city engineer Paul Anstey. Anstey said early estimates indicate the LID could result in an assessment of less than $2,000 for affected city property owners. Assessments could be spread over a 20-year period. The LID wasn't proposed by Pedroso, who has taken the brunt of the criticism from the recall group, he said.

Anderson said city officials aren't convinced the recall committee represents the majority of Bonney Lake residents.

Defeat of the sewer levy means residents don't want to finance construction of a treatment plant with general obligation bonds, not that they don't want to see the sewer system completed, he said. He noted that 60 percent of affected property owners could kill the LID proposal by petitioning against it.

"It's up to the people," he said.

Scarborough said the people may rule on the issue by recalling most council members. He said he anticipates a large turnout at the Dec. 9 meeting.

"This meeting will be a barometer," he said. "If there's a big crowd, we'll know they're behind the recall."

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Kids bring Thanksgiving to the needy in Bonney Lake

Hunger and frustration gave way to Thanksgiving for 20 Bonney Lake families last Thursday with the help of students at Bonney Lake Elementary School.

The students collected canned foods and—with the help of cash donations—put together 20 Thanksgiving baskets containing 13 pound turkeys and a variety of other foods.

Good Samaritans

The whole school got into the act at Bonney Lake Elementary School, putting together 20 baskets of food for the needy families during Thanksgiving. Janelle Hanson and Joey Daniels held up a couple of the turkeys students packed in boxes filled with canned goods.

The baskets were later distributed to families suffering through the current hard times.

Marge Hobbie, a special education teacher at the grade school, organized the food drive for the third straight year.

About 600 cans of food—from peas to pumpkin to corn—were collected.

"It was the whole school project," Hobbie said. Students brought food from home to add to the food stores and then were shown a Walt Disney film "as a thank you," she added.

Fifth-grade students also contributed the $40 they earned through a bake sale, and the parent-teacher organization added $60 from a popcorn sale. One parent even threw in $100 to help buy the turkeys.

The needy families were identified through children at school, according to Hobbie, who plans another similar drive for Christmas.

The good samaritans ran into a few snags, however, when they sought persons to give their food to.

One woman who was helped last year, for example, was called and offered a basket.

"She said, 'No, we're doing just fine. We're cutting wood now.' She asked how she could

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help," Hobbie recalled.

Other families turned down the help because other charitable persons had already offered them assistance, Hobbie said.

Yet others expressed gratitude and warm shock when asked if they wanted help, Hobbie said, recalling several responses. "How did you really know? It was that type of thing—really warm," she said.

The giving was not limited to food, though. One family offered to loan another family a truck so the father could drive to work and get his family "back on its feet."

"It snowballs," Hobbie said of the spirited helping. "It's just a special time for everybody to get in the act," she added.

Bonney Lake Elementary principal Don Mayor and Police Chief Don Frazier distributed the food just prior to Thanksgiving.

Perhaps the best feeling came from seeing all the children involved, Hobbie recalled.

"From each room, kids brough canned goods in and put them on the shelves. So they all felt a part of it. It was a total school effort. We also had people from the community, who don't have children in the school, bring in food," she said.

It was also worthwhile to see the joy of the recipients of the food baskets.

"Like one lady said," Hobbie noted, "'Oh. How can I ever thank you.'"

That was thanks enough.

Past Councilmembers

Neale G. Duren

Allen B. Johnson

Gary Bietz

MIKE ROBERTS

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Bonney Lake residents attending a recall rally said city officials are ignoring their opposition to sewer project.

Group rips Bonney Lake mayor

Feelings against sewage treatment plan overflow

By EMMET PIERCE

BONNEY LAKE — Bonney Lake School was the site of a political pep rally last night as opponents of a proposed sewage treatment plant called for the recall of Mayor John Pedroso and five Bonney Lake City Council members.

Pedroso sat silently through the meeting as members of the Committee for a Competent Government branded his leadership inept.

The rally was called to garner support for a recall drive against Pedroso and council members John Anderson, Victor Gould, Nina Sedlack, Vern Strong and James Young.

About 75 persons cheered as Councilman Leonard Moore lambasted his colleagues.

The only way to defeat plans to complete the city's sewer system is through recall, Moore said.

"It's a long time until the next election," he said. "Too long."

Moore noted that a $3.2 million general obligation bond levy to fund construction of a treatment plant was defeated by a 529-178 vote in the September election. The council's recent proposal to create a local improvement district to fund the project ignored the wishes of the people, he said.

"If the council sets up the LID next Monday . . . it's going to be just about impossible to do anything about it," he said.

Moore had taken a passive role in an aborted attempt to recall Pedroso and five council members last month. But last night, he was introduced as a member of the recall committee. The first recall drive failed when the Pierce County prosecutor's office ruled that the recall charges were insufficient. No act of malfeasance, misfeasance or violation of oath of office was alleged, county officials said.

"You know what they've done with the water department, so what will they do with the sewer now?" Moore asked.

Moore referred to the recent controversy over city water rates. Pedroso and other city officials admitted they made a mistake when water rates soared last summer. Miscalculated penalty fees for high-volume users increased water bills for single-family residences to as high as $680.

Rates were reduced in September, but not in time to save the sewer levy election. City officials and their critics credited a furor over the unusually high water rates with helping defeat the sewer measure.

Frank Rogers, a member of Citizens Against Needless Taxes (CANT), urged support for the recall movement. CANT is trying to repeal the county's half-cent sales tax increase.

Rogers said Bonney Lake's sewer project was designed to benefit bankers and contractors, not the public.

"You've got to tell the politicians that they work for you," Rogers said as people applauded.

Earl Keehan, a member of the Sewer Alert Committe, also voiced support for the recall drive.

Louis Geisert, a Bonney Lake property owner, was booed and jeered when he attempted to defend Pedroso. He said completion of a municipal sewer system would raise property values.

Thomas L. Moore, vice president of the recall group, said the city may need sewers but he didn't trust the current city council to undertake such a project.

During the meeting, City Engineer Paul Ansley was singled out for criticism.

Grant Pelesky said Ansley told him he would move out of the city if the sewer levy failed last September.

"I haven't seen a for-sale sign," Pelesky said as the crowd cheered.

Gerald Ford, president of the recall group, said goal was to put a recall measure before Bonney Lake voters in May.

Thomas L. Moore closed the meeting by urging people to attend Monday's council meeting. Council members are scheduled to consider adoption of the sewer LID at that time. The LID isn't subject to a vote of the people, but can be blocked if 60 percent of the affected property owners petition against it.

Mayor John Pedroso silently listened to criticism

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Wrapping the presents

Several civic groups in Bonney Lake have contributed food, including turkeys, for about 48 needy families in the area this Christmas. Ray Fallon, foreground, as president of the Bonney Lake Senior Citizens, and other volunteers sorted the foods Monday afternoon at city hall.

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Recall charges seen in January

Proclaiming the Bonney Lake recall movement is "stronger than ever," city councilmain Leonard Moore yesterday hired a lawyer and said formal recall charges against several city officials should be ready by early January.

"We should start signing petitions about the middle of January," Moore said. "It should be on the ballot in March."

Moore, a councilman himself, is a member of the Committee for Competent Government which seeks to unseat Mayor John Pedroso and as many as five city council members by recall.

A previous recall bid failed a month ago when Pierce County Prosecutors deemed the recall charges were not specific enough.

Moore hopes to deliver another recall charge to prosecutors in early January.

"We're stronger than ever," Moore said yesterday. "Our committee has more members than ever. More people are openly supporting us than before."

But he declined to name either his attorney or the 20-25 persons actively supporting the recall.

Concerning the lawyer, Moore said: "He works by the hour. And if he gets phone calls he'll charge us, and it's money we can't afford."

Of the new recall committee supporters, he said: "Some of them understandably are in a position where they do not want to be publicized because of possible repercussions...from the city."

Moore indicated the recall bid—which previously sought to remove Pedroso and council members Vern Strong, Victor Gould, James Young, John Anderson and Nina Sedlak—could include fewer names this second time around.

"We're discussing that quite a bit, whether to pull anybody out of the recall or not. Pedroso will definitely be in it," he said.

Nina Sedlak could be deleted from the list. A previous supporter of sewers, Sedlak last week reversed her stance slightly. She voted with Moore against a "resolution of intent" to form a local improvement district (LID) to finish the city's sewer system.

Concerning the chance Sedlak might be left off the recall, Moore said: "I think I better no comment on that yet. You might mention I do feel very friendly towards Nina."

Moore also announced a public meeting will be held some time in January.

"We have some speakers coming in who have expertise on sewers in general," he said. The public meeting, Moore added, would offer "lots of facts and figures on what exactly is entailed with the sewer system and what (citizens) can expect," Moore said.

Mayor John Pedroso last week delivered a long speech to the city council. The mayor asked persons in the recall movement to be fair, honest and truthful with their information.

The mayor's comments followed a December 9 public meeting sponsored by Moore and the recall committee. Moore attacked the city's LID proposal at that time and warned a recall may be the only way residents can head off LID sewer assessments. He also claimed city officials have shown themselves to be inept managers.

Pedroso attended that public meeting and tape-recorded it.

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Council revives sewer project

Did voters in Bonney Lake really reject a sewer system for their city when they rejected a general obligation bond issue September 14?

The Bonney Lake City Council says it isn't sure, so Monday night it voted to give property owners another chance to decide if they want sewers.

By a 4-2 vote with one abstention from Councilman Dan Scarborough, the council passed a resolution of its "intent" to form an LID (local improvement district) to pay for completing the city's sewer system.

The resolution No. 581 called a January 24, 1983 public hearing on the proposed LID. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

A city council vote could establish the LID, through an ordinance following the hearing.

The LID would assess equally the owner of every lot to be served by sewers, City Engineer Paul Anstey and Mayor John Pedroso told a packed house Monday night. The cost per lot could range from $1200 to $2,000, they added.

Pedroso and Anstey also claimed voters, who voted 495-161 against a $3.225 million general obligation bond issue for sewers September 14, only rejected the manner of financing. Those bonds, they said, would have charged persons who would not be served by the partially built sewer system.

Councilmen John Anderson, Victor Gould, Vern Strong and James Young cast votes in favor of the LID resolution Monday night. Leonard Moore and Nina Sedlak voted against it on the grounds it will be too expensive.

"Should we bankrupt the older people who already cannot pay their bills?" Moore asked. "Maybe in ten years there'll be something so much better," he added, speculating a better and cheaper sewer system might be invented or developed in coming years.

"I don't object to sewers. I do feel we have a need for sewers," said Sedlak, prefacing her remarks. "But I do not feel sewers are economically feasible right now."

Vern Strong asked when sewers might become more feasible, and Sedlak replied: "Right now, everyone is having a difficult time as it is. To add a substantial amount to their tax bill over 10 years is going to make it very hard on them."

John Anderson, who favors sewers and who sits on the city's sewer committee, pointed out the city's need for a 75 percent grant—a grant still available to the city if it enacts the LID proposal.

"We have to face the fact we may not be able to come up with government grants in the future," Anderson argued.

"What if the health department says we have to put in sewers (in a few years). That is what we face. Is it economical now or not?" Anderson added.

Mayor John Pedroso addressed Moore's objections, saying it would be "very shortsighted to think only of ourselves." He argued it "would be a gift unsurpassed" to future generations to go ahead and build the sewer system.

Moore replied acerbically, referring to the change from septic tanks to sewers: "You're talking about a change, not an improvement." He also claimed a single sewer pipe break would be more devastating than several small septic tank leaks.

Anderson capped the discussion before the vote, saying Bonney Lake is growing and will need sewers if it does not need them already.

"There comes a time when a septic system cannot handle the growth that is coming; that is already here. I think we have reached that point," he said.

Others who opposed the resolution—which will provide for mail notification of lot owners—spoke their minds after the vote.

Some, including Leonard Moore, had spoken last Thursday night at a recall campaign meeting held in the Bonney Lake Elementary School gym. (Pedroso, Anderson, Strong, Gould, Young and Sedlak are targets of the recall.)

On both occasions, the rejection of general obligation bonds during the September 14 primary election was cited as proof citizens do not want sewers.

And Leonard Moore, addressing the recall audience of 75 persons Thursday, accused the council of trying to railroad the sewer issue over the objections of voters.

He assailed the LID proposal again Monday night, noting the 60 percent negative response required to stop an LID.

Calling the LID "very unfair," Moore said 60 percent of the people must come forward and protest. I know it's written up in the state laws but it's very unfair."

Grant Peiesky, a resident of Bonney Lake, accused the council of ignoring his wishes as a voter.

Pedroso characterized the 75 persons attending the recall meeting Thursday as a minor "one percent" of the citizens of Bonney Lake.

"I'm fully aware it's less than one percent and I'm fully aware there's support for sewers in Bonney Lake," the mayor declared.

"How do you know they really want sewers?" Thomas Moore later asked. "I went to the polls. Don't you care about me?"

Pedroso called the LID "an opportunity to see if those who really benefit" from sewers are willing to pay for them.

Pedroso capped the discussion of sewers Monday night with a speech several minutes long in which he commented on the recall movement.

"The only thing I ask of those who may be a part of such a movement: be honest; tell all the facts, not part of the facts; be sure of your facts; don't insinuate. If indeed, if there is a reason for recall, then we (the council members) do not belong here."

He added that he saw no need for the recall.

Leonard Moore, in his recall meeting last Thursday, warned that a recall drive may be the only way citizens can stop construction of sewers in Bonney Lake.

Past Councilmembers

Pam Cleveland

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Recall revived against sewer supporters

The civil war over sewers in Bonney Lake intensified last week with the filing of formal recall charges against Mayor John Pedroso and three city councilmen.

The charges were filed with Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend on Thursday, and she forwarded them to the Pierce County Prosecutor's office for approval on Friday.

The recall charges, filed by Committee for Competent Government president Gerald Ford and city councilman Leonard Moore, were the second filed since October.

The previous charges named Pedroso and five councilmembers but were ruled inadequate by prosecutors.

The previous charges also named two council members not named in the latest recall.

John Anderson, Vern Strong and Victor Gould all were named for the second time in last week's recall. But Nina Sedlak and James Young were left out.

Leonard Moore, a councilman actively supporting the recall, said Friday he expects this second round of recalls to succeed.

"I think we're well on our way this time," he said Friday, noting a new attorney has prepared the latest recall charges. "I feel confident the prosecutor will approve the charges. That last one just wasn't drawn up properly," he said.

Moore said his group, headed by committee president Gerald Ford, left Nina Sedlak off the second round of recall charges because she voted against a recent local improvement district (LID) resolution for sewers.

"Nina has indicated she is against the LID so we have taken her off," Moore said. He also said "It would be a little simpler to have less people to recall. And it isn't necessary to get the whole council changed over to stop the LID's."

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From left to right, recall targets are Mayor John Pedroso, Victor Gould, John Anderson and Vern Strong.

Recall targets steadfast

The second round of recall charges filed against Bonney Lake city officials last week has left those officials wondering exactly what they have done wrong.

Mayor John Pedroso and councilmen John Anderson, Victor Gould and Vern Strong—all named in the recall filed with city clerk Mildred Berend—have also shown anger, humor, nonchalance and even pleasure toward the recall.

"I was trying to think of a good Henny Youngman line," quipped councilman Gould. "Take my recall, please!" he said, laughing, on Friday.

Mayor Pedroso, saying he has not found time to actually study the latest charges, was angry.

Pedroso called the recall—and councilman Leonard Moore's activity in it—a "vendetta against Bosch and Associates." Bosch is the engineering firm hired by the city to design its stalled sewer system project.

Of Moore, Pedroso said: "He does not have the best interests of the city at heart. He has a personal ambition—a vendetta."

Moore, Pedroso continued, "has finally reached a plateau where he cannot reach his ambition except by the removal of council members."

The mayor also indicated that he may—if the recall charges prove to be false—consider a counter suit against Moore.

"In the final analysis I would have to determine how damaging these charges—if indeed they are false—how damaging they are to my career," Pedroso said.

"I may have grounds for suing, which in any event would be costly. But I wouldn't rule it out."

Pedroso qualified his comment, however, saying he must study the charges.

Vern Strong called the charges "very serious," but he questioned Moore's activity as a councilman.

"The only thing that really puzzles me is how a member of the council, who has not upheld his oath of office, can do it... I think they are biting at the wind, nit picking at trivial things," Strong said.

Most irritating to Strong have been the personal attacks, against council members, the attacks coming from a group insisting on perfect judgment all the time.

"If I'm wrong, well, fine," Strong said, noting the recall charges probably will stick and go to ballot. A previous recall in October was rejected by the Pierce County Prosecutor's office. "Who's going to be right 100 percent of the time?" he asked.

"We haven't knowingly—not willfully—violated any of these (state laws). Our intention is right," Strong added.

Strong reiterated his support for the Bonney Lake sewer system project, for which $8 million has been spent on design and construction. About $14 million more will be needed

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to complete the system. $11 million of which is available from a state grant.

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Fresh Bonney Lake recall filed

The civil war over sewers in Bonney Lake intensified last week with the filing of formal recall charges against Mayor John Pedroso and three city councilmen.

The charges were filed with Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend on Thursday, and she forwarded them to the Pierce County Prosecutor's office for approval on Friday.

The recall charges, filed by Committee for Competent Government president Gerald Ford and city councilman Leonard Moore, were the second filed since October.

The previous charges named Pedroso and five councilmembers but were ruled inadequate by prosecutors.

The previous charges also named two council members not named in the latest recall.

John Anderson, Vern Strong and Victor Gould all were named for the second time in last week's recall. But Nina Sedlak and James Young were left out.

Leonard Moore, a councilman actively supporting the recall, said Friday he expects this second round of recalls to succeed.

"I think we're well on our way this time," he said Friday, noting a new attorney has prepared the latest recall charges. "I feel confident the prosecutor will approve the charges. That last one just wasn't drawn up properly," he said.

Moore said his group, headed by committee president Gerald Ford, left Nina Sedlak off the second round of recall charges because she voted against a recent local improvement district (LID) resolution for sewers.

"Nina has indicated she is against the LID so we have taken her off," Moore said. He also said "It would be a little simpler to have less people to recall. And it isn't necessary to get the whole council changed over to stop the sewer LIDs."

Four Bonney Lake city officials have been charged by an opponent with violating their oaths of office. But they believe the recall charges are simply a means to stopping the city's proposed sewer project. From left to right, they are Mayor John Pedroso and councilmen Victor Gould, Vern Strong and John Anderson.

But recall targets are not backing down

The second round of recall charges filed against Bonney Lake city officials last week has left those officials wondering exactly what they have done wrong.

Mayor John Pedroso and councilmen John Anderson, Victor Gould and Vern Strong—all named in the recall filed with city clerk Mildred Berend—have also shown anger, humor, nonchalance and even pleasure toward the recall.

"I was trying to think of a good Henny Youngman line," quipped councilman Gould. "Take my recall, please!" he said, laughing, on Friday.

Mayor Pedroso, saying he has not found time to actually study the latest charges, was angry.

Pedroso called the recall—and councilman Leonard Moore's activity in it—a "vendetta against Bosch and Associates."

Bosch is the engineering firm hired by the city to design its stalled sewer system project.

Of Moore, Pedroso said: "He does not have the best interests of the city at heart. He has a personal ambition—a vendetta."

Moore, Pedroso continued, "has finally reached a plateau where he cannot reach his ambition except by the removal of council members."

The mayor also indicated that he may—if the recall charges prove to be false—consider a counter suit against Moore.

"In the final analysis I would have to determine how damaging these charges—if indeed they are false—how damaging they are to my career," Pedroso said.

"I may have grounds for suing, which in any event would be costly. But I wouldn't rule it out."

Pedroso qualified his comment, however, saying he must study the charges.

Vern Strong called the charges "very serious," but he questioned Moore's activity as a councilman.

"The only thing that really puzzles me is how a member of the council, who has not upheld his oath of office, can do it... I think they are biting at the wind, nit picking at trivial things," Strong said.

Most irritating to Strong have been the personal attacks, against council members, the attacks coming from a group insisting on perfect judgment all the time.

"If I'm wrong, well, fine," Strong said, noting the recall charges probably will stick and go to ballot. A previous recall in October was rejected by the Pierce County Prosecutor's office. "Who's going to be right 100 percent of the time?" he asked.

"We haven't knowingly—not willfully—violated any of these (state laws). Our intention is right," Strong added.

Strong reiterated his support for the Bonney Lake sewer system project, for which $8 million has been spent on design and construction. About $14 million more will be needed to complete the system, $11 million of which is available from a state grant.

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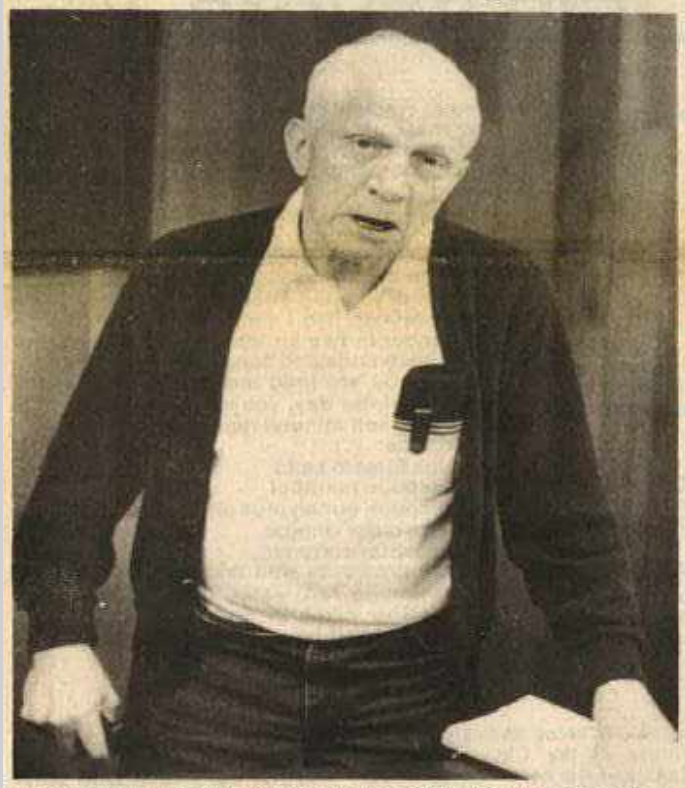
James Young calls it quits



James Young, a councilman in Bonney Lake ever since the governments was replaced in 1973, turned in his resignation Monday night. Poor health drove him from office, Young said, because he could not keep up with city business as thoroughly as he would have liked. Mike Roberts, a local insurance agent, was recommended to replace Young.

Bonney Lake City Councilman James Young has quit his job.

Young, 68, plagued by poor health recently, stepped down Monday night from the position he has held on the city council since 1973. He had entered the city government the year the city swept out its old officers and changed from a city manager to a mayoral form of government.

He also, ironically, has been a strong supporter of the city's sewer system project. A council vote on a local improvement district (LID) to complete the system is slated for January 24, but Young will not be there to vote.

Young announced his resignation during the Monday night meeting of the city council, which was marked by continued squabbling between Mayor John Pedroso and councilman Leonard Moore.

But the retiring councilman received a round of praise from several different council members.

In another matter Monday night, City Engineer Paul Anstey reported the monthly service charge for persons hooking up to the city's proposed sewer system could be as low as $6 per month.

But that figure was hotly contested by councilman Moore who cited a figure of at least $12.50 per month. Moore quoted a $31,000 study prepared recently by Philip M. Botch and Associates, the city's consulting engineer on the sewer project.

A scrap between Pedroso and Moore followed Moore's questions about the sewer costs.

In other matters, the council:

- swore in Dennis Slavens as a new police officer. Slavens was hired early this month.

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Sheriffs to be more prompt here

Those long hours spent waiting for the sheriff to arrive should be shortened soon in Eastern Pierce County.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Bonney Lake detachment has a new man on the staff and two more deputies serving the eastern part of the county could be added this year.

The Bonney Lake detachment, holed up in the basement of the Bonney Lake Police Department, now has one supervisor, Sgt. Richard Ritthaler, and five deputies. Deputy Jeff Maziarski joined the staff January 3 as the fifth deputy serving the sheriff's district 10 area. That district extends roughly from Sumner to Mt. Rainier.

The extra man will mean a shorter response time to crimes, since more than one man will be on duty for more hours each day, Ritthaler said. It also means the sheriffs will actually patrol the county roads 20 hours a day rather than 16 as before.

But the best improvement in service may be seen in the solving of crimes, according to Sgt. Ritthaler. He said officers previously did their investigations whenever they found the "spare time" during their duty hours. They now will have 32 hours each month to devote exclusively to investigations.

More than 3,600 calls were dispatched to the Bonney Lake detachment last year. Of the 1,232 cases eventually assigned to them, the Bonney Lake deputies cleared only 531 through their investigations. Ritthaler expects his department will clear many more of the cases with the extra officer on duty—especially with the extra time devoted to investigations.

District 10 is the largest of the 11 districts served by sheriffs countrywide. It spans an area a little greater than half the county in square miles.

But until population pressures and crime increased, Ritthaler made do with a handful of officers.

"The Bonney Lake area is getting ready to go into the same type of growth that South Hill has undergone," Ritthaler said, looking ahead. "We're just trying to get ahead of the game by getting adequate personnel up here."

Funds for the latest deputy came from the county's half-cent optional sales tax, which could be repealed by a voters' initiative.

"If the half-cent tax continues, then, I've been told, sometime around June we may get a sixth man assigned (here)," Ritthaler said.

He also said an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service should place a seventh deputy under his command within a few months. The agreement is nearly completed, and it would place a residential deputy in the Greenwater area, which the Bonney Lake detachment now serves by driving a circuitous route through King County.

The sixth man will mean even more patrol coverage, according to Ritthaler. "We will go into 24-hour coverage," he said.

Most of the sheriff's deputies' time will be spent on burglaries and minor thefts. Domestic problems also draw on the deputies' time but not as much as in metropolitan areas.

Since the sheriffs often assist the Washington State Patrol for traffic and accidents and the many local police departments when a backup unit is needed, the extra sheriff deputy will help the other departments.

That assistance, however, is repaid whenever the sheriffs need backup help from the police departments in Buckley, Orting, Bonney Lake, Sumner and elsewhere.

"We have excellent cooperation with all of the local police departments," Ritthaler said.

SGT. RITTHALER

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Recall judgment due Friday

The validity of recall charges filed against Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso and three city council members will be judged this week by Pierce County Prosecutors.

City councilman Leonard Moore and resident Gerald Ford filed the charges January 6 on behalf of a group they call the Committee for Competent Government.

Prosecutors now are examining the recall charges for validty, and they will announce their decision by Friday.

Named in the recall were Pedroso and three councilmen, John Anderson, Vern Strong and Victor Gould.

All four men have been accused of violating their oaths of office and breaking state laws.

Five charges have been filed against Pedroso: his alleged failure to prepare and file the city's 1982 preliminary budget by November 1, 1981; his alleged failure to meet a similar deadline for the 1982 budget; his alleged failure to let the city council renegotiate the city's automatically renewed contract with consulting engineer Philip M. Botch and Associates; his alleged hiring of Botch to perform a $31,000 study not authorized by the city council; and his alleged order to the city treasurer, asking her not to share information with the city councilman.

Five other charges have been filed against Gould and Strong. Four have been filed against Anderson.

All three councilmen have been charged with violating state laws: by their votes November 22, 1982, which raised the city's utility tax on intrastate long distance phone calls; by their votes passing a final 1983 city budget which lacked complete salary information; by their failure to halt Mayor Pedroso's alleged renegotiation of an engineering contract with Philip M. Botch and Associates; and by their votes approving the sale of $344,000 worth of councilmatic bonds for sewers. Gould and Strong further were charged with violating state laws when they voted to pass the city's final 1982 budget.

All four recall targets have gone on record in favor of completing the city's partially built sewer system.

Leonard Moore has called the recall as last minute chance to stop a local improvement district (LID) proposed for sewers.

The city council could vote on whether to adopt the LID next Monday, January 24, during its regular meeting. A public hearing will precede any such vote. (We incorrectly reported last week that the hearing would be held January 25.)

Pierce County prosecutors legally have until Friday, January 21, before they must determine the validity of the recall charges, according to deputy prosecutor Keith Black.

Cops close prolific $1 million pot plantation

Police dismantled a pot plantation worth as much as $1 million annually in a Bonney Lake drug bust last Wednesday night which followed a month long investigation.

It was the largest drug raid in the history of Bonney Lake and surrounding areas, police said.

Bonney Lake police investigator Skip Hidenrick said 128 marijuana plants were confiscated in the Raid. The plants, ready to harvest in a month, were worth an estimated $225,000-$500,000 at street value, Hidenrick estimated.

The marijuana was of extremely high quality and growing in a two car garage at 7300 Old Vandermark Road, Hidenrick said.

Jerry Lee Larson, 25, and his wife Phyllis, both of Bonney Lake, turned themselves over to their attorney Friday in connection with the pot growing operation. They were then booked administratively.

Both Larsons later were released on their personal recognizance in an arraignment before a Pierce County Superior Court magistrate Friday.

The Larsons each were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture and/or deliver the drugs.

The felong charges could carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison. A trial date has been set for April 13 in Pierce County Superior Court.

Bonney Lake police worked together with Sgt. Richard Ritthaler of the Bonney Lake sheriff detachment and the Kent Police Department in making the bust. Kent police initiated the investigations.

"This was not a mom-pop operation," Hidenrick said of the Bonney Lake drug seizure. "This was a commercial operation connected to one in the Kent area."

He said the Kent operation was busted earlier in the day last Thursday. Police seized 56 mature plants and 120 seedlings from the Kent operation.

The Bonney Lake pot was growing in a well-equipped two-car garage.

"It had at least $3,000 of electrical equipment—lights, transformer, fan, timers, and so forth," Hidenrick said.

The operation was capable of producing more than $1 million of marijuana per year by harvest-

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ing three or four separate crops of pot, Hidenrick said.

Bonney Lake officers and sheriffs deputies uprooted the 128 growing plants, took them to the County-City Building and placed them into evidence.

The confiscated marijuana was of extremely high grade—some of it a Hawaiian strain and some of it Afghan. The Hawaiian strain sells for $175 per bud and the Afghan sells for at least $200 per bud, Hidenrick reported.

"It's known on the street as one toke dope (one puff dosage). That's all it takes to get you buzzed," Hidenrick said.

Police obtained a warrant prior to entering the Vandermark Road residence.

Hidenrick preferred not to discuss the officers' methods for uncovering the pot growing operation. "The scam we used this time worked real well, and we'd like to use it again," he explained.

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Debate seen Monday over Bonney Lake's $5 million sewer LID

By EMMET PIERCE

BONNEY LAKE — The fate of a controversial $5 million local improvement district will be debated at Monday's Bonney Lake City Council meeting.

The proposed LID, which would fund completion of the city's sewer system, has revived a recall drive against Mayor John Pedroso and council members John Anderson, Vern Strong and Victor Gould. Councilman Leonard Moore is leading the recall movement.

The initial recall drive was sparked last summer by widespread public anger over water rate hikes. City officials blamed anger over excessive rains for defeating a $3.2 million general obligation bond levy in the September election. The levy, like the new LID, would have financed completion of the sewer system.

According to Moore, the 486-181 levy defeat demonstrated that Bonney Lake residents don't want to complete the sewer system, even though some $4.5 million worth of sewer pipes are already in the ground.

But Pedroso contends the election demonstrated only that residents are against the general obligation bond method of financing. Pedroso and a majority of council members are counting on the proposed LID to raise the local matching share of an $11 million state Department of Ecology grant, said City Engineer Paul Anstey.

Anstey said city officials now believe the city's local matching share could total $5 million instead of $3.2 million. By approving a $5 million LID, they hope to avoid asking taxpayers for more money later, he said. Under the proposed LID, each tax lot in the city would be assessed $2,000.

The council doesn't need voter approval to pass the LID. It would take a protest by 60 percent of the city's landowners to kill the LID proposal.

Moore said it would be difficult to organize such a protest. Once the LID is approved, it will probably remain in effect, he said.

Anstey said there are no final figures available on how much the construction of the treatment plant will cost. The city has yet to purchase property to house the treatment plant.

"We hope to put it south of Highway 410 along Fennel Creek," he said.

Anstey said he has proposed building a passive aerated sewage lagoon system to treat the city's effluent. But the ecology department has questioned the system's ability to adequately treat sewage effluent, he said.

Moore and other members of the Recall Committee for a Competent Government have said residents no longer trust the city council to make prudent decisions affecting their taxes.

Petitions calling for the recall of the mayor and three council members have been submitted to the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office. The petitions must be ruled valid before the recall committee can begin gathering signatures to call for an election. The last recall movement was killed when its petition was ruled legally insufficient by the prosecutor's office.

Monday's council meeting will get under way at 7:30 p.m. Anstey said officials probably will move it from City Hall council chambers to the Bonney Lake School auditorium if a large group attends.

"I expect there might be a large crowd," he said.

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A councilman steps down

Young closes chapter in storybook life

by BRAD SHANNON

For a man who once stole a locomotive and got away with it, quitting the Bonney Lake City Council Jan. 10 merely closed another chapter in his life.

James Young, now 68, has lived enough to fill a book. He regrets none of it, including the locomotive which he swiped years ago while rebuilding an industrial railroad line in post-war Germany.

"I'm one of the few persons who has stolen a locomotive and gotten away with it," he said last week, smiling with pride about the incident.

He was a civilian at the time and in charge of rebuilding an industrial railroad line when a couple of extra locomotives came his way. No one claimed them and he took one for his use.

Another time, working the same job, he swapped surplus gasoline for a large load of badly needed coal which had been offered by an Englishman. The trade was probably against regulations but Young's superiors never found out about it.

"It worked," he recalled of the swap. "I can't see anybody was hurt by it. I didn't make a dime out of it," he added.

Young had arrived in Europe via the Army, and, not knowing what to do with his life, he stayed after the war. He met a French woman, Yvette, who had served in the French underground. They eventually married.

The railroad job was one of the several odd jobs that Young held overseas.

"I had a ball," he said. "I had the power of life and death over people. But I got the bridges built and I'm no bridge builder. I got the trains running."

He also got into mischief, once sneaking a Russian woman from Germany to France. He used his civilian authority to sneak her over borders since she lacked proper papers. No one caught him doing this favor for some of his friends.

In the Army, which he joined after two friends were killed at Pearl Harbor, he ran into problems with authority. He attained corporalcy four times and was busted four times.

"I got bounced out because of my attitude. I thought my attitude was right," he recalled, smiling. "Give me a job to do and I'll do it. But in between I'm going to have a good time."

Which he did, until it was time to leave the railroad rebuilding project and return to the states.

"About the time I left, they brought in accountability—(They want to know) what do you have and where did you get it?

"It was time for me to leave," he said.

Young ran into other accountability problems when he returned to the Tacoma and Puyallup areas.

He began building houses for $1 an hour and then worked in a garage. When he "got ahead," he bought a 42-foot fishing boat and headed for Alaska. "I didn't know a damn thing about it," he said of the fishing. "I had to learn the water and the boat while we were out there."

It was a terrible year for all fisherman in 1952 so Young "lost his shirt." He returned to the garage.

"I did pretty well until I tried logging," he recalled, laughing a bit. "I lost my butt on that one."

Getting ahead yet again, he opened his own transmission shop. "I lost my shirt again."

Young's wife, Yvette, 12 years his junior, stayed with him throughout the tribulations. They raised a family and their children are now raising children, James said.

Family life did not exactly contain James Young though, and he took Yvette on adventures to Mexico, Canada, Hawaii and back to Europe. On one occasion they "became good Catholics" in order to qualify for a cheap charter flight to Europe with members of a Portland parish.

On another occasion, James and two friends built a 19-foot sailboat in their backyard and sailed it to Alaska. The trip took three months.

"We lost about 20 pounds and we had a good time," he recalled, noting the winds and currents slowed their progress much of the way. The return trip took just eight days. "I'm not sure what we learned. We must have learned something," he said.

The wayward spirit was always surfacing the same way in Young: "I'd get bored. I'd work in a job until I knew it. Then I'd get bored and I'd want another challenge, I suppose."

Poor health finally caught up with him in recent years, and he retired from a maintenance supervisor job at the Rainier School in Buckley, where he had worked several years. Two weeks ago poor health drove him off the Bonney Lake City Council.

"I don't like to feel I quit," he said. "I went to the last day I should have—in fact beyond it. I got to where I could only attend a meeting—maybe!"

Young had served on the council nearly 10 years, championing sewers from the mid-1970s on. His actions, in fact, helped start the project rolling.

But as a 16-year resident of a mobile home on 192nd Avenue East, who came to Bonney Lake on a lark, his public service surprised him.

"We didn't know what we wanted to do," he recalled of he and his wife arriving here. "We didn't come here to stay."

Yet they did stay. Yvette, in fact, now works at Lakeridge Junior High School. And James "got mixed up" with a group wanting to oust Bonney Lake Mayor Carl Whistler. Whistler was the city's last mayor under a city manager form of government, and Young went into office after the government was changed.

"We went back to the middle ages with a burgermeister mayor and council," he quipped. Young was a moderate in that "recall" group, and he worked to stop what he called a "witch hunt." He didn't want to blame all the problems in Bonney Lake on the city's previous leaders. "Even though they did wrong, they got some things done," he explained.

Ironically, James Young found himself the target of a recall movement in Bonney Lake last October. The charges were dismissed by Pierce County prosecutors, and a second round of charges filed this month ignored Young.

Not being included may be one of the few regrets Yound has ever had.

"I felt very comfortable working with those people," he said of his fellow councilmen and mayor, who were targets in this month's recall effort.

But other than that Young feels no regrets—even with his votes on the city council which raised water rates to an astronomical level last summer.

"No, I don't have any regrets. I've made some mistakes. I've made some dillies. I'm afraid I would probably do it again," he said. "It has always been worth the doing."

Although his health has slowed him down, James Young will continue living as much as he can. He and his wife plan a trip to Southern Oregon for Easter. "Then, come summertime, we'll look around. It depends on whether I can make it."

He didn't say whether he has his eye on any locomotives.

JAMES YOUNG

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Bonney Lake council takes heat as it forms sewer LID

Overflow crowd forces council to move to nearby school

By EMMET PIERCE

BONNEY LAKE — Harsh words and threats of recall didn't stop city officials last night from creating a controversial $3.4 million local improvement district.

A public hearing before the council became a political pep rally as LID protestors threw a salvo of insults at Mayor John Pedroso and members of the Bonney Lake City Council. Some 300 persons attended the meeting, which began at Bonney Lake City Hall. Residents packed the tiny city council chambers. Those who couldn't find a place to stand in the lobby stood outside and peered in through windows.

The crowd grew restless when Pedroso suggested the meeting be held in the overcrowded city hall, as scheduled. Several persons demanded that the meeting be moved to Bonney Lake School to accommodate the crowd. Eventually, the city council followed the suggestion. The start of the meeting was delayed by one hour.

A caution from Pedroso to remain "as calm as possible" didn't stop tempers from flaring.

At issue was an ordinance creating a $3.4 million LID to fund construction of a sewage treatment plant. The LID carried an estimated assessment of $2,000 per tax lot. The LID would raise the city's share of a 7½ percent matching grant from the state Department of Ecology.

The Pierce County prosecutor's office okayed a petition drive to recall Pedroso, Gerald Ford, president of the Recall Committee for a Competent Government told the crowd. A ballot title will be issued within 15 days, enabling Ford's group to seek petition signatures to force an election. Ford's group has alleged that Pedroso failed to provide Councilman Dan Scarborough with information requested about city expenditures.

The recall committee's allegations against council members John Anderson, Vern Strong and Victor Gould were ruled insufficient to warrant recall by the prosecutor's office.

Ford called on the crowd to "end this tyranny" by recalling the mayor.

"This is a democracy," Ford told Pedroso. "It seems like you'd listen to us."

"I'm for sewers," said Joseph Borges, a local resident. "I believe the most valuable thing we have in this community is the lake."

Sewers will end pollution, he said. "It sickens me to see this that this LID has become some sort of political debacle," he said. "I think you (council members) have done a fine job for Bonney Lake."

Several speakers noted that voters defeated a $3.4 general obligation bond levy to fund sewer construction last fall. One man said the public was "being skinned" by the city council.

"What about us who already have a septic tank with no problems?" one woman asked. "I think it's time we decided what we want to do with the property we pay taxes on. I think it's time the people were heard."

"We have got to stop public indebtedness in which we have no voice or choice," said Grant Pelesky. "There is no free lunch. When somebody gets something for nothing, somebody else gets nothing for something. Any elected official who ignores the voice of the people . . . at the polling place is unamerican," he said.

"A communist," someone else shouted.

"I am for sewers," one man said. "I'm a little skeptical though. I think there's a lot of answers that should have been provided . . . before this hearing. I don't think we'd have so many violent people here."

"Where is this treatment plant?" asked Richard Silva. "Where are the plans for it. How do you come up with the assessment amount?"

City officials acknowledged that the treatment plant has yet to be designed.

Gary Thomas said sewers are needed.

"I walk down my street and I can smell the sewage seeping out the ground, he said.

Pointing a finger at the crowd, Rev. Tom Tuttell said those who spoke ill of the city council were "wicked people." He questioned whether LID protesters represented a majority of Bonney Lake residents.

The meeting lasted until after midnight. By the time the council voted on the LID, many persons had left. The LID measure passed by a 4-3 margin. Newly appointed council member Mike Roberts voted in favor of the LID, along with Anderson, Gould and Strong. Council members Nina Sedlak, Leonard Moore, and Scarborough voted no.

Today Moore charged that the LID vote was invalid. He said Roberts was elected last night to the council improperly. Roberts, who was elected by a vote of 3-2, needed four votes to be legally elected, Moore said.

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Recall concentrates on mayor in Bonney Lake

The recall campaign against Bonney Lake city officials moved forward Friday when Pierce County prosecutors found one allegation filed against Mayor John Pedroso met state recall requirements.

But the prosecutors rejected as "legally insufficient" the charges against three city councilmen, John Anderson, Victor Gould and Vern Strong. All four city officials had been named in the recall effort filed January 6 by Gerald Ford, as president of "Committee for Competent Government."

Four charges had been filed against Anderson and five against each of the other three recall targets.

But only the one charge — that of ordering the city treasurer to withhold public information from councilman Dan Scarboeough — passed the prosecutors' legal tests for sufficiency.

Keith Black, a deputy prosecutor writing the prosecutor office's opinion, said Monday night that the charge against Pedroso is not necessarily true.

The factual nature of the charges will be left up to voters, Black said.

"For purposes of reviewing recall charges, we cannot inquire into the facts of the allegations. We have to assume (their) truth," Black said.

Within three weeks, prosecutors will have written a ballot synopsis of the one charge against Mayor Pedroso.

Petitions then will be printed.

Backers of the recall will need approximately 185 valid signatures of registered voters to put the recall on a ballot, according to the county auditor's office. (That number of signatures corresponds roughly to 35 percent of all the votes cast for all the candidates in the mayor race when Pedroso was elected in 1981.)

Once the signatures are collected and validated by the auditor's office, a special election will be scheduled.

A recall election in Bonney Lake would cost about $1,000 "at top" according to County Auditor Dick Greco.

The City of Bonney Lake would pay for the special election.

Greco said paper ballots would be used and the ballots would include a rebuttal statement from the mayor.

City Councilman Leonard Moore said the signature collections should take only a few days.

He said his group will "do it in a week. We'll get at least double that (185) within a week," Moore said.

John Pedroso said the charge against him is false.

"I'm confident that it'll turn out in my favor," Pedroso added of a recall election, if one is held.

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LID for sewers is approved

by BRAD SHANNON

Like a floundering ship tugged to shore and put in drydock, the Bonney Lake sewer system proposal was rescued from oblivion late Monday night and then put in limbo for 30 days.

A 4-3 Bonney Lake City Council vote temporarily saved the sewer project by creating a local improvement district which will pay for its completion.

The vote followed a stormy four-hour public hearing which attracted more than 300 persons—many of whom opposed the LID Monday night.

About $5.4 million will be raised through the LID by making roughly 2600 individual lot assessments of approximately $2,000 apiece. The assessments will be made over 10 years, beginning in mid-1985 when the sewer project is expected to be completed.

But the LID peuposal now will rest in limbo for 30 days. Property owners in the city have 30 days during which they may protest the LID by filing written complaints at Bonney Lake City Hall.

If protests are filed by 60 percent of the affected property owners, the proposal must be scrapped, according to state law. If not enough protests are filed the LID will automatically go into effect.

The City of Bonney Lake will then receive a matching $11.1 million grant from the state Department of Ecology for completion of the partially built sewer system. About $8.3 million has already been spent on the project which began in the 1970s.

The council vote in favor of the LID took place after midnight Monday night—following a marathon public hearing which was scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. in city hall. The overflow crowd of more than 300 persons forced the council to move its hearing to the gym at Bonney Lake Elementary School, where councilmen and citizens traded opinions about the LID.

The vote approving the LID also came after the council swore in a new councilman to replace James Young. Young was a sewer advocate who retired two weeks ago due to poor health.

Mike Roberts, an insurance agent in Bonney Lake, was appointed to the council by a narrow 3-2 vote. He later cast the deciding vote to break a 3-3 council deadlock on the LID issue.

Councilmen Vern Strong and John Anderson also voted to approve the LID, while Nina Sedlak, Dan Scarborough and Leonard opposed it.

Just prior to Roberts' appointment, a motion to appoint Grant Pelesky to the council had ended in a 3-3 tie, but Mayor John Pedroso cast the fourth vote to kill the appointment. Pelesky has opposed the sewer project.

Councilman Leonard Moore—who abstained from voting on Roberts' appointment—said the vote to appoint Roberts may have been illegal. He said he had consulted with a lawyer Monday afternoon about the appointment vote, and had been told a 3-2 vote would not be enough to appoint a councilman.

Moore said a similar situation occured in the mid-1970s when the Bonney Lake City Council appointed John Anderson to a vacant seat. A second 4-3 vote later was required to approve Anderson's appointment, Moore said.

Moore indicated Tuesday morning the Roberts appointment may be contested in court. But he said he must think out his strategy and consult again with his lawyer.

"I've got to talk to the attorney and see what he thinks he can do," Moore explained.

Bonney Lake City Attorney George Kelly told Moore, during the Monday night council meeting, that a simple majority vote is sufficient to appoint a new councilman.

"A majority vote is a majority vote of a quorum," Kelley said. A quorum of the seven member council would be four council members, according to law.

MIKE ROBERTS
—Joining City Council

January 26, 1983 NEWS REVIEW & LAKES OBSERVER

STRONG QUITS COUNCIL POST

Vern Strong quit his Bonney Lake City Council position yesterday.

He was the second councilman to quit in the past two weeks. James Young quit January 10.

Strong's announcement early yesterday afternoon came just one day after he cast a vote for the city's local improvement district (LID) for sewers.

The LID passed by a single vote.

And only last Friday, recall charges against Strong and two fellow councilmen were ruled invalid by Pierce County prosecutors.

"When I was appointed and subsequently elected to the Bonney Lake City Council there was a great deal of pride in being a part of the leadership of the city," Strong said yesterday in his resignation letter. "That pride is no longer present.

"Because of the great depth of recent issues, much of my time has been spent talking to and getting opinions of the people who elected me to my council position. Because of dissention within the council, I no longer feel these people are being served as well as they deserve.

"I no longer want to be a part of the disruptive fighting (on the council) because of what it is doing to the entire community. Because of my convictions, I respectfully submit my resignation as of January 25, 1983," Strong concluded.

He declined to comment further on his reasons for quitting the council position to which he was appointed in February, 1981. Strong replaced John Pedroso, who at that time moved into the mayor's seat replacing Steve Flaherty, who resigned that post.

Mayor Pedroso first heard about the resignation yesterday afternoon when he arrived at city hall from work.

VERN STRONG
—Quits City Council

"It took me by surprise to say the least," Pedroso said, noting he was still recovering from Monday night's marathon public hearing which lasted until after midnight.

He also said he could sympathize with any frustration or stress Strong might have felt on the job.

"It's a great loss," Pedroso added. "He was a very good council member. He really has the interest of the city at heart. He wanted to see the city moving ahead."

Gerald Ford, a resident who has sought Strong's recall from office also expressed surprise.

"I'm flabbergasted," Ford said last night. Ford is president of a committee which has sought the recall of several city officials.

"I think he was trying to do a good job," Ford added. "I think he's a nice guy. I'm more fearful of a replacement because Vern Strong could be talked to."

Ford also said he would like to take Strong's place on the council.

February 9, 1983 NEWS REVIEW & LAKES OBSERVER

Baseball registration set for Bonney Lake youths

The Bonney Lake Baseball Club will hold its first registration for spring and summer play on Saturday, February 12, at Bonney Lake City Hall.

The registration will run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Another registration will take place February 26, the registration deadline, at the same place during the same hours.

The baseball club will hold other registrations Wednesday, February 16, 7-9 p.m. at both the Lake Tapps Elementary School library and the Bonney Lake Safeway lobby.

Cost is $15 per child for the season which begins with a practice April 1. Insurance and caps are included in the fee.

Games begin April 23 with a jamboree April 23.

All boys and girls ages 7-12 can join the club to play baseball, softball and T-ball. Girls ages 13-14 also can play softball.

The club will need "coaches and lots of help" to field an anticipated 36 teams, according to club treasurer Carol Thompson.

Call Thompson at 862-1020 or Jesse McLane at 862-1736 for more information.

Past Councilmember

Donn Lewis

Donn Lewis

Tacoma, Sun., Jan. 30, 1983, The News Tribune

Bonney Lake councilman hits colleague's appointment

A Bonney Lake city councilman has taken a fellow councilman to court, saying his colleague was illegally appointed to office and that a sewer district formed by the council was thus invalid.

Councilman Leonard Moore has filed a petition in Pierce County Superior Court stating that the council appointed Mike Roberts without a majority vote from council members present.

Roberts was elected to the council last Monday, with three councilmen voting for Roberts, two against and one abstaining. Moore contends four votes were needed to elect Roberts to the council according to state law.

The petition named Prosecutor William Griffies and the state as defendants along with Roberts. Presiding Court Judge W. L. Brown Jr. ordered Griffies to appear at a 10 a.m. Feb. 10 hearing to determine whether the court should order him to prosecute the alleged violation of state law.

In his petition, Moore contends that immediately after Roberts was elected, the council voted 4-3 to form a controversial local improvement district for sewers.

Moore also said he was informed that another council member plans to resign around Feb. 14, and that would again raise the issue of whether a replacement must be appointed by a majority of those present.

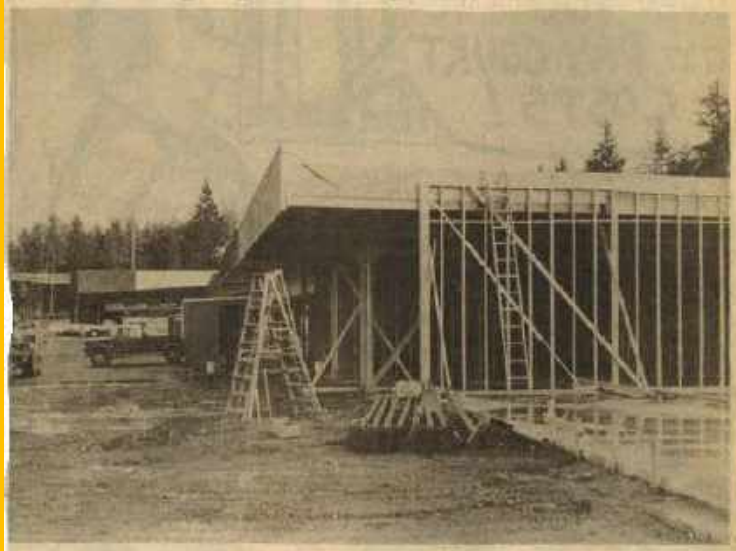
The petition also contended that the council meeting at which Roberts was elected and the sewer district was formed was illegal because it was held outside city limits.

Council members had agreed to move Monday's meeting to the nearby Bonney Lake Elementary School after a crowd of about 300 showed up for the controversial meeting.

That meeting was held in a location that violated state law, Moore argued.

More building underway

Shopping center growth continues



Still building

A second building nears completion at the Bonney Lake Village shopping center, and the concrete slab for a third building has already been poured. Developers said they are waiting for more solid commitments before beginning a fourth building, but they expressed interest in a 24-hour medical complex.

Construction began this month on the third cluster of shops planned for the steadily growing Bonney Lake Village shopping center at State Route 410 and 214th Avenue East.

Most of the shop space under construction already has been rented to new businesses, according to developer Gus Raaum of the Hill-Raaum Investment Company.

Included in the new building will be a car parts store, a dental clinic, a cleaner, a pet shop and a barber, Raaum said Monday.

A second building on the site, which builders began working on several weeks ago, should be completed within three weeks. Only the foundation for the third building has been laid so far.

Raaum said his three buildings and the adjacent Safeway Superstore offer 74,000 square feet of retail space—of which 91 percent has been leased.

The building permit for Raaum's $393,120 building was one of nine building permits issued by Bonney Lake City Engineer Paul Anstey last month.

Permits for three houses and three mobile homes were included in the January permits which represented a total of $594,985 worth of new construction in Bonney Lake for the first month of 1983.

Anstey listed the house permits as one taken out by Sumner Builders for a $35,000 home at 18310 77th St. and two by Kirkman Construction for a $34,596 house at 7809 192nd Ave and one for a $37,747 house at 7897 192nd Ave.

The mobile homes permits were taken out by L.E. Garvey for a $20,966 mobile home at 9416 Angeline Rd; by R.M. Miller for a $38,438 at 20509 Church Lake Drive; and by S.C. Carver for a $33,918 mobile home at 20915 Church Lake Drive.

The other permits included one taken out by D. Lofgren for a $700 fence at 19105 75th St., and one by B. Wheeler for a $500 carport at 18010 74th St.

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Bonney Lake children aided by Big Brothers

by NINA SEDLAK

First Pat's husband disappeared.

It was 1975—just a few days before Christmas, and baby Greg—just 18 month's old—drank lighter fluid. Pat paced the corridor of the hospital wondering what to do. Her nearest relatives were a continent and an ocean away, and her husband, had no relatives, she could turn to. She dabbed at her tears with a sodden handkerchief.

Another woman was waiting outside a room at the end of the hall. Pat walked over to speak to her, and saw that she was one of her friends.

Pat Boswell was a registered nurse in the Leicester General Hospital in England. She met her husband when she worked in a hospital in Germany. Later they were transferred to Fort Lewis.

Sometime after that he left the army, and they bought a home in Bonney Lake.

Now Pat was alone with the four children, and the oldest boy, Mike, was only eight years old. But she found a friend, and her friend told her about the Big Brothers program.

"I called the Big Brothers in Tacoma, and they sent papers out right away. I sent the papers in to them, and the caseworker came out to talk to me. I cried all through the interview," Pat said.

In October 1976 (little Mike) Boswell became acquainted with his new Big Brothers (Big Mike).

This was the beginning of a fine friendship between the two families. When Mike Boswell was in the sixth grade some friends from school asked him to go to Hawaii. "Big Mike" thought it would be good for "Little Mike," so he paid his way. Then, to encourage Mike to work for good grades in school, his Big Brother told him he would give him $5 for each "A" on his report card.

Mike had ten squares on his card with an "A" in each one! "Big Mike" stopped giving him $5 for every "A" after that, but continued to encourage Mike to work hard at school. He also cheered Mike on to take part in wrestling, basketball, football, baseball and all school activities.

Last year Mike Boswell received four letters—one in each sport. He was on the honor roll, and became a senate page in Olympia for Mike Gaspard. This year he made the sophomore football team.

Mike Boswell said, "My favorite activity with my Big Brother is racing Corvettes. I learned how to take care of the cars. (He works in the pits.) With my family number two I always feel at home. My Big Brother fits into my life just like a real big brother. He helps me when I need help or advice.

Having a Big Brother is a blast!"

Mike is now 16 years old.

Pat's second son, Andy, is 12. He got his Big Brother three years ago. "They started off real slow," Pat said. "Andy's Big Brother is into rollerskating and they go to the Sonic and Mariner games. He tries to see Andy once a week on Saturday or Sunday. If the Big Brothers say they're coming—they come. The boys know that their Big Brothers are really reliable."

Andy said, "My favorite activities are hiking and sports. I think a Big Brother is fun to be with. When you have a Big Brother you know you have something to look forward to."

Andy's Big Brother said that Andy is like "a second son" to him.

Greg, Pat's third son, was on the waiting list for three years—since he was five years old. "He just got his Big Brother before Christmas," Pat said. "He thought he'd never get one. They go fishing—shopping, visit the farm, and last Sunday they watched the Superbowl game together."

And Greg said, "Having a Big Brother is perfect. Going to the zoo and fishing are my favorite things. I like having a Big Brother."

Pat has a little girl, Barbara, who is looking for a Big Sister.

Organization caseworker, John Hopp, supervises the matches. He pairs children and men with similar interests together, "The main thing we stress," he said, "is special friendship. This increases the child's trust in adults and sets a good role model for the child to follow.

Volunteers for the program must go through a thorough screening process involving references and an extensive home interview." There are also training and orientation classes, and the volunteer must make a commitment to see his Little Brother for at least three to four hours each week.

The Program gets some funding from United Way, and some from a bingo hall. It is a non-profit organization, and there is no charge for anything to volunteers or to parents. Money raised pays for the staff and the operation of the office.

They will have a bowlathon beginning March 19th to bring in funding for this year. The children will bowl to earn prizes if they have five sponsors or more.

There aren't enough Big Brothers to go around. There are 200 children on the waiting list. Many of them are from the Bonney Lake, Sumner or Puyallup area. No Big Brother volunteers from these three areas are listed.

John Hopp asked that volunteers call him at the Big Brothers office in Tacoma at 572-3211.

As Pat Boswell said, "I don't know what I would have done without them." They are a lifeline to the future.

Boswell brothers

The Boswell brothers, from left to right, are Mike, Greg and Andy. They share an interest in football, but through the Big Brother program each is finding new activities and interests to explore.

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Facts given on Bonney Lake's LID

INTRODUCTION

The Bonney Lake City Council passed Ordinance No. 533 on January 24, 1983, creating Local Improvement District No. 8 (L.I.D.) for the purpose of completing the sewerage system within the City.

This project began eight years ago as the Lake Tapps Sewerage System. Inter-local agreements were competed with the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, and the South Hill Sewer District to study, design, and construct a regional system. With 90% Federa Environmental Protection Agency/State Department of Ecology (EPA/DOE) grant money, the Facility Plan with Addendum was completed in 1976 recommending the Alderton Alternative as the treatment plant location. Due to a public protest, Addendum II, a Land Treatment Management Plan, was subsequently written. After the Pierce County Commissioners illegally denied the Use Permit for the Alderton site, Addendum III was written and completed in 1979 addressing the Sumner Alternative. During these three years, the City was well into construction on the Collection System. The City received a 100% Federal Economic Development Administration/State Department of Ecology (EDA/DOE) grant of over $4.5 million to fund this project. With the approval of the Sumner Alternative, 90% EPA/DOE grants were procurred for design and Phase I of interceptor construction. Upon completion of this $2.5 million interceptor phase, project construction stopped as the City was by-passed for additional EPA/DOE funding for fiscal years 1980, 1981, and 1982.

With federal money unavailable, the City was offered a 75% Referendum 39 Grant in the Summer of 1982 to complete the project. At this time, Pierce County withdrew from project participation as the local share costs would increase 2-1/2 times due to the reduced grant funding. The City filed suit against the County and opted to reduce project scope and build their own plant closer to the City. A cost effectiveness study was completed, the Referendum 39 Grant signed, and procedures were initiated to procure local share funding through the LID process.

The DOE grant contract requires that local financing be assured and a financial plan approved by March 31, 1983 or the grant contract becomes invalid. This would mean the loss of over $11 million in preliminary committed funding.

This project, as originally conceived, was scheduled to be in operation in 1980. Today, some eight years later with numerous delays and setbacks, over $9 million in facilities has been built since project inception. The City must act decisively if completion is to be attained with financial assistance from the state. With positive action, it is now anticipated that sewer service will be available to customers by mid 1985.

The following are answers to many of the most common questions regarding LID No. 8. If you desire additional information or have questions, please contact:

Mr. Paul Anstey,
City Engineer
City of Bonney Lake
19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.
Bonney Lake, WA 98390
Telephone: (206) 863-6318

WHY DO WE NEED SEWERS?

Almost all the soils within the City are classified by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service as having moderate to severe limitations for use as septic tank drainfields. The Lake Tapps area is underlain by semi-compacted glacial hardpan with low permeability (Alderton type soil). The soils above the hardpan are generally permeable but the existence of the hardpan layer renders the area marginal as far as on site disposal units are concerned. Localized areas have and will continue to experience septic tank failures. This is especially serious after heavy rains. The area's lakes (Lake Tapps, Church Lake, Bonney Lake, Debra Jane Lake) have violated State and County standards for bacterial pollution on numerous occasions. Past Pierce County Health Department records show bacterial pollution greatly exceeds the desirable levels for contact waters. As development increases, on site disposal problems will become more acute, and the likelihood of correction more remote.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE BUILT?

Over 37 miles of sewer line has been installed. Project completion requires the construction of a wastewater treatment plant, 13 lift stations, 75 grinder pumps, a utility bridge and approximately six miles of sewer line.

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLETION?

Presently over $9 million has been invested in the system. Of this amount, $300,000 (3.3%) represents the City share. Project completion is estimated to require an additional $12.3 million. $5.5 million of the cost is the estimated local share of which $650,000 is for interim financing and bond issue costs.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PROJECT COSTS DOES DOE PAY?

DOE pays 75% of total eligible project costs, except for the treatment plant. Participation in treatment plant costs is based on capacity limited to 110% of the existing residential and small commercial flows plus 100% of the existing other small flows. Preliminary calculations indicate this percentage of city share to be 53%. Total project participation by DOE cannot exceed $11.1 million, but is estimated to be $6.8 million.

WHAT WAS THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE COLLECTION SYSTEM COST?

The City received a 100% combination Economic Development Administration/Department of Ecology (EDA/DOE) grant amounting to over $4.5 million for the construction of the system. The money was used to install over 30 miles of sewer and appurtenances. In addition, over $500,000 was spent on new roads. Due to the last three years of delay, the City will pay all costs over the grant amount to complete this system.

WHERE IS THE TREATMENT PLANT LOCATION?

On approximately 15 acres located immediately south of Highway 410 east of Angeline Road.

WHAT IS THE TREATMENT PLANT CAPACITY?

WHERE IS THE DISCHARGE?

Based on a 1990 population projection of 9,259 people plus commercial flows, a design capacity of 1.02 million gallons per day (MGD) is required. A combination trickling filter/activated sludge process is anticipated based on cost effectiveness and limited land availability. Effluent discharge will be to the Puyallup River.

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

Should the LID be approved, interceptor construction could begin in June 1983. Treatment plant construction is estimated to commence by January 1984. System start up is expected in June 1985.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE LID?

Generally all the property within the City limits except Cedar View, Cedar Grove, Kelly Creek Heights, and East Hills.

WHY WERE THESE AREAS ELIMINATED?

There are no collection sewers currently installed in these areas because they have Everett type soil which is more conducive to on site septic systems. In the future, should they desire sewer service, they can petition for the formation of a LID to install collection sewers and treatment plant capacity.

WHAT IS THE ASSESSMENT PER LOT?

The preliminary assessment charge is estimated at $2,000 per lot.

HOW WAS THIS PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ARRIVED AT?

The total estimated local share was divided by the total number of lots as defined by the Pierce County Assessor within the set LID boundaries. Not counting City and County property, 2,740 lots are included on the preliminary assessment roll.

HOW AND WHEN DO I PAY MY ASSESSMENT?

After otal project costs are determined, individual assessments computed and a public hearing held, the City Council will confirm the assessment roll by ordinance. The assessment rol will be published and each property owner will be notified that the roll is filed for collection. Cash payment, interest free, may be made during the 30 day prepartment period following the first publication of the notice of collection. If the owner desires, equal annual principal installments with interest on the unpaid balance may be made each year until the assessment is paid in full. The owner may, at any time, pay the remaining installments together with interest to the next annual due date nd relive himself of further obligation.

BESIDES AN ASSESSMENT CHARGE, WHAT OTHER CHARGES WILL I HAVE TO PAY?

Specific charges will be defined by the City Council in the User Charge Ordinance, these would include a connection charge, monthly service charge, and the costs of constructing the side sewer from the point of service to the property line connection. New residents after February 22, 1978 requiring a grinder pump will also pay for the pump and installation.

WHAT WILL THE MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE BE?

The Service charge must cover the operation and maintenance costs of the treatment plant, lift stations, and interceptor and collection system. With the City building their own treatment plant, this charge is estimated to be about $10.00 per month. This fee compares favorably with what other municipalities charge and would begin upon system start up.

HOW MUCH WILL THE CONNECTION CHARGE BE?

The connection charge will be established in the User Charge Ordinance. Presently, the City charges $50.00 for sewer connections in Bonnie Brae. It will be more for new connections made after sewers are in operation.

HOW MUCH WILL MY SIDE SEWER COST?

Each property owner is responsible for the costs of constructing the side sewer on his property from the structure being served to the point of connection at the grinder pump, or at the property line or easement where the City sewer is located. The depth of side sewer stub outs varies from 5 to 12 feet. The cost of installing the building sewer connection is presently estimated at $6 to $10 per foot if performed by a contractor. The actual work may be done by the owner or his employ, but must be performed in accordance with appropriate building codes. The entire installation must be inspected and approved by the City Engineer.

DO I NEED A GRINDER PUMP? DO I PAY?

Grinder pumps are needed in lots that are below the main line sewer. Approximately 75 property owners have been identified prior to the City cut off date of February 22, 1978 as needing these pumps. New residents after this date who require a pressure system will pay for the grinder pump, installation and side sewer connection from the pump to the building being served. The City Engineer can identify these residences.

WHO MAINTAINS THE GRINDER PUMP?

Grinder pump operation and maintenance will be performed by the City Sewer Department.

DO I PAY AN ASSESSMENT ON A PARCEL OF LAND THAT IS TOO FAR FROM THE SEWER TO BE SERVED OR IS TOO SMALL TO BE BUILT ON?

These questions will be considered by the Council at a future date in determining the final assessment roll. If there is no benefit to the subject parcel of land from the project then the assessment on the lot will be eliminated. You will be notified of your proposed final assessment and can then object in writing furnishing your name, assessment number, address and legal description and the basis of your objection, or you may contact the City Clerk now.

I OWN THREE ADJACENT BUILDABLE LOTS. HOW MANY ASSESSMENTS DO I PAY?

A single residence occupying two lots, neither of which is further buildable would receive City Council consideration for a single assessment. An objection should be filed with the City, contact the City Clerk as soon as possible to have this done.

DO I HAVE TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER SYSTEM?

In accordance with WAC 248-96-060, connection of any dwelling unit or other premise where sewage originates shall be made to a public sewer system where there is an adequate public sewer within 200 feet of the dwelling or other facility to be served, and such connection is permitted by the sewer utility. The City Council will define specific requirements in the Sewer Use Ordinance.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY SEPTIC TANK ONCE THE SEWERS ARE OPERATIONAL?

It is recommended that the tank be pumped and filled with sand or like material. This would reduce or eliminate the possible future liability to the owner caused by the collapse or flotation of the abandoned tank. Contact the City Engineer for approval of other proposals.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH A LID QUESTION OR OBJECTION?

Questions may be answered by calling the City Engineer. Preferably, questions should be in writing and a written response will be forwarded. Protests against the sewer project must be in writing and include your name, assessment number, address and legal description of the property to be assessed. Protests against cost are not deemed to be a protest against formation of the LID because cost can be adjusted by the City Council at the time of hearing on the final assessment roll. Forward questions and protests to:

City Clerk, Mildred L. Berend
LID No. 8
City of Bonney Lake
19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.
Bonney Lake, WA 98390
Telephone: (206) 863-6318

Protests must be received before February 24, 1983. A film entitled "Action for Change" demonstrating the LID process will be shown on February 14, 1983 at the City Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. and at other meetings as may be necessary.

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1,000 letters seek opponents for LID

More than 1,000 letters were sent Monday to Bonney Lake property owners living outside the city and as far away as Thailand in a last ditch effort to persuade them to oppose the Bonney Lake local improvement district for sewers, LID opponent Monte Mecklenburg said Monday night.

The letters contained information about the proposed $5.4 million LID which the city did not include with its original mailing of LID assessments to property owners, Mecklenburg said.

Some new information contained in an advertisement the City of Bonney Lake paid for in the News Review and Lakes Observer last week.

The city originally claimed monthly service charges will run about $6 per month per lot sewer hookup but in its paid avertisement claimed it might run $6-10 per month, Mecklenburg said.

Mecklenburg, his wife, resident Jeannine Matthews and a handful of others worked steadily for more than four days arranging the massive mailing to Thailand, Australia, Canada,

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Hawaii, Arkansas, Florida, New York, and other areas around the world.

The group bought a sewer assessment roll for more than $60, scoured it for names and addresses, then corrected zip codes and other in accuracies before mailing out the 1,000 pamphlets, Mecklenburg said.

About 30-40 persons actively participating in the movement to stop the LID, Mecklenburg estimated, and they will be going door to door to solicit LID protests, he added.

Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend estimated yesterday that more than 300 protests had been filed at city hall by Monday, including the 78 Matthews turned in Monday afternoon.

"There's going to be a hell of a lot more," Mecklenburg said.

If 60 percent of the affected lot owners in the city protest the LID, then the city, by law, will have to scrap the LID proposal. An estimated 2,740 lots are being assessed by the LID, according to city engineer Paul Anstey.

"As soon as the mail gets flowing....I think a lot of people will be surprised by how many protest we will get.

February 16, 1983 NEWS REVIEW & LAKES OBSERVER

Sewers endangered by 'test case' ruling

The entire Bonney Lake sewer system project may be killed in its tracks February 23 when Superior Court Judge Floyd Hicks decides the legality of appointing Mike Roberts to the Bonney Lake City Council.

Roberts was appointed to his council seat January 24 by a controversial 3-2 vote and Bonney Lake Councilman Leonard Moore has sued the city to "show cause" that the 3-2 vote was a sufficient majority.

Moore, through his attorney Goeffrey Cross, has claimed that four votes were needed to seat Roberts.

Roberts, shortly after being appointed, cast the deciding vote which established a controversial local improvement district (LID) for sewers.

Hicks said during a superior court hearing last Thursday that his "first impression" would be to rule in Moore's favor.

But he also said state law is so murky on the subject of council appointments that a higher court should make a "test case" decision. Such a move could permanently clarify the conflicts between several contradictory state laws which adress the subject, Hicks believed.

By ruling in Moore's favor, Hicks said he hoped to push the case into the state's court of appeals.

Bonney Lake City Attorney George Kelley persuaded Hicks to wait until February 23 before making his decision.

Kelley also had argued that the three vote majority which placed Roberts on the council was a legal majority according to state law.

Lawyer Cross had argued otherwise.

Each lawyer used different state laws to present conflicting arguments.

Kelley later said the postponement of Hicks' decision saved the city's sewer system proposal at least until February 23.

A decision against Roberts' appointment would have nullified the LID vote, Kelley said.

Such a decision also would have killed the sewer project outright.

That is because the city council will be unable to enact a second LID soon enough to secure crucial $6.8-11 million grant offered by the Washington Department of Ecology, Bonney Lake City Engineer Paul Anstey said Thursday afternoon.

Ironically, February 23 is the same day the protest period for the sewer LID officially expires.

City attorney Kelley said after the hearing that he will argue against Hicks' plan to make the Roberts appointment a test case. He said he will explain to Hicks during the February 23 court hearing that havoc could be created by a decision in favor of Moore.

Kelley also said he is convinced the City of Bonney Lake will win its legal battle over the Roberts appointment.

Although Leonard Moore kept alive his hopes of defeating both the LID and the Roberts appointment, he did lose two legal battles last Thursday.

Judge Hicks ruled that Pierce County prosecutors should not prosecute Moore's case against the Roberts appointment, so Moore will have to pay his own legal fees.

Hicks also said the Bonney Lake City Council acted correctly when it moved its January 24 LID public hearing from the cramped city council chambers to the roomy Bonney Lake Elementary School gym.

Moore had hoped Hicks would rule invalid all of the council's actions durings its January 24 meeting. Moore claimed the city council needed to pass an ordinance and give advance public notice before moving the meeting.

More than 300 persons had attended that boisterous public hearing, but only 75-100 persons had been able to hear the council until the meeting was moved to the larger facility.

Local

Bonney Lake council split down the middle on nominee

By BILL RIPPLE

BONNEY LAKE — This town's divided and beleaguered City Council will remain one person short until March 28 unless its members can agree to break a stalemate on a replacement for Councilman Vern Strong, who resigned last month.

Mayor John Pedroso indicated that he would give council members a 30-day cooling-off period to resolve their differences and either elect or defeat nominee Carl Vigna, a longtime planning commission member. The stalemate developed earlier this week when the council voted 3-3 on Vigna's nomination for the vacant seat.

Pedroso said that prior to the vote on Vigna, the council defeated the nomination of Gerald Ford, the leader of a recall move against the mayor. The vote on the Recall Committee for Competent Government president was 4-2, Pedroso said.

The mayor, who declined to cast a tie-breaking vote, indicated that he would give the council an opportunity to break the tie at the Feb. 28 and March 14 council meetings. If at the end of that time the stalemate remains, he will break the tie.

The split vote and discussion at this week's meeting was indicative of the mood on the council that led to Strong's resignation last month.

The two-year councilman and former planning commission member said he grew tired of all the fighting.

"I got tired of fighting with Mr. (Councilman Leonard) Moore," Strong said this week. Moore, a longtime critic of the city's stalled sewer project, also is active in the recall move against the mayor.

Meanwhile, the council will have to wait until Feb. 23 to find out if the controversial January appointment of Councilman Mike Roberts will be nullified by a Superior Court judge. Moore contested the appointment, claiming Roberts' appointment violated state law because the council vote was 3-3, short of the four-vote majority required by state law.

City Attorney George Kelley argued that the 3-2 vote was a sufficient majority to make the appointment valid. Superior Court Judge Floyd V. Hicks indicated that he would rule the appointment invalid.

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Council unable to fill Strong's seat

Those were not arrows from Cupid flying through the Bonney Lake City Council on Valentine's night, Monday.

Council members and citizens quarrelled once again over a local improvement district (LID) for sewers, a council appointment and a recall charge pending against Mayor John Pedroso.

Nothing was resolved and the seven-seat council now has only six members.

Amid the hubbub, the council managed to accept the resignation of former councilman Vern Strong who quit January 25 due to discord between members of the city government.

But the council was unable in two tries to appoint Strong's replacement.

Gerald Ford, the chairman of the committee asking the recall of Pedroso, was turned down as a council appointee by a 4-2 vote. Only Leonard Moore, another recall proponent, and Dan Scarborough favored Ford's appointment to the seven member council.

A vote to appoint planning commission chairman Carl Vigna ended in a 3-3 deadlock, and Mayor Pedroso said he will wait 30 days before casting the tie-breaking vote.

State statutes, according to City Attorney George Kelley, do not allow a mayor to break tie votes on council appointments. But there may be a precedent for a mayor casting the decisive vote if he waits 30 days, according to Kelley.

Pedroso later cast a tie breaking vote to name councilman John Anderson as the city's new vice mayor. Attorney Kelley said Pedroso could legally break that 3-3 tie, so Anderson replaced Strong as vice mayor.

Councilmember Nina Sedlak, who cast the swing vote with Moore and Scarborough to kill Vigna's appointment, prefaced her vote with criticism of the city's sewer LID.

Sedlak indicated she would vote against Vigna, not because he was unqualified, but because she opposed the LID.

Vigna, in his letter asking to be considered for a council position said he favored sewers and controlled growth for the City of Bonney Lake.

Mayor Pedroso scolded Sedlak for her vote, saying the city cannot afford another councilman like Leonard Moore. Pedroso then trotted out Moore's voting record.

Moore, Pedroso claimed, has cast nay ballots on 93 of the 116 issues he has voted on since joining the council.

"This city cannot afford the kind of individual who cannot serve well the issues," Pedroso declared, referring both to Moore and Ford.

Moore replied in kind: "I've never rubberstamped your bills, and that's what you're complaining about."

Moments later, Moore attacked Vigna's record as a member of the city's planning commission.

The 3-3 deadlock to appoint Vigna followed.

So did more wrangling over the city's LID, which will go into effect February 23 if enough protests are not filed at Bonney Lake City Hall.

The council brouhaha continued as various residents questioned Pedroso, City Engineer Paul Anstey and Consulting Engineer Greg Botch about the city's LID proposal.

Gavel pounding failed to restore order completely at one point, and an LID movie scheduled for the Monday night meeting was skipped over. The movie will be shown instead at a later council meeting.

In other council matters, Pedroso assailed the recall charges pending against him, telling resident Grant Pelesky that he had been sold "a bill of goods" regarding Pedroso's alleged misconduct in office.

The council also:

- heard David Bowen propose the use of a cattle crossing which runs under State Route #10 near the Bonney Lake Village shopping center, as a pedestrian underpass. Bowen said it would be safer to use the concrete underpass than to cross SR 410 which carries heavy motor traffic.
- paid January bills.
- unanimously authorized city engineer Paul Anstey to call for bids on a new truck and hole tapping machine for the water department. The items were valued at roughly $30,000.

Vice Mayor Anderson

John Anderson was named the new vice-mayor in Bonney Lake Monday night. He will serve as mayor pro tem whenever Mayor John Pedroso is unable to attend to city business.

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Fight goes on

Jeanine Matthews, far left, and other opponents of the Bonney Lake local improvement district for sewers, held up signs protesting the LID during the city council meeting Monday night. They complained again of the high cost of sewers. Others complained that they never received notices of the pending LID through the mail.

Council unanimous in voting for fountain

At long last some refreshment will slake the thirsts of argument-weary citizens and politicians in Bonney Lake City Hall.

The city council Monday night agreed unanimously to replace the drinking fountain at city hall.

The 5-0 vote came the same night the council heard Steve Marcotte of the state auditor's office offer a mild criticism of the way the city draws up its annual budget.

The water fountain measure was the final vote of Monday night—and it capped yet another night of throat-wearing arguments over the city's controversial sewer plan.

"I'll finally get a decent drink of water," said weary Councilmember Nina Sedlak, who sponsored the measure to fix the sputtering fountain.

"This will raise (the water pressure) up so nobody has to get on their hands and knees to get water," Sedlak later joked.

In the other effort to sooth some frictions at city hall, Mayor John Pedroso had asked auditor Marcotte to explain to the council the meaning of a controversial 1979-80 audit of city finances.

City foes have claimed the audit shows corruption in the city's accounting of its funds.

Other foes have claimed the audit is proof the city is going broke.

Marcotte cleared the city of both charges, and he forgave the city for not submitting its 1982 and 1983 budgets on time.

The auditor said the errors in the city's financial statements for 1979-80 were bookkeeping errors and not serious enough to warrant prosecution.

Marcotte also said his department receives many complaints from worried citizens who think Bonney Lake city government might be improperly run.

"Usually we find the person making the allegations did not have the whole picture or the (laws quoted) were quoted out of context," he said.

But Marcotte later criticized the city because it did not include salary figures for city employees in the budgets for 1982 and 1983.

The city had deleted salary figures from its budgets pending settlement of union negotiations during both years, and Marcotte took some issue with that practice.

"I view that as a little more serious than not getting the budget out on time," he said.

"You can put in an estimated amount or the most recent amount pending settlement of the contracts," Marcotte instructed the city officials.

"That will be corrected," Mayor Pedroso replied.

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Recall set May 17 on Bonney Lake's mayor

The recall election of Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso will be held May 17, Pierce County Auditor Dick Greco announced Monday.

Greco set the election after finding at least 185 valid signatures among the 501 filed February 28 by recall advocates in Bonney Lake.

The auditor said his office was still checking signatures for validity Monday but said enough signatures already had been validated to set an election.

A simple majority of voters in the City of Bonney Lake now can unseat Mayor Pedroso, according to Greco.

Pedroso has until March 30 to file a rebuttal to the charge against him, Greco said.

Pedroso is accused of withholding public information from City Councilman Dan Scarborough, but he has denied the allegation.

Scarborough has claimed his request for information—on city payments to consulting engineers Philip M. Botch and Associates—was refused on an order from Pedroso.

City councilman Leonard Moore, who has supported the recall through an organization calling itself the Committee for Competent Government, filed the charge in January.

Petitioners gathered 501 signatures from local registered voters and filed them February 28 at Bonney Lake City Hall.

Pierce County prosecutors merely approved Moore's charge for the purposes of recall.

State law in fact, forbids the prosecutors from ruling on the truth of any recall charge, Greco said.

If Pedroso is recalled, the Bonney Lake City Council would appoint a mayor to replace him, Greco added.

A special election then would be held in the fall this year to seat a permanent replacement for Pedroso.

If the recall fails, Greco said, opponents of the mayor could file fresh recall charges as they have threatened to do.

There is no limit on filing such charges.

Pedroso's current term does not expire until 1985.

Pedroso said Monday night his attorney will send his ballot defense to county auditor Dick Greco "by the end of the week."

The mayor also said he plans a campaign in defense of his actions just prior to the May 17 recall ballot.

"Unless it gets to the point that the city doesn't deserve or want my dedication and time; then I might do nothing," he added.

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Pedroso's vote appoints Vigna

Bonney Lake sewer fees were gaveled down Monday night as Mayor John Pedroso broke new legal ground to appoint Carl Vigna to fill a vacancy on the city council.

There were no strong legal precedents for Pedroso's vote which broke a 2-2 deadlock, according to City Attorney George Kelley.

"Let's say he broke new ground," Kelly said after the meeting, describing Pedroso's action.

The tie-breaking vote to seat Vigna had a precedent in State history Kelley said, but that precedent was for code cities, and Bonney Lake is a third class city.

By using an analogy to the law governing code cities, Pedroso broke the 28-day-old dispute over appointing Vigna. And he did so over objections from other councilmembers.

Swinging his gavel, Pedroso silenced protests by Nina Sedlak and Leonard Moore, both of whom sought a new vote on Vigna's appointment.

A new vote would have ended 2-2 against the appointment [illegible] councilman Victor Gould did not attend Monday night's meeting. LID foes conceivably could then have filled the council vacancy themselves.

Pedroso, however, refused to yield the floor and cast the tiebreaking vote which seated Vigna. He claimed a new vote would not be necessary since the council had not broken the 28-day-old tie during its February 28 meeting.

Vigna who served as the chairman of the city's planning commission until his appointment Monday night, later voted against a motion to nullify the city's LID ordinance.

That motion came late in the marathon meeting which lasted four hours Monday night.

Sedlak, Dan Scarborough and Moore all voted to rescind the LID, but they needed four votes, according to attorney Kelley.

Another vote later in the evening—which asked the city to either negotiate or eliminate its contract with consulting engineer Philip M. Botch and Associates—also fell.

Sedlak, Vigna and Mike Roberts opposed that measure which was offered by Scarborough.

The Botch contract will automatically go into effect for another year April 26.

In other matters, the council

- accepted bids for a pickup truck, water pipe and a hole cutter, all for the city's water department.
- approved a request by Gary Bodine for water service on a 20 acre subdivision near Church Lake Drive and West Tapps Highway.

The water service will be contingent on developers installing proper pipes, but they will not need to annex to the city.

- approved a fun run through the city's streets April 30.

Louise King asked the council for approval of the run which will be sponsored by the Sumner Tobacco and Alcohol Risk Reduction (STARR) project.

Several hundred Sumner students in kindergarten through ninth grades will run in the 30 minute Saturday morning race.

- paid February bills.

CARL VIGNA
Appointed councilman

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400 line up for food hand-outs

Growing lines of hunger

About 400 persons descended on Bonney Lake City Hall yesterday to take advantage of the free food handed out in the City Council chambers. The line of persons ran several hundred feet down Bonney Lake Boulevard.

The food, scheduled for delivery at 10 a.m., was not parcelled out until 11. But many persons stood cheerfully in the cold and rain to wait for it.

Hunger lured Bob Todd and more than 400 other Bonney Lake residents into the cold and rain yesterday morning at Bonney Lake City Hall.

Inside, nearly 12,000 pounds of dried milk and 4,000 pounds of cheese were stacked in the City Council chambers, where Pierce County Manpower workers took orders and distributed the food provided by the federal government.

A line-up for the food giveaway began at 7 a.m. when nearly a dozen persons arrived. But no food was given away until 11 a.m.—as the workers waited for a late shipment of butter that never did arrive.

The hungry, some of them with their children, stood patiently in line, getting acquainted with one another. Some cracked jokes. Most, when asked, were quick to say they needed the food.

Like Bob Todd, 47, many said they were unemployed and have little alternative for getting food.

Todd said he is an unemployed contractor who has worked just three days in the past two months.

"The thing is," he explained, "I don't have unemployment (compensation). I'm self employed." The current hard times, Todd added, have made it harder than ever to ply his trade in remodeling.

"(Homeowners) do it themselves because they don't have the money to have me do it," he said.

A 67-year-old woman and her 72-year-old husband stood in line "Only because it's hard to get along on a social security check. And that's all we have," the woman said.

"It's Ronald Reagan," shouted another woman, one of the few to point a finger of blame.

Marlene Edwards, 24, of Bonney Lake was just grateful for the food.

"I think it's a pretty good deal for those who use it right. I know there are some people who have abused it in the past, but it's good for those who need it," she said.

Edwards' husband is out of work, she said, so she has joined the food line for the first time.

"We've been eating a lot of cheese and we ran out of that about two days ago," offered another woman, Connie Halberg, who is 43 and unemployed.

One hitch developed when yesterday's butter shipment—scheduled for distribution at 11 a.m.—never showed up.

It was the third time at least one of the free foodstuffs has failed to arrive as planned, according to Ann Stanton. Stanton is a senior citizen who organized the food distribution yesterday at City Hall.

Past Photos

1996 Statistics

All full time employees participate in either the Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERS) or the Law Enforcement Officer's and Firefighters Retirement System (LEOFF). Both programs are statewide local government retirement systems and are administrated by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (City-owned)

2 Developed and semi-developed parks covering 23.1 acres
1 Semi-developed area, currently used as Boat Launch parking
4 Ballfields
2 Tennis Court
1 Basketball Court

OTHER CITY-OWNED FACILITIES

1 City Hall
1 Public Safety Building providing joint 911/police/fire services
1 Fire Station (old) currently unused at 18610 Bonney Lake Blvd
1 Fire Station at 4824 Aqua Drive
1 Shop Building with Equipment yard
1 Office Building currently housing City Engineer/Building Dept
1 Animal pound - currently unused
1 Retail Building at 18409 Old Buckley Hwy
2 Professional Office Buildings @ 9004-184 Ave E and 8720-184 Ave E

PUBLIC EDUCATION

2 Elementary schools with enrollment of 1,194
1 Transportation/Maintenance Facilities Building and Yard

66 Full-time and part-time certified teachrs and administrators
21 Full-time and part-time classified employees

MILES OF STREETS, ETC

Gravel/Unimproved Streets	1.3 miles
Paved Streets	47.0 miles
Sanitary Sewers	39.0 miles
Storm Sewers	15.0 miles
Sewer Pump Stations	15.0
Water Lines	121.5 miles
Water Pump Stations	8.0
Reservoirs	4.0

LOCAL TAXES ON BUSINESS

Local Sales Tax ..... 1.0% (collected by state)
Utility Taxes:
- Electric, Telephone, & Natural Gas 6.0%
- Water ,Sewer & Solid Waste..... 8.0%
- Cable TV 6.5%

Gambling:
- Bingo & Raffles 10.0%
- Pulltabs & Punchboards 5.0%

Leasehold Excise 12.84%
Real Estate Excise Tax ..... .025%

CITY GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES

	Customers	Service
Sewer Utility	2,452	
Water Utility	6,661	678,340,000 gallons

OTHER STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Business Licenses -	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
	245	272	304	318	327	379	378	362

Police Information:

Offenses:	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Aggravated Assault	101	112	70	72	92	75	
Arson	0	0	0	3	3	3	
Auto Theft	38	28	22	13	17	20	
Burglary	109	67	69	86	75	61	
Homicide	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Rape	7	2	4	5	3	3	
Robbery	1	7	4	1	2	5	
Theft/Larceny	338	300	349	331	269	376	

Judicial System Filings:	1994	1995	1996
Infractions/Parking		2083	1163
Non-Traffic Infractions		31	36
Total All	1507	2146	1199

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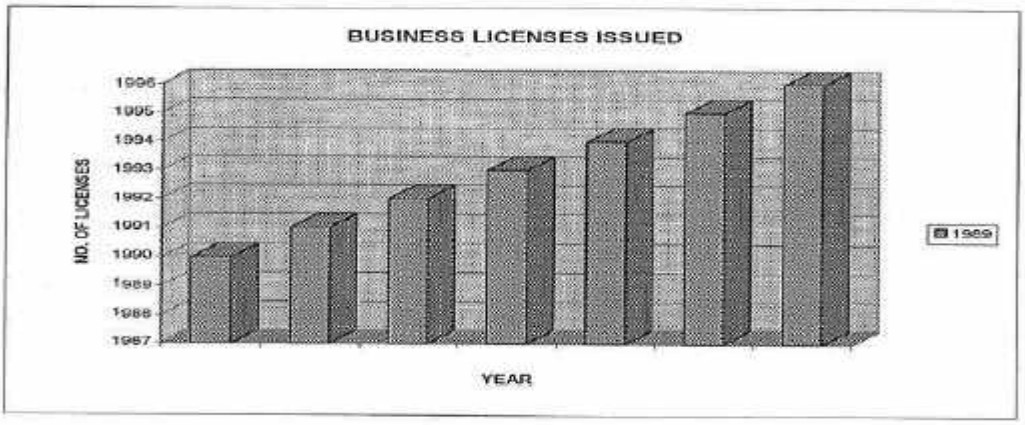

BONNEY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT
UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING STATISTICS

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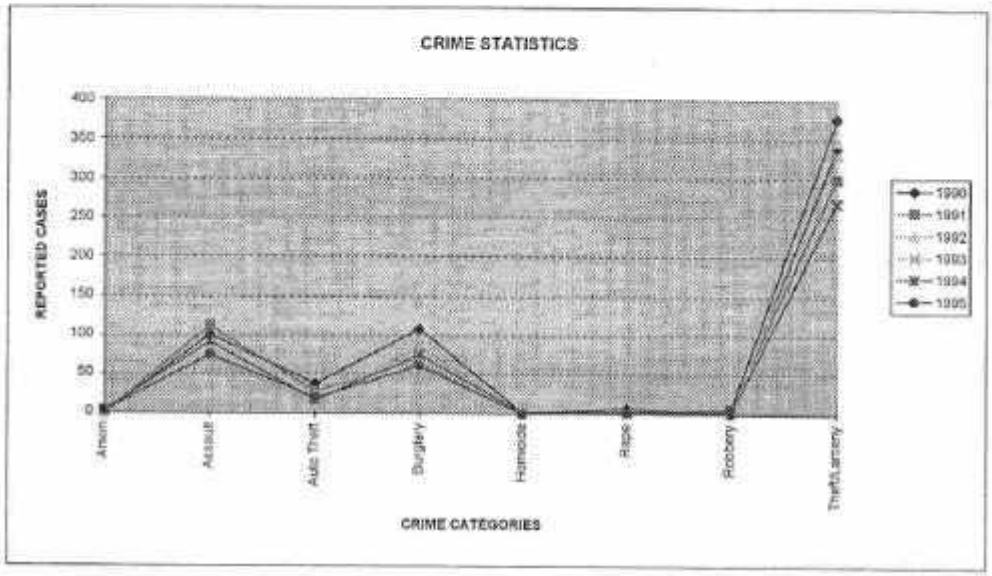
TOTALS	595	516	518	511	529	543	



FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT AVERAGE RESPONSES

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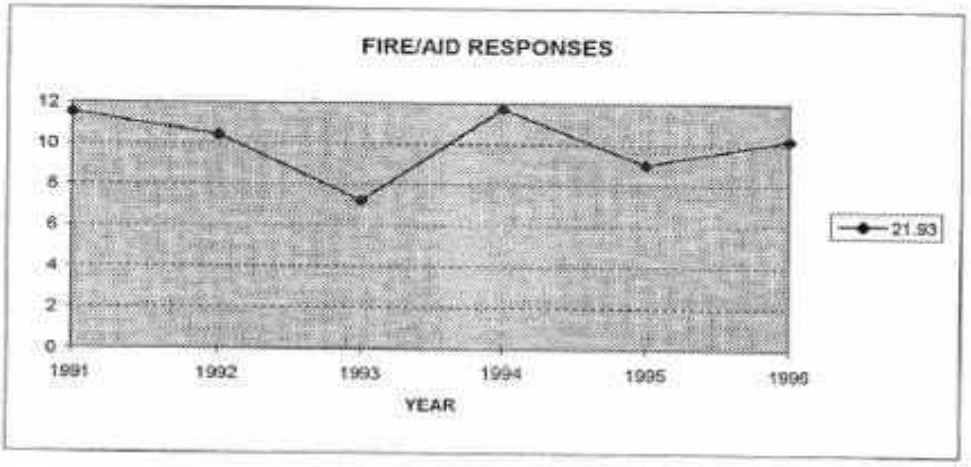
1991	11.52
1992	10.43
1993	7.19
1994	11.72
1995	9.01
1996	10.23



Fire/Medic Information

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Fires	55	97	83	76	55	63	60
Structure Fires	10	18	21	27	17	26	16
Wildland Fires	15	17	7	2	9	8	15
Medical Emergencies(w/patients)	344	648	661	716	722	863	720
Hazardous Materials	19	8	114	146	60	24	15
Other (includes mutual aid)	133	332	348	444	432	536	462
All	546	1084	1199	1367	1261	1485	1256
Average Response	21.93	11.52	10.43	7.19	11.72	9.01	10.23

BUILDING RELATED PERMITS AND VALUES (Last 10 Fiscal Years)

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Building Permits:	394	703	795	562	661	660	625	405	503
Estimated Value: (in millions)	6.061	15.385	14.899	7.819	13.976	14.638	20.223	9.104	10.888

Assessed Valuation:

Total 1996 Assessed Valuation (AV) $411,703,695
Total 1996 AV - Regular Levy for 1996 Taxes . . . . . .$

Bond/Debt Information:

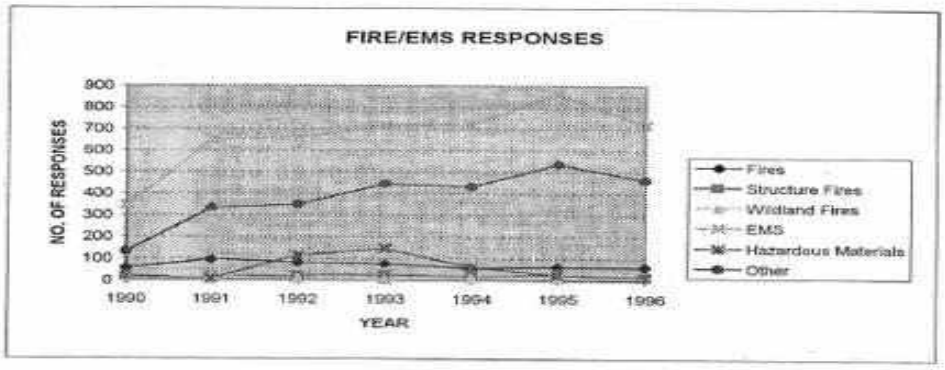
G. O. Bond Rating (Moodys) . . . . . .Baa

Outstanding Debt (Thousands of $):	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
General Obligation Bonds	$7,619,455	$7,249,149	$6,987,457	$6,580,513	6,160,439
Contracts	195,832	192,867	203,166	249,246	213,389
PW Trust Fund Loan	230,607	210,546	190,660	170,949	151,411
LID Bonds	808,102	824,663	653,000	555,000	365,000
Revenue Bonds	1,336,346	1,328,861	1,320,868	1,312,336	1,303,230

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (Not City-owned)

1 County Park/Boat Launch
7 Private Parks (3 with Boat Launch Facilities)
School Ballfields

FIRE AND EMS RESPONES - 1990 TO 1996



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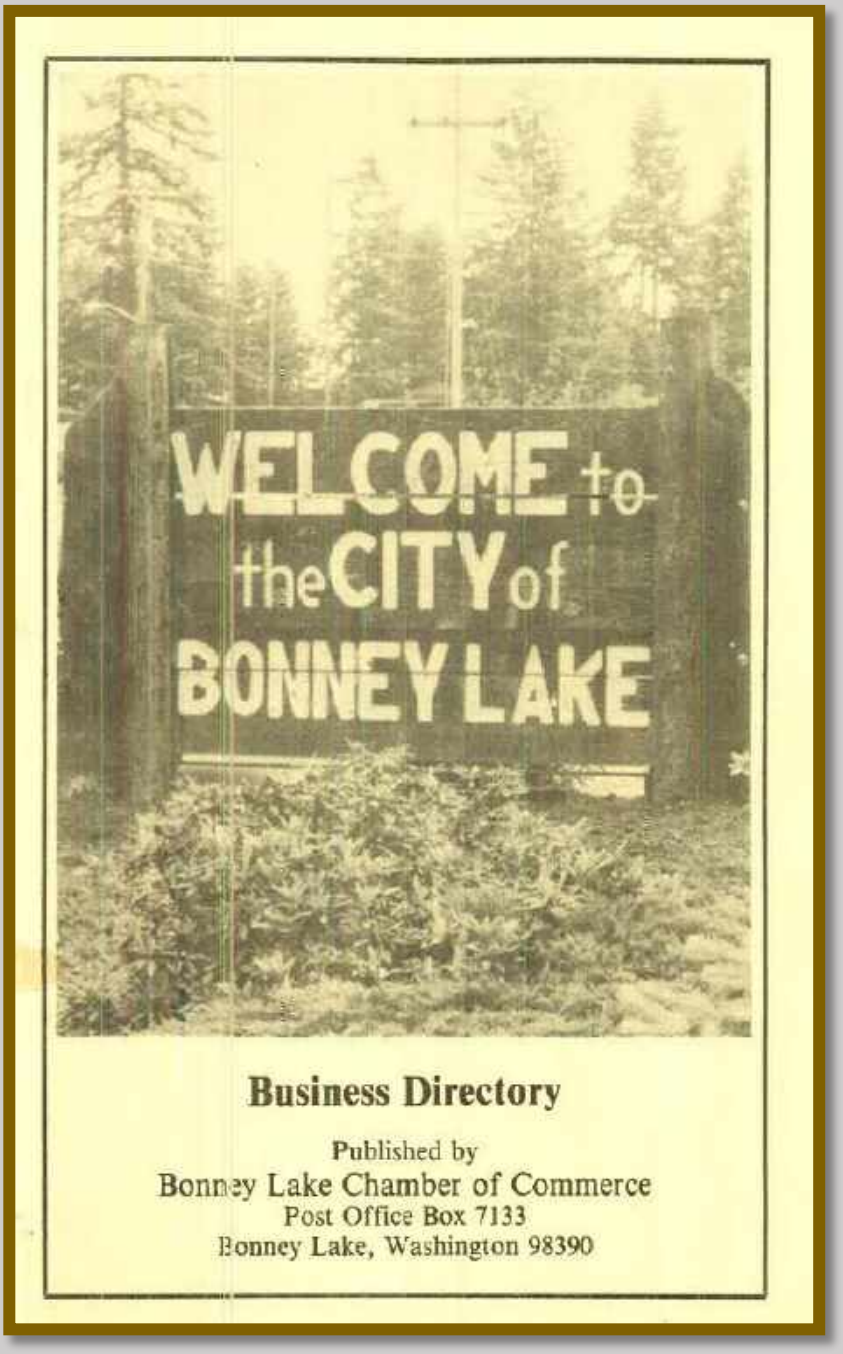

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Monthly meetings — 3rd Thursday
7:45 A.M. — Village Deli

- ★ January — Citizen of the Year Award
- ★ February — Mud Flat Golf Tournament
- ★ August — Bonney Lake Days
- ★ October — Halloween Trick or Treats
- ★ December — Christmas Tree Lighting

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Marianne Kindberg - **862-0300**

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Bruce Kilen - **862-9861**

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EMERGENCIES

	Emergency	Other Business
Police		
Bonney Lake Police 18421 Old Buckley Hwy.	911	863-2218
Pierce County Sheriff	911	593-4721
Fire		
Bonney Lake Fire Dept. 18610 Bonney Lake Blvd.	911	863-1800
Bonney Lake AID car	911	
Lake Tapps Fire Dist. 22	911	862-8300
Other		
Bonney Lake City Hall 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.		862-8602
Puget Sound Power & Light Co.		845-8841
Dieringer Station		863-4058
Poison Information Center Mary Bridge Children's Hospital Tacoma		272-1281

The Bonney Lake Fire Department is located at 18610 Bonney Lake Blvd. Its business phone number is 863-1800 and its emergency number is 911. The fire station was built in 1965 and remodeled and enlarged by 1970 to house its chief and 6 full-time firemen. The department also has 35 volunteers. The Bonney Lake Fire Department is part of Pierce County's District No. 24 which has three stations. One is located on Hwy. 214 and a main station is on Inlet Island. It has a fire boat and pumps 2500 gallons of water a minute, two medical aid vehicles and five pumper trucks. CPR and First Aid classes are given at the main station, along with booklets of all emergency medical programs.

The Bonney Lake Police Department at 18421 Old Buckley Hwy. was built in 1950. It was remodeled in 1961 and the department now has eight commissioned police officers, four full time clerk-dispatchers, one pet control officer and one canine officer. Our K-9 unit was added in 1983. The police telephone number is: Emergency, 911 — Business, 863-2218.

WELCOME TO BONNEY LAKE

The city of Bonney Lake derived its name from the lake itself, which was named after a pioneer family traveling through in the early days.

In 1946, Bonney Lake was known as Washington's most rapidly developing community, largely due to efforts of Kenneth H. Simmons, who soon became the city's first mayor.

Bonney Lake became a city in 1949, with a population of 327. With determination and leadership and the cooperation of the residents, growth was remarkable. Within a year the new city had streets, a water system, electric lines, telephone lines, a refuse disposal, a blood bank and many community organizations.

By 1957, many beautiful homes had been built in the community and around the lake. The first commercial development was started and twelve businesses were formed.

Bonney Lake Elementary School was built in 1960. A combination fire station and town hall was built in 1965 with a new fire truck and volunteer fireman standing by for any emergency. A 1954 studabaker was the police chief's private car and the first police car.

Our city has made great progress since 1949. Population now is well over 6,000 and Bonney Lake is the core of a rapidly developing area. Recent growth has included two new shopping centers and many retail shops and professional buildings. There were 134 business licenses issued in 1984.

We hope you will take advantage of this Business Directory which is the third annual edition, published by the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce. Shop with these many fine merchants in our city on the hill, "Bonney Lake, Gateway to the mountain".

Please accept this Directory with our compliments.

The objective of the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce is to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between the Chamber members and the community. The Chamber is working to enrich the environment of our community by promoting commerce and by active involvement in community affairs.

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact: P.O. Box 7130 or telephone 863-4484.

The Bonney Lake City Hall at 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd. was built in 1972. It houses the Water Department, Street Department, Mayor, City Clerk, Treasury, City Engineer, Senior Citizens and City Council chambers. Its telephone number is 863-6318. City council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers. The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Board of Adjustments meets the 1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Park Board meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

The Bonney Lake Library was built in 1975 on the Old Buckley Hwy. and moved in its new building on 90th Street in 1982. This new library building with 3,800 square feet won an award for building design. It houses 16,000 books with films and records available. Phone 863-5867.

The Bonney Lake Post Office is located at 18429 Old Buckley Hwy. Built and dedicated in 1985, the contract station operates under zip code 98390. Phone 863-3478.

Schools

Bonney Lake is a part of the Sumner School District No. 320. The Bonney Lake Elementary School is located on 80th St. E. and was built in 1969. Student population is 564 in the kindergarten through sixth grades. Nicknamed the Bonney Lake Vikings, the school has a staff of 44. Its telephone number is 863-4401.

Emerald Hills Elementary School on South Lake Tapps Drive is under construction now, and scheduled to open in September of 1987. It is designed for a student population of 500 from Kindergarten through the sixth grade, and will be similar in design to Victor Falls Elementary School.

Victor Falls Elementary School on Rhodes Lake Road was built in 1982. Its student population is 590 in the kindergarten through sixth grades. Nicknamed the Victor Falls Falcons, the school has a staff of 45. Its telephone number is 862-1022.

Lakeridge Junior High School on Meyers Road was build in 1980. It has 567 students in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Nicknamed the Hawks, the school has a staff of 50. Its telephone number is 863-8164.

The school district's one senior high school is Sumner High School. Its telephone number is 863-8181. Its student population is 972 and it has a staff of 95. The school is nicknamed the Spartans.

The Dieringer School District also serves some of the area to the west of Bonney Lake. Its nickname is the Eagles. Its telephone number is 863-4454. Its student population is 450 and it has a staff of 19.

Lake Tapps Elementary, Dieringer Middle School has a staff of 10 and a student population of 242. Its nickname is the Shamrocks. Its telephone number is 863-6252.

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Private membership parks include Debra Jane Park, Inlet Island Park, Cedarview Park, Jenks Park, Tapps Island and Snag Island.

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Service Clubs

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club was formed in 1963. All its founding members were firemen's wives, but the organization was changed later to a service club so that all women could take part. The club performs many civic services and promotes good will in the community. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact: P.O. Box 7106 or telephone 863-5905.

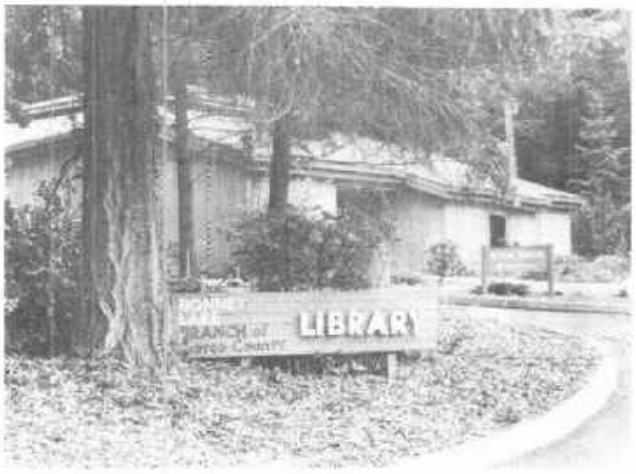
Service Clubs (continued)

The Sumner-Bonney Lake Business & Professional Women's Club meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. It is a part of the Washington State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. of the United States of America. For information telephone 863-9174.

The Bonney Lake area Senior Citizens have a membership of 125 and the group performs numerous projects and takes part in many activities. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday monthly at noon at the Inlet Island Clubhouse. For information contact: P.O. Box 7144, Bonney Lake or telephone 862-1642.

The Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1982 when 30 businesses and individuals joined to promote such projects as the 1st annual Old Fashion 4th of July and the Christmas Tree Lighting in Bonney Lake. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact: P.O. Box 7130 or telephone 863-4484.

The Bonney Lake Lions Club was chartered in 1982 with a membership of 20. It is an International organization working for civic projects. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays monthly. Contact: P.O. Box 7209 or telephone 862-1642.



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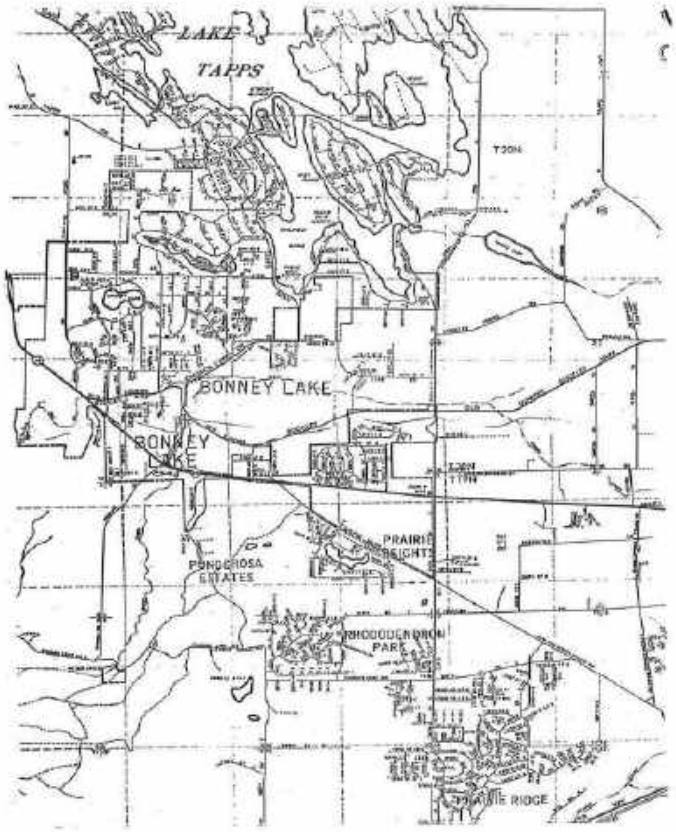

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Sculpture will mark city entrance

A sculpture symbolizing the natural beauty, man's free spirit and the blossoming community of Bonney Lake will one day greet motorists on Highway 410 at the gateway to the city.

The 7-foot-high bronze casting -- a child whose upraised hands touch birds in flight -- will take center stage in an entry park that is now on the drawing boards. It will be situated south of the east-bound lanes of Highway 410 just before the main intersection entering the city.

The idea was born at the Bonney Lake Community Summit sponsored by Puget Power in June of 1989.

A grant was secured from the Pierce County Arts Commission to match funds raised by the Bonney Lake Police Association. The Bonney Lake City Council has committed $7,000 to the project.

A citizens committee led by Elida Kirk Lathrop, Bonney Lake resident and member of the Pierce County Arts Commission, did much of the work securing funding for the project.

The committee also selected local resident Larry Anderson, an internationally recognized sculptor, and landscape architect Ed Chaffey to create the vision for their entry park.

The challenge now for the committee is to secure funding to complete the project by the end of 1991. Of the $70,000 total cost of the project, about $10,000 has been raised. A community fund-raising drive is being organized to complete the project.

Artpark sculpture - Gary Bietz photo

Residents and businesses can send their contributions to two funds:

* Puget Sound Bank Artpark Fund, 19610 Highway 410 East, Bonney Lake, WA 98390.

* Seafirst Bank Artpark Fund, 18320 Highway 410, Bonney Lake, WA 98390.

Donations of material is also accepted. For information call Lathrop at 862-8484.

Senior historian recognized

Kay Fisher, (right) historian for the Bonney Lake Senior Center, was given a certificate of appreciation at the March potluck for senior citizens. Awarding her the certificate is, left, Irene VanMeter, president of Bonney Lake Senior Citizens. Potlucks are held the second Thursday of the month at the new senior center next to Bonney Lake City Hall. All Bonney Lake seniors are invited to attend.

Bonney Lake Reporter

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1991

Police boat responds to Lake Tapps emergencies

Bonney Lake's police department this summer has had a police boat on duty on Lake Tapps, patroling and responding to emergencies.

The city is leasing the boat from Officer Mike Jennings, who just joined the department last April. The boat is available for calls 24 hours a day.

The 17-foot Boston Whaler, powered by a 100 HP outboard, is equipped with emergency lights and a siren.

Jennings and other officers in the department's marine division patrol the portion of Lake Tapps within the Bonney Lake city limits during busy boating weekends and evenings. They respond to emergencies or illegal activities on the lake. (To report a lake emergency, call 911.)

Although the primary area of emphasis is the Bonney Lake portion of Lake Tapps, the marine unit can respond to incidents on a mutual-aid basis with Pierce County police anywhere on the lake.

The 17-foot Boston Whaler is powered by a 100 HP outboard.

Bonney Lake Reporter

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1991

New public-safety building on ballot Sept. 17

Bonney Lake residents will be asked on Sept. 17 to vote on a bond issue to build a new public-safety building for the city of Bonney Lake.

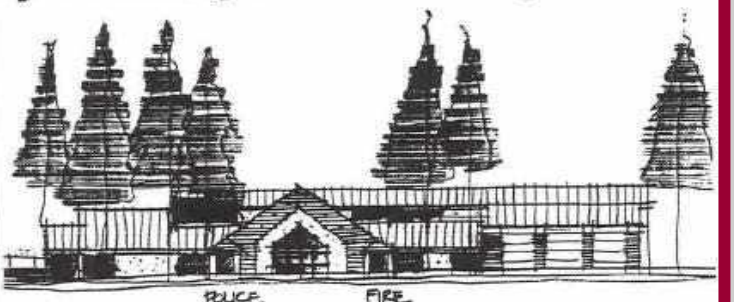
The $3.5 million bond issue will provide the community with an attractive, centralized public-safety building that will house the police and fire departments and their emergency equipment. This building will replace the police department building at 18421 Old Buckley Hwy and the fire department building at 18610 Bonney Lake Blvd.

The current police building was constructed in the 1950s and remodeled in 1975 to accommodate five officers. Thirteen officers and five public-safety dispatchers now work there for the city.

The fire station has existed since the early 1960s and was shared by Bonney Lake City Hall and the fire department until 1972 when the present City Hall was built.

The existing fire station currently houses 13 fire personnel, two engines, a medical aid car and a rescue boat. Also, 35 volunteer firefighters are trained and meet at this facility. Both departments now provide 24-hour emergency dispatch and services.

By combining the two departments into one public-safety building, money will be saved by utilizing common areas. The building will implement a joint communications/dispatch center, training facility, emergency operations facility, and some common work areas.



This is an architect's drawing of the proposed public-safety building.

The cost to city property owners, if the bond issue is approved, is estimated to be $1.26 per $1,000 of assessed valuation over a 20-year period. With anticipated growth of the city, this cost could decrease. Initially, this would mean an $80,000 home would be taxed $101 per year; a $150,000 home would be taxed $188 per year.

The Sept. 17 bond issue needs 572 votes to validate, and 343 yes votes to pass.

The bond issue will provide an approximately 23,000 square-foot building, centrally located in the vicinity of the present police station. Building design will accommodate any necessary future expansion.

Look in your mailbox for additional information about the public-safety building bond issue.

Bonney Lake Reporter

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1991

Ray and Heca Fulton led the drive for a new senior center.

Completion of the new senior center makes '91 a special year

1991 is already off to a great start for area senior citizens with completion of the new Bonney Lake Senior Center, next to City Hall.

Seniors held their first potluck luncheon in the new facility in December, and activities and special events are already being planned for 1991.

Formal dedication ceremonies for the new facility will be held in April.

The beautiful new building was funded through a $189,000 federal grant, although much of the finishing work was done by volunteers. For instance, a group of seniors did all of the interior painting.

The new senior center has a large main room that can hold 160 people. There is also a large kitchen, an office, medical rooms and an upstairs meeting room. The center can be rented for wedding receptions and other community gatherings.

Completion of the center culminates seven years of work by Ray and Heca Fulton, who have lead the effort to get a new facility for Bonney Lake seniors.

"We're very tired, but thrilled," Heca said. "When we came in one day and saw how beautiful it looked with the Christmas tree, we just cried."

Senior citizen potlucks are held the second Thursday of the month at the new center. All seniors are welcome.

CITY HALL GROWS: A worker fastens a partition in a Bonney Lake City Hall expansion project in which 900 square feet was added to make more room for the building and planning department and document storage. City Hall staffers thank citizens for putting up with the noise and mess during the construction project.

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BL Mayor Fires City Attorney

BONNEY LAKE--After a month in interim limbo, Mayor Vern Strong appointed a new finance director Tuesday night.

Kathleen Clayton, who had been filling the position on an interim basis, was appointed clerk/finance director. Strong said the search is on for a deputy finance director to replace Clayton, who worked for the city of Sumner before being hired in Bonney Lake.

Diane Jenks had worked as the Bonney Lake finance but was fired by the mayor at the end of August. He said he fired Jenks because of a "lack of confidence" in her.

Jenks since has filed a claim against the city. Strong said, seeking damages as a result of her firing. He said her complaints include age and sex discrimination and run "the game."

The mayor also has fired city attorney George Kelley. A Bonney Lake resident, Kelley had worked for the city for 17 years, said Strong.

Strong said he fired Kelley because he had "no confidence" in him, and added of his recent rash of firings, "I think I'm finished now, I hope I am.

In his place, the mayor has hired Jim Dionne, a Bonney Lake resident with offices in Seattle. Dionne specializes in municipal law, Strong said, and was hired on a six-month probationary period in Bonney Lake.

Kelly, who also represents Orting in addition to his private practice, said he received a FAX transmission from Strong Sept. 23 telling him his services were no longer needed, as of that day. He added the mayor wrote his firing was "in the best interest of the city," but gave no specific reasons.

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Bonney Lake Reporter

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER SPRING 1992

Lions donation boosts bike patrol

Bonney Lake Police Department's bicycle patrol is now double in size thanks to a donation from the local Lions Club.

Officers from the bike patrol gave a presentation to the Lions Club and the service organization responded by donating funds, more than $900, to purchase a second mountain bike plus outfitting for the bike patrol.

The police department began its bike patrol last year. A team of two officers patrol shopping centers and residential neighborhoods on the bikes. They transport the bikes to different locations on the back of their patrol cars, park the vehicles and set out on the patrols.

"There's no place in the city we can't get to," says Sgt. Skip Hidenrick. "And often we can get to places a lot quicker."

Police officers on bicycles often are less noticeable than those in patrol cars, and that has its advantages. Hidenrick said recently they rode into the middle of a late-night, outdoor juvenile keg party without being noticed. Normally, the partiers would scatter at the sight of a patrol car.

Bonney Lake Police Sgt. Skip Hidenrick prepares to go on bike patrol.

One of the greatest benefits of the bike patrol, says Hidenrick, is that it allows officers to learn more about the community by talking with residents. "People my be out working in their yards or something and they'll stop and talk to us. People are more open and not as intimidated with a bike cop."

Hidenrick believes the bike patrol projects a positive image for the police department.

One area of special emphasis for the bike patrol this summer will be Allan Yorke Park.

"We won't allow the bad behavior," he says. "We're going to make the park safe and happy, a place for families to have picnics."

The police department would like to have expand the bike patrol by obtaining a third bike. Residents or businesses wishing to donate should call 863-2218.

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Bonney Lake
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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER FALL 1992

The participants at the Oct. 3 groundbreaking ceremony are, (from left, with shovels) Fire Chief Alden Dobson; Mayor Vern Strong; Project Manager Julie Stewart, Architect Ron Tjerandsen, Police Chief Don Frazier, and Councilman Richard Silva.

Work begins on public-safety building

Work has finally begun on the Bonney Lake Public Safety Building following a groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 3.

Dozens of city officials, community leaders and interested citizens showed up on the rainy Saturday morning to hear Mayor Vern Strong and Fire Chief Alden Dobson thank the community for supporting their police and fire departments and those whose hard work resulted in the new public safety building finally becoming reality.

Bonney Lake voters last fall approved a $3.5 million bond issue for construction of the new public safety building, which is being built next to the post office at 18421 Old Buckley Highway.

Work is expected to be completed by next September. General contractor for the project is Shinstine and Associates of Puyallup.

The project represents the largest public building project and the largest bond issue in Bonney Lake history.

The 30,000 square-foot building will house both the city's police and fire departments in an attractive, centrally located facility. The building will implement a joint communications/dispatch center, training facility, emergency operations facility and some common work areas.

The police department currently is housed temporarily in a small building next to the construction site, and in some second-story offices next door.

Curbside collection of yard waste offered

Many Bonney Lake residents may not realize that curbside pickup of yard waste and other vegetation is now available through Murrey's Disposal and the City of Bonney Lake.

The service began on Aug. 10 and is available to all residents served by Murrey's. The cost is $4.50 per month and includes use of a 90-gallon wheeled container, provided by Murrey's. Curbside pickup is biweekly, the same day as the scheduled pickup of recyclables. Residents can sign up for the service by phone or mail at Bonney Lake City Hall.

Accepted yard waste is any material which occurs naturally or from landscaping on a residential property. Excluded are rocks, sand or gravel, branches larger than 4 inches in diameter and stumps. Branches must fit in the container with its lid closed.

Persons with more debris than fits in the container can buy tags for additional yard waste bags at Bonney Lake City Hall. Each tag is $1.50.

Yard waste collected by Murrey's is taken to a county composting facility where it is turned into a beneficial soil enhancer.

The yard-waste program provides an alternative to outdoor burning of yard waste and other vegetation. Such outdoor burning in Bonney Lake has been permanently banned by a state air pollution agency. The outdoor burn ban is not to be confused with indoor burning in fireplaces, and wood stoves, which is still allowed.

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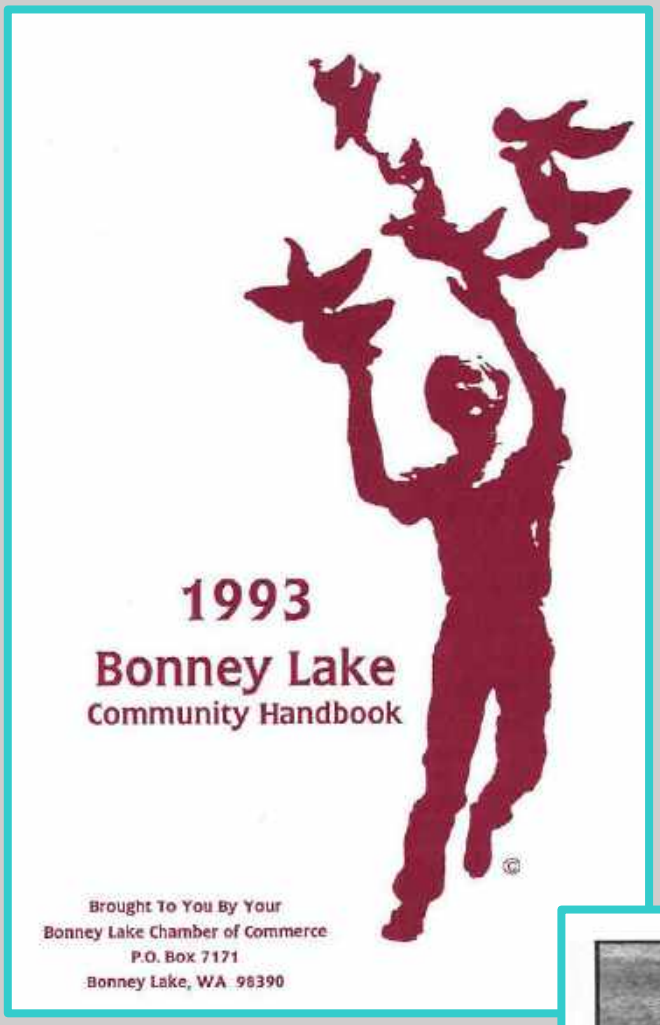
1993 Community Handbook



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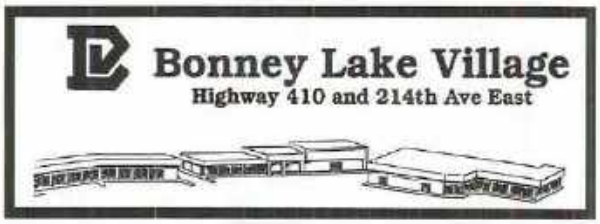

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Bonney Lake Police ... 18421-Old Buckley Hwy	863-2218
Pierce County Sheriff	593-4721

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Bonney Lake Fire Dept ... 18610-Bonney Lake Blvd	863-1800
Bonney Lake AID Car	911
Lake Tapps Fire Dist. 22	911

Hospitals

Community Memorial Hospital, Enumclaw	825-2505
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Bonney Lake City Hall ... 19306-Bonney Lake Blvd	862-8602
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Parks and Recreation Programs	863-5365
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City Hall. . .

The Bonney Lake City Hall was built in 1972 and houses the Water Department and Street Department, as well as offices for the Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, City Engineer and the City Council Chambers. Bonney Lake City Council meetings are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Board of Adjustments meets the 1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Park Board meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Phone 863-8602

Police Department. . .

The Bonney Lake Police Department will move into the new 30,000 square foot Public Safety Building in the fall of 1993. The Department is made up of 14 Commissioned Officers, 6 Communications Officers and an Animal Control Officer.

Specialized services within the Department include: The Bicycle Patrol, Marine Patrol, K-9, D.A.R.E., Reserve Officers and Communications Officers program.

Phone 863-2218

Library. . .

The Bonney Lake Library originally was built in 1975 on the Old Buckley Hwy and moved into a new building on 90th Street in 1982. This new library building of 3,800 square feet won an award for building design and houses 16,000 books, with films, records and videos also available.

Phone 863-5867

Fire Department. . .

The Bonney Lake Fire Department was built in 1965 and remodeled an enlarged by 1970 to house the chief and nine full - time fireman. The department also has 35 volunteers. As part of Pierce County's District No. 24, The Bonney Lake Fire Department has three stations. One is located on 214th Ave. E., another on Inlet Island and the main station is on Bonney Lake Boulevard and Locust Avenue. The main station is equipped with a fire boat that pumps 2,500 gallons of water per minute, two medical aid vehicles and five pumper trucks. CPR and First Aid classes are given at the main station, along with booklets of all emergency medical programs.

Phone 863-1800

Bonney Lake's Senior Center

Senior Center. . .

Opened April, 91', the new Bonney Lake Senior Center marks the first time the city's seniors have a place to call home. The new facility accommodates 267 people in approximately 3,500 square feet of space, which includes meeting rooms and a full-sized kitchen. The Senior Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. The active senior members meet for a noon pot luck on the second Thursday of the month.

Phone 863-7658

Calendar of Events

Citizen of the Year Banquet	March
Mudd Flat Golf Tournament (depends on the level of the lake)	March or April
Daffodil Parade	March or April
Volksmarch	3rd Weekend in July
Bonney Lake Days	3rd Weekend in August
Halloween Celebration	October 31st
Christmas Tree Lighting	December

Newspapers

The Foothills Sun	863-6075
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Bonney Lake's History

From covered wagons to bustling city...

In 1850 the first white man arrived in the Bonney Lake area. He traveled across the Naches Trail, following the paths made by Native American tribes on their east-west crossings, a route that closely parallels the old Sumner-Buckley Highway. Sherwood Bonney traveled this same route by covered wagon and built the cabin on the lake named for him in 1853.

In 1853 the Naches Trail became the military road for soldiers traveling from Fort Steilacoom to Fort Walla Walla. On October 22,1855, Indians lying in ambush killed Lt. McCallister and Michael Connell at Connell's Prairie and on October 31, 1855 Colonels Miles an Moses were killed - events called the "Connell's Prairie Massacres."

Descendents of several of the land-grant homesteaders and pioneers still live in this area, including the Vandermarks, Kelleys, Peoples, Fadolas and Angelines. Their stories of the spartan lifestyles of the homesteaders illustrate the hardships and fears common to the western settlers of that era.

William B. Kelley arrived from Tennessee in 1864 to clear his land in summer and teach school in winter. His three sons and one daughter were raised in a log cabin on Kelley Lake. He donated land for a one-room schoolhouse that was used until 1960.

In the late 1800's the area halfway between Bonney Lake and Buckley was known as Finland, named for the many Finnish settlers who either established dairy farms there worked in the Wilkeson coal mines or logged the virgin timber along the White River. Another 100 families of Swiss extraction lived on the Plateau and in the valley. Ollie Bauer's Swiss father worked at the Riverside Infirmary (referred to as the "Poor Farm") For 27 years.

The Angeline family settled here in 1909. Both Irene and Lawrence attended the early Victor Fall School near Rhodes Lake. Here eight grades were taught in one room. Published accounts of Kelley Lake school teacher Dorothy Ryan, written when she was 16, tell of her keeping a hatchet on her school desk for protection against Indians, cougars and other wildlife. The account also tells of her concern about the caterpillars which slithered through the cracks in the walls and plopped into her lunch pail.

James and Amanda Vandermark, Dutch pioneers who came west by covered wagon, homesteaded on Lake Tapps until it was flooded during the construction of the White River Dam. Their house, built in 1893, was moved before the flood to its present site on 214th Avenue East. Members of the Vandermark family still live on the site.

Many bootleg stills flourished, and moonshine was plentiful at the dance halls in South Prairie, Wilkeson and Orting.

Bonney Lake was established in 1946 on a 1,000 acre parcel purchased by Kenneth and Bertha Simmons from a "Rodeo Man" named George Logan. Until 1946 there was no electricity or water available. The Simmons family was the driving force for development and incorporation, with Kenneth Simmons serving three terms as Bonney Lake's first mayor. Simmons, along with Chet and Clarence Roberts, Robert Wheeler, Bert Filkins and many others, built the concrete block building on Locust Street that served as the community club, as well as the city and fire department headquarters.

Incorporation was finally accomplished in 1949, when the city population reached 327. By 1950 the new town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, refuse disposal, a blood bank and a community club-sponsored booth at the Puyallup Fair. By 1957 there were 12 businesses in Bonney Lake, with several new shopping developments under way. Today, the population of Bonney Lake is over 6,500 and there are more than 200 licensed businesses.

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More Bonney Lake History. . .

Lake Tapps was originally four separate lakes and when they were merged, the four lakes were renamed for the largest one. The Lake Tapps Development Company planned recreational lakefront sites and offered them for sale on west Lake Tapps in 1954. In the early 1960's, company heads sensed the potential need for homesites at Lake Tapps and abandoned their marketing plan for strict recreational sites. They donated 20 acres for Alan Yorke Park, of which only six acres have been developed by the city thus far.

Since 1960, six schools have been built, a city hall, police department building, several fire stations, a library and post office. The majority of the housing stock is new by comparison to neighboring cities.

This brief overview is intended to give the reader a sense of the people and the growth of the Bonney Lake/Lake Tapps area - and the best is yet to come!

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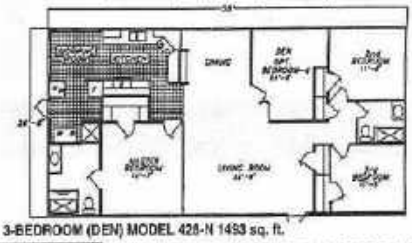

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NEW CITY LOGO AND A CONTEST FOR A SLOGAN

The City of Bonney Lake's attractive new logo that appears at the top of this page was a joint effort on the part of City employees.

A representative from each department served on a committee which put together the design, then an artist was hired to complete it. The logo will appear on City vehicles, stationery and other official City publications.

A community-wide contest for kids is under way to come up with a slogan to go with the logo. The prize is $200 in savings bonds. Pick up an entry blank at City Hall or the Public Safety Building.

GERMAN SHEPHERD 'ELHI' JOINS POLICE K- 9 UNIT

The Bonney Lake Police Department recently acquired a German Shepherd as the newest member of the K-9 Unit.

"Elhi" is a 14-month old black and tan sable and was purchased with money from the Police Department Drug Fund. He will dual trained as both a patrol dog and a narcotics detection dog.

His handler is Officer Greg Cantrell, who will soon take Elhi to an 18-week training school where they will learn basic obedience, handler protection, first-aid techniques, K-9 application, tracking narcotics and evidence searches.

Office Cantrell and Elhi will support the patrol force by assisting in locating suspects who have fled the scene of a crime, building searches and locating illegal narcotics. They will also keep busy by doing demonstrations for schools, community clubs and events.

NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING DEDICATED

A crowd of about 100 turned out for the March 19 dedication of the new Bonney Lake Public Safety Building.

Following the ceremony, guests were led on tours of the facility throughout the day. Officials estimated at least 200 citizens toured the attractive new building which houses the City's police and fire departments.

Fire Chief Alden Dobson was the moderator for the dedication program. Current and past mayors and council members were in attendance and recognized. Also recognized was the important role of volunteers and the other many contributors to the project.

Much of the landscaping, for instance, was done through volunteer labor. Barb Wigton, a dispatcher, worked on landscaping several hours each day for two weeks prior to the dedication. Cletis Johnson, owner of Church Lake nursery, donated landscaping design and materials including trees and shrubs.

The citizens and taxpayers of Bonney Lake were recognized as the ones who made dreams and aspirations for a new public safety facility a reality.

Bonney Lake voters approved a $3.5 million bond issue in 1991 to purchase necessary property and build the Public Safety Building. In addition, money from the bond issue was used to purchase a new aid car.

Architect James Merritt, left, presents a framed drawing to Mayor Rex Pulfrey and Fire Chief Alden Dobson at the March 19 dedication.

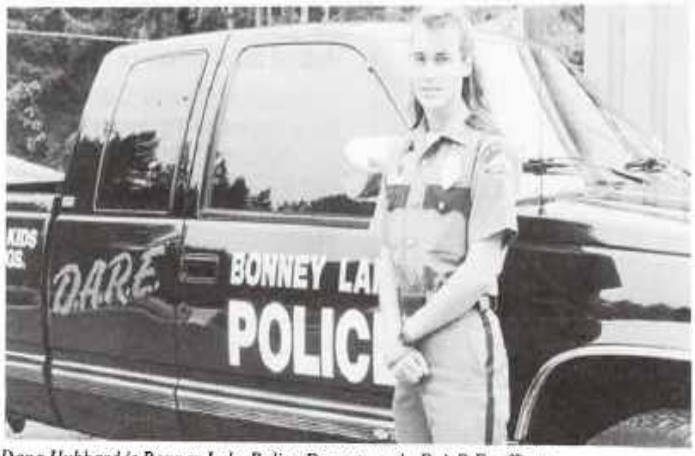
Groundbreaking took place in fall of 1992 at the site on Old Buckley Highway next to the post office. Construction was completed late in 1993.

The 31,000 square-foot building features three drive-through bays for fire engines, training facilities, residence accommodations for firefighters, and office and adminstrative areas. A medical aid room is situated near the entrance for walk-in emergencies.

The section for police has administrative offices, evidence and interrogation rooms and holding areas for prisoners.

Serving both departments are a large meeting room and 911 dispatch center.

The building was designed by Merritt & Pardini, Architects. The general contractor was Shinstine Associates.



Dana Hubbard is Bonney Lake Police Department's D.A.R.E. officer.

Police Dept. launches D.A.R.E. program at schools

Bonney Lake Police Department this year has a DARE officer visiting area elementary schools and teaching students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Dana Hubbard was hired last summer as a patrol officer but was later appointed D.A.R.E. officer after a $30,000 grant was received to fund a program. Hubbard was formerly an officer with the Tacoma Police Department.

After attending a two-week intensive session on being a D.A.R.E. instructor, Hubbard this fall began teaching fifth and sixth grade classes at all Bonney Lake schools, as well as Orting and Lake Tapps elementary schools.

The students go through 17 weeks of D.A.R.E. education and are awarded with a graduation certificate at the program's conclusion. D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) is the most widely recognized anti-drug campaign to be instituted in the U.S.

During the 17-week program, many topics are covered, ranging from building self-esteem to learning stress management and identifying the consequences that may result from the use of drugs.

"The purpose is to let students know about gateway drugs (the first cigarette and first drink) but also to give them the knowledge how to get along without drugs plus learning tools for every day life," said Hubbard.

A new four-wheel drive truck was donated to the Bonney Lake D.A.R.E. program by Sunset Chevrolet in Sumner. Strauss Uniforms is donating an emergency light bar for the vehicle. Also, M.A.D.D and resident Stanley Smith made donations.

Since the $30,00 grant is for one year only, the D.A.R.E. program will need community support to continue in future years.

Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Richard Silva
Ward 3

Richard Silva has served on the City Council for 10 years. He is a member of the Council's Public Works Committee and the City's representative on the Joint Regional Policy Committee for Transportation. Silva is an account manager for a medical equipment firm and has lived in Bonney Lake for 22 years. He and his wife have two children.

Get your new pet through 'Adopt an Animal' program

Dozens of Bonney Lake residents are receiving good pets for low costs, and numerous dogs and cats are finding safe homes under a unique "Adopt an Animal" program.

The program was started six months ago by Bonney Lake's Animal Control Officer Bebe Frey. She reports that most dogs she has picked up have been adopted under the program, including 23 during the month of September.

The way the program works is simple: Residents wanting a particular pet can simply contact Bebe through the police department and get their name on a list. When a pet is picked up, the list is checked and Bebe will contact potential pet owners to see if a match can be made. Those receiving pets must agree to pay for neutering or spaying and shots, which can range from $50 to $75 depending on the size of the animal.

Bebe said she picks up all kinds of dogs, including purebreds, and many that make very good pets.

She started the program after inadvertently finding homes for a mother dog and her puppies after they had been abandoned following a house fire. When she saw how easy it was to find homes for the pets and how well the situation turned out, she decided to start publicizing the program. She and other volunteers displayed several dogs at Bonney Lake Days and found homes for them all.

Bebe Frey, animal control officer, started the "Adopt an Animal" program.

Bebe said it's a much better alternative than what can happen to abandoned or picked-up pets. Those taken to the Humane Society in Tacoma are euthanized after three days there.

"Fortunately, we've been able to place nearly all of our dogs," she said. "People need to know that we have a lot of dogs available."

For information or to sign up for a pet, call the Police Department at 863-2218.

The Thin Blue Line

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Bonney Lake Officer Honored by Local Radio Station

Officer Mike Jennings was recently selected as "Police Officer of the Week" by a Seattle area radio station.

Country radio station KYCZ - "Young Country", 96.5, selected Mike as their Police Officer of the Week because of his dedication to the department, the community and to his family.

Mike was nominated by his daughter and several Bonney Lake area residents. The radio ad states, "Officer Jennings gets to play Sonny Crockett on Lake Tapps during the summer months."

The radio station sponsors the "Police Officer of the Week" and selects Puget Sound area Law Enforcement Officers who excel in their field.

Officer Jennings received a "Young Country" T-shirt, bumper stickers and on the air recognition during the week of October 24 - 20, 1994.

Congratulations Mike. Yee-ha!

Past Mayor

Robert Young

Robert L. "Bob" Young

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The Bonney Lake Blaze

A big Thank You

Mrs. Jane Doe called this last week to thank Warren Layton and Eric McLeroy for saving her husband's life. Mr. Doe had a serious life threatening abscess in his stomach that became ruptured. The doctor told Mr. and Mrs. Doe that our quick response and intervention saved his life. Great Job Guys!

~1995~

Bonney Lake mayor says criticism is just politics

BY GUY BERGSTROM
Of the Herald August 30, 1995

BONNEY LAKE—Three candidates for City Council were among a number of angry citizens who showed up at Tuesday's City Council meeting to take city officials to task on a variety of issues.

Fire Chief Allen Dobson was the primary target, but Mayor Rex Pulfrey also shared the spotlight. Afterward, both suggested that the fireworks were little more than a campaign kickoff.

"It's an election year," Pulfrey said.

Of the half-dozen or so people who spoke out at the meeting, three—Pam Cleveland, Eileen Ballard and Duane Bratvold—are candidates for the council, he said.

Among the complaints of those speaking out at the Tuesday meeting was the fact that the firm that looked into complaints filed against Dobson by Ballard and Carolyn Woodin never bothered to interview either of them before concluding that the complaints could not be substantiated.

Ballard and Woodin filed complaints against Dobson after he allegedly berated them for asking questions about the city's emergency preparedness plan.

The women reportedly asked questions at a meeting and were told to talk to Dobson or other fire department officials after the meeting.

"We were told that were aren't allowed to bring up questions like these at City Council meetings," Ballard said. "As taxpayers, we have the right to know. We were merely seeking answers about how prepared we are as a community to mobilize our emergency services. He is basically telling John Q. Public that they don't have the right to get this information."

Ballard contends that a complaint she filed April 11 was virtually ignored, so she filed a second one May 1. She said Pulfrey then told her an independent investigation would be conducted.

On May 22, she continued, she received a letter from Pulfrey stating that the investigation was complete—and inconclusive.

How could a thorough and independent investigation take place, she asked at Tuesday's meeting, when the investigators never contacted either her or Woodin?

Councilman Phil DeLeo noted that he had been quoted in the report on the investigation but that he also had not been contacted by Puget Sound Public Employers, the consulting firm that

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produced it. The firm has a contract with the city to perform a variety of consulting functions, including such investigation, and is paid a monthly fee of $585, plus expenses such as mileage.

City officials later explained that the quote from DeLeo that appeared in the report was taken from a story in the *Herald*.

Pulfrey and council members have said the allegation simply don't seem like the Dobson they know. Pulfrey said Dobson usually grows quiet when he is angry.

Pulfrey said he saw the women approach Dobson after the March 28 meeting at which the fire chief allegedly berated them. He said that when he approached, neither woman seemed rattled or upset. As a result, he added, their complaint caught him by surprise.

Dobson

Pulfrey

Pulfrey and other city officials said Puget Sound Public Employers will be contacted to determine why Ballard and Woodin were not interviewed in the course of the investigation, but Ballard said she will not be satisfied until what she referred to as a truly independent and thorough investigation is done.

Dobson has consistently denied using abusive language or an abusive tone in his March 28 conversation with the women and says he is mystified as to the reasons for complaint against him.

Bratvold took the city to task for failing to release unrelated complaints he contends have been filed against Dobson, despite a public disclosure request filed by the *Herald*.

Bratvold, president of the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce, told the council he has copies of letters to the *Herald* from Pulfrey and Kathy Clayton that allege the city has no record of complaints against Dobson.

The *Herald*'s request for copies of complaints against Dobson came in response to allegations that he had been the object of citizen complaints. The request was submitted prior to the complaints by Ballard and Woodin.

Bratvold said he knows that at least one council member filed a complaint against Dobson prior to the *Herald*'s request.

When Dobson responded by asking which council member had filed a complaint against him, Councilwoman Chris McGreen revealed that she filed a written complaint in 1993, before she became a member of the council.

The complaint alleged that Dobson was using a city vehicle for personal business, she said.

Clayton conceded that she had been aware of McGreen's complaint but could not find a copy on file at the time the *Herald*'s request was received so her response to the request was accurate.

Dobson said he'd been unaware of the complaint and others along the same lines that reportedly were made orally to city officials around that time.

Bratvold said he would like to know whether the city is in the practice of destroying records of such complaints, which would be a violation of the state public records law.

After the meeting, Pulfrey explained that complaints filed in 1993 were received by the city prior to his administration and that he had been unaware of the complaint by McGreen.

Clayton told the council that her inability to turn up the McGreen letter led to implementation of procedures to assure that documents are appropriately retained and filed. She said she now keeps originals and make copies to be stored elsewhere.

Woodin told the council that nearly 800 citizens have signed a petition stating: "Regarding this matter of no confidence in the fire chief, we the undersigned, citizens of Bonney Lake, strongly urge the mayor, Rex Pulfrey, to take the appropriate disciplinary action against the city's fire chief, Alden Dobson, for failure to show responsible leadership and for misuse of his position as a public servant. We have no confidence in his administrative abilities and request the mayor to take disciplinary action or else initiative the process of dismissal."

Woodin said the city would receive the petition once the signatures have been verified by the auditor's office.

Asked by Councilman Carl Vigna what motivated the petition, Woodin said she wasn't prepared to fully answer the question but was prodded into revealing that it centers on two issues: the complaints she and Ballard filed against Dobson and the allegation that the city's fire insurance rating had been neglected and is costing citizens more than $300,000 a year—a figure both Dobson and Pulfrey say is wrong.

Pam Cleveland asked the council about the procedure for appointing citizens to vacancies on the council, then protested what she described as an overt and inappropriate attempt to prevent her from being named to fill a vacancy created when Councilwoman Sharon Boekelman resigned her seat in June.

Boekelman said she was no longer eligible to serve on the council since she was moving to Sumner.

Council members noted that Cleveland's opponent in the upcoming council race, Doug Luedeman, also filed for appointment to fill Boekelman's unexpired term and that out of fairness to both, neither should be chosen. Councilman Alan Norwood explained that the council should opt to leave the seat vacant.

"This close to an election year," he said, "There'd be no harm done to the city to wait for the election."

Councilman DeLeo, on the other hand, said he believes the unexpired term should be filled because the city faces major issues that should not be stalemated by tie votes by the six members now on the council.

Other council members replied that they couldn't remember the last tie vote and contended that it would be wiser to let the people rather than the council decide who should fill the vacant seat.

Cleveland said she may pursue the matter through the courts.

Flyer Random Tidbits

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BONNEY Lake Reporter

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1996

Ducks In Flight

The bronze sculpture in front of the Public Safety Building was officially dedicated on Sept. 14 as a memorial to fallen public safety officials. It is the creation of Larry Anderson who also sculpted its companion at the Ascent Park at the entrance to Bonney Lake on Highway 410.

Past Councilmembers' Biographies for Elections

Richard Birkland
Ward 5

Richard Birkland has served on the City Council for four years. He is the chair of the Council's Public Works Committee and a member of the Finance Committee. He is an electrician and has lived in Bonney Lake for 22 years. He has a son, 19, and is engaged to be married.

Robert Hawkins
Ward 2

Robert Hawkins has served on the City Council for seven years. He is chair of the Finance Committee, serves on the Public Safety Committee and currently is Mayor Pro Tem. He is a manufacturing engineer at Boeing and has lived in Bonney Lake for 12 years. He and his wife have two children.

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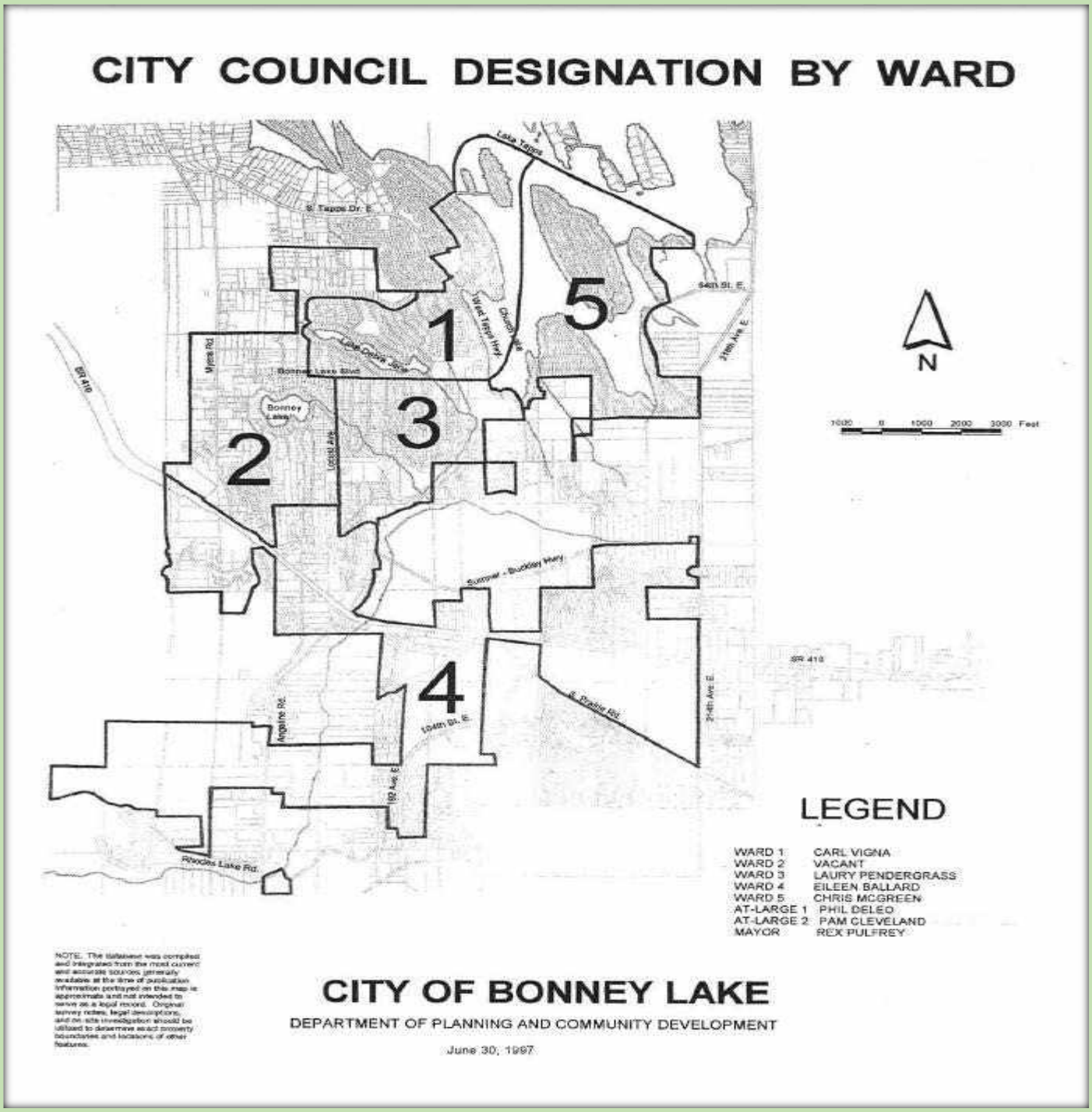

City of Bonney Lake Ward Designation Map From June 30, 1997

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER JULY 1998

City Celebrates 50th Birthday in 1999

Bonney Lake was incorporated as a City in the spring of 1949. We invite you to participate as we plan a celebration of the first 50 years of the City of Bonney Lake. Just as the City could not grow and prosper without you, nor can there be a proper celebration without you. We ask you to be a part of the planning, preparation and memory collection that will make this a first class event.

Residents who have lived in Bonney Lake for years and have a treasure of memorabilia can assist us in celebrating the rich history of our community. More recent arrivals to Bonney Lake can emphasize why you chose to make this community your home. We are in the preliminary planning stage of the celebration. If you would like to be involved, please contact Debbie Ridge, Deputy Clerk at City Hall (253) 862-8602.

TO BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

City Introduces Voice Mail, Effective July 10

The City's new automated system is another way to provide better customer service for our community, allowing you to obtain information and leave messages at your convenience, even when City Hall is closed. Our "normal" office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City Hall's telephone number remains

(253) 862-8602

ENHANCED 911 NOW ON-LINE

Residents of Bonney Lake now have the most advanced 911 communication center available. As of September 21, 1993, Bonney Lake Communications went on-line as a primary Enhanced 911 center. Previously, residents could dial 911 in an emergency. However, the call would go to Buckley before being transferred to Bonney Lake resulting in a delay in response time.

Included in the new equipment is an automatic number and location identification system which was purchased by Pierce County E-911 with the 50-cent excise tax for 911. This equipment enables communications officers to identify the phone number and location of a caller, even if the caller has hung up. This feature has proven to be life-saving in cases of domestic violence, medical-aid calls and emergencies involving small children who do not know their address.

Another life-saving new benefit to Bonney Lake residents is the ability to dial 911 and receive telephone CPR instruction. Communications officers have now been trained in emergency medical dispatch to assist you in a medical emergency.

In the unfortunate event that you are in an emergency and need to dial 911, try to remember these important tips:

1. The communications officer will always ask you to verify your name, address and phone number.
2. Be clear and concise about what the actual problem is and where it is occurring.
3. The communications officer will ask you a lot of questions to help the officers or firefighters that are responding. Stay calm and please be cooperative.

~1999~

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER JULY 1999

Join the Fun at Bonney Lake's 50th Anniversary Celebration on July 31

Bonney Lake citizens are invited to attend the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 31. The fun begins with a parade down Bonney Lake Boulevard at 11 a.m. and continues through the afternoon and evening at Allan Yorke Park with games, food and craft booths, and free entertainment.

PARADE

Begins at Intersection of Locust and Bonney Lake Boulevard and continues down Bonney Lake Boulevard to Allan Yorke Park.

- Seagals and Seahawks mascot "Blitz"
- Sumner Junior and High School Combined Marching Band
- Floats
- Dance teams
- Classic cars
- Fire trucks
- 4-H Club participants
- Cub Scouts

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment on the stage at Allan Yorke Park begins after the parade at 12:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m.	Michelle's Dance Studio presentation
1:30 p.m.	Speeches, drawing for prizes
2:00 p.m.	Michelle's Dance Studio presentation
3:15 p.m.	Covington Grass (Blue Grass
4:15 p.m.	Sondag (Scandanavian folk)
5:15 p.m.	Brett (folk singer)
6:15 p.m.	Gothic Poets (local rock band)
7:30 p.m.	Peace Train (folk rock band)
9:00 p.m.	Mirella Ropella (rock band)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Food court
- Carnival games
- Sack race
- Water balloon toss
- Commercial vendors
- Face painting

How Bonney Lake Became a City

The City of Bonney Lake was established 50 years ago, on February 28, 1949. The founder of Bonney Lake, Kenneth Simmons, formed the City so he could get water to develop his property and others. Until 1946, there was no water or electricity available. When incorporation was accomplished in 1949, the City's population was 327. By 1950 the new town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, refuse disposal and a blood bank. By 1957, there were 12 licensed businesses in Bonney Lake with several new shopping developments underway.

A special booklet on the history of Bonney Lake will be available at the July 31 festival as well as a variety of commemorative items made especially for this occasion. Special 50th Anniversary throws are available at $40 plus tax.

City Computer Systems Tested for Y2K Bug

In the early days of computers, programmers created a two-digit year field for the date as a way to conserve the amount of memory space in the computer. Therefore, 1998 is read as 98. When the Year 2000 comes, some computer systems will think it is 1900. This may not affect some systems that do not use date and time functions in their system. However, this problem may dramatically impact any system that calculates, or schedules, whether it be calculating an age for retirement benefits, or reporting scheduled maintenance for equipment and vehicles.

All computer systems at City Hall and related City facilities have been tested for Y2K compliance and are expected to operate efficiently on Jan. 1, 2000. The Public Works Department has completed an upgrading of the computers that run water system and all are Y2K compliant. No problems are expected with the water and sewer system. However; these systems are dependent on electricity and if the power supply is disrupted, generators will need to be used. The City has ample generators at water supply sites, pump stations and lift stations as well as portable generators.

THE NEWS TRIBUNE www.tribnet.com WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1999

Nitrates in Bonney Lake water raise concern

Officials urge caution with septic tanks and lawn fertilizer

By Paula Lavigne Sullivan
For The News Tribune

Nitrates could pollute Bonney Lake's drinking water, and city officials would like residents to help stop it.

Tests of water drawn from Victor Falls springs, which provides 60 percent of the city's water, indicate the presence of nitrates at a level just below the danger point, officials said.

The City of Bonney Lake provides drinking water to about 20,000 people.

Water polluted by nitrates, which typically leach into water from fertilizer or septic systems, could be harmful to infants and children.

In Bonney Lake, tests have shown nitrate concentrations within safe levels, but some sites are susceptible to nitrate contamination. Samples were taken from each of the four sources of city water.

RH2 Engineering Inc. performed the tests. The testing was part of a three-phase Wellhead Protection and Monitoring Program for the City of Bonney Lake in response to the state Department of Health's effort to encourage communities protect areas around wells from pollution.

If ingested, nitrates can deprive the blood of oxygen and can damage brains or slow mental development in infants. That has been proved to happen when at least 10 milligrams of nitrates are found in a liter of water.

Testing of one of Bonney Lake's key water sources, Victor Falls springs, on the city's southwest edge, resulted in a peak reading of 9.3 milligrams per liter. But most tests at the springs were about 3 milligrams per liter.

Officials of the state Department of Ecology have offered to loan the city $99,000 to continue the nitrate study and start a community outreach and education plan to tell area residents, businesses and developers how they can prevent contamination.

"The citizens of Bonney Lake need not be concerned with the quality of the water that they're drinking," said Seth Boettcher, Bonney Lake's director of public works.

Boettcher said the city would use part of the $99,000 loan to get citizens involved in wellhead protection and to begin cooperation with the Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health.

Nitrates in lawn fertilizers and in biological waste from septic systems can trickle through the soil and into the groundwater, Geoff Dillard, RH2 project manager, said people can prevent contamination of the groundwater by using the right amount of fertilizer on lawns, maintaining septic systems and properly disposing of chemical and biological waste.

Fewer than 20 percent of public water supplies in Washington are contaminated by nitrates, said Ginny Stearn, a hydrogeologist with the state Health Department's drinking water division.

Other expensive options include buying water from Tacoma or water treatment, he said.

The Bonney Lake project was one of the 66 water quality projects out of 168 proposals to receive funding from the state Ecology Department. Financial manager Dan Filip said the department awarded about $27.5 million in grants and $45 million in loans for pollution control or water quality improvements.

"Consumer education can go a long way," said Stearn, the state hydrogeologist. "People are active in taking steps to protect their home, their family and the water they drink."

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be traced to septic systems and heavy motor vehicle traffic in the area.

The proposed Fennel Creek Golf Course and residential development, uphill from the springs, could worsen the problem, he said.

Ordinarily, soil surrounding septic systems filters out nitrates, he said. But sometimes the systems are too small, too close together or not maintained.

That could be the problem just south of the Bonney Lake city limits, Szewczykowski said. Hooking up to sewers could solve the problem, he said.

Most households in Bonney Lake are connected to sewers; residents of the Cedar View, Cedar Grove and Bonney Lake Manor subdivisions are not.

But most of the sprawling developments south of the city rely on septic systems regulated by the Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health.

Boettcher, the public works director, said he'd like to try prevention programs before restricting development or forcing householders to connect to sewers.

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B'Lake water is healthy, officials say

Equipment blamed for high reading of nitrate levels

BY JAMIE SWIFT
of The Puyallup Herald

The sudden interest in the nitrate levels of Bonney Lake's drinking water has city officials scratching their heads.

"We are doing well with our water," Mayor Bob Young said this week. "People are getting excited for no reason."

Excitement was heightened recently by a news report regarding a 1997 study in which nitrate levels in Victor Falls springs, one of Bonney Lake's sources of drinking water, tested dangerously high for nitrates at 9.3 milligrams per liter.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that a level of 10 milligrams or more per liter can be harmful to children, because nitrates can deprive the brain of oxygen.

"The nitrate levels weren't high before or since," Young said this week. "It was an anomaly caused by the malfunction of the equipment."

The equipment was a rented device intended to provide a continuous reading of the nitrate level in one of the spring boxes at Victor Falls.

The device yielded data that "seemed erratic and lacked continuity," said Greg Westrand, the city's engineer.

After three months, the device was removed. The data from that period showed a brief spike where the level of nitrates reached about 9.3 milligrams per liter, Westrand said.

However, once the device was calibrated and re-installed, the nitrate level remained consistently around 2.5 milligrams per liter, which is well within the safe range.

"The peak reading of 9.3 milligrams per liter is highly unlikely," Westrand said, "in that during the 10-day period in which it occurred, the device detected nitrate levels that varied greatly from 1.5 to 9.3 milligrams per liter.

"Levels of constituents that are contained in groundwater sources simply do not change that rapidly," he added.

Westrand said that in his review of the nitrate test results, dating back to 1990, the levels of nitrate in the water had never been that high in the past.

And since the temporary unit was replaced, he said, "there have been no other occurrences of this type.

"There is not a nitrate contamination problem," he said.

According to tests done by a certified laboratory and monitored by the Washington Department of Health, average nitrate levels over the last 10 years have been between 1.5 and 2.6 milligrams per liter. The 2.6 was registered this year.

"We just want to keep the water clean," said Young. "We're not attacking any particular problem."

However, the state Department of Ecology has offered to loan the city $99,000 to continue its nitrate study and start a contamination-prevention program for residents, businesses and developers.

The city, not certain of the necessity, has yet to accept the offer.

To prevent contamination of groundwater, the state Department of Ecology suggests the public reduce water usage; minimize the amount of fertilizer on lawns; stop disposing of motor oil and other contaminants in street drains; contain stormwater runoff on your property; maintain the buffers on your creeks; and take hazardous materials to a safe and proper disposal site.

To find out where to take hazardous materials, call 1-800-RECYCLE.

Reach reporter Jamie Swift at 841-2481 extension 313 or by e-mail at jswift1@brief-case.com.

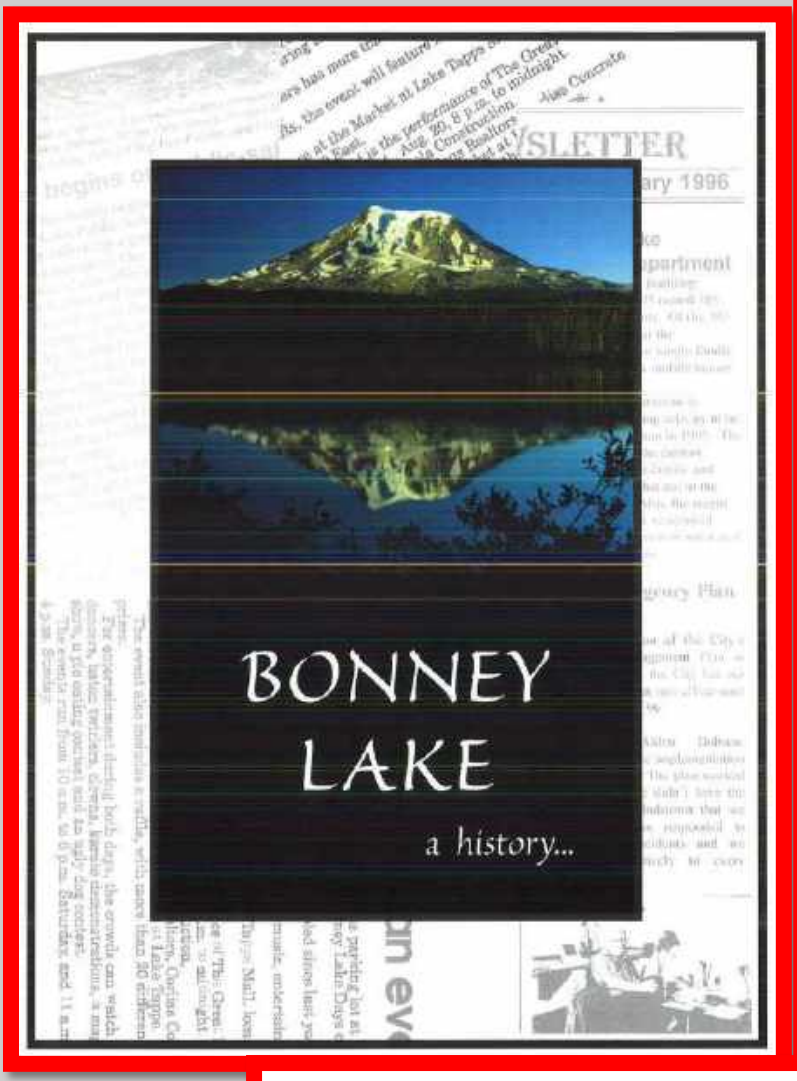
How much is safe?

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, water containing less than 10 milligrams of nitrate per liter is safe to drink. One milligram per liter corresponds to about one minute in two years or one penny in $10,000.

> *"We are doing well with our water."*
>
> **Mayor Bob Young, Bonney Lake**

Herald photo/Jamie Swift

Bonney Lake Mayor Bob Young prepres to take a sip of water from the fountain at City Hall on Tuesday without hesitation. He says, despite a recent report, the city's water is safe to drink.



Lake Bonney, 1940's

Lake Bonney, 1950's

A duck enjoying Lake Bonney. Despite recent growth in the area, signs of country life still remain.

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Bonney Lake Washington...

"Where Dreams Can Soar"

From Covered Wagons To Bustling City

An Early History of the Bonney Lake Area

In 1841 Lieutenant Robert E. Johnson led an overland exploring party across the Puyallup River and east using the Indian Naches Pass Trail to the Yakima River. Lieutenant Charles Wilkes also sent Henry Eld to conduct a thorough survey of the region at the mouth of the Puyallup River's confluence at Commencement Bay and points north along the river through the Bonney Lake area. The Johnson and Eld parties provided the first mapped assessments of the area.

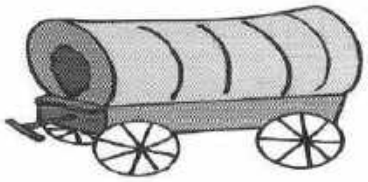
Native Americans' arrival in the area cannot be dated with great precision. The closest known and excavated site within the Bonney Lake area is located on the Enumclaw Plateau (Jochelson), just north of the confluence of the Carbon and Puyallup Rivers at about the present day location of Bonney Lake. This site dates from the middle-period, or about 8,000 to 3,000 years ago. Registered Indian sites are also located along the Puyallup River, Carbon River, South Prairie Creek, and Wilkeson Creek.

The southern portion of the area was inhabited by the Puyallup Tribe, whose domain extended from Commencement Bay on Puget Sound, east along the Puyallup and Carbon Rivers, to the top of the northwest face of Mount Rainier. The northern portion of the Bonney Lake area was inhabited by the Muckleshoot Tribes, whose domain extended the length of the White (Stuck) and Green Rivers east into the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Both tribes fished Puget Sound and the rivers, but also exhibited some agricultural and hunting characteristics. Both tribes spoke a sub-family dialect of Salishan. Under the terms of the 1854 Treaty, the Muckleshoot were relocated to the Nisqually Reservation at the Nisqually River delta in southern Pierce County. In 1857 separate lands were declared as a reservation for the Muckleshoots on the Muckleshoot Prairie. However, much of the original reservation lands were subsequently purchased or acquired by white settlers.

In 1850 the first settlers arrived in the Bonney Lake area. They traveled across the Naches Trail, following paths made by Native American tribes on their east-west crossings; a route that closely parallels today's Old Sumner-Buckley Highway. The Donation Land Law was enacted in Congress in 1850 shortly after the creation of the Oregon Territory. The law's purpose was to survey and distribute public lands in the territory and to authorize the outright donation of public land to settlers. Land donations helped regularize settlement of the most accessible land in southern Puget Sound, particularly within the region surrounding Bonney Lake, by settlers who had arrived before the enactment date. The act also created "free land" which induced further emigration into the area.

In 1853 a series of events provoked hostilities and intermittent white-Indian conflicts over the next six years. As a consequence, the US Army built more than 30 forts during this period, including Fort Maloney in 1856 along the Puyallup River (about the present vicinity of downtown Puyallup) and Fort Hayes in 1856 on the White River, south of Buckley. A number of other Washington Territorial (Volunteers) Blockhouses were also built by local settlers and probably included known sites in downtown Sumner, on South Hill in Puyallup, on the Lake Tapps plateau south of Fennel Creek, and to the east of Lake Tapps at the edge of Connell's Prairie. Most white-Indian conflicts were resolved by 1859 and no further forts were built.

The most significant local skirmishes were at Connell's Prairie in the area between Bonney Lake and Buckley that borders on the Naches Pass Trail. A number of skirmishes occurred on the prairie and surrounding vicinity during the 1855-1856 Yakima Indian Wars. Early skirmishes killed Lieutenant McCallister and Michael Connell on 22 October 1855, and Colonels Miles and Moses on 31 October 1855 in events called the Connell's Prairie Massacres. The Old Military Road from Steilacoom to Walla Walla passed within 50 feet of the present day monument. The massacres were one event which ultimately lead to the trial and execution of Chief Leschi three years later. A decisive battle was fought on the northern part of the prairie on 19 March 1856 and is commemorated by a marker erected at the junction of Connell's Prairie and Barkubein Roads, west of Buckley.



Quotes From The Towns Folk

Mike Roberts fondly remembers good times in Bonney Lake, "a town where on wouldn't feel the need to lock their doors. Where at the old store, if need be you could get credit and charge your bill. A time when all the school kids could fit into one bus with plenty of room for more."

The Naches Pass Trail

The Naches Trail was an early Indian route that led from the Nisqually Delta to the Yakima Indian country in eastern Washington. The trail was also used by Lieutenant Robert Johnson of the Charles Wilkes Survey Expedition in 1841 to explore Yakima Indian territory in eastern Washington.

Territorial Governor Isaac I. Stevens surveyed the trail for the proposed transcontinental route for the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1853 to provide access to wagon trains arriving from the east on the Oregon Trail and for military purposes. The Naches Pass Trail, or Emigrant Road, was completed October 1853 and extended 2,345 miles raising to an elevation of 5,000 feet at the crest of the pass.

The trail was used by the military during the 1855-1856 Indian Wars to gain access to the Yakima country and the ambush along the trail in Connell's Prairie changed the focus of the wars to Pierce County. But the trail was not often used, nor did it ever become, a military road. The trail was used for a short time in the 1880's for cattle runs.

Portions of the original route have been identified by aerial photo's and in some areas are still visible on the ground. From Buckley, the trail extends west along Mason Avenue in the general vicinity of the Old Sumner-Buckley Highway. The trail continues west at Connell's Prairie along Connell's Prairie Road to 214th Avenue East, then either west along Fennel Creek to cross the Puyallup River in the location of the Riverside Infirmary or at Alderton to connect to Old Military Road north of McMillan.

Interesting Tidbit

In the early 1900's some settlers arrived from Kansas and some called the area Little Kansas City.

Early Bonney Lake Settlers

Sherwood Bonney was the first white settler to arrive in the Bonney Lake area in 1850. He arrived by covered wagon using the Naches Pass Trail and built a cabin on the lake named for him in 1853. The area was called Elahi by the Native Americans, although some say it was called Elhi after a Native American and others claim the name came from a small logging town named Ely. The town of Ely (if it existed) was located near the foot of the hill, near the old Granger place, on the first road that went up a draw to the top of the hill, where it joined what is now known as the Old Buckley Highway. That town is said to have burned to the ground many years ago. The true origins of the name will probably never be known for certain.

William B. Kelley arrived from Tennessee in 1864 to clear a home site and teach school during the winter. Kelley's three sons and a daughter were raised in a log cabin on Kelley Lake. He donated land for a one-room schoolhouse that was used until 1960. The homestead is located on the north side of Old Buckley Highway east of 198th Avenue East on the edge of a prairie formed by Fennel Creek. The homestead was reportedly built in 1864, making it one of the earliest remaining structures in the area east of Bonney Lake.

The land between Bonney Lake and Buckley was largely settled by Finnish settlers and was known as Finland through the late 1800's. Early Finnish settlers developed dairy farms, worked in the Wilkeson coal mines, or logged the virgin timber along the White River. Over 100 Swiss families also lived on the plateau and in the valley, including Ollie Bauer's father who worked at the Riverside Infirmary (the Poor Farm) on the Puyallup River for 27 years.

The Angeline family settled in Bonney Lake in 1909. Irene and Lawrence Angeline attended the one-room, eight grade school house that was located near Rhodes Lake. An account of early school life, including hazards from Indians and wildlife, was written by 16 year old Dorothy Ryan, who taught school at Kelley Lake. The account also tells of her concern about caterpillars which slithered through the cracks in the walls and plopped into her lunch pail.

James and Amanda Vandermark were Dutch pioneers who arrived by covered wagon and homesteaded on Lake Tapps. The Vandermark's built their house in 1893, and moved the structure to 214th Avenue East when the site was flooded by the construction of the White River dam. Members of the family still live in the structure.

Mrs. Thomas A. Martin lived in the area since 1918, moving to "the hill" in 1924 where she met and married her husband and raised four children. Her father-in-law knew the history of the area. Myers Road was named after her step-grandfather, who had owned much property from Myers Road to the Lake.

Many a bootleg still flourished and moonshine was plentiful at the dance halls in South Prairie, Wilkeson, and Orting. At one time the area was known locally as Robber's Roost and Strawberry Hill.

In the 1930's Pete Myers lived in the area. In the early 1900's some settlers arrived from Kansas and some called the area Little Kansas City.

Lake Tapps Created

In 1909, the Puget Sound Power & Light Company (Puget Power), diverted water from the White (Stuck) River and raised the level of Lake Tapps to provide additional water storage. The project merged the existing Kirtley Lake, Crawford Lake, and Church Lake into the consolidated Lake Tapps reservoir. The power company, now known as Puget Sound Energy, still controls the level of the lake. In the summer, the water level increases to provide a recreational water sports playground, for boating, fishing, water skiing, swimming and picnicking. The parks that dot the lake, both private and public, are filled in the hot summer months with people seeking relief from the heat or a pleasant day at the lake. In the fall the lake level begins to drop, until stumps are visible. But come spring and the level once again raises, the reflection of Mt. Rainier appearing on the waters once more.

Between the southern end of Lake Tapps, still called Church Lake after the original lake, and Lake Bonney, lies Debra Jane Lake. This is a private, man-made lake with access granted only to those living within Debra Jane Estates.

A City Is Born

Kenneth Simmons, the founder of Bonney Lake, wanted to get water so he could develop his property and others. He decided it was cheaper and easier to form a city than to form a P.U.D. (Public Utility District). Bonney Lake was established in 1946 on a 1,000 acre parcel purchased by Kenneth & Bertha Simmons from a "Rodeo Man" named George Logan. Until 1946, there was no electricity or water available. The Simmons family was the driving force for development and incorporation, with Kenneth Simmons serving three terms as Mayor of the new town. The Mayor and Council often met at the home of Ken & Bertha Simmons, located on the shores of Lake Bonney.

Simmons, along with Chet and Clarence Roberts, Robert Wheeler, Bert Filkins, and many others, built the concrete block building on Locust Avenue that served as the community club as well as city and fire department headquarters, and was later used for equipment storage for the water and street departments before being torn down. The parking lot of the Bonney Lake Community Church currently occupies this site.

Incorporation was finally accomplished on 28 February 1949, when the population reached 327. By 1950 the new town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, refuse disposal, a blood bank, and a community club sponsored booth at the Puyallup Fair. By 1957, there were 12 licensed businesses in Bonney Lake with several new shopping developments under way.

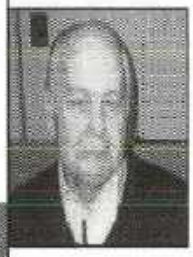
The first City Clerk was Gertrude Wheeler, who received $15.00 per month and Chet Roberts, the City Treasurer, who received $8.00 per month in salary. The Town Marshall, Paul Maddux, made $7.50 per month. The first City Council was made up of Clarence Roberts, Thurlow "Curly" Maddux, Alva Simnitt, Elias "Pop" Hiles, and Robert Wheeler.

In 1932 Leonard Moore started a paper route in Bonney Lake. There were only a few dirt roads and even fewer people. Later he served four years on the City Council, and his wife helped to promote the library.

In 1959 Mrs. Yorke and her husband bought property in Bonney Lake. They cleared their land of wild blackberries to build a cabin for use on weekends. In 1973 they moved to Bonney Lake permanently.

In 1947 Gladys Maddux and her husband Curley moved to Bonney Lake. They attended the early City Council Meetings. After having a fire in her home it was decided by Mayor Kenny Simmons that the town be incorporated and apply for a water grant.

Bonney Lake The Sleepy Town Awakes... Highway 410, 1999



Donald Frazier moved to here in 1945 with his parents at the young age of five. He has memories of Bonney Lake being a rural area with gravel roads. After serving in the military he returned to Bonney Lake and was surprised to see the progress that had been made during his absence. In 1971 he was hired as a police officer and is currently servings as Police Chief for Bonney Lake.

Retired Fire Chief Alden Dobson bought the Bonney Lake Food Mart in 1963. In January 1969 he sold his business to be employed as Bonney Lake Fire Chief.

Growing Pains

As the City began to grow, the new town government had to deal with the problems associated with growth. By 1965, the population had climbed to 1,280. Some of the early streets had been made by Ken Simmons, using a bulldozer. Water lines were in the ground and electricity was available. The new city had a small commercial base and a growing residential population. The founder of Bonney Lake, Ken Simmons, served his last term as Mayor in 1966.

The young town fought off one or more dis-incorporation movements, the last being in 1972. The form of government was changed from Mayor-Council to Mayor-City Manager-Council, with Evan Peterson selected as the first City Manager in September 1966. Peterson left in June 1968, to be followed by John Tapp and Thomas Rhinevault. The City Manager position paid $11,500 per year. Alden Dobson, the Fire Chief, served three terms as interim City Manager between appointments before the populace voted in November 1973 to return to the Mayor-Council form of government.

The first mayor under the return to the Mayor-Council form of government was Allan Yorke. Mayor Yorke was often seen in and around City Hall in workman's clothes, with a tool belt cinched around his waist and hammer in hand. He almost completely built a restroom facility at Clifford Park (now Allan Yorke Park), and was the first at the site of the new Bonney Lake Library, digging out a clearing for the buildings foundation. Mayor Yorke took office at a crucial time for the young City. The city had low employee morale, poor community relations, financial chaos and shortcomings in supplies and equipment. The public works department consisted of three employees. Doug McCoy was the street department, while Joe Grimes and Rick Shannon handled the water end of the department. There were no sewers. City streets were in poor condition, with residents comparing the numerous potholes to craters on the moon. Mayor Yorke talked to creditors, spoke to employees and built morale, and brought order to Council meetings.

By 1975 the primary ills of the young city were said to be poor roads and the need for water line improvements. Unfortunately, the City had a street maintenance and improvement budget of $39,500 to take care of 32.47 miles of roads. It was estimated it would cost approximately $50,000 per mile to repair the existing roads.

However, it was also clear that a new challenge waited on the horizon, looming larger with every year: sewers.

The Sewer Controversy

City government officials, as early as Mayor Robert Allen in 1966, had recognized the eventual need for sewers in Bonney Lake. Mayor Allan Yorke spoke about the City's need to comply with the Clean Water Act passed by the federal government. In October of 1975, Mayor Yorke felt that road concerns must take second place to the sewer concerns. The Clean Water Act required that all large bodies of water must be pollution free by the year 1983. Since Lake Tapps was a large body of water, this was of concern to city officials. Mayor Yorke pointed out that it made no sense to spend large amounts of money on repairing roads that would have to be torn up while installing sewer lines in the near future.

However, a portion of the population felt sewers were unnecessary and much too costly to install. By 1976, the City of Bonney Lake had a population of 4,187 and had issued building permits in 1975 for an estimated $4,224,852 in new construction, including 209 new houses and 25 mobile homes. Government sponsored building projects for low-to-middle income citizens had sparked a building boom that was still being felt, and although housing starts for 1976 and 1977 had fallen dramatically, there was an upswing in 1978. By 1979 the city had an unofficial population of 5,220. This meant the town officially became a third class City (the magic mark is 5,000 in population) and became the third largest city in Pierce County, with only Tacoma and Puyallup having a greater population. The town court became a "court of record", incorporating its municipal court system.

Despite the controversy, Phase I of construction began Monday, May 2, 1977 with work starting on 188th Avenue East, near 80th Street East. Phase II was scheduled to begin in November of 1977, with construction of a treatment plant slated in mid-1978. Officials hoped the system would go on-line by early 1980.

Battles were fought on several levels, including political and financial. In July 1977 the City was informed that the Pierce County Planning Commission had rejected the proposed site of the treatment plant on property near Allderton. Earlier in 1977, a grant, totaling $3.8 million dollars from the EDA (Economic Development Agency), was placed in jeopardy due to continued opposition to the sewer project, but was at last secured. Rejection of the Tl site near the Puyallup River was an especially hard blow considering the sewer system was already under construction, with one-fifth of the collector system in the ground.

Council meetings where discussions of the project took place were often packed, with citizens spilling out of the council chambers into the hall. City Mayor Steve Flaherty initiated a survey with students from the University of Washington, which was recommended by the State DOE (Department of Ecology). In 1978 and 1979 Bonney Lake was denied federal grant money for the project and needed about $3.8 million to complete the project, including a revised plan to connect into the existing treatment plant in Sumner.

Meanwhile, political turmoil and in-fighting on the City Council continued to make headlines. This ultimately resulted in the recall campaign against Mayor John Pedroso, mainly over a controversial proposed L.I.D. (Local Improvement District) to fund the balance of the project. One Council meeting in January 1983 was so packed (300 plus residents showed up) that the meeting had to be moved from the council chambers at City Hall to the auditorium at the Bonney Lake Elementary School.

In May of 1983, Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedroso was recalled, and the Council effectively killed the proposed L.I.D. after 42% of the city's property owners opposed it. The Mayor was not the only casualty of the turmoil, as City Clerk Mildred Berend, the clerk since January 1974, resigned, citing stress-related health problems. Mayor Pedroso was replaced by Council member Carle Whisler, who had previously held office as Mayor in the 1970's.

In mid-1985, the sewer system went on-line. Installation of the sewer system has not only protected the water quality of our lakes and rivers, but has also allowed more development of the Bonney Lake area, both residential and commercial.

Streets

State Highway Engineers in June 1949 were notified that the Old Sumner-Buckley Highway was designated as a major arterial street and that South Washington and Myers Roads were secondary arterials.

In October 1949 the Street Committee was asked to prepare signs for the streets in town, now that the streets had been named.

The young Town struggled to provide streets for the growing population. The county, too, was acknowledging the growth in the area by announcing construction of the Sumner-Tapps Highway in May 1968. The 3.3 mile highway ran from Wabic Road to the Pierce/King County line. The total cost of the project was estimated to run $500,000. In December 1968 the Town Council authorized the city Manager to apply for a grant to help in the cost of widening and resurfacing two miles of the arterial street system. The streets identified for work were Old Buckley Highway, 192nd Avenue and Bonney Lake Blvd, all of which had been constructed some 20 years previously. In 1969 the Council named West Tapps Highway and Sumner-Buckley Highway (now known as Old Buckley Highway) as arterial streets. Repairs on all streets were done as much as possible, with major repairs postponed until after the completion of the sewer project. New streets were a happy by-product of the sewer construction.

The main access route for most people from the Puyallup Valley was and still remains, Washington State Route 410. Before construction of SR 410, the Sumner-Buckley Highway was used and the new state highway followed much of the old. The Sumner-Buckley Highway was a twisting one lane, then later two-lane, highway up the side of the hill and to Buckley. Up until the mid to late 1980's, portions of the old highway could still be seen winding along the sides of the new highway. As traffic continued to increase on SR 410, the state made improvements. Slow moving trucks and school buses heading east-bound up Elhi hill often backed traffic up for miles. At last a second eastbound lane was added and, in 1982, a left turn lane was installed at the intersection of SR 410 and Myers Road, often a scene of many tragic accidents. Then, in 1986, the State Department of

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Highways unveiled plans to expand the highway complete with four lanes (two in each direction), plus turn lanes and a concrete divider separating the east/west bound lanes. The project, which would be implemented in two-stages, was expected to cost $6 million dollars, with construction starting in 1987.

One of the most significant improvements on SR 410 was the replacement of the old Angeline Bridge overpass. The bridge was narrow, curved sharply and dipped the wrong way at one point in the eastbound lane. It was the site of several fatalities before the state finally replaced the bridge in 1982.

The first traffic signal was installed in Bonney Lake at the intersection of SR 410 and Old Buckley Highway, with another at the accident plagued intersection of SR 410 and 214th Avenue East. The latter was especially dangerous, as those on 214th had to make a jog across the busy highway. The intersection was straightened out, so traffic could cross in a straight line. Other signal lights followed as the SR 410 corridor saw a dramatic increase in commercial development.

Water

The cost of a new water meter connection to the City system in 1942 was $15.00. As the fledgling City grew, so did it's need to provide water to a growing population. In 1968 the City applied for a $500,000 federal grant to help pay half the cost of expanding the existing water system, with the City issuing a water-revenue bond to fund the City share. The system was deemed "adequate" to handle the load for the next two years, but would need to be expanded to keep up with demand. By late 1968 a call for bids was issued for development of an unnamed spring in the Victor Falls area. Victor Falls was developed, and Grainger Springs as well. Several storage tanks were built and system improvement continue to be made to this day as the population continues to increase.

Garbage Collection

Duane Tidball was one of the first garbage collectors in Bonney Lake, who were paid $6.50 per day and all they could eat. They used a truck that was in bad shape and picked up on Saturdays, hauling what they collected to Sumner. The Police finally made them get the truck checked out in Tacoma and it was in such bad shape they kept it! So, Bonney Lake was out of the garbage collection business. Since then, services have been contracted out, with D. M. Disposal of Puyallup getting the contract for close to 20 years now.

Animal Control

It's hard to be the pet control officer a.k.a. dog catcher in any city. No one likes to pick up strays, knowing the majority will be euthanized. Bonney Lake struggled to provide pet control services over the years, first building a small animal pound behind the police station on Old Buckley Highway. Citizen complaints (over barking dogs) and poor conditions eventually led the City to build a better facility behind City Hall. Construction on the new facility began in November 1978 and was completed in January 1979. The cost was about $3,600. The City maintained a Pet Control Officer until about 1996, when services began to be contracted for from the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society

Francis McCoy Pickering has lived in Bonney Lake for the past 65 years. She states that in the early days everyone in Bonney Lake was related. A pizza parlor now stands where the old Buckley Hwy. bus stop once was.

Paul Stone moved to Bonney Lake in 1951. He remembers the first marshal Fred Corell giving the kids each a nickel on Halloween.

Duane Tidball

The founder of Bonney Lake, Ken Simmons, served his last terms as Mayor in 1966.

Ken Simmons

Duane Keough came here in 1942. He remembers lots of wild blackberries and good hunting all over the area.

In 1953 Mrs. Keough married her husband and moved to Bonney Lake, where as a wedding gift Kenny Simmons gave them one acre of land. She feels "the area has grown, not always for the good, but that's progress".

Quotes From the Towns Folk

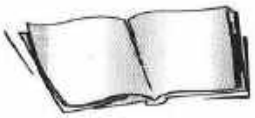
Bonney Lake Library

One of the dreams of the City was to have it's own library. It was this dream which united citizens to form the "Friends of the Library". One of the main proponents of the library was Peggy Moore, who worked hard to make the dream a reality, as did many others. On May 9, 1974 the first step in making that dream come true was accomplished when the Washington State Library commission approved the first of a three year grant proposal for a Bonney Lake library facility. The funds were to be used to provide a facility, personnel, and all necessary materials for one year of operations.

Land was leased at the corner of Locust Avenue and Old Buckley Highway and the site cleared. A modular building was located on site, manufactured by Western Modular Corporation of Kent with a projected value of $38,377 for a 2,144 square foot structure. The modular unit was constructed off-site, then trucked to the site and assembled. It had fir siding and composition-shingle roofs.

The modular building was a first step, but the ultimate goal was to erect a permanent structure. Land was purchased for just such a permanent site on 90th Street East, just off 184th Avenue East and not far from SR 410. The building would cost approximately $300,000 to build, with ground clearing scheduled to begin in May 1981.

The new, permanent library building was dedicated April 25, 1982 and was 3,400 square feet with a book capacity of 16,000. The dedication ceremony and open house was attended by Washington State Rep. Dan Grimm, Mayor John Pedroso, and Oliver Howe, Chairman of the Pierce County Library Board of Trustees. It was designed by Tsang-Merritt and was one of six structures to receive the 1982 Design Awards Program of the Southwest chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The library is a branch of the Tacoma-Pierce County Library system who staffs and maintains it.



Public Safety

Police ....

In the early days of the City, circa 1949 to 1951, Fred Corell was the first Marshall. He had no car, but he did have a Marshall's badge and a cane that he used to discipline unruly kids. In October 1949 the Town Council moved to purchase a pair of handcuffs for the Marshall. Marshall Corell gave each child a nickel on Halloween. From 1952 to 1954 George Roloff was the Marshall and received $7.50 per month. He drove a 1936 Chevy with a light in the grill. From 1955 to 1960 Mel Price was the Marshall and Duane Tidball was the deputy Marshall. Mel Price drove a 1955 Ford which he used with a red spot light. Police were not supplied with vehicles, but rather had to use their own cars. In 1961-1962 George Roloff became the Chief of Police again and used his own 1947 Ford as the police car. When he left the position it paid a salary of $450 per month. He was followed by Mel Selby (1963-1964) and Dale Prangley (1965-1969). In 1970 Wayne Tuthill was acting Chief of Police with officers Herman Kelso, Wayne Keough and John Houser. In April 1971 George Webb became the Chief of Police, a position he held until mid-1978 when he took an early retirement. His Officers consisted of Wayne Tuthill, Herman Kelso, Donell Keough, and Don Frazier (in 1971). In mid-to-late 1978 Donald Frazier became the Chief of Police, a position he holds today.

In 1966 the Police department moved into the old City Hall building at 18421 Old Buckley Highway, from the Fire Station. In 1967 jail cells were added. For years the Bonney Lake Police operated out of the small, two-story building located at 18421 Old Buckley Highway. There was no hot water and no restroom facilities - personnel had to use the gas station down the street. In March of 1968 the City purchased "modern" two-way radios at a cost of $750. In 1969 off-duty personnel added improvements to the existing building by digging a basement and installing a new furnace. In 1976, after a $50,000 bond for construction of an addition to the existing building failed twice, the Chief of Police got together with volunteers to build the

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needed addition. Police Chief George Webb got the City to purchase materials totaling about $8,000 and volunteers supplied the labor.

Construction began January 2, 1976. At the heart of the construction were the skills and knowledge of a trio of retired men who donated their time to help make the project a reality. Dean "Doc" Cooper, Glen Kleppin and Roy Yorke, (the brother of Mayor Allan Yorke), worked tirelessly on the construction. The addition included a large training/meeting room on the upper level, three offices and a three-cell jail, booking and evidence rooms, a small darkroom and kitchen in the basement level and bathroom facilities. A new roof was put on, with the volunteer help of Jay Musgrave, a skilled roofer who lived locally. It was this construction, during which he shattered an ankle, that eventually caused Police Chief George Webb to take an early retirement. In June 1978 a Sumner High School graduate named Jay Babcock constructed a wooden, carved sign for the Police Department complete with logo. In 1979 hot water was added and in 1980 use of the jail cells was discontinued because the cells did not comply with State Jail Commission regulations.

The Police continued to work out of this small building until the bond for a new Public Safety Building valued at $3.5 million dollars was approved by voters. On March 19, 1994 the new Public Safety Building was dedicated for use by both the Police and Fire departments.

...and Fire

In 1948 the Maddox family had a fire at their home but there was no fire department to respond or water to fight it with.

In February of 1952, the Town Council began working on forming a Volunteer Fire Department. From 1952 to 1957 Duane Tidball was the Fire Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department.

In early 1967 Alden Dobson, a 28 year old grocery store owner, accepted the appointment as Fire Chief of Bonney Lake. He was appointed by City Manager Evan Peterson and was required to sell his business in order to accept the position. The department consisted of twelve men at the time and his first act was to appoint five officers: Assistant Chief Clyde Greenwood (Senior), Captain Jerry Frawley, Lt. Dean Cooper, Lt. Tex Goins, and Fire Marshall Tom Walker. The department took possession of a new truck as well, bringing the total fire trucks to three.

In January 1977 the City passed a bond issue to purchase a $70,000 American LaFrance fire engine which was to become Engine #41. Three members of the fire department flew to New York to take possession of the truck and drive it home. Those three members were Chief Alden Dobson, Lt. Mitch Carroll and Lt. Frank Chandler. Due to weather conditions in Seattle, the trio missed their connecting flight and were further delayed by a snow storm in Elmira, but were finally able to get the pumper and start back home. They split the driving into 12-hour shifts and averaged about 550 miles per day. They had to endure the curious questions and jokes of fellow travelers along the way and a few times when people saw the fire engine pull into the motel parking lot they thought their motel must be on fire.

The Fire (Main) Station was constructed at 18610 Bonney Lake Blvd., with the City purchasing materials and volunteers doing much of the labor. The wives of the firefighters organized fund raisers to help raise money for the project. Volunteers also built one of the few small, jet-powered fireboats in the State and it was used to provide primary fire protection to the SeaFair hydroplane race. Race course drivers called the race one of the safest in the country because of the fire protection.

A parcel of land on Inlet Island was donated for use as a fire station and volunteers cleared the land for construction. Leonard Moore worked to acquire the property and coordinated the volunteers. Bonney Lake Fire personnel also volunteered to help with construction of a fire station with District #24 at 214 Avenue East and 120 Street East.

In 1994 the Fire department moved into the new Public Safety Building at 18421 Old Buckley Highway.

A Monument To Public Safety

On September 14, 1996 about 150 people gathered for the dedication of a sculpture placed at the Public Safety building to honor those people who died while employed by the City in the public safety departments. Those so named were: Clyde Greenwood (Senior)-firefighter; Dennis Slavens, police officer; Michael D. Jennings, police officer. The artist was Larry Anderson, a local artist with a national reputation, who also did the statue at Ascent Park on SR 410.

City Hall

In the early days of the Town, the police, fire and city officials all shared space (very little) in a small, concrete block building located on Locust Avenue near 82nd Street East. Prior to the construction of the building on Locust, the town government was run out of a Church building. In 1961 the Town government moved to a building constructed at 18421 Old Buckley Highway. In 1965 the town officials moved out of that building and turned it over to the Police department, while the officials moved into the Fire station at 18610 Bonney Lake Blvd.

City Hall operated out of that building until construction of the present City Hall facility was completed in late 1972. By 1973 the move to the new building was complete. Since then there have been at least three remodels to the facility as the City has grown. It remains in its present site, situated between the lake and the old fire station on Bonney Lake Boulevard, in a wooded and pleasing location.

Senior Center

After years of fund raising by the Bonney Lake Area Senior Citizens, their dream was made reality with the construction of a beautiful Senior Center, located next to City Hall at 19304 Bonney Lake Blvd. The building was opened for business in mid-1990. Prior to the construction of the Senior Center, the seniors met in the Council chambers at City Hall for their potlucks and dinners. City staff was always invited to the big first-Thursday of the month potluck and eagerly took their places in line. Yum! Staff is still invited to lunch at the Center, although potlucks are no longer held. Instead, the Stone Soup Lunch program is in full swing and serves tasty meals three days a week (Tuesdays through Thursday) for a modest donation to defray the cost of the program. The seniors are always involved in community activities and many of them are currently lending their fund raising skills to aid in the proposed Teen Center. Music and entertainment often can be found at the Center. Who said retirement had to be dull?

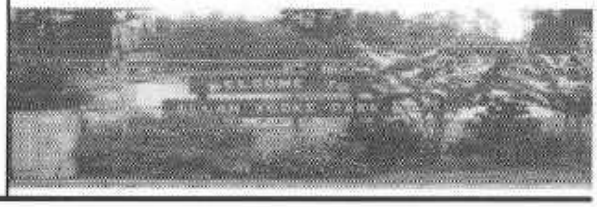
Teen Center

In 1997 the City Council voted to donate 1/2 acre of land adjacent to the Bonney Lake City Hall as a site for a proposed Teen Center, to the Bonney Lake Youth Association. The preliminary plan is for a 20,750 square foot facility to be constructed on the site after about two years of study and planning. The Association Chairman, Jack Kobelin, was a zealous advocate who worked tirelessly on the project until stricken with cancer. As of yet the Teen Center has not been built, but it is hoped that the near future will see this project become a reality.

Parks

Work began in the 1960's on developing a City Park on property owned by the City on the shore's of both Church Lake and Lake Bonney. A log boom to protect swimmers was first created in the 1960's while Mayor Robert Allen was in office. The 19 members of the Bonney Lake Garden Club helped by planting flowers and shrubs. Over the years the city has continued to develop the properties, most especially the heavily-used park at Church Lake. Since the land was originally purchased from Ben Clifford of Clifford Development (also known as Lake Tapps Development Company), it was first called Clifford Park. After the death of Mayor Allan Yorke in 1973, the park was officially named the Allan Yorke Memorial Park. It was a fitting tribute, as Mayor Yorke had almost single handily built the first restroom on the land across from the lake front access. That restroom was later torn down and a new facility built in it's place. The parking lot was expanded and eventually paved. Baseball fields were installed, and later a basketball court and tennis courts were added. Picnic tables offer a place to have a summer lunch or dinner. A concession stand is often open during the summer to sell snacks and drinks to the park goers. In the 1990's the boat launch facility has been expanded and improved, helping to relieve the congestion there in the summer. Allan Yorke Memorial Park remains the favorite of the City Parks for recreational purposes.

The City maintains two additional parks. One at Lake Bonney and the other near the crest of Elhi Hill, called Ascent Park. Ascent Park is an entryway park near the top of Elhi Hill on SR 410 containing a 7-foot brass sculpture atop a 9-foot base. The sculpture was designed and created by nationally acclaimed artist Larry Anderson of Bonney Lake and shows a young boy happily chasing birds.



Other Public Services

Schools

In 1961 Sumner School District #320 opened the Bonney Lake Elementary School for classes for the first time. It was the first public school "on the hill" since the Rhodes Lake School and included rooms #1 to #12. The first principal was Wayne Bettinger. By 1968, an addition to the Bonney Lake Elementary School was begun, to add eight more classrooms (rooms #13 to #20). The addition was necessary because of a 14% increase in student population. Portables were built in 1967, 1969, 1990, and 1992.

The original back field (present playground) was made of clay. During the tenure of Principal Mike Healy, the field was remodeled to Centrix surface and was planted with grass during the 1987 remodel under Principal Doug Gall. A real log cabin was built by students adjacent to the back field in the mid-1970's, and was dismantled in the late 1970's. VCR's were installed in each classroom in 1989 while Sandy Anderson was Principal. The P.E. program began in 1974, with the first cirriculum written in 1967 by Fred Pokrifchak and JoAnn Sholz. Six teachers have gone on to become principals at Bonney Lake Elementary (Mike Kerst, Dennis Hammermaster, Paul Chaplik, Dave Sollars, Nancy Stephens and John Bartkowski) and one of them became a superintendent (Paul Chaplik). Former principal John Sullivan went on to become a superintendent as well. Linda Ellefson, Bonney Lake Elementary's Occupantial Therapist, was the first OT at Bonney Lake and the first in the Sumner School District.

All kindergarten were first sent to Wade Calvin Elementary (district Office) and rode the bus up the hill with high school students until Wade Calvin closed. Then the kindergarten went to Maple Lawn and rode the high school bus. In 1967-68 all first graders went to Wade Calvin Elementary and rode the bus with the high schoolers. In 1980-81, the sixth grade was at Lakeridge Junior High for one year, and in 1986-87 the kindergarten was at the Sumner Junior High. Several Bonney Lake students have returned to Sumner School District as teachers, including: Kristine Johnson, Brian Wango, Dave Sunich, Char Vassey, Kristy Olsen, Tami Miller, Tami Frederick. The largest student body was in the mid-1980's, with over 650 students.

The building booms and constant growth in the Bonney Lake area resulted in additional schools being built to accommodate the increasing student enrollments. In 1982 Victor Falls Elementary school was built and in 1987 two new schools were opened: Lakeridge Junior High School at 5909 Myers Road, and Emerald Hills Elementary School at 9515 South Tapps Drive. They were followed by more schools, as the population continued to increase. The school district built a Bus Garage on 104th Street East in 1994. Crestwood Elementary on West Tapps Drive was built in 1993 followed by Mountain View Junior High in 1997, built not far from the bus garage. Others were built on the fringe of Bonney Lake, including Liberty Ridge Elementary.

There are at least three day care/pre-schools in the area, including Kindercare Learning Center and Kid's Country, with Pony Trails located just off 214th Avenue East.

Post Office

A dream of early residents was to have a post office located in Bonney Lake, with it's own separate zip code. Only a portion of that dream has been realized, despite the fact that the City's population continues to outpace it's nearest neighbors.

In a postal-review meeting in March 1981 Bonney Lake officials were told that they would never get a post office or zip code because there were not enough people to justify it. Mayor Pedroso urged Bonney Lake Citizens to write or contact their state and local representatives to urge support for the facility, resulting in a call from Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson to say they were "deluged" with mail and he would help in whatever way he could. Senator Jackson and Slade Gorton met with Postmaster General William Bolger to discuss the issue. Meanwhile, the City gained the support of the Pierce County sub-regional council of the Puget Sound Council of Governments who recommended Bonney Lake be given postal consideration.

The culmination of the thirty-two year bid (some say 50 years) for a post office was the dedication of a contract post office located inside the offices of Farmer's Insurance agent Mike Roberts. He and his wife Debbie were one of three bids for the contract. The contract post office would provide all the services of a regular post office save home delivery. The dedication ceremony was well attended by state and local representatives: Executive Booth Gardner, Councilwoman Phyllis Erickson (of the Pierce County Council), Rep. Norm Dicks, Senator Henry Jackson, State Senator Marc Gaspard, State Rep.'s George Walk and Dan Grimm, and Mayor John Pedroso. Citizens and officials alike gathered to celebrate the event and Mayor Pedroso borrowed a paddy wagon from the City of Puyallup to give the dignitaries a tour of the City.

A permanent structure was finally built next to the Police Station on Old Buckley Highway in 1986, as a "sub-station" of the Sumner Post Office. The City continues to struggle to obtain a separate zip code.

Commercial Developement

An increase in population means an increase in the needs of that population. In the early 1970's there were no supermarkets in Bonney Lake. The Bonney Lake Food Mart operated at Locust Avenue and Old Buckley Highway, and Werley's Grocery sold a limited number of items at SR 410 and South Prairie Road (it's gone now, torn down when that intersection was widened and improved in the late 1990's).

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Further east, the Highway Grocery operated (and continues to do so). For major shopping needs most families made the trek to either Sumner or Buckley. The Union 76 gas station at SR 410 and Old Buckley Highway was in operation (now also torn down, with the AM/PM built on it's site), and Tidball's Texaco 66, which is still at it's original site. At one time there were other businesses in the area: Daniel's Lumber, the Hilltop Cafe (later the R&R Cafe). One of the oldest businesses is the Bonney Lake Tavern, at SR 410 and Old Buckley Highway.

Duane Tidball opened his gas station on January 1, 1960 at the bottom of Elhi hill and in 1971 moved it to its present location on SR 410 between 198th Avenue East and 192nd Avenue East.

In the late 1960's the Seattle-First Bank located a mobile home unit at it's present site to provide banking services. That building was eventually replaced with the permanent structure that exists today. Additional banking needs were supplied by U S Bank (1992), Washington Mutual Bank (1994), Key Bank (1989).

Ken Simmons operated an antique store out of the building that became the Skyline Restaurant, then the Memorabilia Restaurant, then the Royal Inn before being torn down in 1998 to make way for the Bonney Lake Chevron Station at SR 410 and 184th Avenue East.

The first of the "fast food" chain to build in Bonney Lake was Dairy Queen in the late 1970's, to be followed by many others: Taco Bell (1990), Burger King (1990), Jack in the Box (1990), McDonald's (1995) and Wendy's (1996) and Kentucky Fried Chicken (1998). In 1998 the Royal Inn was torn down, but Sharis' (1994) was doing business at the Tall Firs Shopping Center.

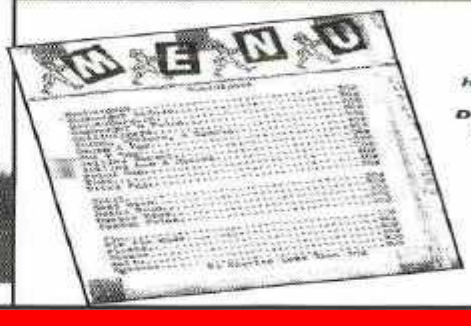
In 1977 the grand opening of the "Family Market" at SR 410 and Old Buckley Highway was held. The exciting features advertised by the market included the new "scanner" method of checking out and allowed customers to pick up items from priced bins. It was the largest in the Tradewell Chain of Markets, at 25,000 sq. feet and was the 118th store. Stockmarket was built in 1989/1990 and Pay 'n Save (later PayLess and now Rite Aid) filled it's space in 1989. Construction is currently under way for the new Rite Aid building at SR 410 and 214th Avenue East.

In 1982 the ground breaking for the new Super Safeway store at SR 410 and 214th Avenue East took place, and adjacent spaces for eleven tenants was scheduled to be completed by September 1982, with further development by Hill-Raaum Development of Mercer Island.

In 1997 the Tall Firs Theater, a ten screen movie house that seats 2,050 and includes "stadium seating", opened for business. Many other businesses came and went and continue to fill the SR 410 corridor as the City continues to grow.

Hilltop Cafe on SR 410, Early 1960's

May, 1982



Hilltop Cafe was owned by the DeRocher Family. This 1960 menu offered items as low as

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Medical & Dental

Doctor Earl Floyd was the first dentist to set up shop in Bonney Lake, at SR 410 near the Old Buckley Highway intersection in 1982. Doctor J. F. Juarez opened the Bonney Lake Clinic at Old Buckley and 184th Avenue East in late 1982 and, in 1997, Good Samaritan Hospital built a heath care facility at SR 410 and 198th Avenue East which opened in 1998. Several dentists and chiropractors have also located in the area, as the professional health care providers have begun moving into the area.

Community Clubs And Organizations

Bonney Lake Commercial Association

The Bonney Lake Commercial Association was founded in April 1979. It held it's second meeting at the Skyline Restaurant on May 1, 1979 with 20 members attending. One of their goals was to create a business directory for the City. Members included: Jack Carroll, manager of the Bonney Lake Branch of SeaFirst Bank, Charles Robbins of the law firm of Hammermaster & Robbins, Ken Simmons, founder of Bonney Lake; Ben Clifford, of the Lake Tapps Developement Company.

Bonney Lake Garden Club

This 19 member club helped with beautifying the City and took an active interest in developement of the park now known as Allan Yorke Memorial Park. Early members included: Mrs. James Moriarty (park chairman), Mrs. James McGraw (one time president), Mrs. Lionel Stuhr. This organization has since disbanded. In 1968 the Garden Club was presented with the Richfield Award for Conservation of Civic Beauty by the Washington Garden Club-Capitol District.

Tri-Lakes Women's Club

What started out as the "Fireflies", a support and fund-raising group consisting of the wives of the firefighters, eventually became known as the Tri-Lake's Women's Club. This club was active for many years before finally disbanding in 1984.

Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber was organized to promote business growth in Bonney Lake. It is an organization of business and civic leaders active in community events and business leadership. The Chamber created and sponsored the yearly Bonney Lake Days' event, from 1985 to 1987, and The Mudd Flatt Golf Tournament. The Golf tournament took place on the mud flats (hence it's name) of Church Lake, before the water level rose. The muddy, stump filled area was bravely navigated by the participants, who usually wore theme costumes and got real muddy but had lot's of fun. The winners of the competition for the years it was held were:

1985 - The Clean Team
(Perry Erichsen, Rusty Doering);
1986 - The Dirty Sheiks
(Jim Roundtree, Carl Wagenblast);
1987 - The Muddiest Team
(Carl McKenzie, Maettie Harvey)

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (the early years)

The Award restarted in 1984 by the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce was not new. The City of Bonney Lake beginning in 1950 and running through 1969 had previously presented the award. It was presented by Mayor Kenneth H. Simmons and was given in recognition of outstanding service or accomplishments. The past winners of this award are:

1950 Clarence Roberts, Robert Wheeler, Alva Simnitt, Elias Hiles, Thorlou Maddux, and Gertrude Wheeler for Civic Affairs (water system)

1951 Rodney Martin - Sports - Football

1952 John Strobie - Civic Affairs - Civil Defense

1953 Lendall Hunton - Sports - Fly Club

1954 Ronald Simmons, Duane Kepugh Sports Community Building

1955 Mrs. Kate Hall - Community Affairs - Garden Club

1956 Sherrill Francis - All American Baton Champion

1957 Rev. Fred Werbin - Religious Field - new Church

1958 Albert Shepard - Sports - Soap Box Derby

1959 Tom Walker - Civic Affairs - Fire Dept

1960 Lou Ann Keough - Journalism - Reporting & Lake Jane Secretary

1961 Francis McCoy - Religious Field - Sunday School Supt. & Howard Heyer - F.F.A.

1962 Bertha Simmons - Community Affairs & Harry Corliss Community Interest

1963 Al Kennedy - Civic Affairs

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1964 Arnold Turner - Community Services
1965 Alden Dobson - Fire Dept.
1966 Lola McCoy - Daffodil Princess 1966
1967 Rev. Archie Brown - Religious Field - Nazarene Church
1968 Clyde Greenwood - Community Service
1969 Tom Tuthill - Community Service

Interesting Tidbit

The Pierce County Arts Committee presented the City of Bonney Lake with the Margaret K. Williams Award for Support of the Arts 6 Aug 1992.

In 1984, the second year the Chamber of Commerce was in existence, it was suggested that the Chamber sponsor a Citizen of the Year award. The first banquet and Chamber-sponsored award was made in 1985 for the year of 1984 and the winner was Betty Rozell.

Although sponsored by the Chamber, the selection of the winner(s) has been a community effort. At the Chamber board meeting immediately after the closing date for nominations representatives were invited form the city and from local service organizations (Lions, Seniors and Rotary.) Each of these organizations voted on the prospective winner, so that the selection was not just the chamber.

This event was always budgeted at a loss or break-even financial status. It was a community service event on behalf of the Chamber. Cost of tickets was kept as low as possible to encourage attendance. Each nominee's dinner was paid for by the Chamber.

In 1992 (for the year of 1991, the format changed to allow for three yearly winners rather than one, as the committee felt that one winner per year left too many deserving people waiting in the wings.

Each nominee was always presented with a plaque stating they were a nominee for Citizen of the Year, with a larger plaque to the actual winner(s).

There is a perpetual plaque on display at City Hall on which the names of all winners have been engraved.

1984 Betty Rozell
1985 Beca Fulton
1986 Ann Stanton
1987 Jerry Capp, Linda Trinidad
1988 Paul Anstey
1989 Ray Fulton
1990 Don Frazier
1991 Ben Clifford, Jack Kobelin, Ellida Kirk Lathrop
1992 Denny Frye, Jody Kerth, Louisa Smith, Hal Geiersbach
1993 Duane Bratvold, Bryan Jeter, Mary (Kay) Powell
1994 Phil DeLeo, JF Juarez MD, Paul Qualey
1995 Ken Darby, Leota Musgrave

Minutes From Past City Council Meetings

May 19, 1949 • Temporary City Limit signs were received from the State Highway Dept.

June 16, 1949 • State Highway Engineers were notified that Old Sumner to Buckley Highway is a major arterial and that South Washington and Myers Rd. is a secondary arterial.

Oct 24, 1949 • 4 population signs were ordered. 2 at road entrance and 2 on Main Highway. A motion was made to purchase a pair of handcuffs for the Marshall. The Street Committee was asked to prepare signs for the streets in town now that the streets have names.

June 20, 1951 A motion to place a sign on the Town Hall reading "TOWN HALL", Also to authorize the printing and erection of Street and School Signs.

Feb. 25, 1952 The forming of a Volunteer Fire Dept. was discussed and a meeting with Sumners Fire Chief was arranged.

March 24, 1952 A motion was made to drop the service of the Bookmobile in 1953 as it was voted down by the people, and the librarian motion was passed.

Sept. 8, 1952 A motion was made to enter into a contract for weekly garbage collection by a private collector. Also that the garbage contractor will pay the Town $60.00 for the present garbage truck. On May 4, 1954 the then Mayor Mr. Simmons announced the appointment to Orville Greenwood as the garbage collector.

Aug. 4,1953 Puget Sound Power and Light was contracted to install street lights on the Old Buckley Highway.

Nov. 3, 1953 A motion was made to pay the Town Marshall $7.50 for five hours of extra service on Halloween Night.

Nov. 3, 1954 A motion was made in regards to Ordinance #55 , Which pertains to the installation of plumbing requesting the towns attorney to write letters to all persons in town violating said ordinance and informing them that they must comply with Ordinance #55 immediately. (out-house)

Aug. 3, 1955 City Council requested the towns attorney to write Hilltop cafe, about licensing or removing a pinball machine and music box and if not done so by Aug. 15, 1955 it would be necessary to take legal action.

Jan 2, 1956 City Clerk was instructed to place an ad in the Western Cities magazine for up to twenty good, used fire hydrants. The price for the ad was $6.00.

Jan 28, 1937 To black-top a street to proper grade, crushed rock and to roll two inches of asphalt concrete cost $1.23 per square yard.

The first Bonney Lake City Council Meeting 1949. Bob Wheeler, Curly Maddox, Pop Hiles, Ken Simmons, Alvy Simnit, Clarence Roberts, and Gertrude Wheeler attended.

March 11, 1957 A Fire Dept. Bldg. Fund was established.

April 8,1957 Ordinance #85 was introduced and passed, and declared an emergency. This ordinance pertains to starting a program for a 22 by 33 fire hall to be located on the So. 100th of the No. 760' of Block No. 3 McDonald Fruit Tracts. Mayor entertained motion to proceed with construction of the first portion of the Fire Hall, not to exceed $999.00, and declared an emergency.

June 10, 1957 Mr. Price the Town Marshall requested $65.93 for the repair of his car. The reverse part of the hydramatic gear went out, while he was in pursuit of a speeder.

July 31, 1957 A Special Meeting of the Town Council was called to order by the Mayor Robert Wheeler. Then Ordinance #86 was drawn to cover the purchase of one siren for the Marshals car the price not to exceed $435.00. At the Council Meeting a letter was read from the Governor concerning a Planning Commission. The Mayor asked that all present to think very serious about a Planning Commission for Bonney Lake. The cost to license the City's Fire Truck for 1958 was $1.60.

Jan. 1- July 1, 1958 Water connections could be obtained for the sum of $25.00. With $10.00 down and of a balance of $15.00 prior to turn on.

March 6, 1958 Curfew in the Town of Bonney Lake was set at 10:00 P.M.

June 5, 1958 Discussion was held as to the firing of guns within the City Limits. The Safety Committee was advised to meet with the Marshall and put a stop to it.

July 10, 1958 Street lights for Myers Road had been ordered.

Interesting Tidbit

The Minutes of Council were handwritten until July 8, 1957.

Weather to Remember

On December 27, 1978 a snow storm struck without warning about 7 a.m. and quickly snarled traffic on SR 410. By 8 a.m. 30 vehicles were caught by the storm, many having to be hauled from ditches along SR 410 on Elhi Hill. Bad weather is always a concern for any City. Elhi Hill, with its long ascent/descent and corner, has had it's share of weather-related problems. At times severe weather has completely closed the hill to all east/west traffic. After SR 410 was widened and trees along it removed, conditions improved. But caution is still advised.

The 1994 Inauguration Day wind storm hit Bonney Lake hard, as it did many areas. The area prides itself on the wooded atmosphere, and rightly so. However, many of those trees came crashing down, taking power lines with them. Some homes were out of power for ten days or more. The Bonney Lake Senior Center was opened up with a generator to run heat and power so meals could be prepared. Public Works personnel worked around the clock to clear tree-choked roads and block streets with downed power lines.

In 1996 a severe ice storm struck the area, also causing loss of power for a week or more. An earlier storm had already left ice and snow in November, then the ice storm struck the day after Christmas.

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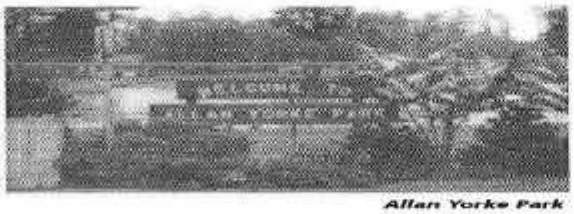
SPECIAL THANKS...

To Everyone Who Participated On The 50th Anniversary Committee, And To Those Who Helped In Planning Anniversary Events.



Allan Yorke Park

Victor Falls

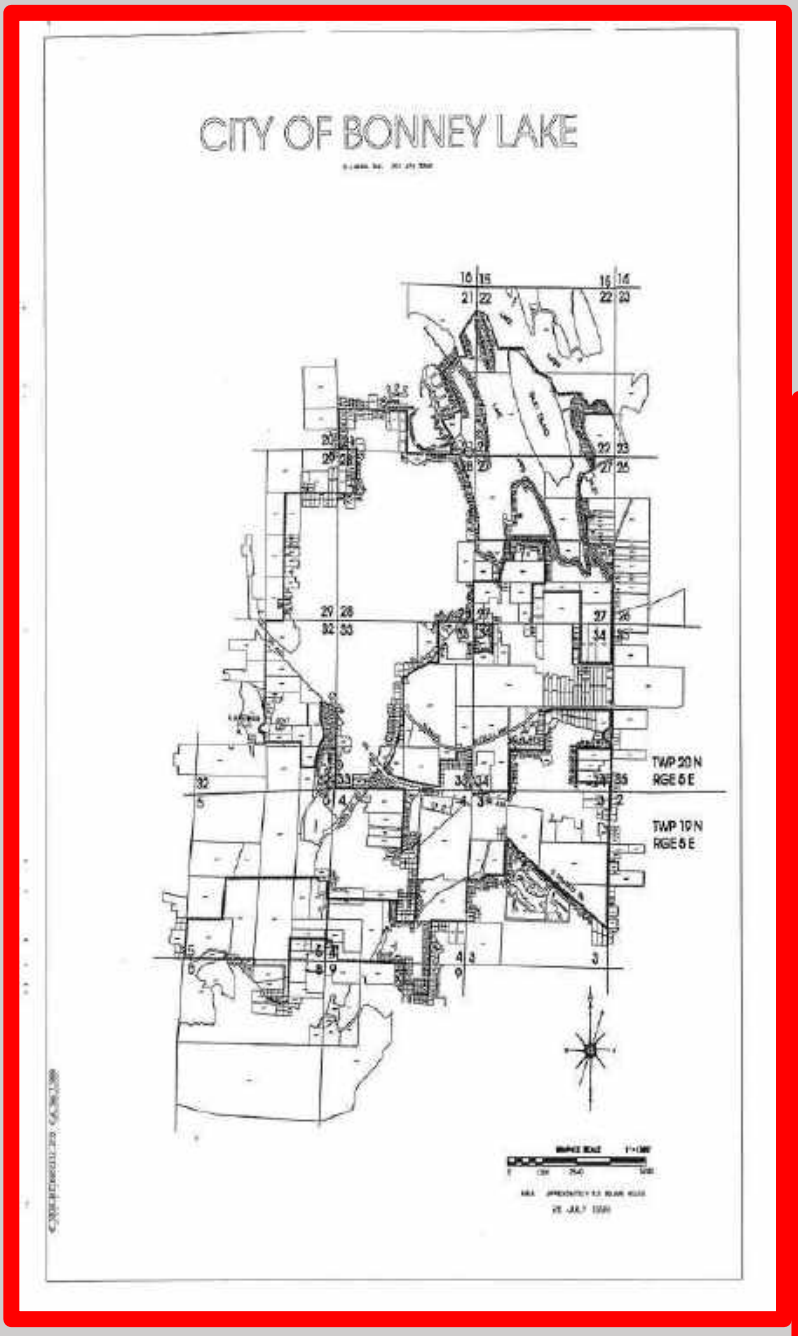
The Ascent

Ascent Part

Dedicated in 1992, this bronze sculpture *The Ascent* graces the Highway as you enter Bonney Lake and has been emblematic in the creation of Bonney Lake's motto, "Where Dreams Can Soar".

Created by local resident and nationally acclaimed artist, Larry Anderson, it was selected from 17 designs submitted by major national artists. The work of art required one and one half years, from design to completion.

1999 Legal Description of Bonney Lake



BONNEY LAKE
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
23 JULY 1999
REVISED 3 AUGUST 1999

That portion of Township 20 North, Range 5 East, W.M., and Township 19 North, Range 5 East, W.M., Pierce County, Washington, described as follows:

In said Township 20 North, Range 5 East, W.M., beginning at the intersection of the west right-of-way line of 214th Avenue East with the South line of Section 27; thence North along said right-of-way line to the northeast corner of Pierce County Short Plat No. 8605230296; thence West along the north line of said Short Plat and an extension thereof to the west right-of-way line of Vandermark Road as shown on the plat of Church Lake Waterfront Tracts Division No. 2 as recorded in Volume 22 of Plats at Page 16, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northerly along said right-of-way line to the northeasterly line of Lot 1, said plat; thence Northeasterly crossing the inlet arm of Lake Tapps to the southwesterly corner of Lot 1, plat of Maple Point Addition as recorded in Volume 24 of Plats at Page 60, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northwesterly along the north right-of-way line of Vandermark Rd (64th Street East) to the west right-of-way line of 211th Avenue East; thence Northerly along said right-of-way line to the south line of Section 22; thence easterly along said south line to the centerline of YMCA County Road; thence Northerly along the center line of YMCA County Road to the east-west boundary of said plat of Maple Point Addition; thence East along said east-west line to the east line of said plat at the east line of Lot 44, said plat; thence Northerly, and Westerly along said east and northerly line of said plat to the most northerly point of Lot 23, said plat; thence West to a point on the east line of the plat of Inlet Island as recorded in Volume 23 of Plats at Page 10, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northwesterly along said east line to the most northerly point of said plat; thence West to the east line of the plat of Interlake Island Addition No. 1 as recorded in Volume 25 of Plats at Page 19, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northwesterly along said east line to the northwest corner of Lot 32, said plat; thence Southwesterly to the most northerly corner of Lot 50, said plat; thence Southwesterly, Southeasterly and Westerly along said plat boundary to the easterly line of Lot 60, said plat; thence Northwesterly and Southwesterly along said plat boundary to the most westerly corner of Lot 66, said plat; thence Southerly along the westerly boundary of said plat of Interlake Island Addition No. 1 to intersect the south line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 20 North, Range 5 East, W.M.; thence West along said south line to the southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of Section 21; thence North along the west line of said Southeast Quarter to the northeast corner of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 21; thence West along the north line of said South Half to the west line of said Section 21; thence South along said west line to the northwest corner of Section 28; thence East along the north line of said Section 28 to the northwest corner of the plat of Bonney Lake as recorded in Volume 16 of Plats at Page 13, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence South along the west line of said plat to the north line of the plat of Debra Jane Lake Division No. 3 as recorded in Volume 21 of Plats at Page 55, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence West along the north line of said plat to the east line of Section 29; thence along said east line to the southeast corner of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29; thence West along the south line of said subdivision to

the northwest corner of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 29; thence South along the west line of said East Half and along the west line of the East Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 29 to the south line of said Section 29; thence West along the north line of Section 32 to the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 32; thence South along the west line of said Northeast Quarter to the southwest corner thereof; thence West along the north line of Southwest Quarter of said Section 32 to the center of Elhi Creek; thence Southerly along said Elhi Creek to intersect the south line of the A.H.Perham D.L.C.; thence East along said south line to the southeast corner of said D.L.C.; thence East on an extension of said south line of the A.H.Perham D.L.C. to east line of Government Lot 7, said Section 32; thence South along said east line to the northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 32; thence South along the west line of said subdivision 675 feet; thence East 549 feet; thence Northeasterly 702 feet to a point on the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter which lies 741 East of the northwest corner thereof; thence East along said north line to the southwest corner of the plat of Elhi Crest as recorded in Volume 22 of Plats at Page 28, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northerly along the west line of said plat to the northwest corner of said plat; thence East along the north line of said plat to intersect the southwest right-of-way line of State Highway No. 410; thence Southeasterly along said right-of-way to the west line of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33; thence South along said west line to the southwest corner of said Section 33; thence East along the south line of said Section 33 to the northwest corner of the plat of Kelly Creek Heights as recorded in Volume 23 of Plats at Page 8, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence South into Section 4, said Township 19 North, Range 5 East, W.M., along the west line of said plat to the southwest corner thereof; thence Northeasterly along the southerly line of said plat to the west line of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4; thence South along said west line and the east line of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 4 to the south line of said subdivision; thence West along said south line to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4; thence North along said east line to the southeast corner of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4; thence West along the south line of said subdivision to the southwest corner thereof; thence West along the south line and an extension thereof, of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4 to the west right-of-way line of Pernell Angeline County Road; thence North along said west right-of-way line to intersect a line that is paralle with and 100 feet south of the north line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5; thence West along said parallel line to intersect a line that is parallel with and 400 feet West of the east line of said Southeast Quarter of Section 5; thence North along said parallel line to said north line of said Southeast Quarter of Section 5; thence West along said north line and the north line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5 to the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5; thence South along the west line of said subdivision to the southwest corner thereof; thence West along the north line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5 to the west line of said Section; thence South along said west line to the southwest corner of said Section 5; thence East along the north line of Section 8 to the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence South along the west line of said Northeast Quarter to the southwest corner of the North 208 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence East along the south line of said North 208 feet to the west line of the East 208 feet of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence South along said west line to the southeast corner of Pierce County Short Plat No. 9002220410; thence West along the south line of said Short Plat to the northeasterly right-of-way line of Bisson-Scannel County Road; thence Southeasterly along said right-of-way line to intersect the south line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8; thence East along said south line to the southeast corner of said subdivision; thence North along the east line of said subdivision to the southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5; thence North along the west line of said subdivision to the northwest corner of the South Half of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5; thence East along the north line of said South Half to the northeast corner thereof; thence East along the north line of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4 to intersect the east line of the West 200 feet of said subdivision; thence South along said east line to the north line of Pierce County Short Plat No. 8408100350; thence East along said north line to the northeast corner of said Short Plat; thence South along the east line of said Short Plat to the south line of said Southwest quarter of Section 4; thence East along the north line of Section 9 to the northwest corner of the plat of Bonney Lake Manor as recorded under Pierce County Auditor File No. 9207010322; thence South along the West line of said plat to the southwest corner of Lot 5, said plat; thence East along the south lines of Lots 3, 4 and 5 said plat and an extension thereof to the east right-of-way line of 192nd Avenue East; thence South along said east right-of-way line to the south line of said plat of Bonney Lake Manor; thence East along said south line to the west line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9; thence North along said west line to the north line of said Section 9; thence North along the west line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4 to the northwest corner thereof; thence East along the north line of said subdivision to the east line of said Section 4; thence East along the south line of Tract 'A', plat of Wilderness Ridge as recorded under Pierce County Auditor File No. 9105160438 to the southeast corner thereof; thence North along the east line of said Tract to the northeast corner thereof; thence West along the north line of said Tract to the west line of Section 3; thence North along said west line of Section 3 to the southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence East along the south line of said subdivision to the east line of 200th Avenue Court East; thence North along said east line to the north line of 104th Street East; thence East along said north line to the west line of the plat of Wilderness Ridge Division No. 3 as recorded under Pierce County Auditor's File No. 9210220264; thence North along said west line to the northwest corner of said plat; thence East along the north line of said plat to the west line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence North along said west line and the west line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3 to intersect the northeastelry right-of-way line of South Prairie Road; thence Southeasterly along said line to intersect the west line of 214th Avenue East (Vandermark County Road); thence North along said west right-of-way line to the north line of said Section 3; thence North into said Township 20 North, Range 5 East, W.M., along said west right-of-way line to intersect the south line of the North Half of the South Half of the Southeast

Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 34; thence West along said south line to the southwest corner of said subdivision; thence North along the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34 to the northwest corner of said subdivision; thence East along the north line of said subdivision to said west right-of-way line of 214th Avenue East; thence North along said west line and the east line of Lots 33A, 90 through 95, inclusive, plat of Cedarview No. 2 as recorded in Volume 30 of Plats at Page 50, records of Pierce County Auditor to the south right-of-way line of Sumner-Buckley Highway; thence West and Southwesterly along said right-of-way line to the west line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 34; thence South along said west line to the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 34; thence West along the north line of said subdivision to the northwest corner thereof; thence South along the west line of said subdivision to the southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 34; thence West along the south line of said subdivision to the northeasterly right-of-way line of State Highway 410; thence Northwesterly along said northeasterly right-of-way to the west right-of-way line of Elhi-South Prairie Road; thence North along said west right-of-way to intersect the southerly right-of-way line of said Sumner Buckley Highway; thence Westerly along said right-of-way line to the east line of the west half of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South along said east line and the west line of the plat of Cedar Grove as recorded in Volume 18 of Plats at Page 50, records of Pierce County Auditor, to the north line of Lot 14, said plat; thence West along the north line of said plat to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of said Southeast Quarter of Section 33; thence South along said east line to the northerly right-of-way line of State Highway 410; thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to intersect the easterly right-of-way line of Angeline Road East; thence Northerly along said right-of-way line to intersect the south line of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of said Southwest Quarter of Section 33; thence East along said south line to the east line of said Southwest Quarter of said Section 33; thence North along said east line to the southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of said Section 33; thence North along the west line of said subdivision to the southerly line of Church Lake County Road East; thence Northeasterly along said southerly line to the south line of the Northwest Quarter of said Northeast Quarter; thence East along said south line to the southeast corner of said subdivision; thence North along the east line of said subdivision to the Southerly line of Church Lake Road East; thence Northeasterly along said line 112.96 feet; thence Northwesterly perpendicular to said southerly line, 106.65 feet to the east line of said subdivision; thence North along the east line of said subdivision to the northeast corner thereof; thence East along the north line of the Northeast Quarter of said Northeast Quarter of Section 33 to the northeast corner of said subdivision; thence North along the west line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to the northwest corner thereof; thence East along the north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the east line of 201st Avenue East County Road (West Tapps Hwy East); thence Northerly along said east line to intersect the east line of Tract B, Church Lake Waterfront Tracts Division No. 1 as recorded in Volume 22 of Plats at Page 1, records of the Pierce County Auditor; thence North along said east line to an angle point in said line; thence East 100 feet along the south line of said Tract to an angle point in said line; thence North along the east line of said Tract B to the south line of the Southeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27 and the south line of Tract 'C', said plat of Church Lake Waterfront Tracts Division No. 1; thence East along the south line of said Tract C and the south line of City of Bonney Lake Short Plat 79-307 as recorded in Volume 34 of Short Plats at Page 85, records of Pierce County Auditor to the southeast corner of said Short Plat; thence North along the east line of said Short Plat to the northeast corner thereof; thence West along the north line of said Short Plat to a line parallel with and 68.8 feet east of the west line of the Northeast Quarter of said Southwest Quarter of Section 27; thence North along said parallel line 106.38 feet to the north line of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence West 68.8 feet along said north line to the northwest corner of said subdivision; thence North along the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27 to the northwest corner of said subdivision; thence East along the north line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the northeast corner thereof, thence South along the east line of said subdivision to the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence West 495 feet along the north line of said subdivision; thence South parallel with the east line of said subdivision to the south line of said Southwest Quarter of Section 27; thence East along said south line to a line which is parallel with and 445 feet west of the east line of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 792 feet along said parallel line; thence East to the east line of said subdivision; thence North along said east line to the southwest corner of the North Half of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence East along said south line to the east line of said subdivision; thence South along said east line to the south line of said Section 27; thence East 20 feet along the north line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34 to the east right-of-way line of 210th Avenue East (Peoples Road); thence South along said east right-of-way line to the north right-of-way line of Kelly Lake Road; thence East along said north right-of-way line to west right-of-way line of 214th Avenue East; thence North along said right-of-way line to the north line of said Section 34 and the Point of Beginning.

AND,

Lots 1 through 35 inclusive, and the abutting public roads in the plat of Kelly Creek Vista as recorded under Pierce County Auditor Number 8410160215.

Prepared by David A. Berg, PLS No. 11278

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BL Councilmember resigns

Vigna resigns after serving through three administrations

BY BEKKI VAN BENTHUYSEN
of The Puyallup Herald

Bonney Lake Councilman Carl Vigna officially resigned Monday from his position as representative for Ward 1 after serving nearly 13 years.

"It has always been satisfying to me, personally knowing I was giving something back to the community," Vigna stated in his resignation letter to the Mayor. "And hopefully I've made a difference."

Bonney Lake Mayor Bob Young Recieved the letter Monday morning. The letter stated Vigna's resignation was effective immdiatley. Young responded to the letter with understanding, but said Vigna will definitely be missed.

"I'm sorry to see Carl go," Young said. "He brought a lot of experience and years to the council, but I understand his feelings. If I was in the same place I would make the same decision."

Although several issues resulted in his decision to leave, Vigna said the main reason was it was time to let others gain the experience he has been able to have and for him to "get back into retirement mode.

"I've tried to be a stabilizing factor on the council and I've done that," Vigna said of his resignation. "Now it is time to move on."

He has been volunteering part time as a foreman for the construction of the new St. Andrew's Church along with dedicating his time to the council. Along with being a council member, Vigna served for several years on the Bonney Lake Planning Commission.

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"I still plan on being active as much as I can as an outsider and participate in issues where public participation is requested."

Carl Vigna, former Bonney Lake City Councilman

So, with the church in its final stages of completion and nearly two decades of government service behind him, Vigna said retirement will be nice, but he will still be involved.

"I still plan to be active as much as I can as an outsider and participate in issues where public participation is requested," he said. "I hope to still be involved in the issues of Downtown and growth problems."

Young said the council is accepting applications for the position. Ward 1 covers the area around Lake Jane and up to Interlake Island. Application forms can be picked up at Bonney Lake City Hall, 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.

He added the council hopes to make a formal declaration of rules for appointing a new council member at the next Bonney Lake City Council Meeting Feb. 8.

Reach Bekki Van Benthuysen at (253) 841-2481 ext. 313 or by e-mail at bekki@pcumail.com.

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2000

Citizens Now Can Apply for Passports at Bonney Lake City Hall

The Municipal Court and City Clerk's Office staff has been approved to accept, examine and submit applications for passports. Applications for first time passport, passport by mail, renewal of passport, passport amendment and various addendums are now available at the Bonney Lake City Hall.

The cost for first time applicants is $45 for ages 16 or older, and $25 for ages 15 or younger plus an additional agents fee of $15 to be paid separately by cash, money order, or cashier's check. It takes approximately 25 working days for the application process to be completed after submitting to the passport agent. If a passport is needed within 10 to 12 days, a required expedite fee of $35 will be applied to costs. Applicants must provide the following when submitting an application:

• Evidence of U.S. Citizenship by means of an acceptable certified birth certificate. California birth certificates must be in the long form as well as certain counties in Texas. For more information contact a passport agent.

• Evidence of identity by means of a valid driver's license, Boeing ID Card, or state ID. Please note that state ID's may not be used by itself to prove identity.

• Two identical photographs 2.2" square with a white or off-white background. Headgear may be worn in photographs if required by one's religion, but it must not cover any facial features.

Persons interested in more information or who have any questions regarding passports are welcome to call the City Clerk's Office at 253-862-8602 extension 610 or the Municipal Court at 253-862-6606. You may call the National Passport Information Center at 1-900-225-5674. TTYFFDD Users 1-900-225-7778. For credit card calls (VISA, Mastercharge, American Express) 1-888-362-8668 TTY/TDD 188-498-3648.

Rates:
Automated 900 service $.35 per minute
Live operator 900 service $1.05 per minute
Credit Card calls $4.95 flat rate per call
All rates are subject to change

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2001

Change the Form of Government?

At the City Council meeting on Nov. 14, the Bonney Lake City Council approved a vote next May to ask the citizens to change the form of city government.

Currently we have a Mayor-Council, or "Strong-Mayor" form of government. The duties of the Mayor and of the City Council are set forth in the RCW's (Revised Code of Washington, our state laws) and are very clear and direct. The Mayor is elected by the community to be "the chief executive and administrative officer of the City, in charge of all departments and employees, with authority to designate assistants and department heads." He also "shall have general supervision of the administration of the City government and all City interests." The Mayor also "presides over all meetings of the City Council – and shall report to the Council concerning the affairs of the city and its financial and other needs, and shall make recommendations for Council consideration and action." The Mayor is also to "prepare and submit to the council a proposed budget – and the Mayor has the power to veto ordinances passed by the council (who may override the veto). The Mayor shall be the official and ceremonial head of the City, and shall represent the City on ceremonial occasions."
(chapter 35A.12 in the RCW)

There is another form of government, the "Council-Manager" form, which this Council desires. In this form, found in Chapter 35A.13, the Councilmembers are the only elected officers in the City. The Council is thus directed to "appoint an officer whose title shall be 'City Manager' who shall be the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of the City government." The City Manager is thus "responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City."

This form of government does provide for a Mayor, but they are chosen from among the Council members. Every two years the Council has to choose a "chairman from among their number – who shall have the title of Mayor and shall preside at meetings of the Council." This person continues to be a member of the Council and does not have veto powers over Council actions, nor any "regular administrative duties."

The Council is asking you to vote on whether you want to change your current form of government. The basic change would be that the Mayor would no longer be elected by the people, and the City Manager would be hired by the City Council and work directly for them. Now it is up to you to decide whether you want to change the current form of government in our City, and you have four months to ponder your decision.

Hopefully, we will have healthy, open discussions as to the benefits of both sides, so that you, the citizen, can wisely make your choice.

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2001

Police Chief Retires After 30 Years of Service

Bonney Lake Police Chief Donald Frazier, left, accepts a plaque from Mayor Bob Young during a retirement celebration in honor of Chief Frazier who left the police department after 30 years of service to the City. Frazier officially retired on March 1, 2001.

New Van for Bonney Lake Senior Center

Mayor Bob Young hands over the keys of the Bonney Lake Senior Center's new van to Senior Center Director JoAnne Knecht. The van was purchased with money from Senior Center fund-raisers, private donations and the City's general fund. The van will be used to transport area residents to and from the Senior Center and for field trips to other Senior Centers, shopping malls and other attractions. Routes and schedules are now being planned. Please watch for further information or call the Senior Center at 862-7658.

Citizens to Decide Form of Government in Election on May 15

The City Council has called for a special election on May 15 to ask citizens to change the form of government for the City of Bonney Lake.

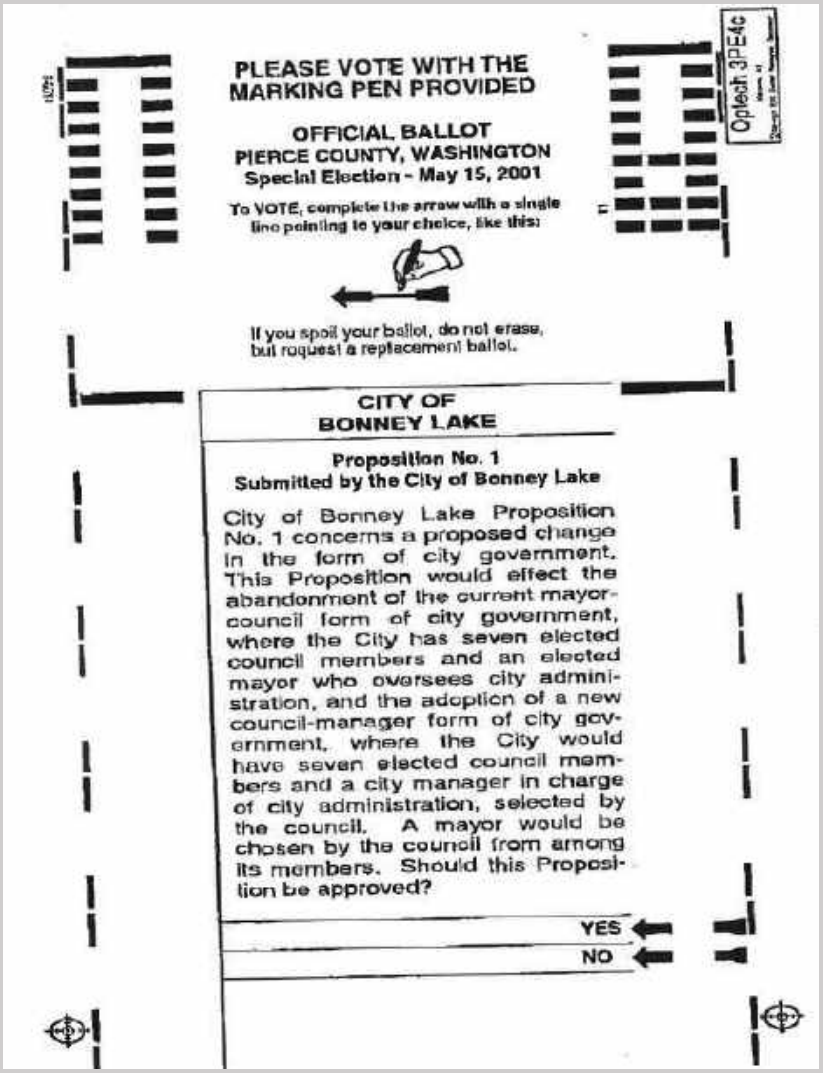
Currently Bonney Lake has a Mayor-Council form of government, with a Mayor elected by the citizens of the City. If this ballot passes, it will change the form of government to Council-Manager, thus eliminating the office of the Elected Mayor.

Currently the Mayor is elected by the community to be the chief executive and administrative officer of the city, in charge of all departments and employees, with authority to appoint assistants and department heads. He also is responsible for general supervision of the administration of the city government. The Mayor also presides over all meetings of the City Council and reports to the Council concerning the affairs of the City. The Mayor prepares and submits to the Council a proposed budget and has the power to veto ordinances passed by the Council.

Under the change requested by the City Council, the Councilmembers are the only elected officers in the City. They would then be required to appoint a City Manager who would be the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of the City government. This person would answer directly to the City Council. The Council would also choose from among themselves a chairman who would act as the ceremonial Mayor for a term of two years.

Since Bonney Lake is a "Code City," if a change in government were made, that change would have to be in effect a minimum of six years.

It is up to you, the citizens, to decide whether you want to change the current form of government in our City or not. Citizens are encouraged to thoughtfully consider this decision, and then vote.



PLEASE VOTE WITH THE MARKING PEN PROVIDED

OFFICIAL BALLOT
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Special Election - May 15, 2001

To VOTE, complete the arrow with a single line pointing to your choice, like this:

If you spoil your ballot, do not erase, but request a replacement ballot.

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of Bonney Lake

City of Bonney Lake Proposition No. 1 concerns a proposed change in the form of city government. This Proposition would effect the abandonment of the current mayor-council form of city government, where the City has seven elected council members and an elected mayor who oversees city administration, and the adoption of a new council-manager form of city government, where the City would have seven elected council members and a city manager in charge of city administration, selected by the council. A mayor would be chosen by the council from among its members. Should this Proposition be approved?

YES
NO

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER JULY 2001

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The City has recently hired a full-time Code Enforcement Officer to manage municipal code compliance. The City's municipal code provides guidelines that assure community well-being and protecting the pristine atmosphere offered by the City of Bonney Lake. The Code Enforcement Officer will handle all residential, business and building/land use complaints. If there is a code issue you are concerned about, please contact City Hall (253) 862-8602 X643. To manage complaints/concerns you will be requested to fill-out a Request for Action form.

GOODBYE CHIEF, SERGEANT

Police Chief Don Frazier retired from the Bonney Lake Police Department on March 1, 2001. Chief Frazier dedicated 30 years of his life to protecting and serving the Bonney Lake community. His dedication to the citizens and the police department will be sorely missed. Chief Frazier was awarded a Civic Award from the Association of Washington Cities for his dedicated service to the community. The search for his replacement is underway.

Sergeant Mark Kessner has also retired from the Bonney Lake Police Department effective June 2001. Sgt. Kessner served the citizens of Bonney Lake for 24 years. Prior to Bonney Lake, Sgt. Kessner worked for the cities of Yelm & Roy. Sgt. Kessner's professional, caring attitude will be missed by all that he came in contact with during his career. A search is also under way to fill Sgt. Kessner's position.

We wish both officers the best in their retirements!

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER MAY 2002

City Building Skate Park at Allan Yorke

As part of the 2002 City budget, the City Council approved funding for the construction of a new skate park. The location is within the Allan Yorke Park directly west of the tennis courts. The design and construction of the skate park is proceeding as quickly as possible. The preliminary project schedule for the skate park is below. If you would like more information, contact Denney Bryan at City Hall, 253-862-8602 ext. 643 or dbryan@citybonney-lake.org.

Bonney Lake Skate Park

PROJECTED SKATE PARK SCHEDULE

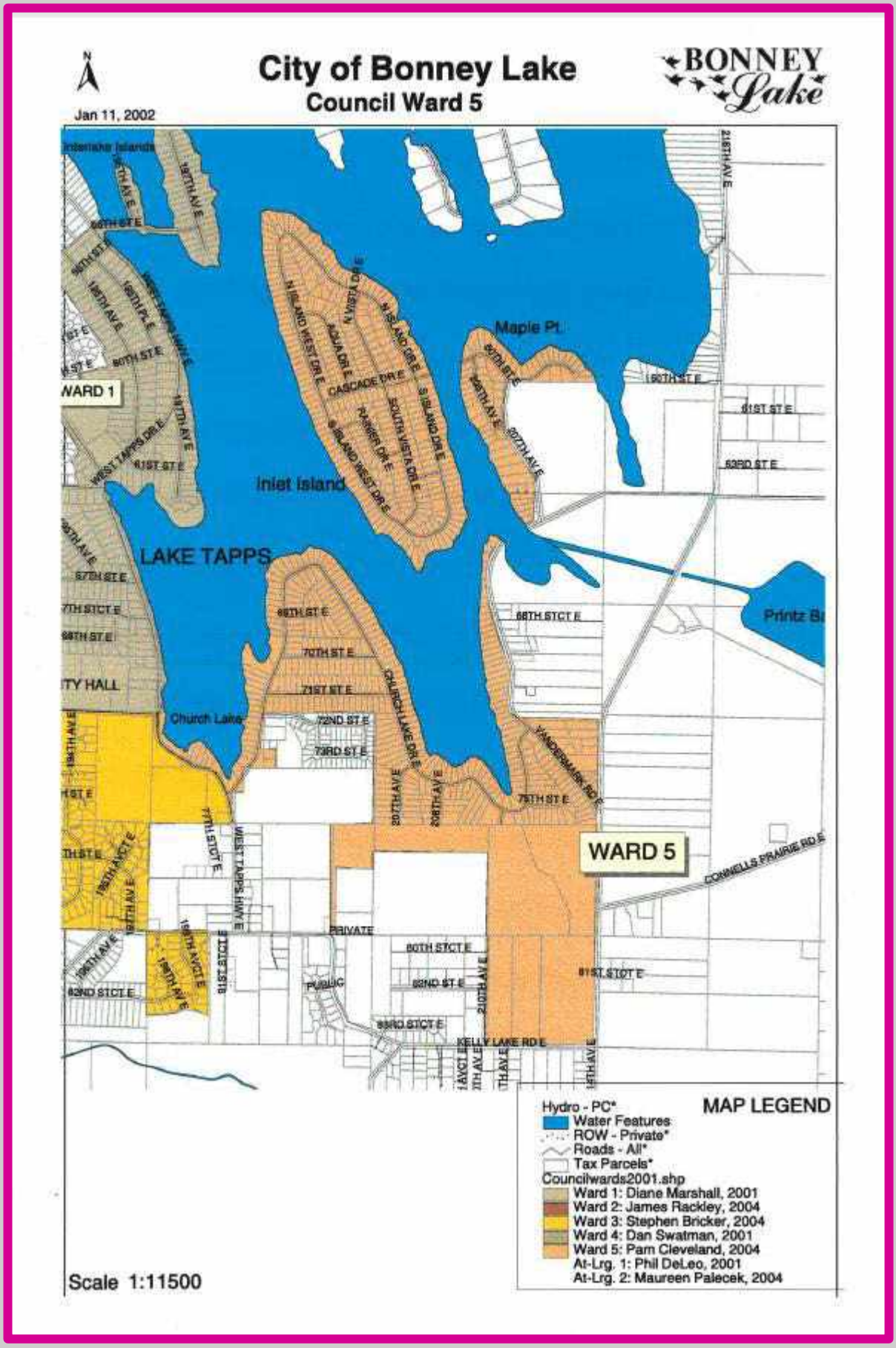
	START	FINISH
SURVEY:	2/25/02	3/12/02
CIVIL ENGINEERING:	3/8/02	5/8/02
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING:	4/1/02	4/3/02
– Develop Skate Park Details		
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE:	3/11/02	5/8/02
– Revise Skate Park Design		
– Refine Skate Park and Playground layout		
– Prepare Specifications		
– Final Documents/Cost Estimate		
PLANNING:	3/18/02	5/27/02
– Environmental Reviews		
GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING:	3/20/02	3/29/02
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING:	3/20/02	4/5/02
BIDDING:	5/10/02	5/31/02
CONSTRUCTION:	6/17/02	

www.citybonneylake.org

City of Bonney Lake Web Site

The City's web site is up and running! The site was developed with cooperative support from the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Board and Commission members, and staff. We are very proud of the outcome, which has resulted in the Golden Web Award for 2002-2003.

City of Bonney Lake Council Ward 5 Map From January 11, 2002



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City Hall Permit Center is Up And Running

Interim Permit Technician Kristy Gerwig is anxious to help residents and builders at the new Permit Center at Bonney Lake City Hall.

The City of Bonney Lake Permit Center is now established and beginning operation. Quicker, more efficient and accurate public assistance is now available to Bonney Lake residents and the business & development community.

The Mayor and City Council directed staff in the spring of 2002 to move ahead with establishment of a Permit Center to expedite the review and approval process for a wide array of permits under the control of the City. The goal of the center is to expedite the permitting process and to achieve economies in processing, tracking and follow-up work for building permits, business licensing, platting and planning actions and a variety of other development-related activities.

The Mayor and City Council challenged staff with significantly reducing the time required for review, processing and approval/issuance of the wide array of regulatory permits. Instead of having to go from one City department or office to another, the developers, builders and residents of the City can now have all but the most complex issues and questions resolved at the permit counter. As with any new process and procedure, smoothing out the rough edges of the Center operation will continue for several months.

The Permit Center is part of the Department of Planning & Community Development and operates as a section of the Building Division. The Center works closely with staff of the Public Works, Finance and City Clerk's Departments. Personnel operating the Center include Permit Coordinator Nancy Packard, Interim Technician Kristy Gerwig, and Department Assistant Christy McQuillen.

The new skate park is being built at Allan Yorke Park.

New Skate Park At Allan Yorke Park Starting to Take Shape

Groundbreaking for the new Bonney Lake skate park was held on November 26, 2002, at Allan Yorke Park, and construction began on December 1, 2002. Land-clearing took only about a week, storm drainage facilities have been installed and excavation is largely complete. Unfortunately, vandalism occurred on the contractor's equipment which delayed the project. The contractor is offering a $100.00 reward to catch those responsible for the damage. Please contact the Bonney Lake Police Department at (253) 863-2218 if you have any information.

The skate park is scheduled to open no later than March 30, 2003.

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Bonney Lake Commences First Major Comprehensive Plan Update

The City's Comprehensive Plan guides decisions about zoning, subdivisions, development regulations, city facilities, and annexations. It sets forth goals, policies, and strategies for maintaining a high quality of life.

The Growth Management Act requires that Bonney Lake begin updating its comprehensive plan. This is the first major review of the plan since its adoption in 1996. This update is important because Bonney Lake is growing rapidly. Growth affects city facilities and transportation routes, and changes the nature of neighborhoods.

The City is currently updating the following four Comprehensive Plan Elements: Community Character, Natural Environment, Land Use, and Housing.. These changes include a revised Future Land Use Map. These land use designations are not the same as zoning; rather, they represent the Cityís vision for the next 20 years.

The remaining Elements (Transportation, Utilities, Parks, and Capital Facilities) will be updated in 2004. Below is the schedule for the update of the first four elements. Written comments are always encouraged, and testimony may be given at public hearings.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Date	Meeting	Purpose
August 6, 2003	Planning Commission Meeting	Discussion
September 3, 2003	Planning Commission Meeting	Public Hearing on 4 revised elements, including a revision proposed by the Sumner School District
September 17, 2003	Planning Commission Special Meeting	Discussion, recommendation to City Council
October 14, 2003	City Council Meeting	Discussion
October 21, 2003	City Council Workshop	Discussion
November 4, 2003	City Council Workshop	Discussion
November 10 or 12, 2003	City Council Meeting	Public Hearing
November 18, 2003	City Council Workshop	Discussion
December 2, 2003	City Council Workshop	Discussion
December 9, 2003	City Council Meeting	Final action

ALL MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

You can read more about the Comprehensive Plan update by visiting the City's website at www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us. Navigate to departments/planning & community development/long-range planning/comprehensive plan and amendments. Or monitor the City Council and Planning Commission agendas on the City's website.

For more information, or to view a copy of the proposed Comprehensive Plan elements, contact the Planning and Community Development Department at 862-8602.

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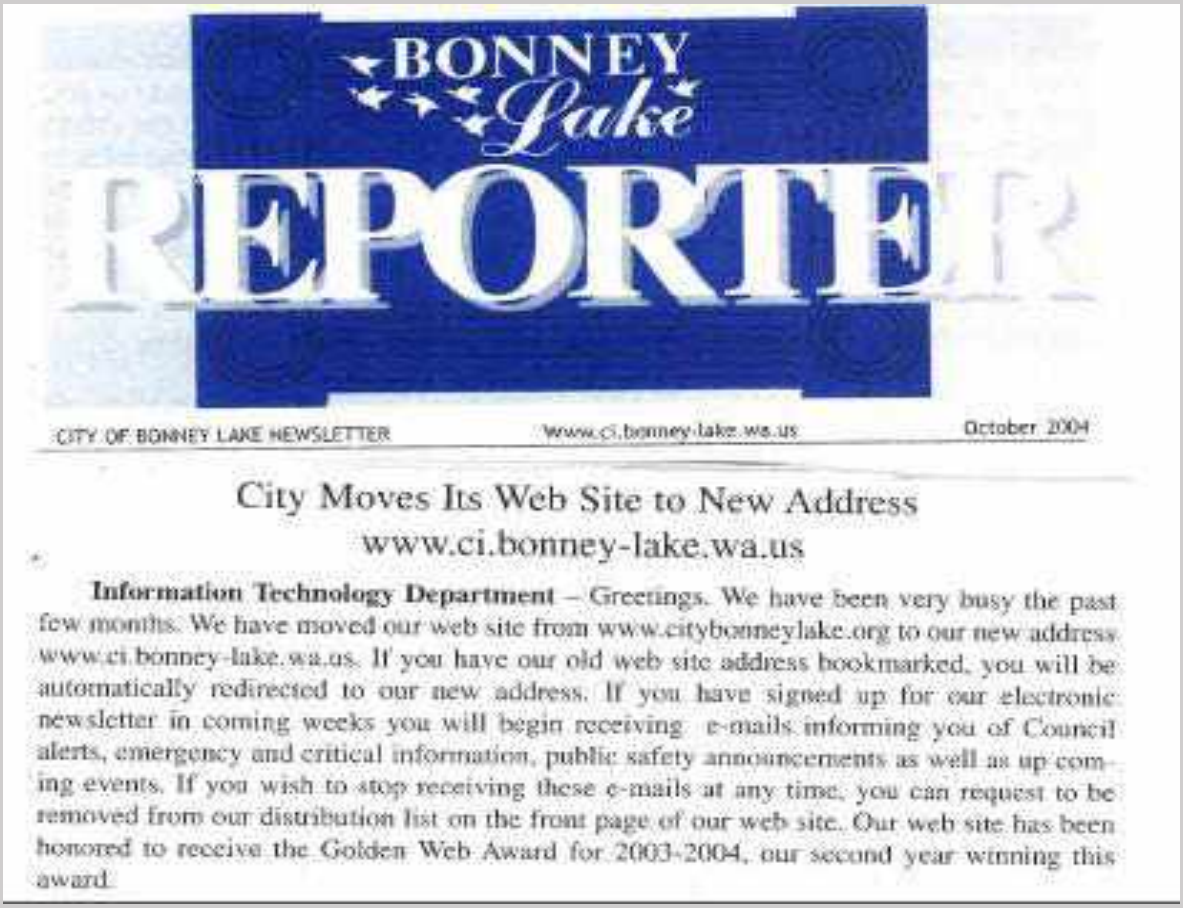

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City Moves Its Web Site to New Address
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Information Technology Department – Greetings. We have been very busy the past few months. We have moved our web site from www.citybonneylake.org to our new address www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us. If you have our old web site address bookmarked, you will be automatically redirected to our new address. If you have signed up for our electronic newsletter in coming weeks you will begin receiving e-mails informing you of Council alerts, emergency and critical information, public safety announcements as well as up coming events. If you wish to stop receiving these e-mails at any time, you can request to be removed from our distribution list on the front page of our web site. Our web site has been honored to receive the Golden Web Award for 2003-2004, our second year winning this award.

City Acquires Cedarview Park

It was a good deal for both parties when the Cedarview Homeowner's Association donated their park located at 208th Avenue and 93rd Street, to the City. The Association had a park they couldn't afford to maintain, and the City had a serious shortage of park land. This worked!

The first order of business for the Public Works Department was to clean up the park. This included weeding and tearing down a number of old play structures which were considered a liability and safety hazard.

The City is meeting with Cedarview residents to get their input and support on potential redevelopment of the park land. Preliminary plans and drawings show two t-ball fields, which will double as modified soccer fields. Other features being considered are new playground equipment, basketball court, and improvements to the picnic shelter area.

The City is currently replacing the old play equipment. Other improvements will depend on the City's fall Park Bond Measure. In November, the City will ask residents to approve a $5 million bond to be used for park land acquisition and development. If the bond passes, Cedarview may get the funds to complete the planned improvements within a year. Without the bond it will take a number of years to get this in place. Preliminary estimates indicate the bond would cost an estimated $4 per month for a homeowner with a $200,000 house.

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New Recycling Program Coming March 1st

Effective March 1st, curbside recycling will be easier and more convenient than ever with the new single-cart program. Instead of sorting recyclables into three separate bins, you now will use a lightweight 96-gallon covered, wheeled, weatherproof cart that conveniently holds all recyclables, except glass. You will not need to sort any of the materials. Your new cart will be delivered by DM Disposal prior to March 1st, and will include a brochure with instructions. You may keep the current bins and reuse them as you wish. Unwanted bins can be turned in at staffed recycling stations. With the new cart, all recyclables must be in the cart to be collected. The automated trucks have a mechanical arm that picks up the cart, so items left outside the cart will not be collected. Extra recyclables and glass can be taken to the So. Prairie Road Recycling Station at the corner of Prairie Ridge and So. Prairie Road.

For the first time ever, the curbside program will accept plastic bottles (but not the bottle caps) and paper milk-style cartons. If you have a particular problem transporting your cart because of long steep driveways, or you have limited storage space, your hauler has other options to help you. Please call DM Disposal directly at 253-414-0347. Curbside recycling costs are included in your garbage service. As a result of this new mandatory county-wide recycling program, the cost will go up $1.67 per month as a result of the new program. With the extra capacity of the 96-gallon cart, you might be able to recycle more and reduce the number or size of garbage cans you need—an extra savings on your bimonthly bill. Call DM Disposal about smaller-size can options. Note: In accordance with the City's contract with DM Disposal, your refuse bill will also increase slightly in March as a result of increased landfill disposal fee increases, and a CPI adjustment for increased hauling costs. For more information about recycling or your refuse service, contact DM Disposal at 253-414-0347. For general information about the new recycling program, or go online: www.piercecountywa.org/recycle, visit the City's website at www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us, or call the county at (253) 798-2179, E-mail: pcsolidwaste@co.pierce.wa.us

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Bonney, a.k.a. Slushball, nibbles treats off of Lauren Silone's desk at city hall.

A purr-fect addition

City Hall's newest member wins over staff despite fish breath

BY BRIAN BECKLEY
of The Herald

The newest member of Bonney Lake's city hall staff spends much of her day lazing in her chair or doing her best to disrupt the other staff members by stretching across their desks, keyboards or whatever they are working on.

No one seems to mind, however, since Bonney — a gray, short-haired cat that has been the city's unofficial pet for about six months — isn't exactly on payroll...unless she is.

If that happens, staff either moves her or the entire notebook on which she is laying, which is sometimes easier, according to Cathy Harstad-Everett.

"She helps," counters Finance Department Assistant Patti Pederson, adding that she'll even help you type — by walking across your keyboard.

"She kind of thinks she runs the place now," agrees Lauren Silone of Accounts Payable. "She doesn't hesitate to make herself at home."

Silone has become one of Bonney's main handlers, setting up food and water dishes by her desk and even devoting one of her drawers to toys and kitty treats. Silone has even set up an extra chair for Bonney to try and prevent her from stealing someone else's.

Bonney first found her way into the hearts of the city's public works employees several months ago. Maintenance Worker Pete Spain was the first to start feeding Bonney, a stray from the neighborhood. Because of her color, the public works employees started calling her Slushball and the cat quickly became a regular around the shop, often climbing onto Spain's shoulder.

"She's tamed everybody," Spain said. "And now she has the run of city hall."

Spain also installed a cat door at the shop and comes in over weekends to make sure she is fed.

"Well sure, she's got to eat," he explained.

Workers at city hall say Bonney has made herself at home and goes where she pleases, often sprawling across desks and counters in search of attention.

From the public works buildings, Slushball made her way into city hall where she was reclaimed Bonney. Most of the staff at city hall is taken with her, even those who are not traditionally "cat people."

"There's a whole lot of people here who don't like cats," Pederson said, "but everybody loves Bonney."

Her fans include Finance Director John Weidenfeller, who employees describe as a "softy" for Bonney.

"I like that cat," Weidenfeller said. "And I don't like cats."

Weidenfeller was even seen feeding her leftover shrimp, though he says she prefers canned tuna or salmon.

"I think that cat eats better than anyone here," Pederson said with a laugh.

Bonney also makes her way down to the city's senior center, where the cooks call her Smokey, because of her coloring.

The employees all agree that having Bonney around helps lighten the mood around the office and her demands for attention force the workers to take small breaks and recharge.

"It makes a difference having an animal around," Weidenfeller said.

"It's a sense of serenity," Silone agreed. "She does lighten up the office."

Even the public works employees enjoy Bonney's antics.

"Animals are always good. They're soothing," Spain said.

At night, employees make sure Bonney is outside before they leave and every morning, she is waiting for them at the door when they arrive.

"It's not our cat. She adopted us," Silone said. "We just happen to be a part of her life."

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Water Tank Comes Down

Earlier in May the Madrona Water Tank on 184th came down. Unused for many years, we finally had it literally "torn apart." These machines made quick work of the tower.

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Employee Newsletter

Don Morrison, Editor

JUNE 2005

City of Character In Action

Dana Fugere and Steve Willadson

Kudos to **Dana Fugere** and **Steve Willadson** for helping return valuable lost property. They received this letter from a grateful father.

"In the week leading up to the day my son, Ben Miller (23yrs), met first Steve and later Dana, he had suffered some significant personal disappointments. On the day in question Ben was going to try to work out some of the stress through some physical exercise in the form of Snow Boarding. He did not realize that the tailgate to his pickup was not secured. As he was driving in the area of Bonney Lake the tail gate came open and his new $600.00+ snowboard fell out. Of course he did not know when and where the board fell out.

As he was trying to backtrack his route he saw some of your employees working along the roadway. He stopped and made contact with Steve Willadson, asking if they had seen a snow board. At that time the answer was no, however, Steve took the time to write down Ben's phone number.

Later that same day Dana, who had located and taken custody of the snow board was mentioning his find to other workers. Apparently at the time Dana spotted the snow board on the side of the road and was picking it up, a car load of kids who had also seen it stopped and tried to convince him it was theirs. The number of people in the car, the lack of equipment to carry a snow board, etc. did not match their claim. Dana maintained custody of the snow board with the intent of turning it in. Steve passed onto Dana my son's phone number. Dana contacted Ben and the snow board was returned.

The way that both Steve and Dana handled this situation did so much more than just returning a piece of property to it's rightful owner. It turned all of the negative experiences my son had recently had and his distrust and disappointment in people in general around, with a demonstration of caring, concern and honesty.

Please let them know how much Ben and I appreciate that they took the time to listen to a young guy suffering disappointment and bad luck by caring enough to coordinate efforts in this matter." Jim Miller, Captain, Kent PD

The purpose of life is a life of purpose" Robert Byrne

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Ball Park Well Water Treatment Facility Completed

Next to Emerald Hills Elementary School sits a new building filled with plumbing, technology, and a lot of work. Here resides well # 2, commonly known as the "Ball Park Well" and with this well, we can now pump up to capacity from this aquifer.

Until now the water produced from this well had high iron and manganese content, and looked "dirty" even though it was safe to drink. Thanks to a new water treatment plant at the well site, the City has an additional source of clean, clear water for our system. Totally computer controlled, the system can be operated by telemetry from the Public Work's office at City Hall.

The 15,000-gallon filter tank project was completed on time, and on budget...it now provides water to our customers. We will be pushing this system to see how the aquifer responds to being pumped at higher rate, something we've never been able to do before.

A ribbon-cutting was held June 3rd for the new Ball Park Well water treatment facility. Among the officials assisting Mayor Young at the ribbon-cutting were Council members Cheryle Noble and Dan Swatman, State Senator Pam Roach, Emerald Hills Principal Kevin Weberg, and Fire District 22 Chief Dan Packer.

Mayor Bob Young cuts the ribbon at the new water treatment facility. From left are Chuck Parsons, onsite superintendent and Mike Peterson, project manager, both of Prospect Construction Inc.; Dan Malhum, design engineer, and Geoff Dillard, project manager, both of RH2.

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Eastside Water Main Work

The City has begun installation of a water main on the east side of Lake Tapps. The eastside waterline is heading up 214th Avenue East. A goal is to have a looped water system that surrounds the entire lake.

Water Storage Reservoir

Clearing and grading progresses for the at-grade, 15-million gallon water storage tank in the vicinity of 96th Street East and 216th Avenue East.

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Adopt-A-Street

The City has initiated an Adopt-A-Street Program to help keep Bonney Lake cleaner. Adopting a street requires litter pickup on your designated street segment (usually a minimum of a 1 mile stretch) at least quarterly over at two-year period. The City will provide a safety vest, trash bags and trash pickup for the designated clean-up days. For complete information about the program, visit the City's website at www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us. For more information, call Tris Weber at (253) 447-4320.

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Employee Newsletter

Don Morrison, Editor

OCTOBER 2005

THANKS to those employees who donated to the Ingles family who recently relocated to Bonney Lake as a Hurricane Katrina refugee. Employees donated more than $100.00 which was matched by the Grocery Outlet.

You are cordially invited
to a gathering to say
Thank You
and
Best Wishes
to
Mayor Bob Young

December 29, 2005
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
City of Bonney Lake ~ Senior Center
19304 Bonney Lake Boulevard, Bonney Lake, Washington

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2006 Citizen Service Guide

City of Bonney Lake
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Bonney Lake, WA 98390

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Bonney Lake History

In 1850, the first settlers arrived in the Bonney Lake area. They traveled across the Naches Trail, following paths made by Native American tribes on their east-west crossing, a route that closely parallels today's Old Sumner-Buckley Highway. One of the settlers, Sherwood Bonney, traveled here on this route by covered wagon, then stopped in 1853 and built the cabin on the lake named for him.

That same year, the Naches Trail became a military road for soldiers traveling from Fort Steilacoom to Fort Walla. Two years later, in 1855, four soldiers were killed by Indians lying in ambush at Connell's Prairie; first Colonels Miles and Moses on October 13, then Lt. McCallister and Michael Connell eight days later. Today these events are known as the Connell's Prairie Massacres, and a monument at Connell's Prairie commemorates the incidents.

Descendants of several of the land-grant homesteaders and pioneers still live in this area, including the Kelleys, Angelines, Vandermarks, Peoples, and Fadolas. Their stories of the Spartan life-styles of the homesteaders illustrate the hardships and fears common to the western settlers of the era.

William B. Kelley arrived from Tennessee in 1864, and raised his three sons and one daughter in a log cabin on Kelley Lake. He cleared his land in summer and taught school in the winter. Kelley donated land for a one-room school house which was used until 1960.

James and Amanda Vandermark, Dutch pioneers who came west by covered wagon, homesteaded on Lake Tapps until it was flooded during the construction of the White River Dam. Their house, built in 1893, was moved before the flood to its present site on 214th Ave East. Members of the Vandermark family still live on the site.

In the late 1800's, the area halfway between Bonney Lake and Buckley was known as Finland, named for the many Finnish settlers who either established dairy farms there, worked in the Wilkeson coal mines, or logged the virgin timbers along the White River. Another 100 families of Swiss extraction lived on the Plateau and in the valley. And as in many parts of the new territory west of the Mississippi, many bootleg stills flourished and moonshine was plentiful at the dance halls in South Prairie, Wilkeson, and Orting.

The Angeline family settled here in 1909. Both Irene and Lawrence attended the early Victor Falls School near Rhodes Lake, where eight grades were taught in one room. Published accounts of Kelly Lake School teacher Dorothy Ryan, written when she was 16, tell of her keeping a hatchet on her school desk for protection against Indians, cougars, and other wildlife.

Bonney Lake was established as a town in 1946, on a 1,000 acre parcel purchased by Kenneth and Bertha Simmons from a "Rodeo Man" named George Logan. Until 1946, there was no electricity or water available. The Simmons family was the driving force for development and incorporation, with Kenneth Simmons serving three terms as Bonney Lake's first mayor. Simmons, along with Chet and Clarence Roberts, Bert Filkins, Robert Wheeler, and many others, built the concrete block building on Locust Street that served as the community club, as well as the city and fire department headquarters.

Incorporation was finally accomplished in 1949, when the city population reached 327.

By 1950, the new town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, refuse disposal, a blood bank, and a community club-sponsored booth at the Puyallup Fair. By 1957, there were 12 businesses in Bonney Lake, with several new shopping developments underway.

By 1965, the population had increased to 1,280. Between 1949 and 1972, there were a number of attempts to dis-incorporate the community and go back to being part of unincorporated Pierce County. The last such attempt was in 1972.

In the mid-1960s, there had also been a ballot proposition to change from a mayor-council to a council-manager form of government. The election was successful, and in 1966 Evan Peterson was hired as the first city manager. He was followed by John Tapp and then Thomas Rhinevault. However, in the general election of 1973, the voters chose to return to the Mayor-Council form of government. Allan Yorke was chosen as the new mayor. Once in the 1990s, and again in 2003, a proposition was put on the ballot to switch back to a council-manager form of government. The proposition was defeated both times. In 2005, of the 12 Pierce County cities over 5,000 population, 7 have a council-manager form of government, while 5 have a mayor-council form. However, every city in Pierce County over 3,000 population employs a full-time professional city administrator.

Organization and Form of Government

Bonney Lake is currently organized as a non-charter code city, under the mayor-council form of government. The optional municipal code (AKA code city), Title 35A RCW, was devised as an alternative to the existing statutory system of municipal government in Washington. The basic objective of the code was to increase the abilities of cities to cope with complex urban problems by providing broad statutory home rule authority in matters of local concern to all municipalities, regardless of population. Cities operating under the optional municipal code are commonly referred to as code cities. Under the optional municipal code, cities may take any action on matters of local concern so long as that action is neither prohibited by the State Constitution nor in conflict with the general law of the state. The powers granted to code cities include all the powers granted to any other class of city in any existing or future legislative enactment, unless the legislature specifically makes a statute inapplicable to code cities.

The City of Bonney Lake is lead by a publicly-elected Mayor and a seven-member City Council, two of whom are elected at-large, and 5 of whom are elected by ward (district). The City Council elects a president, known as the Deputy Mayor. The Bonney Lake Municipal Code (BLMC) Chapter 2.04 contains the City Council's Rules of Procedure.

Council Organization and Meetings

Every even numbered year (bi-annually) in January, the City Council elects one of its members to serve as the **Deputy Mayor** (Council President). BLMC 04.510 outlines the duties of the deputy mayor: "The deputy mayor presides at meetings of the council, administers oaths and signs instruments in the absence of the mayor. When the deputy mayor presides over a council meeting he/she shall retain his or her councilmanic vote. In addition to serving in the absence of the mayor, the deputy mayor shall serve as finance committee chair for the term of office as established for the deputy mayor,

shall serve as voucher review committee chair, shall be responsible for overseeing council agendas with the city clerk and the mayor and shall perform any other duties prescribed by the council." (Ord. 1061 § 1, 2004).

The city attorney or assistant city attorney acts as the council's parliamentarian (BLMC 2.04.210).

Most WA cities have adopted council rules of procedure. Most cities adopt them by resolution. However, in Bonney Lake, the council rules have been adopted by ordinance and are codified as BLMC Chapter 2.04. These rules (included as an attachment to this handbook) govern the way the city council conducts its business, and covers such topics as council meetings, voting, citizen participation, meeting decorum, etc.

Workshops: The Council meets in Workshop (as a Committee of the Whole) on the first and third Tuesdays of the Month, beginning at 5:30pm.

Regular Meetings: The Council meets in regular session on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the Month, beginning at 7:00pm.

The Council does not normally meet any 4th Tuesdays of the month, but may on occasion schedule those few fourth Tuesdays of a month to meet in a joint session with one of the city's advisory boards.

Council Committees. There are four (4) standing committees of the City Council: Finance, Voucher Review, Public Safety, and Community Development. Each council standing committee meets at least monthly and is supposed to hold meetings a minimum of 12 times per year. Council committee members are to notify the committee chair of planned absences at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting and the chair of the committee may contact the deputy mayor or any other councilmember to serve in their absence.

Committee membership is determined by the council biennially on even numbered years at the first meeting in January (same as deputy mayor) or more often as the council determines is necessary. Each committee consists of three councilmembers, and each councilmember generally serves on at least one committee. The public safety and community development committees each choose their own chairperson.

1. **Finance Committee.** The deputy mayor is the chair of the finance committee. The chairs of the community development committee and the public safety committee shall also serve on this committee with the deputy mayor. The finance committee was created for the purpose of advising the city council on matters concerning the general fiscal and financial operations of the city, budget and financial reports, policy matters related to city finances and personnel, including, but not limited to, the salary grade schedule, position classifications and salary changes in coordination with the mayor, finance director, senior human resources analyst and administrative services coordinator. The Finance Committee meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 4:30pm for Voucher Review, and at 5:30pm for committee meeting.

2. **Voucher Review Committee.** The membership of the voucher review committee is the same as the Finance Committee. The voucher review committee was created for the purpose of reviewing all monthly city payable vouchers and payroll and to make recommendations to the city council for payment approval of the city's expenditures at a minimum of twice per month. The Committee meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

3. **Public Safety Committee.** The Public Safety Committee consists of three (3) council members appointed by the Deputy Mayor. The public safety committee was created for the purpose of advising the city council on matters concerning the overall safety of the citizens who live within our community that pertain to police and fire protection, the municipal court, emergency services and animal control in coordination with the police department, fire department (District #22) and civil service commission. The Committee meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 5:00pm.

4. **Community Development Committee.** The Community Development Committee (CDC) consists of three (3) council members appointed by the Deputy Mayor. The community development committee was created for the purpose of advising the city council on matters related to the planning of the physical, economic, aesthetic, cultural and social development of the city zoning codes, building codes, sign codes, annexation policies, parks and recreation and all city utilities in coordination with the planning department, planning commission, building department, parks department and the public works department. The CDC considers policy and legislative matters relating to public works and planning/development issues that are not considered by the planning commission, design commission, or hearing examiner. The CDC meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 5:00pm.

Boards and Commissions

The City has four (4) standing boards and commissions:

1. Planning Commission
2. Design Commission
3. Civil Service Commission
4. Park Board (Also serves as Tree Board)

Planning Commission
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30p.m.

The Planning Commission is comprised of seven citizens appointed by the Mayor to six-year terms. A special meeting may be called at any time, with notices posted not less than 24 hours in advance. The Planning Commission agenda is available one week prior to the meeting date. These meetings may be cancelled or changed, so please call (253) 862-8602 prior to attending. Meetings are conducted according to by-laws adopted by the Agency.

Responsibilities: The Planning Agency acts as the land use advisory body for the City Council and reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council on the City's Comprehensive Plan, Shoreline Plan and amendments to the SEPA and environmentally sensitive area codes,

subdivision, zoning and sign codes. They are also responsible for making recommendations to the city council for Type 3 permits.

Location:
Council Chambers
City Hall
19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.
Bonney Lake, WA 98390

Members:
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Design Commission
Meets 4th Monday 6:00 pm
(and possibly 2nd Monday with 24 hours notice)

The Design Commission is comprised of seven persons appointed by the Mayor. Five of the members shall be practicing professionals within the fields of architecture, planning, civil engineering, landscape architecture, and development

Responsibilities: The Design Commission provides advice to the Planning Department and Planning Commission on issues related to design and they advocate quality design through education, promotion, and other means, as may be appropriate.

Location:
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Members:

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Term: 12/31/2007

Commissioner Judi Felton (vice chair)
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Term: 12/31/2005

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Civil Service Commission
Meets 4th Monday 5:30 pm

The Civil service Commission is comprised of three persons appointed by the mayor to six-year terms.

Responsibilities: The Civil Service Commission shall perform all the duties and obligations required and provided by the laws of the State of Washington per RCW 41.12.040 as the same is or may now hereafter be amended.

Location:
Council Chambers
City Hall
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Members:

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Term: 12/2010

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Term: 12/2010

Secretary/Chief Examiner: Jeana Young X321

Parks Board.
Meets 2nd Tuesday of month at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex conference room

The Park Board is comprised of seven members appointed by the mayor with the consent of the city council.

Responsibilities:
The Park Board is responsible for reviewing park and recreation matters in the City. They also review and recommend the draft park element of the comprehensive plan prior to review by the planning commission and city council. The Park Board also sits as the City's "Tree Board", and as such reviews the community forestry plan and acts as the body that considers designation of heritage trees.

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City Administration and Department Organization

The executive branch of City government is headed by the Mayor and City Administrator. The City administration currently consists of six (6) departments:

1. Executive
2. Administrative Services
3. Community Services
4. Planning and Community Development
5. Public Works
6. Police

Executive Department. The Executive Department consists of the Mayor, City Administrator, and Office of Financial Services. The Executive Department oversees and coordinates the activities of all departments of the City, and provides financial support services to them.

Administrative Services. The Administrative Services Department includes the offices of City Clerk, Human Resources, and Information Technology (IT). The department provides services such

as public information, City Council agenda preparation, human resources administration, records maintenance, and computer support. The IT office coordinates and maintains all of the computer, phone and related systems of the City. The Administrative Services Department also coordinates the administrative services for the municipal court.

Municipal Court. The municipal the court is a legally independent branch of city government, but is subject to the ordinances, resolutions, policies, and procedures of the City. The Bonney Lake Municipal Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. The court adjudicates violations of city ordinances, including the traffic code, infractions, and other misdemeanors. Municipal court judges may impose fines up to $5,000, a year in jail, or both, although many ordinances will specify the maximum penalty in the ordinance. The Municipal Judge and Court Administrator administer the activities of the municipal court. Prosecution is provided the contracted City Attorney's Office. The judge is appointed by the mayor for a four (4) year term.

Community Services. The Community Services Department includes parks, recreation, senior services, and facilities. The parks division plans and maintains the parks system of the City. Recreation services are provided primarily through an inter-local agreement between the City of Bonney Lake, City of Sumner, and the Sumner School District. The School District administers the joint recreation program. The Senior Services Division operates the Bonney Lake Senior Center and administers the City's senior citizen programs and services. The Facilities Division provides custodial services and maintains all of the City's primary buildings and grounds, including the City Hall, Senior Center, Public Safety Building, and City Hall Annex.

Planning and Community Development. The Planning and Community Development Department plans and coordinates all aspects of the City's physical development. Planners do this through preparation of the City's Comprehensive Plan, development regulations, adopted building codes, and other long-range plans. They also evaluate and revise the zoning and subdivision ordinances as needed. In addition, Planners work with our local boards and commissions concerned with the appearance and use of land in Bonney Lake. The department is housed in the Annex.

Police. The Police Department is located in the City's public safety building, which it currently shares with Fire District #22. The City of Bonney Lake has annexed into Fire District #22, which is a separate municipal corporation. Services offered by the police department include security surveys, investigation, crime prevention, coordination of some special events, community oriented policing, traffic control and crisis-intervention assistance.

Public Works. The Public Works Department includes the construction, operation and maintenance of all public streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, viaducts, highways and rights-of-way, including the placement and operation of signs, signals and lighting fixtures; the construction, operation and maintenance of all public water supply, storage and distribution facilities, including water mains, pumping stations, reservoirs, and wells; the construction, operation and maintenance of all sanitary sewers, sewer facilities and appurtenances, including sanitary sewers, and pumping stations; the construction and maintenance of all storm sewer facilities and appurtenances, including storm sewers, drains, ditches, culverts and streams and watercourses under jurisdiction of the city; the construction, maintenance and operation of all public parking lots; the cleaning of all

streets and alleys including snow removal operations; the control, management and supervision of the equipment rental fund, including all associated city shops and garages; the making of all necessary surveys, maps, drawings and documents and the preparation of contract drawings, specifications, cost estimates, supervision of construction and inspection for all public works construction; the development and maintenance of city parks and open spaces; and the cleaning and maintenance of certain public buildings.

The Engineering Division of public works oversees the environmental, transportation, utility, and other public work related engineering projects and programs of the City to ensure technical competence and compliance with standards and codes.

The Operations and Maintenance Division of public works operates and maintains the water, sanitary sewer collection, street, and storm water systems of the City. The Operations and Maintenance Division also maintains the City's fleet.

Public works administration and engineering is located in the Annex. Operations and Maintenance is located in the shops behind city hall.

Who Does What in Bonney Lake? How Local Services Are Provided

Police. Police services are provided by the City of Bonney Lake Police Department. The Police Department consists of 23 commissioned officers and 4 civilian support positions. The Bonney Lake Police Department provides the citizens of Bonney Lake with a broad range of law enforcement services. The department is composed of three core areas providing traditional law enforcement services. The department also has a handful of small units staffed by officers throughout the department on an additional duty basis, to provide specialty services when needed. As stated in the city's 2004 operating budget, the mission of the police department is: *To provide quality law enforcement and preserve the peace within the framework of the Constitution and enforcement of federal, state and municipal law, we embrace the highest principles of public service adhering to legislative standards of fairness, impartiality and equality.*

In fulfillment of that mission, the department provides the following services:

- Patrol services, including initial response to calls for police service and coordination of relations with external agencies;
- Criminal investigations, including investigation of criminal offenses and provision of liaison with other law enforcement agencies, and dissemination of crime information to the public and other agencies;
- Community services, including management of and response to domestic violence and youth-related complaints, provision of education-related services such as the school resource officer program and crime prevention services;
- Tactical and marine specialty services;
- Administrative services including planning and fiscal management, crime analysis, police records, and automated recordkeeping in support of the city, state and federal criminal justice systems; and
- Personnel management services, including internal affairs (complaint investigations), training, and personnel services.

To support the department's mission, the overall organization of the department is structured around three functional areas: patrol, investigations and administration.

Animal Control. Up until 2006, the City provided for animal control services through a service agreement with the Pierce County Humane Society. In early 2005, the Society notified all Pierce County cities that it would no longer provide animal control services (they have since decided that they would continue to offer sheltering services). Upon receipt of the notice, the City began looking at alternative means of providing animal control services. Effective 1/1/06, the City began contracting with the City of Sumner for animal control services. Sumner operates a joint animal shelter with the City of Puyallup on South Hill. The shelter is located at 1200 39th Ave. SE, Puyallup, WA 98374, phone: (253) 841-5595.

Fire. In 1994, the City of Bonney Lake completed a new Public Safety Building to house the City's Police and Fire Departments. In fall of 1999, the citizens of Bonney Lake voted affirmatively to annex into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22, commonly known as East Pierce Fire and Rescue, effectively completing a merger of the City's municipal fire department with that of District 22. The Fire District serves most of the plateau area, and also provides administrative services for the Sumner Fire Department. Since the effective date of the annexation all fire protection and emergency medical services throughout the City of Bonney Lake have been provided by the Fire Protection District. In December of 2000, the City entered into an agreement with the Fire District to lease a portion (16,000sf) of the City's public safety building, together with a portion of the parking lot associated with the premises, to the District for the purpose of operating a fire station serving the citizens and residents of the City of Bonney Lake and surrounding areas, as well as for administrative offices for the District. That lease expires December 31, 2005. The lease provides that if terms of a new successor lease are not successfully negotiated prior to the end of the 12/31/05 lease period, the District may remain in the building for up to two more years and the rent payment will be determined by arbitration.

The Fire District provides a variety of fire and life safety services, including:

- **Fire Prevention.** East Pierce Fire & Rescue participates in a number of fire prevention programs, as well as Fire Stoppers of Pierce County. If you need more information or have questions, call East Pierce Fire & Rescue at 253-863-1800.
- **Fire Suppression.** The District operates 8 fire suppression trucks.
- **Wild Fires.** East Pierce Fire & Rescue has, over the years, developed a small group of firefighters to combat the dangers of "Brush Fires". The District has 2 brush fire trucks.
- **Emergency Medical.** The district operates 5 medic/aid units.
- **Water Rescue.** The East Pierce Fire & Rescue dive team consists of nine divers, both career and volunteer firefighters. All divers hold a minimum of Open Water, Dive Rescue, and EMT certifications. The district has a rescue water boat, and two (2) Sea Doos.

District stations are located at:

Station 4-1 (District Headquarters and Bonney Lake main station)
18421 Old Buckley Hwy
Bonney Lake, WA 98390
Phone: 253-863-1800
Fax: 253-863-1848
E-mail: epfr@eastpiercefire.org
Equipment Housed at this Station includes: fire pumper truck, support truck, medic one unit, brush truck, 2 personal water craft (SeaDoo) and fire safety house.

Station 4-2
12006 214th Ave. E.
Sumner, WA 98390

Station 4-3
4824 Aqua Dr. E.
Bonney Lake, WA 98390

Station 4-4
3206 West Tapps Dr. E.
Sumner, WA 98390

Station 4-5
1605 210th Ave. E.
Sumner, WA 98390

Emergency Medical Services. Emergency medical services are provided by East Pierce Fire and Rescue (Pierce County Rural Fire Protection District #22). The district operates 5 medic/aid units. One Medic Unit is housed in the Bonney Lake station. The district offers both Basic Life Support (BLS), which are basic services such as transport, first aid, CPR and other noninvasive assistance, and Advanced Life Support (ALS), which are paramedic provided services such as EKG monitoring, chest decompression, medication administration, or IV therapy. Paramedics accompany both engines and aid units responding to emergencies. The District also provides transport services (from home to hospital, or rest home to hospital, etc.) at no direct charge to the patient if they live in District 22. However, the District will bill the patient's insurance for the service.

Ambulance Service. In addition to the transport and ALS services described above, there is also private ambulance service available should the District be otherwise occupied on other calls. Private ambulance is available out of Buckley or Sumner, primarily provided by American Medical Response. The can be reached at (253) 272-5899.

Water. The City of Bonney Lake owns and operates a public water system within its corporate boundaries, within portions of unincorporated Pierce County, and within portions of the corporate boundaries of the City of Auburn. The WA Department of Health classifies the system as a Type Group A - Community - Public Water System.

At the end of 2004, the City provided service to approximately 10,307 customer connections, or 12,059 equivalent residential units (ERU), within the City's water service area (WSA), which extends beyond the city limits. The city limits comprise an area of approximately 6.7 square miles and the water service area is approximately 25 square miles. It is estimated that at the end of 2004 the City served a population of 14,408 within the City Limits and a population of 30,479 system wide.

The City's water supply consists of two well fields and two spring sources. Both springs are classified as not under the influence of surface water, however, they were found to be in direct hydraulic continuity with surface waters. System storage capacity is provided by four water tanks that have a total capacity of 5.7 million gallons (MG). In addition, the Bonney Lake water system has four major pressure zones with 12 pressure reducing stations, 3 booster pump stations, and more than 172 miles of water main. The City also has a long term water supply contract with

the City of Tacoma for up to 2 million gallons per day to supplement the City's existing water supply sources. The basic water system data is as follows:

Service Population: 30,479
Water Service Area: 25 square miles
Total Connections: 10,307
Total ERU: 12,059
Demand per ERU: 277 gallons per day
Annual Supply: 1,144,460,624 gallons
Average Day Demand: 2,171 gpm
Unaccounted-for Water: 10%
Peak Day/Ave. Day Demand Factor: 2.16
Number of Pressure Zones: 8
Number of Wells and Production Capacity: 5 (3,570 gpm)
Number of Springs and Production Capacity: 2 (2,699 gpm)
Number of Wholesale Interties and Production Capacity: 1 (1,390 gpm)
Total Water Rights: 7,728 gpm; 6,326 acre feet
Number of Pump Stations & Total Capacity: 3 (7,510 gpm)
Number of Reservoirs & Total Capacity 4 (5.7 MG)
Number of Pressure Reducing Stations: 12
Total Length of Water Main: 172 miles

Sewer. The City operates a municipal sewerage utility (402 fund). The City's owns and maintains the sewage collection system, however sewage treatment is provided by the City of Sumner through an Interlocal agreement. The sewer division of the Public Works department is headed by a leadworker (Curt Roundtree) who reports to the Operations Manager (Rick Shannon).

Storm Water. The City operates a storm water utility as an enterprise fund, with established rates and charges for service. BLMC 15.13 requirements and standards for storm water facilities, while BLMC 15.14 Each single family residence in the City is assessed a flat rate (see BLMC 15.14.030) for storm water service. Multi-family developments are charged a fixed monthly rate for each meter for those units having a separate meter for each unit. All other multi-family and commercial units are charged based on the number of equivalent system units (ESUs). Credit against the charges can be received, up to 50% of the charge, for those pacers with a qualifying Stormwater detention or retention system serving the site.

Generally, the City does not have a well-developed storm sewer system. In most of the older areas of the City, storm water is handled by a variety of ditches. In newer developments, storm water is channeled to detention ponds. Storm water facility maintenance is provided by the City's public works department, under the Operations Division. Call 447-4320 (O&M Dept. Asst.) to report a clogged storm drain, flooding, etc.

Street Maintenance. Street maintenance is provided by the City's public works department, under the Operations Division. Call 447-4320 (O&M Dept. Asst.) to report a street related service request, such as missing or downed street/traffic sign, pot hole, etc.

Street Sweeping. In late 2005, the City of Bonney Lake acquired it's first street sweeper, and no longer out-sources the sweeping of city streets. Major city streets are swept regularly, at least one time per month. If you have street sweeping questions or requests please contact the Public Works Department at (253) 447-4241.

Refuse, Yard Waste and Recycling. Solid waste collection services in Bonney Lake, including curb side yard waste collection and one-source curbside recycling, are provided by DM Disposal through a contract with the City. The current contract runs through 2/31/2009. Refuse collection is

provided on a weekly basis. Yard waste and recycling are collected on a bi-weekly basis. The refuse and recycling service is mandatory, while yard waste collection is optional.

The single-cart curbside recycling program allows customers to put all recyclable into a single cart. All recyclables must be in the cart to be collected. The automated trucks have a mechanical arm that picks up the cart, so items left outside the cart will not be collected. Extra recyclables can be taken to the So. Prairie Road Recycling Station. Customers can also recycle glass at the BL Supermarket or the Prairie Ridge Transfer Station at the corner of Prairie Ridge and So. Prairie Road. Items that can be recycled include paper, card board, tag board, aluminum, plastic bottles (but not the bottle caps) and paper milk-style cartons.

The solid waste utility bill is sent on a bi-monthly basis. For more information contact DM Disposal at 253-414-0347. For general information about the recycling program, or go online: www.piercecountywa.org/recycle, visit the City's website at www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us, or call the county at (253) 798-2179, E-mail: pcsolidwaste@co.pierce.wa.us

Under the City's contract with DM, the company is allowed to pass-through any cost increases in tipping fees (the rates charged for disposing solid waste into the landfill). Also, effective March 1st of each year, DM receives an annual adjustment equivalent to 80% of the CPI.

Electricity/Natural Gas. Electrical and natural gas service in Bonney Lake is provided by Puget Sound Energy. The general information number is (888) 225-5773. The Call-Before-You-Dig number is (800) 424-5555. Their web site is www.pse.com.

Parks. The City of Bonney Lake operates a modest park system. The principal park is Allan Yorke Park which features ball fields, a skateboard park, a beach, and a boat launch onto Lake Tapps. The city parks operation is now a part of the community services department. Gary Leaf (253-447-4334) is the head of the department. Dana Fugere is the Lead Worker.

Recreation. The City has an inter-local agreement with the City of Sumner and the Sumner School District to fund a joint recreation program. The School District is the lead agency is the agreement, and provides the staff for the program. All three (3) agencies contribute funds and use of their fields toward a comprehensive recreation program. Contact Rebecca L. Giles, Community Recreation & Education Coordinator, Sumner High School Pool Supervisor, at 15206 Daffodil Street Court East, Sumner. Phone: (253) 891-6500; Fax: (253) 891-6515.

Senior Services. The City operates a senior center as part of the Administrative Services Department. The City provides a lunch program, plus a variety of social and cultural activities for the seniors of the area. The Center is assisted by the Bonney Lake Area Senior Citizens, a 501(C)3 nonprofit corporation, which provides operational support through volunteers, a bingo program, and other fund raising programs to benefit the senior citizens. The center is open Monday-Friday. The senior center is available for group rental when not in use by the seniors.

Library. Several years ago, the City annexed into the Pierce County Library District. Property owners are assessed .5 mil (one mil = $1 for each $1,000 of assessed value) for library services. The Bonney Lake branch of the Pierce County Library System is located at 18501-90 St. East. The Bonney Lake Branch of the

Pierce County Library provides a broad range of print, electronic, and audiovisual material offered by Pierce County Library System and reflects the great diversity of interests and opinions in our communities. All items cannot, of course, be suitable for everyone, and the library upholds the right of every cardholder to select or reject items based on his or her individual needs and preference. We also encourage parents and legal guardians to guide and participate in their children's use of the library. Hours of Operation are: Tues/Wed 11:00-9:00pm, Thurs/Fri 11:00-6:00pm; Saturday 11:00-5:00pm; Closed Sunday/Monday Phone: (253) 863-5867; fax: (253) 863-6016. Web: www.pcl.lib.wa.us

Public Health. By state law, the City has to provide basic public health services, either on its own or as a part of a regional system (e.g. Tacoma Pierce County Health Department - TPCHD). The cost of developing and operating a local BL health department and providing the minimal levels of service would be cost-prohibitive, so the City has opted to be a part of the TPCHD and pays an annual assessment for the City's share of health department services. The main office of the TPCHD is located at 3629 South D Street, Tacoma, Washington 98418-6813. Phone: 253 798-6500; Toll Free: 800 992-2456 x6500; TDD: 253 798-6050; Web: http://www.tpchd.org

Air Pollution Control. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – or PSCAA (formerly known as the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency - PSAPCA) is a separate governmental body chartered by state law in 1967 (RCW Chapter 70.94). Their job is to ensure that people in King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties have clean air to breathe. They protect your health and improve air quality by adopting and enforcing air quality regulations, sponsoring voluntary initiatives to improve air quality, and educating people and businesses about clean-air choices.

Their funding comes from a variety of sources: Registration fees and operating permits from businesses; Federal, state and local grants; Fees paid by cities and counties; Fees for Notice of Construction (pre-construction permits) and asbestos removal permits. Contributions from cities and counties amount to about 43 cents per person per year. Annual fees for cities and counties are calculated proportionally based on the population count of the prior year and the assessed valuation provided by the county. Businesses pay annual registration and operating permit fees that range from $100 to $190,000. Civil penalties are paid by businesses and/or individuals who have violated air quality laws and regulations. These funds are used to pay for agency education and outreach programs and research projects. These funds are not used to pay agency salaries or operating costs. The PSCAA can be reached by phone: (800) 552-3565; fax: (206) 343-7522, or by email: inspection@pscleanair.org. Their mailing address is 110 Union Street - Suite 500
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Assistant Principal: Sharon Fochtman

Bonney Lake Elementary
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Susie Black, Principal

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253-891-4750
Kevin Weberg, Principal

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Dr. Judy Neumeier-Martinson, Supt.
1320 178th Ave. E
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18421 Old Buckley Hwy-Ste F
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Fire Chief Dan Packer
Assistant Chief Dave Wakefield
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Assistant Chief Russ McCallion (EMS)
Commission Secretary, Nancy Keck

31ST DISTRICT - 2005
STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

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Olympia, WA 98504-0600
(360) 786-7846

Rep. Jan Shabro (R)
31st Legislative District
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PO Box 40600

Olympia, WA 98504-0600
(360) 786-7866

Senator Pam Roach (R)
31st District
202 Irv Newhouse Building
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Public and Private Sector Differences

Bonney Lake Area Community Based Groups

Bonney Lake Kiwanis Club
Meets Tuesdays 7:00 A.M.
at the Bonney Lake Senior Center,
19304 Bonney Lake Blvd.
Bonney Lake, WA 98390

Bonney Lake Lions Club
Carol Wells-Reed, President
c/o Columbia Bank
19925 SR 410 East
Bonney Lake, WA 98390
253-563-8500
Meets:

Sumner Rotary Club
Meets: Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Puyallup Elk's Lodge
314 27th St. NE
Puyallup, WA

Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce
President: Debbie Mortell
Farmers Insurance
21195 Hwy 410
Bonney Lake, WA 98390
(253) 862-9899

Bonney Lake Churches

Bonney Lake Baptist Church
253-863-7733

Bonney Lake Chapel
253-862-1643

Bonney Lake Church of the Nazarene
253-863-8260

Bonney Lake Community Church
253-863-3076

Bonney Lake Seventh-Day Adventist Church
253-862-8620

Calvary Chapel Bonney Lake
www.cebonneylake.com
253-318-8989 Local Cell
360-352-1963 H

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
112th St & 214th Ave E
Bonney Lake, WA 98390
(253) 862-3512 (Foyer)
Victor Falls Ward: (253) 862-4513 (Office)
Bonney Lake Ward: 253-862-4512 (Office)

Creator Lutheran Church At Lake Tapps
253-862-7700

Dayspring Baptist Church
www.dayspringbaptist.com
253-891-8996

Elhi Hill Baptist Church
253-862-1473

Foothills United Methodist Church
253-862-4410

Lake Tapps Community Church
253-862-7070

Lake Tapps Christian Church
www.LTCC.org
253-863-8787

Lakeridge Christian Center
253-863-0750

Mountainview Neighborhood Church
www.bonneylakechurch.com
253-862-3056
Mountain View Lutheran Church
253-863-5171

New Horizons Community Church
253-826-4343

New Life Community Church
16614 - 2nd St. East
Sumner, WA 98390
www.thenewlife.info
253-833-9191

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
253-862-0715

Summitview Foursquare Church
253-863-0026

Youth Groups

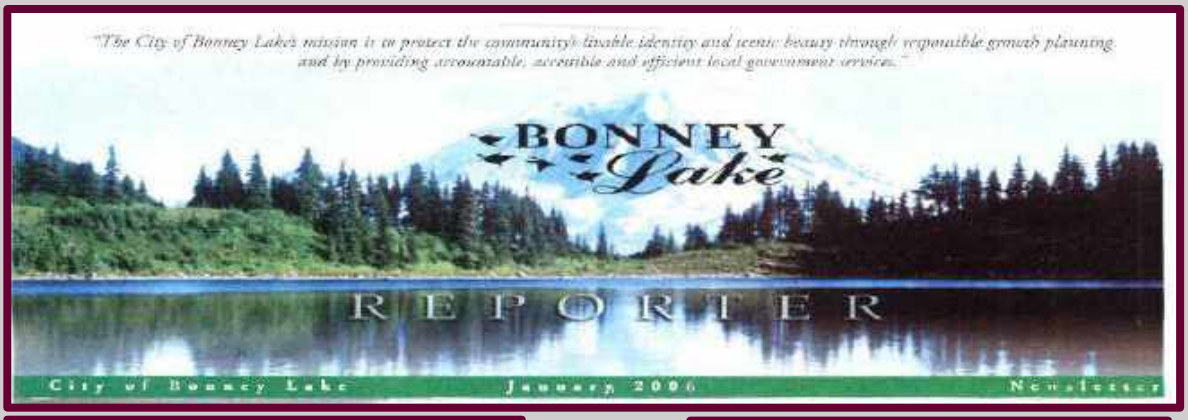
Boy Scouts of America
(253) 752-7731
www.bsa.scouting.org

4-H Club Information
(253) 591-7160
www.4-h.org

Girl Scouts
(253) 475-0307
www.gsusa.org

Bonney Lake Little League
(253) 863-0333
www.district10littleleague.org

Foot Hills Youth
www.foothillsyouth.org

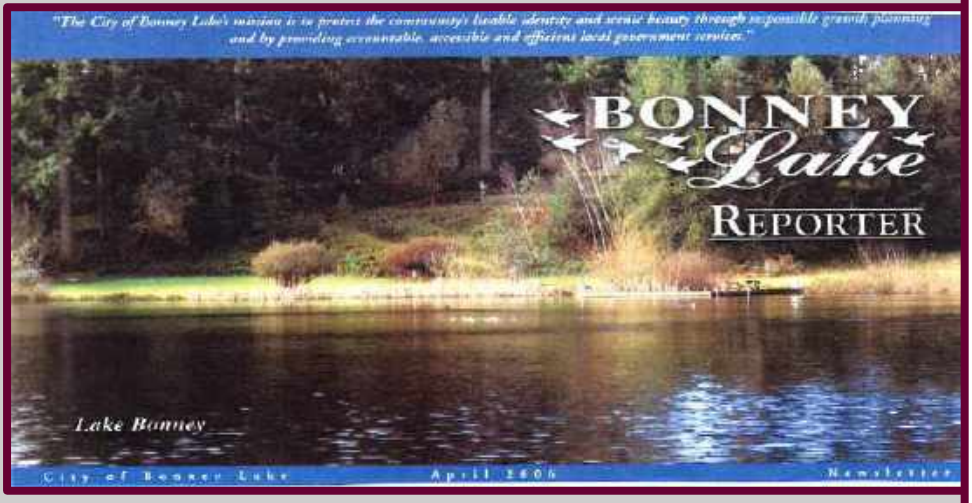


JUDGE HELBLING REAPPOINTED

Judge Helbling was recognized December 13, 2005, for 20 years of service with the Bonney Lake Municipal Court. He was reappointed on November 22, 2005, to another four-year term that begins January 1, 2006. When Judge Helbling started at Bonney Lake there was only one court session a month that was approximately two hours long. There was only a part-time court clerk and Judge Helbling would receive a call from the court clerk maybe two times a month. Today court is held every Wednesday and on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month all day with additional time scheduled on Monday and Fridays as needed. There are four full-time court employees and Judge Helbling has numerous correspondences with court staff on a daily basis.

NEIL JOHNSON TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Neil Johnson took the oath of office as Bonney Lake's next Mayor at the December 13th City Council meeting. Johnson will not begin serving as Mayor, however, until January 1st. At the January 10th Council meeting, there will be another ceremonial swearing-in before family, friends and citizens. The public is invited to attend.



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

By proclamation, Mayor Neil Johnson has declared April 12 as Arbor Day in our city.

Bonney Lake is designated a tree city. Dig in and plant a tree in your yard or just take a moment to enjoy the trees around you. Join Mayor Johnson on Wednesday, April 12, at noon at Cedarview Park, as he plants a walnut tree in honor of Arbor Day. The tree was donated by Bonney Lake City Councilmember David Bowen.

Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree-planting and care. Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires. They beautify our community, increase property values, and enhance the economic vitality of business areas. Trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

New playground equipment has been installed at Cedarview Park at 208th Avenue South and 93rd Street East.

CEDARVIEW PARK RENOVATION

Cedarview Park is getting a new lease on life thanks to funding from the City and the help of community volunteers. The five-acre park is located at 208th Avenue South and 93rd Street East about six blocks north of the Fred Meyer store on Highway 410. The park formerly belonged to the Cedarview Homeowners Association and was donated to the City two years ago with the understanding that the City would make needed improvements.

With help from community volunteers, the City replaced all of the playground equipment at a cost of $60,000. The City installed ADA accessible sidewalks, repaired the fence around the park, removed a dilapidated restroom and cleaned up the grounds. Fill material was trucked in to fill low areas and storm drainage was installed. Wood chips were added to the playground area.

Future improvements depending on the availability of funding include replacement of the basketball court and installation of a bike path that will connect with the new sidewalks. The feasibility of upgrading the grass fields used for t-ball also is being explored.

The addition to the back side of the Senior Center will be used primarily for storage.

CONSTRUCTION OF SENIOR CENTER ADDITION IN PROGRESS

Construction of a two-story addition to the Bonney Lake Senior Center currently is underway.

The addition in the back of the Senior Center will be used primarily for storage. The Center has been forced to store food and other items in portable buildings due to lack of storage inside the center. An emergency back-up generator also is being added.

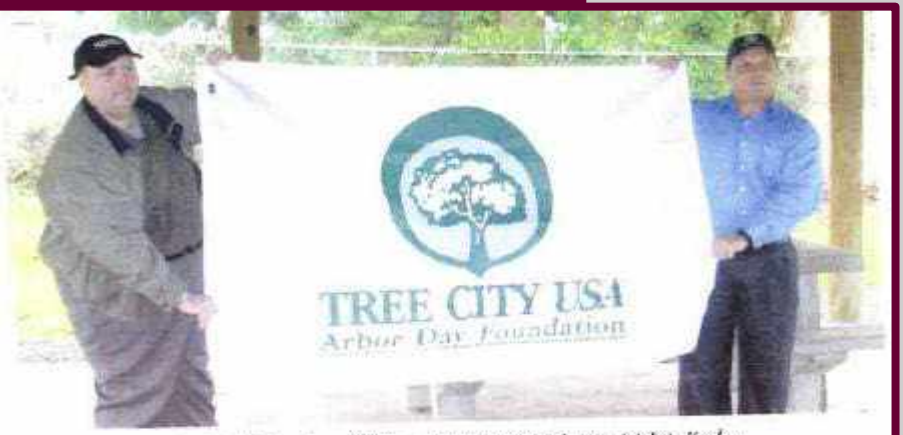
Construction of the addition will take about three months to complete. One-third of the $200,000 project is being funded through a grant, while the City is funding the balance.

BEAUTIFY BONNEY LAKE
NOW A TAX-EXEMPT NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Beautify Bonney Lake is a distinct tax-exempt non-profit corporation now that a determination letter has been received from the Internal Revenue Service granting an effective date of Sept. 27, 2005. That is the date that the group incorporated in the state of Washington as a non-profit corporation. Contributions made to Beautify Bonney Lake are now deductible under Section 170 of the IRS code.

With this status the group can seek grants from large companies such as Target, Wal-Mart and Starbucks. They can also receive private money from individuals and have it be tax deductible for the donor. The group's annual Bonney Lake Clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16th.

BEAUTIFY Bonney Lake



Council Member Mark Hamilton (left) and Mayor Neil Johnson (right) display the Tree City USA flag at City's Arbor Day Celebration.

ARBOR DAY RECOGNITION

Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers, citizens and city staff gathered in Cedarview Park on April 12 for the first annual Arbor Day Celebration for the City of Bonney Lake. Two noble firs, donated by City Employee Eric Smith, were planted with the help of elected officials and parks staff.

At a recent Council meeting, Bonney Lake was recognized by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources as one of three new Tree City USA cities in the state. To obtain Tree City USA status, the City adopted a community forestry ordinance, designated the Parks Board as its "tree board" and the Public Works Department as its "tree department".

The City also budgeted at least $2 per capita on community forestry activities, and held an Arbor Day celebration.

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PARK BOARD MEMBER RECOGNIZED

Longtime Park Board member Leota Musgrave was recognized June 20th for her commitment to parks. The presentation took place On June 20th, at the Bonney Lake Senior Center at Leota's 80th birthday party given by her four children and attended by family and friends. The presentation was made by Gary Leaf, the Community Services Director. Leota was not told beforehand about the presentation and was surprised and touched.

The plaque was later mounted on a bench at Cedarview Park in recognition of her contributions in converting the park from private to public use. Leota has long been active in her community and is especially interested in preserving and developing land for parks for future generations to enjoy.

Longtime Park Board member Leota Musgrave sits on the bench at Cedarview Park where a plaque is mounted that recognizes her contributions to the community.

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Domestic Violence Kiosk Installed In City Hall

Bonney Lake Municipal Court now offers computer access for victims of domestic violence who need to file a temporary protection order. Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Court Administrator Kathy Seymour have been working on this project for some time to allow domestic violence victims in Pierce County to be able to access help without having to go to the Tacoma Pierce County-City Building.

An individual will be able to file his or her request for a protection order via a Domestic Violence Kiosk system. The court clerk contacts the Domestic Violence Unit in Tacoma upon completion of data entry, and the County Clerk's office completes the filing and provides it to a commissioner or judge for signature. Once approved, the individual returns to Bonney Lake City Hall, enters the confirmation code, and prints the signed order in duplicate along with an Affidavit of Service. The local law enforcement or sheriff 's office then serves the order depending on whether the respondent lives inside or outside the city limits. The victim may also choose to have a private individual serve the order.

The signed order becomes a valid temporary protection order for 14 days from the date of issuance. These orders also provide a court date and time for the victim and respondent to appear in court to determine if it will become a permanent order.

Until the order is served, there is no violation if there is contact between the parties during the 14 day temporary period. For information, contact the municipal court at 253-862-6606. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed every October across the country. Nearly 5.3 million incidents of domestic violence occur each year among U.S. women ages 18 and older, and 3.2 million occur among men (CDC 2000).

Domestic violence results in nearly 2 million injuries and 1,300 deaths nationwide every year (CDC 2003).

The U.S. Department of Justice reported that 37% of all women who sought care in hospital emergency rooms for violence-related injuries were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend.

Domestic violence affects everyone in the community and certain myths need to be dispelled. People often say that they were raised in a "good" or "normal" family and believe domestic violence happens only to "bad" families. Statistics show myths such as this not to be true. Batterers and victims come from all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, socio-economic backgrounds, religious affiliations, occupations and educational backgrounds.

Domestic violence and its victims still bear an undeserved stigma in our society and until we all understand its nature, the batterers and the victims, the cycle will continue. No one is immune but with education and awareness, people can prevent tragedy from claiming more lives.

Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects children living in the home, and who may become victims themselves. Seniors too can be at risk for elder abuse, by in -home caretakers. Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used by an individual to establish and maintain control over another individual.

Batterers use violence or threats to obtain and maintain control. They blame others for their violence and don't take responsibility for their actions. They blame their abusive behavior on stress, anger, jealousy and the victim. There are three phases, or cycle of violence:

- Phase 1: Increased tension, anger, blaming and arguing.
- Phase 2: Hitting, slapping, kicking, choking, and use of weapons. Sexual abuse and verbal threats.
- Phase 3: Calm stage when the perpetrator may deny violence, say it was because of alcohol or drug abuse, apologize and promise it will never happen again. There are five simple things you can say to someone who is living with domestic violence:

1. You do not deserve to be abused.
2. I am afraid for your safety.
3. I am afraid for the safety of your children.
4. The violence will only get worse.
5. There are people to help when you are ready.

Domestic Violence Kiosk has come to Bonney Lake. The domestic violence kiosk is set up at Bonney Lake City Hall. Individuals can apply there for a temporary restraining order.

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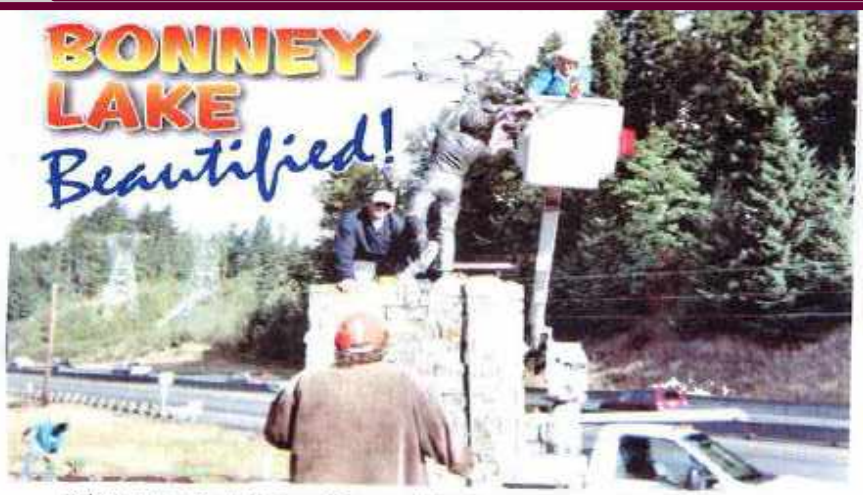
NEW GATEWAY SIGN

A new and larger welcome sign was installed at the western gateway entrance to Bonney Lake. The sign was constructed by TI Northwest of Puyallup and installed by Heller Construction with assistance from City staff. The old sign will be moved to the eastern entrance to town after the City determines the exact location.

The new welcome sign is at the western entrance to Bonney Lake on SR 410.

BONNEY LAKE Beautified!



Volunteers work on the Ascent Gateway during Beautify Bonney Lake Day Sept. 16.

Nearly 500 citizen volunteers from all parts of the community joined forces on September 16 to make improvements to public places around Bonney Lake. Improvements were made to Ascent Gateway, Lake Bonney, Fennel Creek, several public buildings, and Allan Yorke, Madrona, and Cedarview parks. In addition, a number of senior citizens with limited means were helped with minor tasks around their homes.

Citizens came out to put a better face on the community, meet neighbors and enjoy lunch after the work projects. All participants received a t-shirt with the Beautify Bonney Lake logo and list of sponsors. Local businesses and individuals donated thousands of dollars.

Beautify Bonney Lake is now a tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Events are planned each September. Be sure and mark your calendar for 2007!

Citizen volunteers spread beauty bark at a Bonney Lake park. Nearly 500 volunteers worked to help beautify their community on Sept. 16.

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CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS 2007-2008 BIENNIAL BUDGET

The City Council is preparing to adopt Bonney Lake's first biennial budget. Traditionally the City has adopted an annual budget, but to encourage additional advanced planning and more detailed financial forecasting, the Council recently approved the two-year budget process. The preliminary 2007-2008 budget has been provided to the Council for review and deliberation. A copy has been posted on the City's website at www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us and copies are available at the Bonney Lake Library, City Hall and the City Hall Annex.

The preliminary budget proposes some changes in the City's overall fiscal policies. For example, the past practice of maintaining an excessive balance in the General Fund has been changed by allocating those funds to acquire property in the downtown area and for various parks projects.

With projected increases in revenues, the City will be working toward the following Council priorities:

- Initial implementation of the non-motorized transportation plan;
- Implementation of the street lighting plan;
- Initial implementation of the Fennel Creek Trail plan (assuming grant funding is received);
- Funding for land acquisition toward implementing a downtown civic center;
- Planning and engineering for a new public works maintenance facility;
- Moving forward on implementation of the Eastown Plan;
- Redeveloping Lake Bonney Park;
- Increasing park and recreation programs and services.

The City Council began its final budget hearings on November 14. Citizens will have a final opportunity for public comment at the Council meeting of December 12, when it is anticipated the Council will adopt the 2007-2008 Biennial Fiscal Budget.

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Employee Newsletter

Jenna Young, Editor

JANUARY 2007

Our Successes!

City Employees Donate Thousands of Items to the Local Food Bank and Area Families

Donated items line the hallways and conference rooms at the annex (above) & police (below) buildings

The first inter-city competition to fill the food bank produced stellar results! City employees answered the call to fill the food bank and either donated or solicited donations. Over six thousand items were donated. So many, that the food bank cannot pick the items up until after the first of the year, as their building is full. The two leading groups were the Annex with 3,376 items and the Police Department with 2,073 items.

Many items have already been donated to local families in need during the holiday season and to those that were hit by the storm. The Senior Center was open 24 hours a day during the power outage as a Red Cross Shelter and they were able to use some of the donated food to provide hot meals to many people that were without power for days. We hope to organize more "drives" this year and anticipate great results. If you have an idea for the next drive or would like to volunteer to help, please let Jenna know.

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NEW!!! SENIOR CENTER SIGN

Shane Crump of Bonney Lake Boy Scout Troop #532 organized volunteers to help him build a sign for the Bonney Lake Senior Center for his Eagle Scout Project. Volunteers spent many hours building the sign's main pieces in his family's garage. On Saturday Feb. 10 volunteers met to help him dig the holes for the sign posts and secure in cement. On Saturday Feb 17th Shane organized volunteers at the senior center to attach the roof and the doors to the sign the add the lettering. The rear doors of the sign open up so announcements and other information can be posted.

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NACHES TRAIL SIGN DEDICATION

The Bonney Lake Historical Society invites the public to attend the Naches Trail Sign dedication ceremony to be held at the Kelly Farm site (199th and Old Buckley Hwy) Sat. June 23rd at 11:00am.

NEW COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARIES

The Council Ward Boundaries in Bonney Lake have been revised. As a result of new construction and recent annexations, changes in the boundaries were needed to balance citizen representation between the Wards. The City Council held a public hearing in February 2007, and changes were approved the following month.

To determine if your Council Ward has changed, please see the map on the City Website at http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/legislative/general_information.shtml. A large-scale version of the revised map is available for viewing in City Hall.

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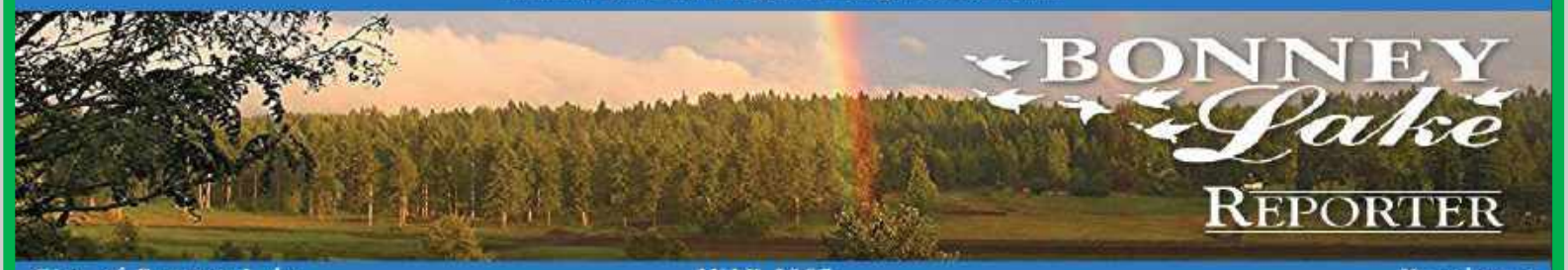

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NEW BOLLARDS AND PAY STATION AT BOAT LAUNCH

The City has installed a bollard boat launch system at the Allan Yorke Park Lake Tapps boat launch, which will operate from 5am until 11pm daily. Non-residents will be able to launch using a debit or credit card (Visa or MC) only, no coins or cash. The fee is $8.50 per use, or $17.00 for a combined launch/retrieval. Parking will continue to be free. City residents may purchase a card for unlimited access to the launch through the season. To get your pass, bring your boat registration into City Hall and pay the $25 annual fee. The system is easy to use, and instructions are posted at the boat launch.

15 MILLION GALLON WATER STORAGE TANK COMPLETED

Construction of the long awaited $9,450,000 96th Street Peaking Storage Water Tank has been completed. The City has filled the tank with water and found the it to be water tight. Construction of the booster pump station next to the tank is nearing completion. By late July, water from this tank will be available to supplement other water sources and to help offset the demand for water during peak use periods in the summer. Thanks to the Public Works Department, and King Cooper, Project Manager, for completing this project on schedule and within budget.

CITY WEBSITE MAKEOVER

The City has launched a new version of its website. The updated City site has a streamlined look and feel. Information is organized into 4 basic categories: Government, Community, Business, and How Do I. There is still considerable updating to do and new information to add, but it is a great improvement over the prior site. The web site was redesigned by a committee of City Employees and may be accessed at either www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us or www.citybonneylake.org.

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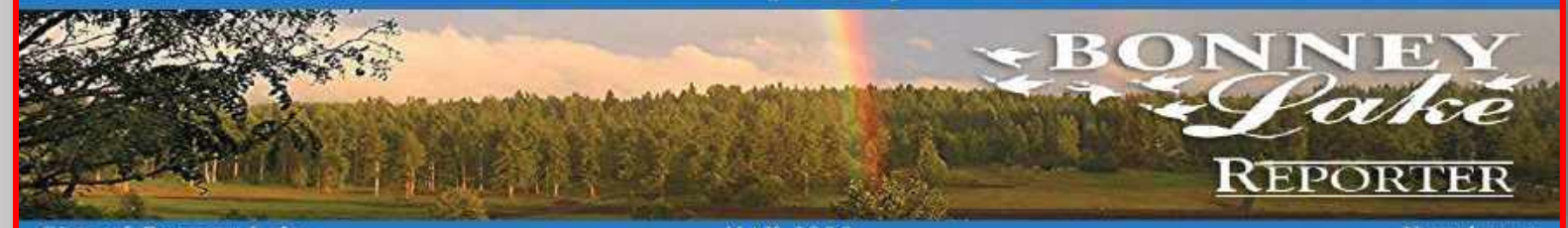

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CITY RECEIVES ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AWARD

TREE CITY USA

For the third straight year, the City of Bonney Lake has been designated as a "TreeCity USA" recipient. The Washington State Community Forester presented the award to Mayor Johnson at the City's annual Arbor Day celebration. Requirements for TreeCity designation include a community tree ordinance, oversight board or department, an active community forestry program, an annual work plan, an arbor day observance and proclamation, and community tree-related expenditures of at least $2.00 per capita per year.

PETITION SUBMITTED TO CREATE A CITY CHARTER

Daniel Decker, Ward 5 Bonney Lake Councilmember, filed an initiative petition with the City Clerk to make Bonney Lake a charter code city pursuant to the Revised Codes of Washington (RCW) Chapter 35A.08. The initiative was filed under Bonney Lake Municipal Code (BLMC) Chapter 2.64.010 which governs the City's initiative and referendum process. The County has certified the petition as to the required number of valid signatures. If the City Attorney determines the petition itself to be sufficient and valid, the City Council must provide for an election to determine whether the city shall become a charter code city and be governed in accordance with a charter to be adopted by the voters. More information about this issue will be provided in the future. More information is available on the City's website.

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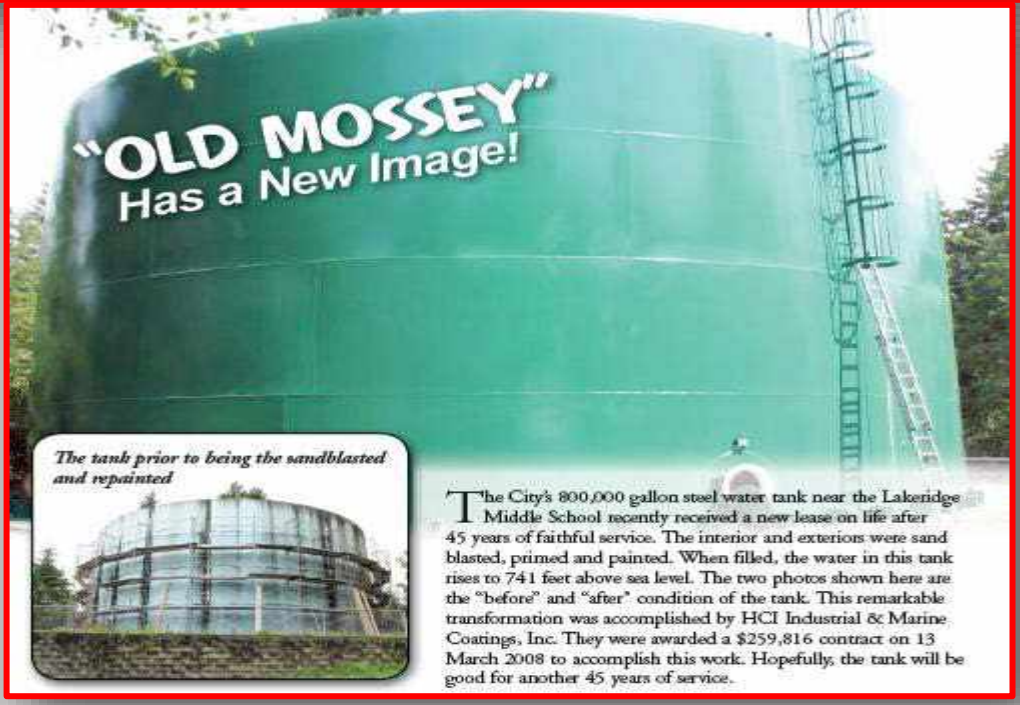
CITY OF BONNEY LAKE RECEIVES WELL CITY AWARD

The City of Bonney Lake was honored as a WellCity by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). This is the first year Bonney Lake has received the award. Bonney Lake was one of several Washington cities and towns that received recognition for its workplace wellness program at the Association's Annual Conference. The AWC WellCity Award recognizes cities and towns that achieve a standard of excellence in employee health promotion. Photo Caption: Joel Thompson, representing the Bonney Lake Wellness Committee, accepts the WellCity Award from AWC.



The tank prior to being the sandblasted and repainted

The City's 800,000 gallon steel water tank near the Lakeridge Middle School recently received a new lease on life after 45 years of faithful service. The interior and exteriors were sand blasted, primed and painted. When filled, the water in this tank rises to 741 feet above sea level. The two photos shown here are the "before" and "after" condition of the tank. This remarkable transformation was accomplished by HCI Industrial & Marine Coatings, Inc. They were awarded a $259,816 contract on 13 March 2008 to accomplish this work. Hopefully, the tank will be good for another 45 years of service.

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Employee Newsletter

Jenna Young, Editor

NOVEMBER 2008

Atta Crew!

The following note was sent to Rick Shannon regarding some work the Public Works crew recently completed and I thought we should share:

The City of Bonney Lake just completed a rework of the road gutters and drainage system at my property. This project was much needed and will eliminate the continuous flooding of my and my neighbors property as well as the local park. Thank you for completing this project!

I would like to complement the crew that completed this work. They were very professional and made a special effort to do a good job. Their efforts in coordinating with the property owners was especially noteworthy.

I personally talked with Steve and Jim. They explained what they were doing and listened to suggestions and complied whenever possible. I appreciated their efforts. They, and the entire work crew, are to be complimented. *Sincerely, Bob Walter*

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New Downtown Regional Storm Pond

The City is constructing a new regional storm drainage pond off Ehli Road and 410 to handle the storm water from the downtown area. This will make it possible for the downtown section of Bonney Lake to redevelop and share an "out of sight" storm-water detention basin. The excavation portion of the project is nearly complete.

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Bonney Lake Interim Justice Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

October 6, 2009

5:30 pm

9002 Main Street East

BONNEY Lake

Welcome and Council Introductions
Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Opening Remarks and Acknowledgements
Don Morrison, City Administrator

Groundbreaking and Photographs
Mayor and City Council Members

City of Bonney Lake Interim Justice Center
Project Information Sheet

The City of Bonney Lake Interim Justice Center will be a 20,915 square foot mixed use three-story building located at 9002 Main Street. The building is being constructed as a retail/office building, and will serve as an interim court house until a new civic center is constructed, after which it will be sold and the revenue applied to the financing of the new civic center.

The project will include improvements to 90th Street East (curb, gutter, and sidewalk) and paving, landscaping and lighting improvements to the joint use parking lot shared with the Bonney Lake Branch of the Pierce County Library System.

Initial building occupants will include the municipal court, City Council chambers, and selected City administrative offices. A portion of the new building will be leased for retail and non-City office uses.

Construction is anticipated to begin in early October 2009, and expected to be completed in July 2010.

The project is estimated to cost 3.9 million dollars, inclusive of off-site improvements, but exclusive of tenant improvements.

Group Mackenzie is the architect for the project and M.J. Takisaki, Incorporated is the general contractor.

Special Thanks to:

The Citizens of Bonney Lake

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

David Bowen, Bonney Lake Councilmember

Laurie Carter, Bonney Lake Councilmember

Dan Decker, Bonney Lake Councilmember

Mark Hamilton, Bonney Lake Councilmember

David King, Bonney Lake Councilmember

James Rackley, Bonney Lake Councilmember

Interim Justice Center Core Team

Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman

Don Morrison, City Administrator

Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director

John Vodopich, Community Development Director

David Wells, Bonney Lake Events Coordinator

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Richard Mitchell

Megan Tremain

M.J. Takisaki, Inc.

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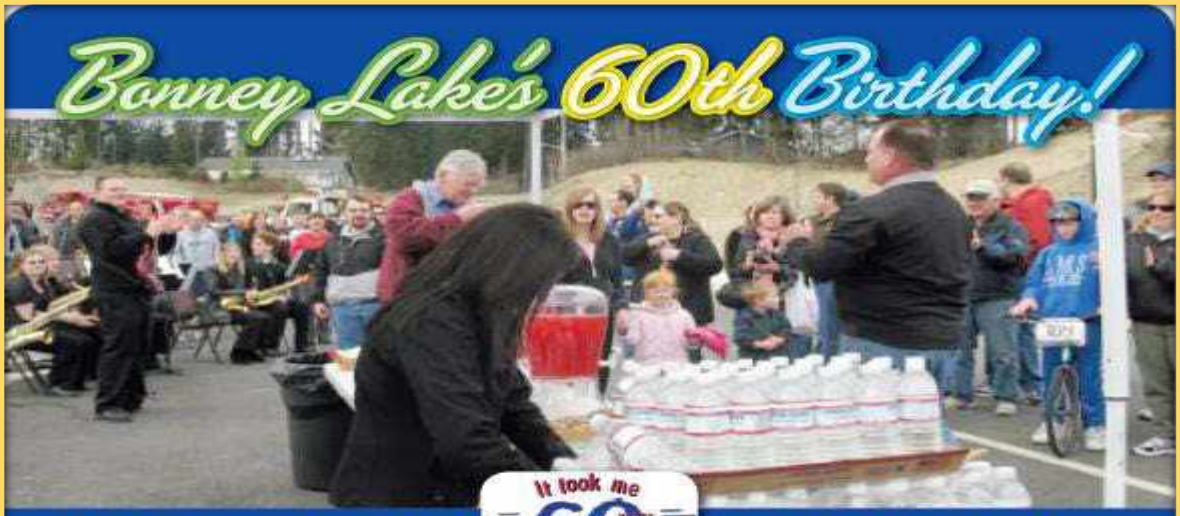
Bonney Lake's 60th Birthday!



The 60th Anniversary of Bonney Lake's Incorporation, along with the Main Street Extension Ribbon Cutting was held Saturday February 28th. Approximately 125 persons attended the celebration. The BLHS Jazz Band provided the music. There were booths sponsored by BBL, Lions 4 Kids, Historical Society, and Veterans Memorial committee. There was a short parade that featured past and present City vehicles, etc. It was a nice inexpensive community building event, and participants were able to meet and visit.

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City of Bonney Lake APRIL 2009 Newsletter

City Receives Prestigious National Award

The City of Bonney Lake has 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 first time the City has ever achieved this national award. Less than 5% of local governments nationally achieve the award. In accepting this award, Mayor Neil Johnson thanked the Council, City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, and Accounting Manager Kassandra Raymond and the rest of the City staff for their contributions and excellent work in putting together an award winning budget for the City.

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CITY RECEIVES ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AWARD

For the fourth straight year, the City of Bonney Lake has been designated as a " TreeCity USA" recipient. The Washington State Community Forester presented the award to the City at its annual Arbor Day celebration. The City was also awarded with a Arbor Day Foundation "Growth Award" in recognition of the City's environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care.

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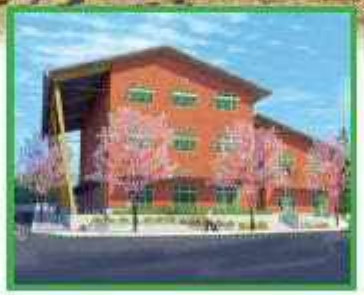
City of Bonney Lake OCTOBER 2009 Newsletter

Ground Broken for Interim Justice Center

It's been a long time since the City built a new building. That is all about to change with the groundbreaking ceremony held October 6th. About 30 people attended the groundbreaking for the City's new Interim Justice Center. Mayor Neil Johnson welcomed the participants. City Administrator Don Morrison gave a brief history of the downtown plan and how the Interim Justice Center fits into that. The architect on the project is Group McKenzie, and the prime contractor is MJ Takasaki, Inc.



The Interim Justice Center estimated to be completed by August 2010.

The new building will be located at 9002 Main Street (in front of the BL Library). The 20,915 sf building will house the municipal court and selected administrative offices. Some of the space will be leased out. Estimated completion date is August, 2010. It is anticipated that when a new civic center is constructed in 5-10 years, that the building will be sold for retail/office uses and the proceeds applied to the financing of the new civic center.

Photo courtesy city of Bonney Lake

City staff, along with current and former council members, broke ground Oct. 6 for the Interim Justice Center facility in Bonney Lake.

City breaks ground on Interim Justice Center

October 14, 2009

By Dannie Oliveaux
The Courier-Herald

Bonney Lake officials and staff hosted a workshop Oct. 6 – but it wasn't an ordinary meeting.

Mayor Neil Johnson, along with current and some former council members, broke ground during a ceremony at the site of the Interim Justice Center on Main Street.

"We figured it would be a perfect time to get everyone together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Bonney Lake Interim Justice Center which has been a long time coming," Johnson said.

The Interim Justice Center will be a 20,215 square-foot, three-story, mixed-use facility. It is being constructed as a retail/office building and will serve as the interim courthouse until the new civic center is constructed.

City Administrator Don Morrison said city officials and citizens have "long envisioned a downtown where they can meet and shop."

Morrison noted that Bonney Lake was still a "fairly new city" as the city marked its 60th anniversary. He said Bonney Lake is a result of Pierce County's urban sprawl.

"The city has grown rapidly over the past several years," Morrison said. "We have never had a traditional downtown like many older cities have. Until the early 1970s, there wasn't a shopping market here."

Morrison said the city's original downtown plan was called part of the Strategic Commercial District Plan with a proposed civic center district – a larger area than the current Downtown Plan.

He said it was initiated in the late 1990s by the Planning Commission and the final draft was prepared in 2001. Morrison stated the city re-created the plan in 2004 and in 2006 interim zoning was adopted.

Over the past six years, the city has spent $5.5 million on downtown and the civic center, Morrison said, mostly on land acquisition.

Morrison said the addition of retail centers along state Route 410 has brought shopping opportunities.

"Downtown Bonney Lake is envisioned to be the center of community life and local government services within easy access," Morrison said. "We hope downtown will also be a place with shops, offices, restaurants and a vibrant pedestrian-oriented and friendly retail core."

Morrison said City Hall was last remodeled in the 1970s when the population was 4,000 residents and the city had 40 employees. Today, there are 16,500 residents and 140 city employees.

Morrison said there is no room to expand or add an another annex to City Hall.

The post office, Public Safety Building and library currently make up the downtown area.

When completed in July 2010, the IJC will house municipal court, City Council chambers and selected city administration offices. Morrison said a portion of the building will be leased for retail and non-city office use.

The project is estimated to cost $3.9 million inclusive of off-site improvements, but exclusive of tenant improvements. Group Mackenzie is the architect for the project and M.J. Takisaki is the general contractor.

After the civic center is built, the IJC will be sold and revenue from the sale will be applied to the financing of the civic center, Morrison said.

He said the civic center could be built in five to 10 years.

Former council members Phil DeLeo and Cheryl Noble were on hand for the groundbreaking, along with some of the city staff.

"They played a large part in making this happen as part of the vision for the downtown plan and the needs of the court," Johnson said.

To comment on this story view it online at www.blscourierherald. Reach Dannie Oliveaux at doliveaux@courierherald.com or 360-802-8209.

Past Councilmembers

Richard Silva

Richard Birkland

Stephen Bricker

Diane Marshall

Past Councilmembers' Biographies for Elections

Councilmember Phil DeLeo is a 12-year Bonney Lake resident and is entering his 6th year of service to the City. He is elected to the At-Large Position 1, is the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and serves as a member of the Finance Committee. Councilmember DeLeo also represents the City in local organizations, such as Communities for Families, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Youth Center Committee, and in the County-wide organizations of the Pierce Transit Board and Rainier Communications Commission. Phil and his wife Julie Ann enjoy 4 children.

Education: Issaquah High School; Two years Business Administration Green River Community College; Teaching Certificate Everett Community College
Occupation: Program Manager – Pacific Senior Center
Professional Qualifications: Fourteen Years city councilmember; Two years city planning commission; Two years board member – Pierce Transit Board of Directors; Six years commissioner – Rainier Communications Commission; Two years president – Inlet Island homeowners' association; two years president – Bonney Lake Kiwanis; two leadership certificates – Association of Washington Cities.
Personal Information: Washington state native. Born/raised in Renton. Moved to Bonney Lake with wife and kids in 1987. Youngest son is among the first graduating class of Bonney Lake High School. For 20 years have remained publicly active, especially involved in youth activities. However, due to recent involvement with both the Bonney Lake and Pacific Senior Centers, I see the need for more community support for the elderly, the fastest growing segment of our population.
Community Involvement: While on the city council, I chair the Public Safety Committee, serve on the Pierce County Juvenile Justice Diversion Panel for Sumner/Bonney Lake, am president of Bonney Lake Kiwanis, am treasurer of the Lake Tapps Area Community Theater, and am a board member of Inlet Island homeowners' association.
Personal Views: I will continue to work for an accountable, fiscally responsible city government.

Sharon Boekelman
At Large

Sharon Boekelman is the newest member of the City Council, just starting her first term in January. She serves on the Public Works Committee and, prior to joining the Council has served as the chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and on the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Committee. She works in Auburn as a Special Projects Coordinator for the Department of the Navy. She and her husband have lived in the City for two years.

Chalmers Brittain Jr.
Ward 4

Chalmers Brittain has served on the City council for three years and is a member of the Public Safety Committee.

He is a Boeing engineer and has lived in the City 27 years. He and his wife have five daughters.

Past Councilmembers

Randy McKibbin

Randy McKibbin

Dave King

Dave King

Sharon Boekelman

Past Mayors' Biographies for Elections

Vern Strong
Mayor

Vern Strong has served as the City's mayor since 1990. He served on the City Council in the early 1980s, including three years as Mayor Pro Tem. They have lived in the City for 16 years.

Robert Young

Mayor Bob Young is a 16 year resident of Bonney Lake. He was a member of the Planning Commission before being appointed to the City Council in 1997. Bob and his wife, Connie, have been married 30 years, have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Prior to coming to Bonney Lake, Bob served 5 years on a rural fire department as 1st Lt and Medical Officer, serving as an EMT in both Montana and Washington, and taught State Industrial First Aid. Bob has been a minister for 31 years, and served for 15 years as a Police Chaplain in Pierce County. He is committed to responsible growth, and wants to see our city as a place where "dreams can soar." He enjoys working with people, and seeks to bring a positive approach to all areas of city government.

Education: Graduate, Summit Pacific College
Occupation: Mayor and City Administrator, Business Owner, Minister, Insurance Agent
Professional Qualifications: Business owner; Municipal Leadership Certification; FEMA Earthquake Disaster trained; Leadership Training Institute, UW Pacific Institute; Police Chaplain, City Planning Commissioner, City Councilmember
Personal Information: Married 37 years to Connie; three children; four grandchildren
Community Involvement: Rotary, 22 years; Puget Sound Regional Council; Lake Tapps Task Force; First Aid Instructor, EMT, Fireman; President, Pierce County Cities/Towns Association; Board Member, Pierce County Economic Development Corporation; member Community Action Board
Personal Views: With a proven eight-year record of taxpayer-responsive leadership, it's been a privilege working with my professional, responsive, user-friendly staff. Responsible spending has put us in one of the best financial positions of any city in the state…while protecting and upgrading our water system, strengthening our police department, and improving our service to Seniors and our transportation system. Plans? More sidewalks, parks and trails, better streets, protecting our creeks and lakes, managing growth with a steady hand; also providing city-wide broadband wireless highspeed internet. As your Mayor, I continue to pledge an ethical, accountable, responsive, City government at the least possible cost. Choose a leader that cares for future generations, building a quality, livable, secure city with frugal, accountable, effective government. Re-elect Mayor Young.

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CITY'S NEW INTERIM JUSTICE CENTER

It's been nearly 20 years since the City constructed a new building. City Hall was constructed in the early 1970s when the City had 4,000 residents and 40 employees. Today we have nearly 17,000 residents and 132 employees. As part of the downtown plan, the City is constructing the Interim Justice Center (IJC). It's called the Interim Justice Center because the building is being constructed as a spec retail/office building that will serve primarily as a temporary municipal court and council/executive chambers until the regular new civic center can be constructed in accordance with the downtown plan. When will the new civic center be constructed? That's not known and will depend on the economy and future growth of the City. Current estimates are 7 to 12 years. Once the new civic center is constructed, the IJC will be sold and proceeds applied to the financing of the new civic center project. ■

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Employee Newsletter
Jenna Young, Editor
Melissa Johnson, Copy Editor
MAY 2010

WELCOME

At the Tuesday April 13th Council Meeting, Ron Heslop was confirmed and sworn in as the City's new Municipal Court Judge. Ron received his law degree from the University of Puget Sound and has been a member of the Washington Bar Association since 1983. He has been a judge pro tem for 20+ years, including service to Bonney Lake.

Judge Heslop has not only operated a successful law practice, but has also owned and operated several small businesses, including a towing company and a tire store. Ron was an Army Infantry Officer, Airborne – Ranger, a military and civilian aviator of infixed and rotary wing aircraft and is a decorated Vietnam Veteran. Ron has been involved with the Boy Scouts for over 30 years and is a former Fircrest City Councilmember.

Welcome, Judge Heslop!

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DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS RIBBON CUTTING

On April 27th the City held a ribbon cutting celebrating all the downtown improvements that have been completed over the past several months. While 90th Street improvements remain, this largely culminates a variety of storm drainage, curb, gutter, sidewalk, streetlight, signalization, and street improvements in the downtown. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a reality and to our residents for their patience during construction. ■

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SENIOR MANAGER WINS NATIONAL CONTEST

The U.S. Admin. on Aging announced winners of *My Recipe for Strength*, a contest for creatively sharing in video, photography, and poetry/prose the ways older Americans Age Strong! and Live Long! Bonney Lake Senior Services Manager Sue Hilberg won the photography category award for the delightful image of a group of exuberant Bonney Lake seniors tumbling down a slide together in a visual testament to the importance of joy and friendship. Read the full article at http://olderamericansmonth.org/contest.aspx. ■

NEW LAKE TAPPS POLICE BOAT

The Bonney Lake Police Department has acquired a badly needed new patrol vessel. No local tax dollars were expended on the boat as the City was able to use seized drug funds for the purchase. There has been one swimming fatality early this 2010 season and the police were able assist Pierce County and East Pierce Fire and Rescue on the call. The new vessel worked great transporting and working with the rescue divers. We will once again work Lake Tapps to enforce marine laws, hand out ice cream coupons for boaters wearing life preservers, check for boater safety cards and do our best to ensure everyone has a safe and fun summer. For questions regarding laws that apply to Lake Tapps contact the Bonney Lake Police Department or visit the City website for more information. ■

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VICTOR FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RIBBON CUTTING

Wednesday, November 17 | 4:30pm

There will be a ribbon-cutting for the modernization of the Victor Falls Elementary School Wednesday November 17th: 4:30pm ribbon-cutting; 6:00pm dedication ceremony. The 4th and 5th grade school choir will also perform. VFE is located at 11401 188th Ave. Ct. E.

Past Councilmembers' Biographies for Elections

Ginger Moore
Ward 1

Ginger Moore has served on the City Council for three years. She chairs the Public Safety Committee and serves on the Finance Committee and Growth Management Act steering committee. She and her husband have two sons and have lived in the City for five years.

Gary Bietz
At Large

Gary Bietz has served on the City Council for two years. He is self-employed in marketing and runs the firm B.J. Enterprises. He is married and has lived in Bonney Lake for 19 years.

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City of Bonney Lake JANUARY 2011 Newsletter

NEW JUSTICE CENTER A KEY PART OF DOWNTOWN BONNEY LAKE

Bonney Lake officials and citizens have long envisioned a Downtown where its residents can meet, shop, conduct the business of the community, and gather for celebrations. As a relatively new city that is largely the result of urban sprawl, Bonney Lake has never had a traditional downtown. Until the early 1970's there weren't even any supermarkets in Bonney Lake. A dream of early residents was to have a post office located in the city, with its own zip code. The development of strip commercial shopping centers along SR-410 has provided for commerce in the city, but has not provided an identifiable downtown.

Downtown Bonney Lake is envisioned to be a center of community life and local governmental services, with a civic center (city hall), public safety building, post office, library, and related community services all within easy access. Some day, Downtown will be full of restaurants, shops, offices, and streets that are pedestrian friendly. It will contain a Main Street and a Civic Center. Its Central Plaza will be Bonney Lake's most public place. The retail core will be ringed with commercial, residential, office, and mixed-use buildings.

The City's original Downtown Plan was part of what was called the "Strategic Commercial Districts Plan". It was initiated in the late 90s, and the final draft was prepared in June 2001. In 2004 the City adopted a Downtown Plan. In 2006, after adopting interim zoning to implement the Downtown Plan, the City received a state grant to revisit the Plan based on stakeholder involvement, economic analysis, and updated urban design. This work was completed in 2006-07. The result is the current downtown plan and accompanying design standards.

Over the past 7 years, the City has spent roughly $14 Million on various downtown and civic center improvements. This includes improvements to Main Street, Sumner-Buckley Highway, 90th Street, a regional stormwater system, the City's new Justice Center, land that is now part of the North Downtown Greenwood Development, land that will be part of South Downtown's future condo and multi-family development, and land that will become the civic center of the City.

The new Justice Center, which is scheduled to open in May, is a significant part of an overall long range plan to build a viable Downtown and a Civic Center. The City has grown rapidly over the past several years. City Hall was last remodeled in the early 70s when we had 4,000 residents and 40 employees. Today we have 17,000 residents and 132 employees. There was literally no place to put people. Every nook and cranny in city

hall had a desk. There was no extra space in the public safety building, and a number of positions were not filled or were contracted out because there was no space for the employees to work. The City Council knew a new civic center would be several years away. It takes time to assemble the land, plan, and build a new civic center. So, in the interim, the Mayor and Council resolved to build an interim City Building to provide a facility to bridge the building needs between today and the future civic center. Thus, the new Justice Center will provide space for a growing municipal court as well as space relief for an over-crowded city hall. When a new civic center is completed in 7-15 years, this building, which is being built not as a government building but as a retail/office building, is anticipated to be sold and the proceeds applied to the construction of the civic center. Because of the bidding climate at the timing of the bid awards, the City saved hundreds of thousands of dollars on building costs, and created dozens of temporary construction jobs during a time when hundreds of local construction workers needed work. ■

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 Thursdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Council Finance Committee	5:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Council Community Development Committee	5:00 pm - 1st & 3rd Mondays	City Hall Annex 8720 Main Street
Council Public Safety Committee	5:00 pm - 1st Monday; 3rd as needed	Public Safety Building 18421 Old Sumner Buckley Hwy.
Planning Commission	7:30 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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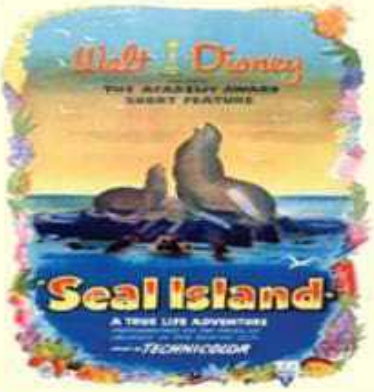
ACADEMY AWARD WINNING COUPLE FROM BONNEY LAKE

In 1959, Al and Elma Milotte moved to Bonney Lake. They purchased and built a home on the property currently known as "Sky Island". On Sky Island they operated a tree farm and wrote three books: "The Story of the Platypus," "The Story of the Hippopotamus," and "The Story of an Alaskan Grizzly Bear." They also filmed a seagull sequence for Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds." Elma Milotte died on April 19, 1989, and Al Milotte followed her five days later. Eleven years earlier, in 1948, Walt Disney had viewed a short wildlife film



by Alfred and Elma. Inspired by what he saw, Walt hired them to film on location in the Alaska wilderness. The result was the first of Disney's celebrated True-Life Adventure films, "Seal Island," which won an Academy Award®. With the success of "Seal Island," the Milottes continued to travel the globe for Disney. During their Disney career, the Milottes' films won a total of six Oscars®. When they weren't tree farming or filming, Elma taught at Orting High School, and Alfred taught at UPS.

Looking Back On Bonney Lake

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JUSTICE CENTER RIBBON CUTTING

On May 10th, Mayor Neil Johnson officially opened the City's new Justice Center. Area dignitaries, City officials, employees, residents and Bonney Lake supporters gathered on the sidewalk outside the Justice Center at 9002 Main Street for the ceremonial ribbon cutting. City leaders and planners have long envisioned a Downtown where residents can meet, shop, conduct the business of the community, and gather for celebrations. Downtown Bonney Lake is envisioned to be a center of community life and local governmental services, with a civic center (city hall), public safety building, post office, library, and related community services all within easy access. The Downtown will eventually be full of restaurants, shops, offices, and streets that are pedestrian friendly.

The new Justice Center is a significant part of an overall long range plan to build a viable Downtown and a Civic Center. The City has grown rapidly over the past several years. City Hall was last remodeled in the early 70s when we the City had 4,000 residents and 40 employees. Today Bonney Lake has 17, 340 residents and 132 employees. The City literally had no place to put people. Every nook and cranny in city hall had a desk. There is no extra space in the PSB, and the City delayed hiring some positions because there was no room to put them. Officials knew a new civic center would be several years away. It takes time to assemble the land, plan, and build a new civic center. So, in the interim, the City Council resolved to build an interim City Building to provide a facility to bridge facility needs between today and the future civic center. Thus, the new Justice Center will provide space for the growing municipal court as well as space relief for an over-crowded city hall. When a new civic center is completed in 10-15 years, the new building is intended to be sold and the proceeds applied to the construction of the civic center.

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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, or go to the City's official website at 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. ■

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CITY RECEIVES GOLD LEED CERTIFICATION FOR THE JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT

The City of Bonney Lake has received confirmation from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) that the new Justice Center building on Main Street has been awarded a LEED Gold Certification. Upon hearing of this achievement, Mayor Johnson said "We are very pleased to have achieved this level of certification for the Justice Center. The Justice Center building will serve as an example of how the Bonney Lake downtown can develop in a sustainable manner."

Leadership in Environmental Engineering and Design (LEED) is recognized in the United States and in a number of other countries around the world as the standard for measuring building sustainability. Achieving LEED certification is the best way one can demonstrate that a building project is truly "green." The LEED green building rating system is developed and administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, which is a nonprofit coalition of building industry leaders. LEED certification involves a rigorous third-party commissioning process. The LEED rating system offers four certification levels for new construction - Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The Gold certification is the second highest LEED certification available and few newly constructed buildings achieve a Gold rating.

The energy savings strategies alone built into the new building should reduce energy demand by 35% over a conventional office building. The end result is an attractive new municipal building for the community of Bonney Lake that will deliver reduced energy costs while enhancing comfort and productivity for occupants and visitors alike. ■

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Melissa Johnson, Editor

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Well City Award For Excellence 2010

The City of Bonney Lake's Wellness Program received an Excellence designation from the Association of Washington Cities. The award was presented at the AWC Conference in June were City officials (Back Row L-R Community Development Director John Vodopich, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Mayor Neil Johnson, Front Row L-R City Administrator Don Morrison, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Donn Lewis) received the award. Special thanks to the Wellness Committee (Jenna Richardson, Lauren Hines, Carol Paul, Jen Francis, Jaime Amsbaugh, Susan Duis, Lance Johnson, and John Vodopich) for their hard work and to all City employees who participate in the Wellness Programs.

BONNEY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT BLOCK WATCH

The Bonney Lake Police Department is now online with our Block Watch Program. Bonney Lake Community Service Officers are gathering e-mail addresses from Bonney Lake residents interested in receiving crime prevention information and bulletins via e-mail. We will provide both general crime prevention tips and neighborhood-specific information to help prevent residents from becoming crime victims. We realize that most of you are busy with work, family, and school and don't always have the extra time to spend going to Block Watch meetings. We hope that by communicating via email and the internet we can help you to prevent a crime and avoid becoming a victim. It is easy and free to sign up. Just send an e-mail to: blockwatch@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us or visit www.citybonneylake.org/newsletter and sign up for the 'Police Block Watch' newsletter.

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City of Bonney Lake JANUARY 2012 Newsletter

New Bonney Lake Justice Center

The City held a ribbon cutting for the "Justice Center" in May with the Mayor and council members (current and former) participating in the ceremony. The existing City Hall was last remodeled in the early 1970s when the City had 4,000 residents and 40 employee. Today, it has 17,500 residents and 132 employees. The aging and cramped City buildings were no longer able to accommodate city growth. The Justice Center is intended to serve as an interim City building until the new civic center can be constructed in the downtown in several years. Current plans are to move more city staff into the facility and remove the current City Hall Annex from City use. The new Justice Center was funded in part with a $10 million civic center councilmanic bond. A councilmanic, or non-voted, bond is one in which the City cannot raise taxes to fund the debt service on the bonds. It must come from existing general City revenues. The new Justice Center received a LEED Gold Certification. It is the only LEED certified building in Bonney Lake, will serve as an example of how the Bonney Lake downtown can develop in a sustainable manner. ■

Mayor's Cancer Battle Makes National News

In February Mayor Neil Johnson was diagnosed with Leukemia. He spent the balance of the year not only fighting his battle with cancer, but also continued to run the City from his hospital bed. Neither three rounds of chemo nor a bone marrow transplant could keep him down. He arranged to participate in City Council meetings from his hospital bed via Skype. King 5 found out about it and did a news story that was also picked up by CNN and broadcast nationally. Mayor Johnson's continued devotion to Bonney Lake during his battle with cancer has been an inspiration to the entire community. On July 29th and 30th, Mayor Johnson lead the Bonney Lake contingent at the annual Relay for Life at Sunset Stadium. ■

City Receives 6th Consecutive Tree City Award

April 16th several dozen Bonney Lake volunteers met at the former WSU Forest entrance behind Fred Meyer to celebrate Arbor and Park Appreciation Day. Following a ceremony in which the City was awarded a 6th consecutive Tree City USA award by the WA Department of Natural Resources, volunteers and City officials spent the rest of the morning cleaning up the former WSU Forest, including 40 acres donated to the City, now referred to as Midtown Park. All trails have been reopened to the public. ■

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April 2012

Unsung Hero Award 2012

Congratulations to Barb Wigton in the Bonney Lake Police Department who is the recipient of the 19th Annual Community Summit Unsung Hero Award 2012. Barb has been the Coordinator for the Bonney Lake Giving Tree program for over 20 years. Each year, Barb coordinates with local schools to obtain family information for students who would be without Christmas if it were not for this project. In December 2011 nearly 900 students received Christmas presents. Barb solicits help from the community to purchase gifts, make donations, sort and catalog donations, wrap gifts, and ensure that everyone on the list gets a gift. An annual food drive is also a part of this event and the food is distributed to the local food banks and area senior citizens. With Barb's help, more than 17,000 food items and $3,675 were collected in 2011. Barb is already working on the Bonney Lake Giving Tree program for 2012.

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New Eastown Gateway Sign

An unveiling ceremony for a the new Eastown gateway sign was held Tuesday May 15th. The sign is located at the intersection of State Route 410 east and 234th street E. The sign was originally intended to be installed at the western gateway at Ascent Park, but it was later determined to obtain a better sign for this principal gateway, and install this sign at the East gateway after the SR410 Highway improvements in Eastown were completed. ■

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New Bonney Lake Utility Billing E-Statement Option

The City of Bonney Lake has initiated a free utility billing e-billing service. Utility customers now have the option of selecting to have their utility bills delivered via e-mail instead of through the U.S. Postal Service. To sign up, visit http//www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section_government/departments/executive/utility_mailer/, or call (253) 447-4317 during normal office hours for more information. ■

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City of Bonney Lake OCTOBER 2013 Newsletter

City Police Department Receives Award

The City of Bonney Lake's Police Department and its Marine Services Unit has received the Washington State "Boating Safe Educational Service Award." The award is presented by the Washington State Parks Department and recognizes Marine Service Units that concentrate and specialize in water safety efforts. This award is given to only one Law Enforcement agency every year in the State of Washington. This year the Bonney Lake Police Department's Marine Service Unit (with assistance from the East Pierce Fire and Rescue) conducted over thirty water safety school assemblies in the Sumner, Dieringer and Fife school districts. These water safety assemblies reached over 7,000 students and was part of Mayor Johnson's SwimSafe campaign. The increased focus on water safety proved to be extremely beneficial as there were zero water deaths on Lake Tapps in 2013. This was the first time since 2001 that there has been no loss of life on Lake Tapps! ■

FC Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Saturday, October 26

On April 13, 2013 the City of Bonney Lake held a ground breaking ceremony for the long awaited Fennel Creek/Safe Routes Trail project. Now, six months later, Mayor Neil Johnson and Deputy Mayor (Council President) Dan Swatman will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the completion of the new trail link. This 1 mile section of the long-planned Fennel Creek trail runs near Victor Falls Elementary North along Fennel Creek East of the Willow Brook subdivision. This first mile of the Fennel Creek Trail has been completed, and the public is invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony that is scheduled for Saturday October 26th at 1:00pm at the Willow Brook Storm Pond located near 11110 185th Avenue E. (same place as the ground breaking). The project was funded primarily by United State Department of Transportation through a Safe Routes to School grant. The same grant also paid for part of a mile of sidewalks and an extensive education and encouragement program in local schools. The City of Bonney Lake. The City just received notice of preliminary approval for another Federal grant to design another section of the trail, a half-mile segment just north of State Route 410. ■

Past Councilmember

Maureen Palecek

Maureen Palecek

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Fennel Creek Trail Ribbon-Cutting

More than 50 people turned out October 26th for the ribbon-cutting ceremony in celebration of the opening the of the Fennel Creek Trail/ Safe Routes links. Citizens can access the trail at approximately 11110 185th Avenue E in the Willow Brook subdivision. The Safe Routes trail link goes up to Victor Falls elementary school, while the main link heads north. More information about the Fennel Creek Trail plan is available on the City's website. On the home page enter Fennel Creek Trail in the "search our site" box and click search. ■

Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Deputy Mayor Carl Vigna is devoted to Bonney Lake as a 25-year resident, 12.5 years serving the Council Ward 1 position, and about 5 years serving on the Planning Commission. He currently serves as the Finance Committee Chair and as Deputy Mayor. Carl and his wife Ruth have been married for 52 years, have 5 children, and enjoy 9 grandchildren. Carl retired from Boeing after 34 years of employment, and since 1996 is working as the project manager for St. Andrews New Church in Sumner.

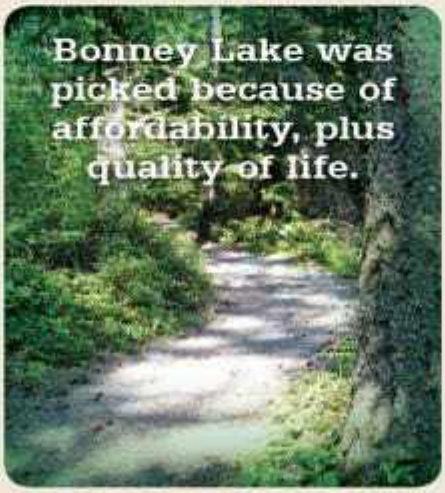
~2014~

Bonney Lake Named Best City In Pierce County for Homeownership – 10th in State.

According to a recent study by NerdWallet, Bonney Lake is the 10th best place to buy a home in Washington State, and the best place in Pierce County.

Washington residents are known for being a sharp bunch. More than 31% of residents 25 and older have earned bachelor's degrees or higher, according to recent U.S. Census figures. Some of the nation's top companies, including Microsoft, Starbucks and Amazon.com, employ the brightest minds in The Evergreen State. Eight Fortune 500 companies are based in Washington.

A recent study conducted by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies concluded that one in four American households are spending more than 50% of their income on rent. But in our top 10 best places for homeownership in Washington, homeownership costs generally take up only about 30% of monthly median household incomes. NerdWallet analyzed the 86 places in Washington with more than 15,000 residents to determine which locations have characteristics that are favorable to homebuyers. Our analysis is based on three main questions: 1) Are homes available?, 2) Can you afford to live there?, and 3) Is the area growing?



Bonney Lake was picked because of affordability, plus quality of life. Bonney Lake residents enjoy parks, trails, lakes, and other recreational opportunities. They are served by good schools. The homeownership rate is 79.2%, while homeownership costs reach 31.8% of median monthly household income. In July, the city's popular Tunes @ Tapps summer outdoor concert events and outdoor market will begin at the Allan Yorke Park. Additional summer events include movies in the park and the family-oriented Bonney Lake Days, both scheduled in August.

Past Councilmember's Biographies for Elections

Councilmember LeRoy Eggers has been a Bonney Lake resident since 1986 and began serving the City as a member of the Council for Ward 5 since November 1997. Councilmember Eggers is the Chair of the Community Development Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee. Prior to moving to Bonney Lake, he served as a Councilmember for the City of Ferndale. Councilmember Eggers and his wife Carolyn have been married 40 years and raised 3 children and enjoy 6 grandchildren. His goals for the City are to improve pedestrian safety, especially near schools, traffic in the Central Business District, and the growth demands on the infrastructures.

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City of Bonney Lake JUNE 2014 Newsletter

Lake Tapps Pioneer Cemetery Ceremony

In 1889, Daniel Orcutt lived on the Bonney Lake Plateau near what is currently Lake Tapps. His family and their neighbors had no local cemetery at the time, so he donated one acre of his land to Pierce County to be used as "a public burying ground only ... forever". The site was named the Lake Tapps Cemetery. While it is suspected that as many as 70 persons may be buried in the cemetery, there are only 14 known interments (remaining name markers), mostly the Lappenbusch and Fadola families. Over time, the cemetery was neglected, then forgotten. It became overgrown with brush and blackberries, and the stone markers became invisible.

In 2008, a hiker traipsing through the brush discovered some of the headstones and posted the coordinates on the internet website Waymarking.com. He erroneously named it the Dieringer Cemetery. A few years later a Boy Scout troop adopted the site as one of their community projects and cleaned it up and erected a sign naming it the "Dieringer Pioneer Cemetery". In 2012, Roger Hunt, the great-great-great grandson of Daniel Orcutt began the mission of restoring the name of the cemetery as the Lake Tapps Pioneer Cemetery that was donated to the county 125 years ago. Hunt noted that the Dieringers were no friends of the Orcutts. On June 4, 2014, the Bonney Lake Historical Society held a renaming ceremony. Roger Hunter attended and told some of the history he has discovered while researching his ancestors. ■

Past Councilmembers

Ginger Moore

Robert Hawkins

Chalmers Brittain

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City of Bonney Lake JANUARY 2015 Newsletter

City Process Praised in National Magazine

Bonney Lake's public records retention procedures were recently lauded in a national magazine. The City of Bonney Lake's treatment and retention of text messages were featured in an article recently published in Government Executive magazine. In the article, Bonney Lake IT Services Manager Chuck McEwen explains how Bonney Lake is ahead of the curve in archiving and retrieving public records, especially text messages. The article can be found at: http://www.govexec.com/state-local/2015/01/text-message-archiving-smarsh/102204/?oref=river ■

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City of Bonney Lake APRIL 2015 Newsletter

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. ■

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City Receives 10 Year Tree City USA AWARD

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. ■

Past Councilmembers

Laurie Carter

Laurie Carter

David Bowen

David Bowen

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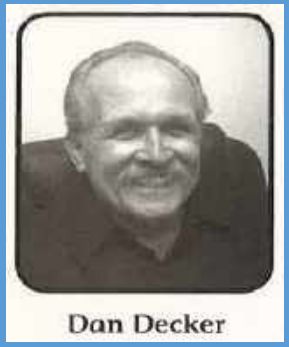
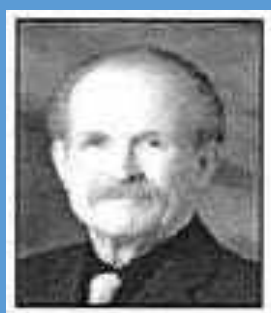


Dan Decker



Dan Decker

Mark Hamilton

Mark A. Hamilton

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"Medal of Arts" Awarded to Milotte Film Festival

The Bonney Lake Arts Commission has awarded its first annual "Medal of Arts" award to Mark Hamilton and the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society for establishing the Milotte Wildlife Film Festival. Now in its 5th year, the Milotte Film Festival provides free educational and entertaining information and film to the public. The Festival is named for Alfred and Elma Milotte, who once owned and lived in what is now the "Sky Island" neighborhood of Bonney Lake. The Milottes spent more than thirty years observing wildlife on three continents and filming for Walt Disney's True Life Adventure series. For more information about the festival, visit www.mwlff.org. The Medal of Arts award recognizes an individual or organization residing in Bonney Lake who has made a contribution to and promoted the arts in Bonney Lake. ■

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City of Bonney Lake JULY 2016 Newsletter

Bonney Lake Receives 2016 Healthy Communities Award

Bonney Lake has been awarded the 2016 Health Community Award from the Pierce County Regional Council and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. This award recognizes the City for its efforts to promote community health, including the development and adoption of comprehensive plan policies to improve the health of all community members. ■

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City of Bonney Lake DECEMBER 2016 Newsletter

Tribute to Mona Musgrave

Mona Musgrave passed away November 18, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mona was the City's longest tenured employee, having just achieved her 43rd anniversary with the City. She worked up until the end. She was just 17 when she started with the City—still in high school. Once she graduated she started on a full-time basis in the clerk-treasurer's office. Mona was a dedicated, exemplary employee who loved the City and became its institutional memory and historian. A large turnout of City employees attended her memorial service Saturday Dec. 3rd. The City will be placing a new park bench and donated memorial plate in her honor in Cedarview Park, which is close to the home where she spent the majority of her life. ■

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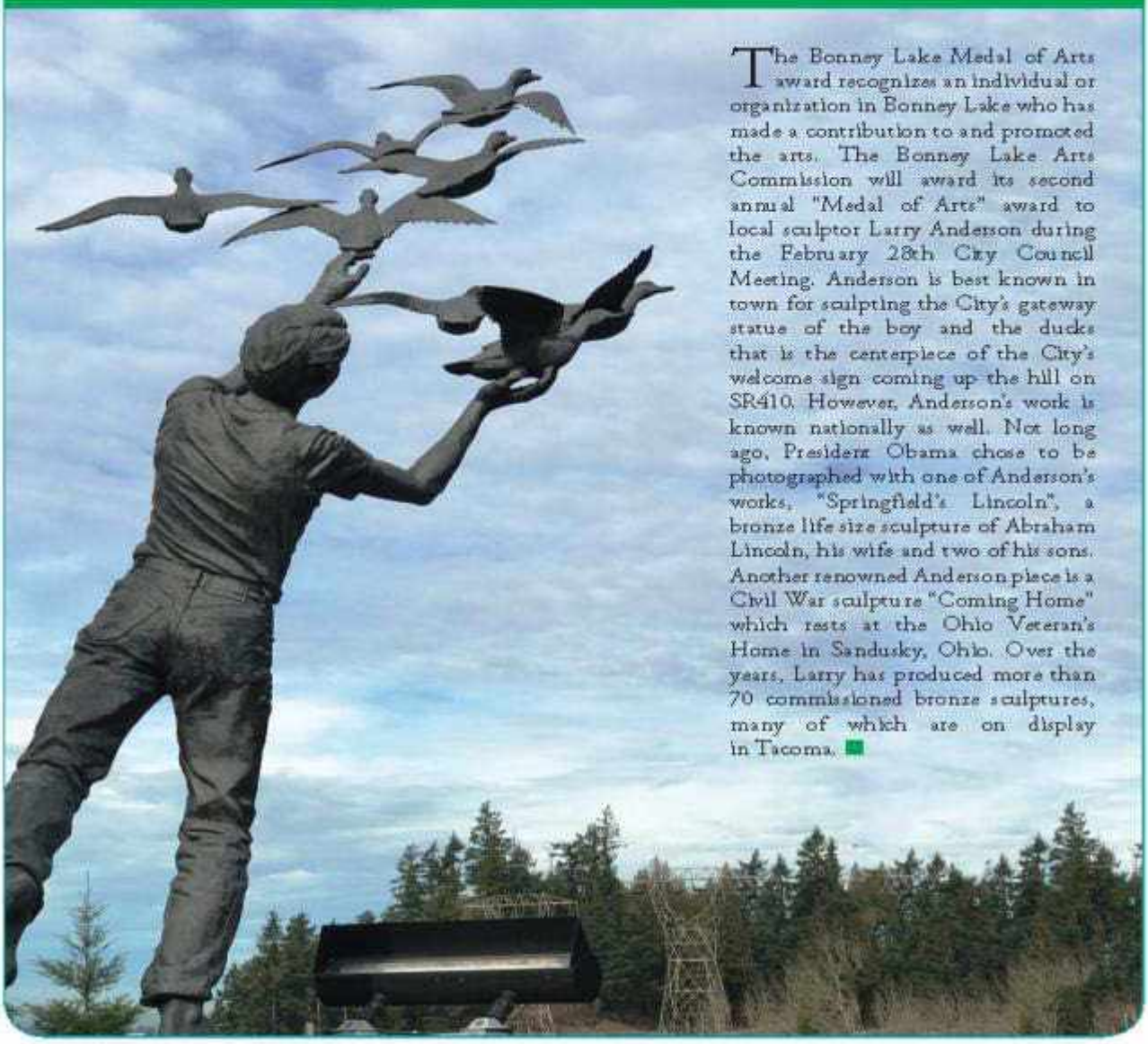
Larry Anderson to Receive "Medal of Arts" Award



The Bonney Lake Medal of Arts award recognizes an individual or organization in Bonney Lake who has made a contribution to and promoted the arts. The Bonney Lake Arts Commission will award its second annual "Medal of Arts" award to local sculptor Larry Anderson during the February 28th City Council Meeting. Anderson is best known in town for sculpting the City's gateway statue of the boy and the ducks that is the centerpiece of the City's welcome sign coming up the hill on SR410. However, Anderson's work is known nationally as well. Not long ago, President Obama chose to be photographed with one of Anderson's works, "Springfield's Lincoln", a bronze life size sculpture of Abraham Lincoln, his wife and two of his sons. Another renowned Anderson piece is a Civil War sculpture "Coming Home" which rests at the Ohio Veteran's Home in Sandusky, Ohio. Over the years, Larry has produced more than 70 commissioned bronze sculptures, many of which are on display in Tacoma.

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Larry Anderson Awarded "Medal of Arts"

At a presentation ceremony at the February 28th City Council meeting, the Bonney Lake Arts Commission presented its second annual "Medal of Arts" award to renowned local sculptor Larry Anderson. Anderson is best known in town for sculpting the City's gateway statue of the boy and the ducks that is the centerpiece of the City's welcome sign coming up the hill on SR410. Anderson's work is known nationally as well. Not long ago, President Obama chose to be photographed with one of Anderson's works, "Springfield's Lincoln", a bronze life size sculpture of Abraham Lincoln, his wife and two of his sons. Another renowned Anderson piece is a Civil War sculpture "Coming Home" which rests at the Ohio Veteran's Home in Sandusky, Ohio. Over the years, Larry has produced more than 70 commissioned bronze sculptures, many of which remain on public display in various parts of Tacoma, including "The Leaf", "Children's Bell, "Waiting at the Station", "The Second Touch", "Trilogy", and many more. The Bonney Lake Medal of Arts award recognizes an individual or organization in Bonney Lake who has made a contribution to and promoted the arts. ■

Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Councilmember Paul Qualey is a 19-year resident of Bonney Lake. Councilmember Qualey serves the City in the Ward 2 Council position since the fall of 1997. He serves as a member of the Community Development Committee. Councilmember Qualey has been the owner of the Bonney Lake Bicycle Shop for 9 years. He has been married for 15 years and has 3 children.

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City Receives 12th Consecutive TreeCity USA Award

At the annual Arbor/Parks Appreciation Day ceremony and work party Saturday April 22nd, the Washington Forestry Council presented Mayor Neil Johnson with the City's 12th consecutive TreeCity USA award. More than 70 volunteers participated in either cleaning up Midtown Park or planting trees along the Fennel Creek trail. Special thanks goes to Bonney Lake Cub Scout Pack 504 which undertook the tree planting project. The scouts and their leaders and families planted dozens of trees along the Fennel Creek Trail in the Willowbrook neighborhood. ■

Past Mayors

Allan Yorke

Rex Pulfrey

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Bonney Lake Student Leads Effort to Repaint Food Bank

Bonney Lake resident and student McKenna Sax has been a volunteer at the Bonney Lake Food Bank. She recently headed up an effort to repaint the food bank building. She solicited the help of 17 volunteers to help with the work. The Bonney Lake Sherwin Williams paint store donated all of the paint and supplies, and Extendaw Painting pressure washed the building and painted the second floor, at no charge. Mayor Neil Johnson noted that he "appreciates young people like Miss Sax who is working to make a positive difference in the Bonney Lake community. I am really proud of McKenna's values and persistent effort to get this project done." ■

New Fireworks Regulations for 2017

Safe & Sane

Based on fireworks code changes made last year by the Bonney Lake City Council, Safe and Sane legal fireworks can only be set off only on New Year's and the 4th of July. For the 4th, fireworks can only be set off between the hours of 9AM to midnight. (BLMC 5.14.110). If you have any questions before purchasing or lighting your fireworks, please contact the police department at (253) 863-2218.

Property owners are responsible for their own property and if an illegal firework is set off on private property, the property owner may be cited, regardless of who set off the firework. A police officer does not need to catch the firework igniter in the act! If you are concerned for the safety of yourself or others, feel free to contact the non-emergency police line at (253) 841-5431.

Also Possession of illegal fireworks is against state law (RCW 70.77.485). Setting off fireworks on someone's property without the owner's permission is against the law (BLMC 5.14.110 (E). Discharging fireworks in a reckless manner is against the law (RCW 70.77.488), and setting off fireworks in a City park or City property is likewise illegal (BLMC 5.14.110 (E). Officers may issue a civil infraction to anyone found setting off safe and sane fireworks in violation of the law, a $550 fine.

These changes were a compromise between those who prefer an outright ban on fireworks and those who want to continue to enjoy fireworks as part of their 4th of July celebration. Please be careful, respectful of others, and enjoy a safe and sane Independence Day celebration. ■

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Bonney Lake Assumes Administration of Joint Recreation Program

Effective September 1st, the City of Bonney Lake took the lead in administering the joint Recreation Program, a previous responsibility of the Sumner School District. The City has signed a new inter-local agreement with the Sumner School District to continue offering recreation and arts activities for youth and adults in the area, as well as before and after school activity programs for students in the district. Those who participate in the programs and activities will continue to enjoy the same variety of quality and affordable offerings. Bonney Lake is a growing city and the Recreation Program will play an integral part in providing activities for area youth and adults. The City looks forward to leading the program and the continued partnership with the Sumner School District. Anticipated improvements to the system include online class registration and payment.

Bonney Lake Receives Prestigious National Budget Award

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GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Councilmember Allen Johnson is almost a 5-year resident of Bonney Lake. Councilmember Johnson serves as the Ward 3 Council position. He was appointed in March 1998, and he sought the appointment because he wanted to become part of a team that is planning for the future of our children. Councilmember Johnson serves on the Public Safety Committee. He is employed as a new construction superintendent. Councilmember Johnson is married and has 3 children. He enjoys acting as the assistant coach for his daughters' ASA softball team.

Education: High School Diploma Equivalent, Klamath Falls, OR
Occupation: Residential Construction Superintendent
Professional Qualifications: 9 years building Residential Construction, 6 years as a superintendent
Personal Information: I am married with 3 children, a US Navy Veteran. I have been a resident of Bonney Lake for 5 years.
Community Involvement: I was on the Bonney Lake/Sumner Little League board of directors for 2 years as a softball player agent and a coach for little league for 4 years. I am currently an ASA 12U Fastpitch softball coach. I am currently on the public safety committee for the city of Bonney Lake.
Personal Views: I am committed to serve the citizens of Bonney Lake in the issues that face our city in the present and the future. I feel we need well planned growth with the emphasis of making our city livable for all citizens. I am also committed to maintaining a balanced budget.

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New Mural in Allan Yorke Park

Bonney Lakes Arts Commission Glory Cancro, along with local artists Brian Meier and Bryon Koecke of Brazen Hearts Tattoo in Buckley, volunteered their time to paint a new mural in Allan York Park (AYP). The new mural was painted on the West wall of the Snack Shack at Allan Yorke. Also pictured in the photo is past Arts Commission President Suzy Fountaine, decked out in her Seahawks gear. This is the second mural painted in AYP. The first, commissioned two years ago, was painted on the Sound side of the restroom.

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Council Recognizes Councilmember Donn Lewis

The Bonney Lake Arts Commission is now accepting nominations for its annual Medal of Arts Award. This annual award honors an individual or organization residing in Bonney Lake who has made a contribution to and/or promoted the arts in Bonney Lake. Nominees must be an individual (of any age) residing, or an organization located in, the 98391 zip code area. The individual or organization could be an educator or an artist who makes original art (music, visual arts, performing arts, digital and literacy) in our community. To download a nomination form, visit the City's website at www.citybonneylake.org and click special events/Medal of Arts, or email eafg@ci.bonney-lakewa.us. All nominations are due by January 1st, 2018.

Donn Lewis

Mayor's Food Drive Nets Three Tons

Mayor Neil Johnson's 4th Annual Bonney Lake Food Drive sponsored by DM Disposal netted 6,600 pounds of food that went directly to the Bonney Lake Food Bank. Five hundred and sixty-three (563) different households contributed donations. In a related food drive, the incredible students at Bonney Lake High School collected over 5,400 food items. Thanks to all for your generous support to help the needy in our Bonney Lake community.

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Employee Newsletter

Melissa Johnson, Editor

September 2018

Congratulations to Detective Brian Byerley who was awarded the Pierce County Prosecutors Office Detective of the Year 2018 at the PC Prosecutors Annual Community Partner Awards ceremony held at Wright Park in Tacoma recently. Detective Byerley was recognized for his dedication and hard work on many high profile cases during this past year.

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November 2018

Assistant Chief Alfano accepted to FBI National Academy

BLPD was notified that Assistant Chief Kurt Alfano has been tentatively accepted to the #279th session of the FBI National Academy in January of 2020. The FBI National Academy is hosted in Quantico, VA and is an eleven week program focusing on executive leadership, nutrition and physical fitness. AC Alfano will have 250 students in the class with him from around the world. Only 1% of all law enforcement officers are accepted into this prestigious training. AC Alfano will be the third member from BLPD to attend the FBI National Academy joining Chief George Webb (early 1970's) and Chief Bryan Jeter (211th Session in 2002).

Councilmembers

James (Kelly) McClimans

Todd Dole

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December 2018

BLPD Honored at Cedar Ridge

Cedar Ridge Assisted Living honored the Bonney Lake Police Department by having a fundraiser lunch for their Shop with a Cop program and also gave them the below pictured wall art as a token of appreciation for their service.

Sergeant Rob Hoag recognized for DUI enforcement

The summer Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over High Visibility Emphasis (HVE) patrols targeted impaired driving from August 15 to September 3, 2018. Target Zero Managers from across the state worked with local agencies and regional task forces to set the dates and times for their local emphasis to coincide with national enforcement efforts promoted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaigns targeted not only Impaired Driving, but all types of traffic violations.

The WTSC is proud to recognize the outstanding work of top performing officers who participated in the summer Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over HVE patrols. The regional Target Zero Manager and Law Enforcement Liaison nominated top performers after a review of officer activity logs.

Sergeant Rob Hoag of the Bonney Lake Police Department has been selected as the "Top Performer" for Region 5 for the 2018 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Impaired Driving Campaign. Sergeant Hoag worked nine hours during the campaign, had six contacts, issued seven charges, and arrested two impaired drivers. Congratulations Sergeant Hoag!

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January 2019

Sergeant Boyle selected as Boating Safety Instructor

Sergeant Ryan Boyle was recently selected by Washington State Parks to be a Recreational Boating Safety Instructor. As an Instructor, Sergeant Boyle will certify other officers around the state to operate a police vessel. For Sergeant Boyle's efforts, the Marine Services Unit will qualify BLPD for an additional grant funding of up to $5000 per year for each year he teaches for at least one week (5 Days) at a State Parks class. This is quite an honor to represent BLPD at the State level. Congratulations Ryan!

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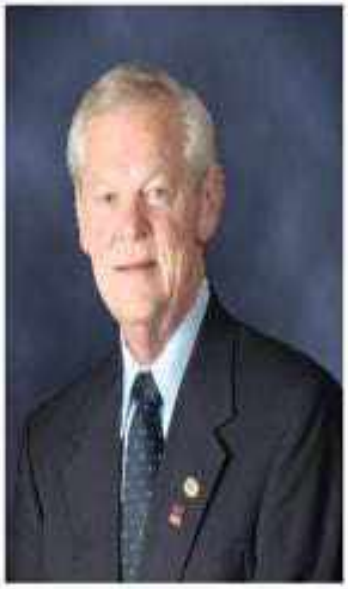
Congratulations to Mary Reinbold on obtaining the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) candidate certification through the American Planning Association (APA). This is a nationwide, independent verification of a planners' qualifications. One more year of professional planning work and Mary will be a certified planner.

City Mourns the Loss of Councilmember Rackley

Posted on 07/11/2019



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of former Councilmember James Rackley today, July 11, 2019, following his valiant battle with cancer.

Rackley announced his retirement from office due to ongoing health issues on June 5, 2019. Rackley was first elected to office in 2000, and served on council for nearly 20 years. He was proud to serve the Bonney Lake community, and played an instrumental role in how the city has transformed over the years.

"My heart goes out to all of his family and friends in their time of grief," said Mayor Neil Johnson. "Jim was not only a fun person to work with on council, but also a friend. I will never forget in 2005 when Jim ran against me for mayor. We remained friends during the campaign and we both agreed we would talk only about the issues. What was cool is that after the election results came in, Jim attended my election party where he was very supportive. I will miss Jim and his infectious laugh."

City Council, staff, and members of the public gathered at the City Council meeting on June 11 to recognize Rackley for his years of service. Rackley shared, "It's been a beautiful life and I would like to thank the people I know which is hundreds, especially here at city hall. I really appreciated the job. Thank you very much."

City flags will be flown at half-staff in honor of Rackley on Friday, July 12, 2019.
No memorial service is planned. Those wishing to honor Rackley's life are encouraged to make a donation in his name to St. Jude.

Mayor

Neil Johnson

Neil Johnson

Neil Johnson, Jr.

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Congratulations to Geri Resch on her achieving her certificate for Certified Court Manager upon completion of the rigorous Court Management Program thru the National Center for State Courts & Administrative Office of the Courts.

Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Randy McKibbin

Elected Experience: Bonney Lake Council Member - 2009 - present Deputy Mayor - 2016 - present Finanance Committee Chair - 2016 - present Bonney Lake Planning Commission - Chair - 2004 - 2009

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Beautify Bonney Lake - Charter Board MemberBonney Lake KiwanisBrookside HOA Board Member

Statement: Married 43 years to wife Lori, with two daughters, five granddaughters and one grandson

City Wins Governor's Smart Communities Award

Posted on 08/28/2019

At last night's City Council meeting, the Washington State Department of Commerce presented the City of Bonney Lake the 2019 Governor's Smart Communities Award. The program, now in its 14th year, recognizes projects that promote smart growth planning and "contribute to thriving communities, a prosperous economy, and sustainable infrastructure in Washington."

The City received the Judge's Merit Award, which is given to a project that is a "shining example of the best work in a particular topic," for their 2017 Watershed Protection and Land Use Plan. Parametrix partnered with the City to prepare the plan, which provides an integrated systems approach to watershed protection and land use planning. The project team also included BERK Consulting and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

The judges called the Bonney Lake project impressive, innovative, thorough, and meaningful – a very smart approach – naming it the most impressive submittal this year, and one of the best in the more recent award cycles. The judges noted this as an innovative approach to comprehensive planning, and a great example of how professionals in different disciplines, elected officials, and the public can work together to plan communities that are healthy for residents.

"The City is committed to balancing the needs of economic development and environmental protection. This plan is an integrated approach to facilitating development in Bonney Lake while meeting the requirements of the regional growth strategy and protecting our natural environment," stated Mayor Neil Johnson.

Bonney Lake has unique geologic conditions not typically found in many western Washington communities, including a drift plain with low hills of outwash materials and numerous closed depressions. Fennel Creek, the main stream in the City, is a former glacial meltwater channel, much of which was later filled with a mudflow from Mount Rainier. This combination of high and low infiltration on a relatively geologically young landscape required site-specific stormwater solutions.

For more information on the award, visit the Department of Commerce's website at https://www.commerce.wa.gov/news-releases/community-programs-facilities/2019-governors-smart-communities-award-winners-announced/.

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Congratulations to Leslie Harris on receiving the Washington City Manager's Association Outstanding Assistant Award for 2019!

Councilmembers

Terry Carter

Terry Carter

Justin Evans

Justin Evans

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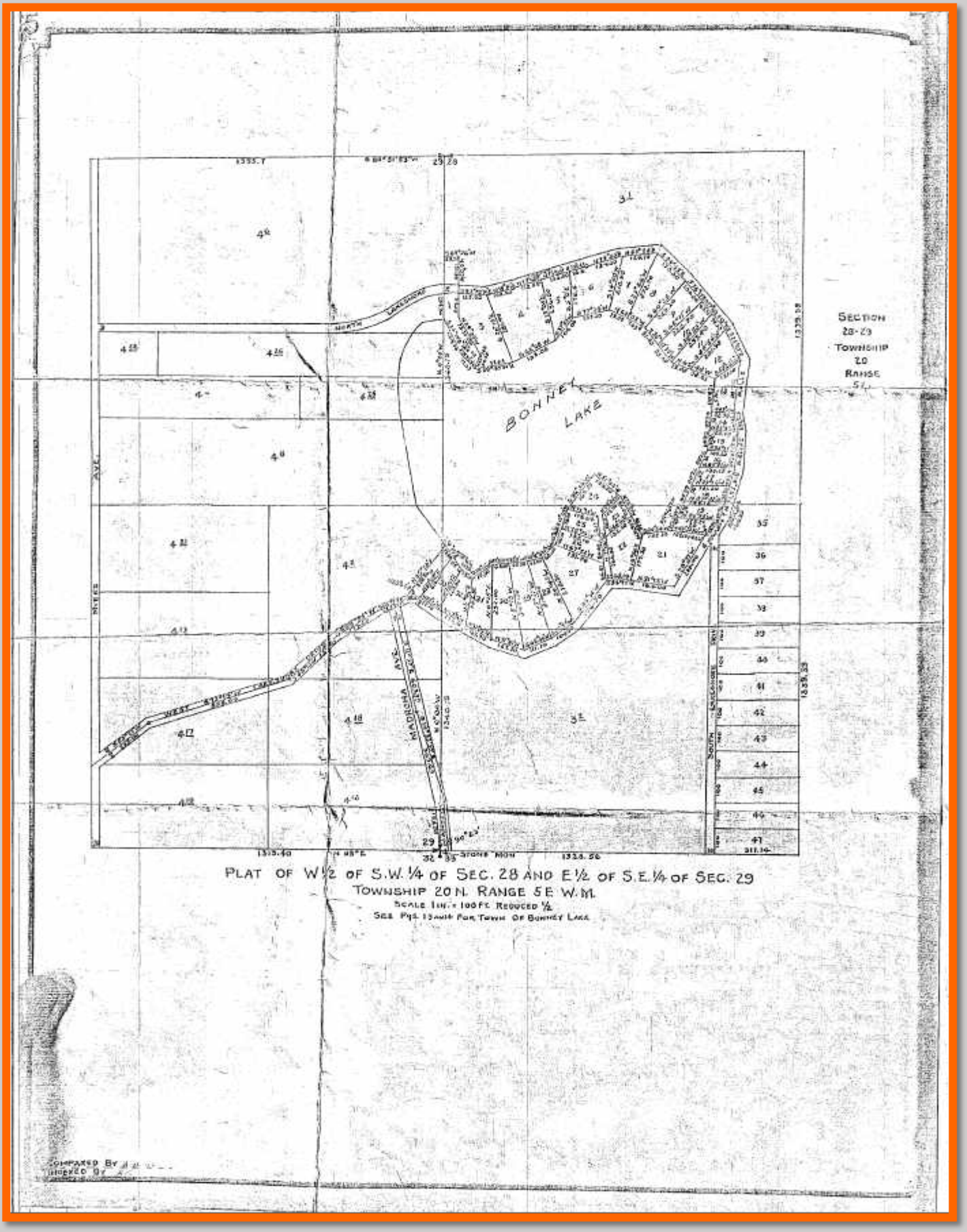
Distinguished Budget PRESENTATION *Award*

We were notified that we received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Thanks to Cherie and everyone involved in putting together yet another award winning budget.

~2020~



Town of Bonney Lake Map 2 From July 1, 2020

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January 2020

Officer Alfano completes collision reconstruction course

Officer Eric Alfano recently completed Collision Reconstruction training. This advanced training is highly sought after and extremely difficult to pass. It involved 120 hours of intensive training and passing a test at the end. Officer Alfano represented BLPD very well and is now one of the few collision reconstruction experts in Pierce County.

Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Stephen Bricker

Education: Capital High School-Olympia, WA; Attended South Puget Sound Community College-Olympia, WA; Attended Washington State University-Pullman, WA
Occupation: Water Works Estimator, H.D. Fowler Co.
Professional Qualifications: Completed Citizen's Academy, Bonney Lake Police Department
Personal Information: Married with two boys, ages eleven and seven, (both attend Bonney Lake Elementary), Bonney Lake resident for seven years
Community Involvement: Volunteer, Bonney Lake Elementary, Coach, Sumner Soccer League
Personal Views: Having been a Bonney Lake resident for nearly seven years and raising my family in this city, it uniquely suits me to serve this community as a member of the City Council. My family and I have seen many changes in this community in the time we have been here, and the city that we create now is the city we create for our children.

The decisions that the City of Bonney Lake faces are numerous and complex. They need vision and direction. Bonney Lake must continue to be a safe and affordable place to raise a family, while preserving the residential atmosphere.

The citizens of Bonney Lake need to get involved in their community in order for effective change to occur, and I am doing just that. Please vote this election day.

Information Regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Posted on 03/02/2020

We're getting the word out about information and resources available to the public regarding Coronavirus, aka COVID-19. Here are some external websites with information:

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/human-coronavirus

Washington State Department of Health
https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus

Center for Disease Control
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department shares these steps to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19: to help protect yourself:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces.
- Stay at home and away from others if you are sick.

Questions about COVID-19? Contact the Washington State Department of Health's call center at 1-800-525-0127. If you are not feeling well, call your healthcare provider, clinic, or the call center.

City offices closed to public access

Posted on 03/16/2020

The Justice & Municipal Center will be closed to public access beginning Tuesday, March 17 through March 31 to slow the spread of #COVID19. Many of our services are available online, and staff can be reached by email or phone.

As a reminder, the Police Station is closed through the end of the month. The Senior Center and Recreation Office are closed in conjunction with the School District closure.

For updates and a list of online services, visit: www.cobl.us/coronavirus.

City Council to Conduct March 24th Meeting Virtually

Posted on 03/18/2020

Dear Bonney Lake community:

The Bonney Lake City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 24, at 6 p.m. will be conducted virtually, with Councilmembers, the Mayor, and Department Heads participating remotely via web-based conferencing. This change is necessary to respond to updated recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state and local health authorities, regarding social distancing and limitations on public gatherings in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public is invited to call in to this meeting at 408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 215 767 540#) and listen live. As always, the audio of the meeting will be posted to the City's website.

The meeting is expected to be conducted expeditiously, with Council discussion kept to a minimum. The first item on the Council agenda will be an emergency ordinance establishing rules for the conduct of Council meetings in the event of an emergency. The ordinance, if passed, will allow the Council to continue with remote meetings when warranted by a disaster or emergency, and put in place additional measures to ensure the orderly conduct of Council business along with the protection of the public health, welfare, and safety.

The Citizen Comment portion of the meeting may be cancelled. If you would like to comment on a matter of city business, please submit your comments via email to clerk@cobl.us. Please indicate in your comment whether you would like it to be read aloud at the meeting. Any comments that are submitted at least one hour in advance of the meeting, and that meet Bonney Lake Municipal Code requirements for appropriate comment, will be read at the meeting.

I believe it is critically important for the community to remain involved in government, and I regret having to take actions such as these. But at the same time, we all need to do our part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. I look forward to this crisis passing and returning to our normal procedures for open public meetings in the near future.

- Mayor Neil Johnson

Gov. Inslee announces Stay Home, Stay Healthy order

Posted on 03/24/2020

Together, we can stop the spread of COVID-19. Learn more about Governor Jay Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order here: https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-stay-home-stay-healthy-order-4891a7511f5e.

The state built a website for all COVID-19 information, including health recommendations and resources to help workers and businesses impacted by COVID-19: https://coronavirus.wa.gov.

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Assistant Chief Alfano graduates from the FBI National Academy

Assistant Chief Kurt Alfano graduated from the 279th session of the FBI National Academy on Friday, March 13th in Quantico, VA. AC Alfano spent 10 weeks learning with 250 other students from around the world. The course focuses on leadership, wellness and physical fitness. AC Alfano is the third member in the history of the Bonney Lake Police Department to successfully complete the FBI National Academy. Congratulations Assistant Chief Alfano!

Councilmember

Dan Swatman

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Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Dan Decker

Education: Diploma, Sumner High School; A. A., Green River Community College; B. A., Central Washington University

Occupation: Independent Insurance Agent, C. Cable Insurance Company

Professional Qualifications: I hear what the people want and act accordingly.

Personal Information: I've lived in Bonney Lake over 45 years. My wife Nancy has been here a few years less. Nancy is a 26-year schoolteacher.

Community Involvement: I ran for Mayor, received 08% of the vote, I'm a Judge for the Bonney Lake High School Senior Projects, a member of the Bonney Lake Citizens Advisory Council. I helped Emerald Hills Elementary school win the Wal-Mart recycling program. My granddaughter Zoe goes to Emerald Hills. I caused the people of Bonney Lake to have the right of Initiative and Referendum petitioning. I'm the catalyst that caused our City to add 12 ½ acres to the City Park. I'm a member of the Puget Creek Restoration Society and past Vice-President, Treasurer, and Councilmember. I attend Council-meetings and speak my mind.

Personal Views: Old Mayor Young mentality is alive and well in Bonney Lake politics. The Council has lost vision of the needs of the people. The changes I will make will be through the will of the people not through big business controlling our City.

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Donations

Several local businesses donated vital equipment and supplies to BLPD during the COVID-19 pandemic. Costco donated two packages of disinfectant wipes, Home Depot donated hand sanitizer, Target donated a basket of snack and drinks, Equipment Experts, Inc. donate an ozone generator to aid with disinfecting patrol vehicles, Domino's donated pizza for our staff, Lampost Coffee Roasters donated coffee, Khalsa Aid also provided pizza for our staff, a family donated a CJ's Deli lunch for our staff, Bonney Lake Multi Care Emergency Dept donated pizzed April 20th, Al Lago is providing a lunch and dinner for officers working on April 22nd, and former Volunteers In Police Services made and donated face masks. What a great community we serve!

Bonney Lake and Sumner Mayors issue a joint letter to Gov. Inslee

Posted on 05/19/2020

Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson and Sumner Mayor Bill Pugh issued the following letter to Gov. Inslee regarding the opening of businesses. Read the letter

May 19, 2020

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee:

As city leaders of Bonney Lake and Sumner, we join together in writing this letter urging you to allow businesses to open.

As you are aware, "one size does not fit all" when it comes to solutions for our cities, counties, and state. Bonney Lake and Sumner, with a combined population of 31,000 located in East Pierce County, is vastly different from Seattle and Tacoma.

While the health and safety of our communities is of the upmost importance, our businesses can open responsibly and safely today by following guidelines already in place by similar industries currently open. Our small businesses, which provide for our significant economic bases, are anxiously waiting for the green light to open. We all are finding the lack of consistency between which business are opened vs closed frustrating and inequitable. For example, small boutiques can be safe, if not safer, than a Costco or Fred Meyer that sells clothing, home goods, and other items besides food.

We would like to propose the following:

- Open businesses immediately that can comply with the health and safety requirements required of their industry that are already open. Allow the business owner to decide if they can and are ready to safely open.
- Continue to encourage people to follow safety protocols, including social distancing and wearing a face mask or covering when around others, and staying home when not feeling well.
- Encourage seniors and other at-risk members of the community to stay home.

Many of our businesses follow the same requirements of businesses in their industry already open. Our small business community is ready to safely serve its customers. Please allow these businesses to open now before they can no longer afford to stay in business.

Sincerely,

Neil Johnson, Jr.
Bonney Lake Mayor

Bill Pugh
Sumner Mayor

Author: KING 5 Staff, Christin Ayers
Published: 7:48 PM PDT May 21, 2020
Updated: 10:09 PM PDT May 21, 2020

Bonney Lake and Sumner mayors ask Gov. Inslee to allow businesses in their cities to reopen

The mayors say their Pierce County cities are 'vastly different from Seattle and Tacoma,' and that their local small businesses should be allowed to reopen safely.

Saying "one size does not fit all," the mayors of Bonney Lake and Sumner are urging Gov. Jay Inslee to allow businesses in their cities to reopen.

Located in east Pierce County, the two cities have a combined population of around 31,000. However, Pierce County remains in Phase 1 of the state's four-phase approach to reopening due to the total population.

In a letter to Inslee, Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson Jr. and Sumner Mayor Bill Pugh write businesses in the two cities can open "responsibly and safely" by following guidelines already in place by businesses that are already allowed to open. Small businesses in the cities are "anxiously waiting for the green light."

"We all are finding the lack of consistency between which business are opened vs closed frustrating and inequitable," they wrote.

"For example, small boutiques can be safe, if not safer, than a Costco or Fred Meyer that sells clothing, home goods, and other items besides food," they wrote.

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- Encourage seniors and other at-risk members of the community to stay home.

Nicole Wilsey, owner of Sparrow and Nightingale's, a home decor and gifts boutique in downtown Sumner, said she was glad to see the mayors try to help small businesses.

"Small business, we're taking the biggest hit of anybody," Wilsey said. "For the mayors to go to bat for us is phenomenal."

Mayor Johnson, of Bonney Lake, said he has also heard from other small business owners.

"I've got a lot of feedback on that letter that a lot of folks are just happy that cities are fighting for their local economy," Johnson said.

Pugh said that he would like to see the mayors in Pierce County work together.

"I respect Governor Inslee and all that he is doing to try to navigate us through this," said Sumner mayor Bill Pugh's statement. " I'd like to see [mayors in Pierce County] working more cohesively to ask the difficult questions and find some common ground to support Governor Inslee and help our businesses and our residents survive."

The governor's spokesperson Mike Faulk said that for now, any exceptions to the state's four-phased reopening plan will be considered by county, and not by city.

"At this time we are considering county variances only. As with any communications we get from counties and cities, we will respond to them directly with more information on why we think this is important to protect public health."

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Officer Green begins at BLEA

Ofc. Todd Green started serving as BLPD's first TAC officer for the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's Basic Law Enforcement Academy on April 27th. Ofc. Green will be assigned to the BLEA for a minimum of three years and will be an instructor for law enforcement recruits at the training academy in Burien. Ofc. Green competed with other officers from around the state for this position. This is great recognition for Ofc. Green and BLPD.

Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Maureen Palecek

Education: Attended Carroll College in Helena, Montana
Occupation: Homemaker
Professional Qualifications: Homeowner and resident of Bonney Lake for 10 years
Personal Information: Happily married for 18 years. Mother of 5 children.
Community Involvement: Active at all grade levels-Elementary through High School activities and sports events. Attends Covenant Celebration Church.
Personal Views: Bonney Lake is still in a transitional phase from a "small town" to a city. Maureen looks forward to helping unify Bonney Lake residents with a view towards centralizing social and community activities. Maureen realizes progress is important in a growing community, but not at the expense of its citizens. Growth can responsibly occur while still maintaining "small town" values without a fragmented city center and obscured identity. She realizes as a Bonney Lake resident that appreciation of our natural resources and healthy environment should warrant responsible development.

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2019 Awards

BLPD's annual awards were delayed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The awards were bestowed on June 15th.

Ofc. Daron Wolschleger was voted officer of the year by the department's supervisors. Ofc. Wolschleger returned to the schools as our School Resource Officer. Ofc. Wolschleger quickly established relationships with all of the schools and provided a consistent, timely response. Ofc. Wolschleger also implemented a plan to assist with rampant theft in the cafeteria. School officials are extremely happy to Ofc. Wolschleger back in the schools as well.

CSO Nate Alvord was voted support person of the year by the department's supervisors. CSO Alvord continues to handle our community outreach programs and has worked tirelessly to connect our homeless population to resources. In addition, CSO Alvord coordinates our Citizen's Academy, Coffee with a Cop and Block Watch programs. CSO Alvord always makes himself available to assist with any and all assignments that are thrown at him.

Ofc. Todd Green was awarded a lifesaving medal for his application of a tourniquet to a subject who had slit his wrist in a suicide attempt. Ofc. Green was the first to arrive on scene of a motor vehicle collision. Ofc. Green immediately recognized a serious wound to the subject's arm that was bleeding profusely. The subject was on the verge of unconsciousness. Ofc. Green quickly applied his department issued tourniquet to stop the bleeding. EMS was able to stabilize the subject and he survived due to Ofc. Green's quick thinking and action.

Congratulations to all!

Bonney Lake COVID-19 Residential Utility and Small Business Grant Assistance Programs

Posted on 08/03/2020

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Under the CARES Act, the Department of Commerce has awarded the City of Bonney Lake grant funds to cover various eligible costs that are incurred as a result of COVID-19. At the July 21, 2020, City Council meeting, Council approved allocating up to $300,000 of grant funds to provide assistance to businesses and residents that have been impacted by COVID-19.

An overview of the two programs - 1) Bonney Lake Residential Utility Customer Grant Assistance Program and 2) Bonney Lake Small Business Grant Assistance Program can be found below.

The application period for both programs will start at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 3.

Coronavirus Update and Resources

Posted on 08/28/2020

The City of Bonney Lake continues to closely monitor this situation. We will post updates and resources on COVID-19 on this web page as available.

On March 11, 2020, Mayor Johnson signed a Proclamation of Emergency for the City of Bonney Lake. The declaration of a state of emergency gives the City greater flexibility to take appropriate actions necessary to combat the emergency for the protection of persons and properties, and to provide appropriate emergency assistance to persons affected. Read the proclamation.

In an effort to take proactive measures to protect the health and safety of the community and staff, the City is implementing safety protocols and modifying our services.

The following is an update as of August 28, 2020:

City offices closed to public access

In accordance with the Governor's phased reopening plan and orders from the State Supreme Court, the Justice & Municipal Center, Police Department, and Public Works Center are currently closed to the public with the exception for individuals with scheduled court hearings. The Municipal Court counter remains closed. The Senior Center is closed in conjunction with the School District closure but offering drive-through lunch service. We will keep you updated as we reassess the situation. Many of our services are available online. See a list of online services below.

New Program

Learn about the Bonney Lake COVID-19 Residential Utility and Small Business Grant Assistance Programs here.

City Council Meetings:

City Council meetings will be conducted virtually. Click here for details on how to listen and submit public comments.

Commission Meetings:
All Commission meetings will be cancelled until further notice - Planning Commission, Design Commission, Arts Commission, and Parks Commission.

Department Updates:

- Court
- Police Department
- Recreation Program
- Senior Center
- Special Events

Parks Updates:

- City Parks and Trails Access
- Parks and Facility Reservations

Other Services
At this time, claims may be submitted electronically or by mail and will not require a notary of the signature until later. Notary services are currently not available.

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'Leave now': Evacuation issued for residents south of 410 as Bonney Lake fire spreads

BY ALLISON NEEDLES
SEPTEMBER 08, 2020 06:39 PM, UPDATED SEPTEMBER 08, 2020 10:35 PM

UPDATE: Around 9 p.m. Tuesday, Tacoma Fire Department said the wildfire that started in Bonney Lake has burned about 150 acres, four structures and is approximately 20 percent contained.

A "Level 3" evacuation alert has been issued for all areas south and west of state Route 410 all the way to Angeline Road and Rhodes Lake Road to McCutcheon in Pierce County due to a spreading wildfire, according to the Bonney Lake Police Department.

A Level 3 evacuation alert means there is immediate danger in the area and residents should leave immediately.

"Please leave now," the Bonney Lake Police Department said on Twitter.

The alert comes shortly after a Level 2 evacuation alert was made asking people to prepare to leave.

"Prepare your route. Traffic will be difficult," the Bonney Lake Police Department tweeted.

People are asked to call the Pierce County Evacuation Line at 253-798-1571 for any questions.

The fire between Sumner and Bonney Lake, called the Sumner Grade Fire, started around 12:10 a.m. Tuesday and is estimated at 50 acres and growing, according to an email from the Washington State Fire Marshal's office on Tuesday.

"It is threatening structures, power lines, and roadways," the email said. "The fire cause is currently under investigation. Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered one strike team and aircraft."

As of Tuesday evening, the fire had made its way down to the valley, with 166th Avenue East closed south of city limits, the City of Sumner staff said on Twitter. Winco is closed.

Residents of Bonney Lake along Myers Road evacuated earlier Tuesday.

SR 410 between Sumner and Bonney Lake will remain closed for at least another 24 hours, the state Department of Transportation said Tuesday evening.

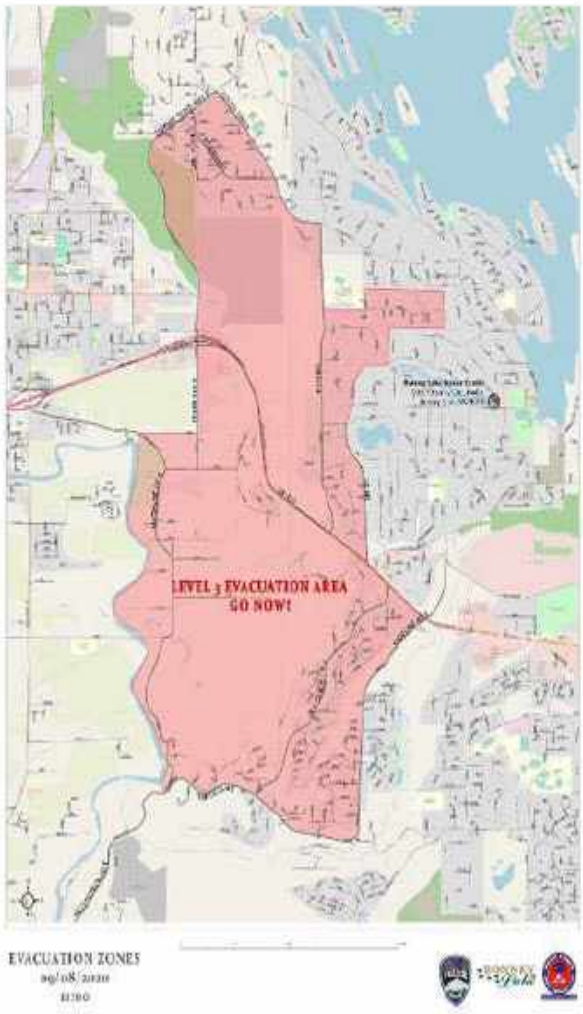
September 8, 2020

Level 3 Evacuation Alert All areas south and west of SR410 all the way to Angeline Road and Rhodes Lake Road to McCutcheon (yellow highlighted area). Please leave now.

September 9, 2020

All evacuation areas have been upgraded to a Level 3, meaning GO NOW! This includes portions of unincorporated Pierce County as well as within city limits.

If your residence borders this area, get your things SET to go, in the event the fire spreads and you need to evacuate.



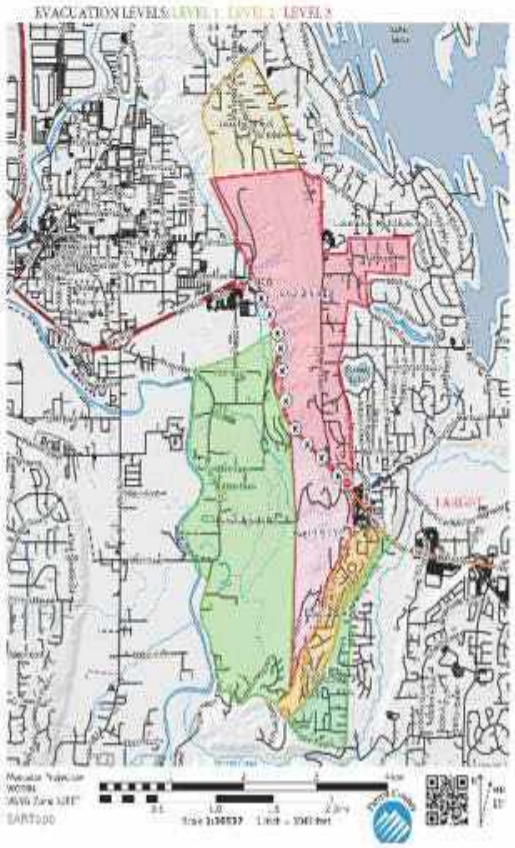
September 10, 2020

PHASED RE-ENTRY INFORMATION: Residents affected by the #SumnerGradeFire are now allowed a PHASED re-entry to their homes. NOT ALL RESIDENTS ARE CLEARED TO RE-ENTER THEIR HOMES.

If you are in the RED area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 3 and NOT cleared to go back to your residence.

If you are in the YELLOW area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 2 and while you can go back to your residence, please be prepared should you need to evacuate again.

If you are in the GREEN area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 1 and may re-enter your residence.



September 11, 2020

EFFECTIVE AT 6:00 PM TODAY (9/11) UPDATED PHASED EVACUATION RE-ENTRY INFORMATION

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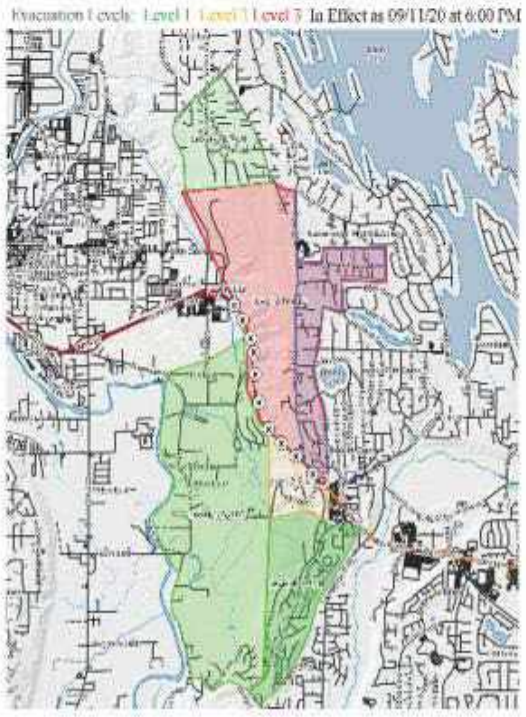
Angeline Road evacuation area has been lifted.



Councilmember

Tom Watson

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September 12, 2020

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Residents affected by the #SumnerGradeFire are now allowed a PHASED re-entry to their homes. NOT ALL RESIDENTS ARE CLEARED TO RE-ENTER THEIR HOMES.

Area east of Myers Road has been downgraded to Level 2.

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If you are in the GREEN area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 1 and may re-enter your residence.

Councilmember

Michelle Keith

Michelle Keith

September 13, 2020

Effective at 6:00 p.m. today (9/13): ALL EVACUATION AREAS in the City of Bonney Lake will be downgraded to Level 1. Please remember this means to BE READY should conditions change in any way and additional evacuation changes be necessary.

Message from Mayor Neil Johnson on Sumner Grade Fire

Posted on 09/15/2020

The greater Bonney Lake community has been tremendously impacted by the Sumner Grade Fire. While we know fires are a threat in our area, we never imagined we'd see anything like we have this week. My thoughts are with those that lost their homes, and we are grateful for the firefighters that saved countless others.

I would like to thank our community for their continued support and banding together in a time of need. I received numerous calls and offers to help with food, shelter and general needs. Seeing the community accept the challenge issued by the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District and other community partners to help stock the fridge and pantry of those affected by the fire, evacuations, and power outages has been incredible. We are stronger and better together.

During the event, we activated our Emergency Operations Center and I was in constant contact with our staff during that time. I would like to commend our emergency responders and extend a heartfelt thank you to all the agencies and personnel involved in helping us battle this fire. The extent to which neighboring, regional, and state agencies came to our aid in a time of need is nothing short of impressive. We are grateful to all those involved in getting this fire under control and restoring services to our City.

Mayor Neil Johnson

Bonney Lake Times

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Employee Newsletter

Melissa Johnson, Editor

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Sumner Grade Fire

PD, Public Works and administrative staff were busy with the Sumner Grade Fire. The Emergency Operations Center operated for three days to support the mission. PD and PW employees worked long hours to ensure the safety of our citizens. Great work by all involved on this unprecedented event!

Councilmembers' Biographies for Elections

Councilmember Dan Swatman is a 5-year resident of Bonney Lake and was appointed to the Ward-4 Council position in October 1998. Prior to his appointment, Councilmember Swatman's consistent attendance at Council meetings brought a citizen's perspective, which often helped foster a communication bridge between government and its citizens. He serves the Cedarview Homeowners Association as its Secretary-Treasurer and is the Treasurer for the Sumner-Bonney Lake Little League. Councilmember Swatman is employed by Olympic Pipeline as its Information Systems Manager and Communication Leader of its Incident Command System.

Elected Experience: Current City Council Member, Deputy Mayor for several terms, Advanced Certified Municipal Leader.

Other Professional Experience: Systems Engineer for BP, Navy veteran, Bonney Lake resident for 24 years, local small business owner.

Education: Master of Science Project Management, Master of Business Administration.

Community Service: Lake Tapps Task Force, past homeownership treasurer, current Little League treasurer, Beautify Bonney Lake Team Leader, Historical Society board member.

Statement: Providing primary functions such as police, safe streets, public water, sewer services and supporting fire service come first over nonessential expenditures. I will continue to advocate reductions in utility rates and reduce the cost of government. I will continue to work to leverage grants to fund needed improvements for streets, sidewalks and trails. Planning for future needs is a critical council function.

Traffic is a significant area where improvements must be made to mitigate the effects of growth. Ensuring the developers pay for additional road and infrastructure improvements is critical. Pursuing regional money to reduce cost to local taxpayers is critical.

I will work to ensure that the beauty and livability of Bonney Lake continues. New developers must contribute to needed improvements. I will continue to work to provide an open and honest two-way dialogue between the constituents I serve and city government.

I will work to ensure that small businesses including home based can locate in Bonney Lake, local businesses provide employment opportunities and revenues. I have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver a balanced budget, operate within existing revenues and not spend reserves. I will work hard for you and would appreciate your vote.

Education: Naval Avionics Technical School, numerous trade and technical computer schools.
Occupation: Information Systems Manager.
Professional Qualifications: Currently Bonney Lake City Council Member, Community Development Committee Chair, Finance Committee Member
Personal Information: US Navy 6 years, 13 year Puget Sound resident
Community Involvement: multiyear Little League Board volunteer, current Treasurer for Bonney Lake Sumner Little League, Secretary/Treasurer for Homeowner's association.
Personal Views: The primary role of government should be to provide critical services such as Police, Fire and Medical protection. Power flows from the people, your voice and vote is very important. As your current council member I have presented solutions to every rate increase proposed and held the line on getting you the lowest rates possible. Bonney Lake's community is growing very rapidly, this growth needs to be well planned, balancing commercial growth while enabling Bonney Lake to be the place we all want to live. Call me anytime to express concerns or to find out more information.

Terry Carter

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for elected office.

Other Professional Experience: Eight years serving in the Army Reserve. 17 Years serving as a Police Officer in the area, 8 ½ of those years were with the Bonney Lake PD. I am currently a Detective on the command staff with the Pacific PD

Education: I attended Hazen High School in Renton and Bellevue College. In addition, I have attended several thousands of hours of training by federal, state and local authorities.

Community Service: I am currently a Scout Master with BSA Troop 577, and led the BL Citizen's Academy for several years.

Statement: Residents of Bonney Lake need dedicated council members with the knowledge, skills and experience to ensure efficient and cost effective government.

While I believe that growth is necessary, it needs to be effectively and responsibly managed.

Bonney Lake needs council members who have knowledge in government operations. I have the knowledge and experience which will allow me to manage a fiscally responsible budget and make important decisions so you can continue to enjoy the quality of life offered by living here.

Effective council members realize relationships and diplomacy achieve results. I am committed to listening to different positions and voting with my conscience as to what residents would desire. Using an adversarial approach and intentionally creating dissension is a disservice to you and not what our city needs.

My goal is to focus on the essential roles of government, and I would be honored to receive your vote.

Past Councilmembers' Biographies for Elections

Mark Hamilton

Elected Experience:
Elected to the Bonney Lake City Council in 2004, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, WWTF Joint Advisory Committee and Pierce County Regional Council.

Other Professional Experience:
I've owned a small business for 22 years. I'm a freelance Web Programmer and Professional Videographer.

Education:
AAT Diploma, Clover Park Technical College, Media Design and Production. Graduated from Sumner High School in 1972.

Community Service:
Served on the Civil Service Commissioner for 12 years and a member of the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society. Volunteer for Beautify Bonney Lake, Park Appreciation Day and Arbor Day. I was a member of Pierce County Juvenile Diversion Council for 4 years.

Statement:
In these tough economic times, I will continue insisting on cuts and priority spending before asking you for additional taxes. Even with the housing recession, regional growth is still the City's number one challenge. As a Councilmember I have always been an advocate for controlled growth asking developers to pay a fair share for new roads, parks and schools. I will keep working for a new east/west roadway off the Plateau to ease congestion on SR410. We can commercially develop East Town, but it must be done without a sewer rate increase on you. I support the Fennel Creek Trail, Midtown Park and a Community Center/YMCA for our kids. Lets develop a Museum to preserve our local history. Public safety is my top spending priority with more cops on the streets and I will not support any annexation if it jeopardizes police protection for our City.

My wife and I have lived in Bonney Lake for 23 years and we both have seen a lot of changes. My goal as your Councilmember is to protect your quality of life and to grow our City responsibly. Please help me continue my work on the Bonney Lake City Council Pos. 2.

Education: Bates Technical College, Green River Community College and Sumner High School.
Occupation: Account Executive with ISOMEDIA, Inc
Professional Qualifications: Account Executive with an independent Data Center provider and Owner of a small business for 22 years.
Personal Information: My wife Dee and I have been married 30 years and lived in Bonney Lake for 19 years.
Community Involvement: Elected to the City Council in 2003, Civil Service Commissioner, Council member of the Pierce County Juvenile Diversion Program.
Personal Views: I believe regional growth is the City's number one challenge. As a City Councilmember I have been a leading advocate for controlled growth, always asking Developers to pay a fair share for transportation, parks and schools. I want to bring together public and private interests to build a new East/West roadway off the plateau which will ease the congestion on SR410. We need smart commercial growth that not only improves our tax base but brings more jobs to the City and Region. I support a comprehensive public/private plan that preserves the WSU property and historical Fennel Creek. Public safety is my priority with more Traffic Control Officers but we should end the Photo Speed Enforcement Program. Help me continue my work on the Bonney Lake City Council. Re-Elect Mark Hamilton.

Pam Cleveland

Education: Baton Rouge High School, Glendale Community College, North Valley Occupational Center
Occupation: Small Business Owner
Professional Qualifications: Former Council Member/Deputy Mayor for Bonney Lake. Prior to owning my own business, I was West Coast Regional Manager of operations & sales for a large transportation firm for many years.
Personal Information: My husband Rick and I have three adult children and two grandchildren.
Community Involvement: Government Liaison-Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce, member of the Pierce County Lake Tapps Task Force, Chair/Facilitator of Friends of Lake Tapps
Personal Views: I feel fortunate to once again have an opportunity to serve the citizens of Bonney Lake. I am extremely concerned about the problems facing us regarding the potential loss of our beautiful lake and the environmental and economic impacts that could have on the residents and the business community.

Our city still faces many crucial decisions to be made in the best interest of our future and community as a whole. Growth Management, water quality, location of city hall, senior center improvements, youth center/skate board park, sign ordinance, post office traffic solution to name just a few. I want to ensure that the citizens of Ward 5 have representation and a voice on the council.

Past Councilmember's Biography for Elections

James Rackley

Elected Experience:
Bonney Lake City Council 01,2000 to 12,2011; Member, Puyallup River Watershed Council, past VP. City Representative Ranier Communications Commission, Current VP.

Other Professional Experience:
Manufacturing Accountant / retired

Education:
University of Puget Sound Accounting/Economics 1978

Community Service:
Beautify Bonney Lake, every event since inseption,

Statement:
The City faces many potential changes in the near future including; East Town Sewers system, Loss of bus service, Possible Flood taxes, a major annexation south of the City, and a potential YMCA. Having been involved in these I want to be able to make sure that we accomplish favorable outcomes for our City.

Education: Bachelor's Degree: Business Administration, Major Accounting. University of Puget Sound 1978.
Occupation: Accountant, Office Supervisor, United States Gypsum Co. Tacoma, Washington.
Professional Qualifications: 20 years of experience in accounting, with industrial and medical insurance companies. Major expertise in budgeting and analysis.
Personal Information: My family moved to Washington in 1959. Graduate of Lakes High School. Served in USNR for eleven years. Married to wife Johnna, between us we have three adult sons, and two grandchildren. I've lived in Bonney Lake for over Seven years.
Community Involvement: This is my first serious attempt at community involvement, I have not been privileged to serve in a public capacity before. Trinity Lutheran Church - Member; Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 - member.
Personal Views: I have been proud to live in Bonney Lake, and wish to remain so. I am conservative in nature and politics, and will work to protect our city, parks and lakes.

Education: BA in Business Administration, Major Accounting, Minor Economics, University of Puget Sound.
Occupation: Retired
Professional Qualifications: Eight years as Council member, completion of Association of Washington Cities Certified Leadership Training Program (Nov. 2001), Advanced leadership (Aug. 2005). Chairman of Community Development Committee, member of Finance committee, member of Wastewater Treatment Facility committee, member of ad hoc committees on Bonney Lake Water.
Personal Information: I am married with three grown children, and four grandchildren. I have lived in Bonney Lake for 20 years.
Community Involvement: Congregation President of Creator Lutheran Church, Vice Chairman of the Puyallup River Watershed Council. Volunteer, Beautify Bonney Lake and Bonney Lake Days.
Personal Views: After two terms on the Council I still have not lost my passion for service to our City. The Council and I have worked very hard to bring the Codes and resources of our City up to the requirements needed for the much larger Community in which we now live. Controlled growth, balanced with the much-needed revenue from Commercial investments in our City, will help keep our streets and neighborhoods safe and in good repair. I will continue to work to improve our overall quality of life.
I am a fiscal conservative, and keep a watchful eye on the City's expenditures.

Past Councilmembers' Biographies for Elections

Councilmember Neale G. Duren is a 5-year resident of Bonney Lake. Councilmember Duren serves as the At-Large Position 2 Council position, and was appointed in April 1998. He is a member of the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Duren is a former police officer and is currently working for Boeing Employees Credit Union in the area of financial crime investigation. Councilmember Duren is married with 2 children and a stepdaughter.

Education: A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, Oregon.
Occupation: Financial Crimes Investigator for Washington's largest credit union.
Professional Qualifications: 15 months on the Bonney Lake City Council in the At Large Position #2. Former police officer with 10 years experience in city government affairs.
Personal Information: Bonney Lake city resident for 6 years. Married to Sue for 7 years, with three children ages 12, 15, and 17.
Community Involvement: President of the Foothills Youth Center Association – 1999. Former Chair of the Southwestern Oregon Reserve Police Officer Academy – 1983. President of the Bonney Lake Manor Homeowners Association 1994-1997.
Personal Views: Good management is a must in civil service. Your tax dollar should be stretched to get the best possible value. The key ingredients to accomplish that goal is wisdom, teamwork, and personal integrity. I am interested in bringing more outdoor facilities and open spaces to this city as well as an enhanced business sector. It is my belief we are evolving from a bedroom community to a city where others will come for recreation and relaxation. I wish to be part of the effort to manage our growth in a way that our livable identity will not be damaged.

Laurie Carter

Education: Thomas Jefferson High School, Federal Way. Edmonds Community College, Associate Arts Degree Legal Assistant
Occupation: Claims Representative, Social Security Administration.
Professional Qualifications: 16 years federal civil service working with the public administering federally regulated programs.
Personal Information: Spouse Dave Schulte. Daughter Danielle. Washington native. City resident since 1997, 20 years in the Bonney Lake area.
Community Involvement: Recipient 2007 Community Impact Award. Bonney Lake Park Board member since January 2006. Beautify Bonney Lake Board member since 2006 and 2007- 2008 Executive Director. Livability Group on-line community newsletter. Bonney Lake Citizen Extraordinaire 2004, leadership on Park & Community Center bond campaigns. Block watch captain. Graduate of Bonney Lake Police Citizen's Academy. Member Foothill-Rails-to-Trails Coalition.
Personal Views: Build the Fennel Creek Trail! Save the WSU Forest! Stay the course on Downtown and Eastown! Undertakings like these will improve Bonney Lake's livability and make for a successful community. A balance between businesses, residences and places to revitalize creates the kind of community families want to live, shop and work in. Keeping traffic moving, water flowing and sewer services that are adequate and economical are not just a city concern, but require a regional approach. A team effort will improve infrastructure and create livability. **I will work for Bonney Lake. Vote for Laurie Carter.**

Councilmember's Biography for Elections

Tom Watson

Elected Experience:
None

Other Professional Experience:
Store Manager, Kmart 23 years, Store Manager, Office Depot 16 years.

Education:
Associate of Science Degree, Grossmont Community College and American Management Association

Community Service:
Mayor's Advisory Council, Member of Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce, Beautify Bonney Lake Committee, Bonney Lake Lion's Club, City of Bonney Lake Design Commission and Fennel Creek Preservation Committee

Statement:
I have lived in Bonney Lake for 16 years and understand the challenges our city faces in planned future growth. I believe that the concerns of our residents are not adequately represented in our city government. I would work with residents to develop a clear vision of where our city is headed and make sure my actions are consistent with that vision. We want safe streets and intersections that have enough capacity to keep traffic moving. We want parks, trails, and bicycle corridors. We want to attract good jobs and profitable businesses. And we want the changes in our business and Easttown to be done in such a way that our existing businesses can share in the prosperity. I will focus on the long-range health of our city. I feel the small business needs are not being heard. They are the heart to our growth and future. I will keep everyone informed with what is going on in the city. And I'm ready to give back to this community that is so important to me, as it is to all of us. I would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

Education: Associates Degree and American Management Association
Occupation: Retail Store Manager, 26 years
Professional Qualifications: I have a proficiency in Planning, Visioning and Situational Analysis. I am a strong supporter of affordable housing, social services for our youth, needy families, and others.
Personal Information: I work in Bonney Lake. My wife, Denise, and I have lived here for over 11 years. My son, Ryan, has attended Bonney Lake Schools.
Community Involvement: Member of Bonney Lake's Mayor's Citizens' Advisory Council, Member of the Bonney Lake Lions Club & Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce.
Personal Views: I am running for the Council because I care about maintaining and improving the quality of life in Bonney Lake. I am an experienced, successful, proven leader. I am new, not part of any existing inter-circle politics. I owe no one. I believe in open government, with a goal of doing the greatest good for the citizens of Bonney Lake. My agenda is to openly listen to all sides of a situation, help expedite the process to a positive outcome. My goal is to encourage common sense government, consensus building and calm decision-making. I would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

Mayor's Biography for Elections

Neil Johnson, Jr.

Elected Experience: Mayor, City of Bonney Lake 2006 to present;City Councilmember 2002-2005

Other Professional Experience: Sales Manger Rotary Offset Press 2004 to present, Advanced Certified Municipal Leader, Leadership Training, National League of Cities;30 years experience in retail advertising. Owned various small businesses (Furniture, Espresso, Hydro-seeding)

Education: General Business Administration

Community Service: Johnson Cancer Foundation 2015-Present;BL Days 2003-2017;Bonney Lake Sumner L.L Girls Fast Pitch 2001-2008 & 2013;Sumner Soccer Club 1998-2004;2012-2015 Girls basketball 2000-2005;Board member Beautify Bonney Lake 2004-2013; Kiwanis and Lions Club member;Chamber of Commerce 2004 and 2005.

Statement: *These last four years a number of things have been accomplished to improve mobility. This includes the 410/Memorial Drive intersection improvement, the 88th & 188th street improvements, connecting sidewalks along 410, and the opening of a significant segment of the Fennel Creek Trail.*

We continued to work on our adopted Parks Plan by getting phase 1 of the AY Park remodel moving, which should be completed in 2018. As we look at implementing other parts of the Parks Plan, the city will need to find a dedicated source of funding to adequately fund the projects. One of the ways we can help fund these projects is by having a strong commercial core. Our portion of the sales tax is less than 1%, however these amounts do add up and are able to help the general fund which funds parks, trails, streets and sidewalks. Of course, the addition of Costco will help.

Since becoming your mayor, we have and will continue to work hard gaining efficiencies in each department. Last year we combined our Community Development and Public Works departments into the Public Services Department.

I have been honored to be your mayor and look forward to the future.

Education: General Business Administration
Occupation: Current Councilmember at Large, #1; Sales Manager, Rotary Offset Press
Professional Qualifications: Certified Municipal Leader, Public Safety Committee, Leadership Training Institute, National League of Cities; Small business owner with 20 years of experience in professional retail and advertising. Strong organizational, team and communication skills continue to be the foundation of my professional life and four years on the City Council.
Personal Information: Washington state native, 14-year resident of Bonney Lake. My wife, Mary Ann, and I have two girls, Rendi, age 11 and Jadyn who is due in November.
Community Involvement: Coaching - Sumner Soccer Club 1998-2004; Girls basketball 2000-2005; Bonney Lake/Sumner Little League Girls' Fast Pitch Coach 2001-2005. Kiwanis and Lions Club; Beautify Bonney Lake 2004-2005; Chamber of Commerce Director 2004 and 2005; Bonney Lake Days 2003 and 2004.
Personal Views: Since being elected in 2002, I have advocated the belief, that government should be run more like a business and be accountable to its owners, the citizens. As Mayor, I will lead with a vision and integrity, restoring community trust in the Mayor's office and refining the City's current structure to bring residents the most efficient and cost effective services possible. It is time we think of Bonney Lake first. Please visit: www.thinkbonneylakefirst.com

City of Bonney Lake Water History

Bonney Lake Water

Early in 1981 it became apparent that the Bonney Lake Water system was developing growth problems. The new connections to the system increased the customers to over 4000, about half inside the City and half outside the city with the most rapid growth ouside the city. Our water supply from the springs was not able to supply the demand for water. The City drilled a well at 214th and Old Buckley which resulted in a source of 250 gallons per minute. We also cleaned the Springs at Victor falls and installed larger collection pipes resulting in over 1000 gallons per minute increase in flow. This expenditure together with the cost of a new back hoe and replacing the controls and rewiring the pumps at Grainger Springs because of damage from a chlorine leak used up the surplus funds in the water department.

An increase in water connection fees did not bring in the expected revenue because of the abrupt slow down in housing starts. Large operations and maintinance expence increases like the Puget Sound Power and light bill increases and salary increases because of inflation also caused the cash on hand after paying bills to drop to $2000. in May of 1982, for a business such as the Bonney Lake Water Department that is very dangerous, in that if the trend continued, we would have to borrow money to pay operation and maintenace costs. Therfore the City Coucil reviewed the situation and voted to increase the rates in order to meet our obligations and to create a reserve to do the improvements necessary to provide the water supply needed for our customers and correct some of the defiencies in water main size and water storage as well as replacing the defective water mains that exist all over the system.

Some of the projects are:

Milotte Springs and Grainger Springs improvement ~~40,000~~. We have a Dept. of Social and Health Services grant to pay 40% of this.

Build a Chlorine building at Grainger Springs ~~$8,000~~. to keep another accident from ruining the pumps again.

Complete Main on 196th Ave to provide fine protection.	~~3,000~~
Replace 2 inch pipe 192nd Ave. 75th St. and 193rd Ave.	$18,000
Complete pump house and piping for 214th well	~~24,000~~
Replace 1 inch pipe Mt. View Add.	3,000
Add New pumps at Victor Falls to use excess water.	50,000
Develop new springs at Victor Falls	10,000
Replace 2 inch plastic pipe 184th S. of 77.	9,000
Replace 2 inch plastic pipe 183rd S. of 77.	7,000
Replace 2 inch plastic Rhodes Lake Road.	10,000
Reservoir Tacoma Point elevated.	500,000
Reservoir Grainger Milotte Sp.	500,000

Mayor - City Council

Re: Expenditures for Water Dept Capital Improvements.
Requested 1984 Budget

501-33-62 Improvements to System, Fences, Building $40,000
This proposes to construct a new Water Shop building to replace the Locust Avenue Shop.
Fencing revisions at the City Hall Shop Complex
Complete Cover of Dog Pound Started 1983 by building a Covered Work area and Equipment Storage Shed.
Build Victor Falls Pump Station

501-33-63 Improvements, machinery, Pipe. Services $90.000
This fund furnishes materials for new services, pumping Equipment and Controls. Purchase pipe for Main Extensions Fire Hydrants, valves, Fittings for new main extensions. $9.000

501-33-64 Machinery & Equipment
Replace water meter readers Truck, Replace worn out machinery like Tapping Machine.

501-33-65 Construction, New Mains, Wells, Springs. $30.000
Pay Contractor for work on projects over City limit of expense.

TO: Mayor Whisler and City Council Water Committee

FROM: Paul Anstey, City Engineer

DATE: March 8, 1984

SUBJECT:

I furnished you with a list of projects which should be considered that I prepared in 1982. I have been reviewing the water system and have prepared a list of projects which should also be prioitized including projects in the prior list. These projects should be done as soon as money is available.

6" Main	193rd Ave., 75th St., and 192nd Ave. to replace 2" plastic (Project being constructed now)	15,000
Connect	214th Well to Kelley Lake Rd. w/2" plastic pipe	5,500
L I D 9	Water Main Extension to 56th St. w/8" D.I. pipe	12,500
6" Main	Mountain View Addition to replace 1" pipe	3,000 *
Pump Station at Victor Falls		60,000
Repipe Victor Falls		5,000
Develop three springs at Victor Falls		18,000
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	184th Ave. south of 77th St. w/6" pipe	9,000
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	183rd Ave. south of 77th St. w/6" pipe	7,000
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	Rhodes Lake Rd. west of Angeline w/8" pipe	10,000 *
Replace 1" Plastic Pipe	North Tapps at Evergreen Point w/12" pipe	9,000 *
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	Driftwood #4 w/8" pipe	10,000 *
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	Aqua Drive - Inlet Island 4300' w/8" pipe	52,000
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	Summer Place 600' Driftwood w/6" pipe	6,000
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	Lakeview Drive 500' Driftwood w/6" pipe	5,000
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	Ridge Drive 400' Driftwood w/6" pipe	4,000
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	Deer Island Dr. 1400' Deer Is. w/6" pipe	14,000
Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	Lake Shore Drive Driftwood w/6" pipe	10,000
188th Avenue and 88th Street to Dead End	w/6" pipe	3,000
12" Connection	Tacoma Point Tank to 182nd Avenue	70,000 *
Leaky Lake Well	Redrill Well - Pumphouse w/6" pipe to South Tapps	15,000

Tacoma Point Well Redrill	8,000
Spare Pump Grainger Springs 125 h.p. 1000 g.p.m.	12,000
Ridge West Pressure System Pump Controls Bldg.	10,000
Building Ponderosa Pressure System to Replace Man Hole	1,000
Water Shop at City Hall to Replace Locust Street Shop	8,000
69th Street and Church Lake Replace 2" Plastic Pipe	2,000
Pressure System Conrad Johnson Pump and Bldg.	5,000
Replace Angeline 8" Sreet with 12"	220,000
New Tacoma Point Reservoir	500,000
New Grainger Springs Reservoir	500,000
New Lakeridge Reservoir	500,000
Church Lake - Replace 4" with 8" 7000'	105,000 *
12" Loop East Side of Lake Tapps	900,000 *
Forest Canyon Springs Source of Water	92,000
Canyon Falls - Springs Source of Water	600,000
City of Tacoma Source of Water	50,000
77th Street and Myers Rd. to 182nd Ave. w/6" pipe 1200'	12,000
191st Ave. and Bonney Lake Blvd. w/6" pipe	9,000
Locust Extension w/6" pipe	10,000
95th Loop 1400' w/6" pipe	14,000
95th Place 1700' w/6" pipe	17,000
Ball Park Well Redrill	8,000
191st Avenue Rose Heights w/2" to 4" pipe	5,000
Old Vandermark and Church Lake Dr. to 214th 8" exist 2" 1300'	19,500
Kelley Lake Road, 207th to 214th 8" 2200'	33,000
PROJECT TOTAL	$3,983,500

This total does not include extensions required for development of areas not now served. These would be paid for by those developing the properties. A policy of cost recovery could be instituted to recoup some of the expenses on some of the above projects particularly those which would allow development of undeveloped property. A policy on small systems on wells in our service area should be addressed, particularly those like Tapps Island, and Tibeau Trailer Court - Coby Road.

Those marked with an asterisk * should, in my opinion, have some sort of cost recovery for new connections, as we do not allow connections to the existing pipes.

There will always be emerging projects which can not be anticipated, therefore the program must be flexible enough to allow for these projects.

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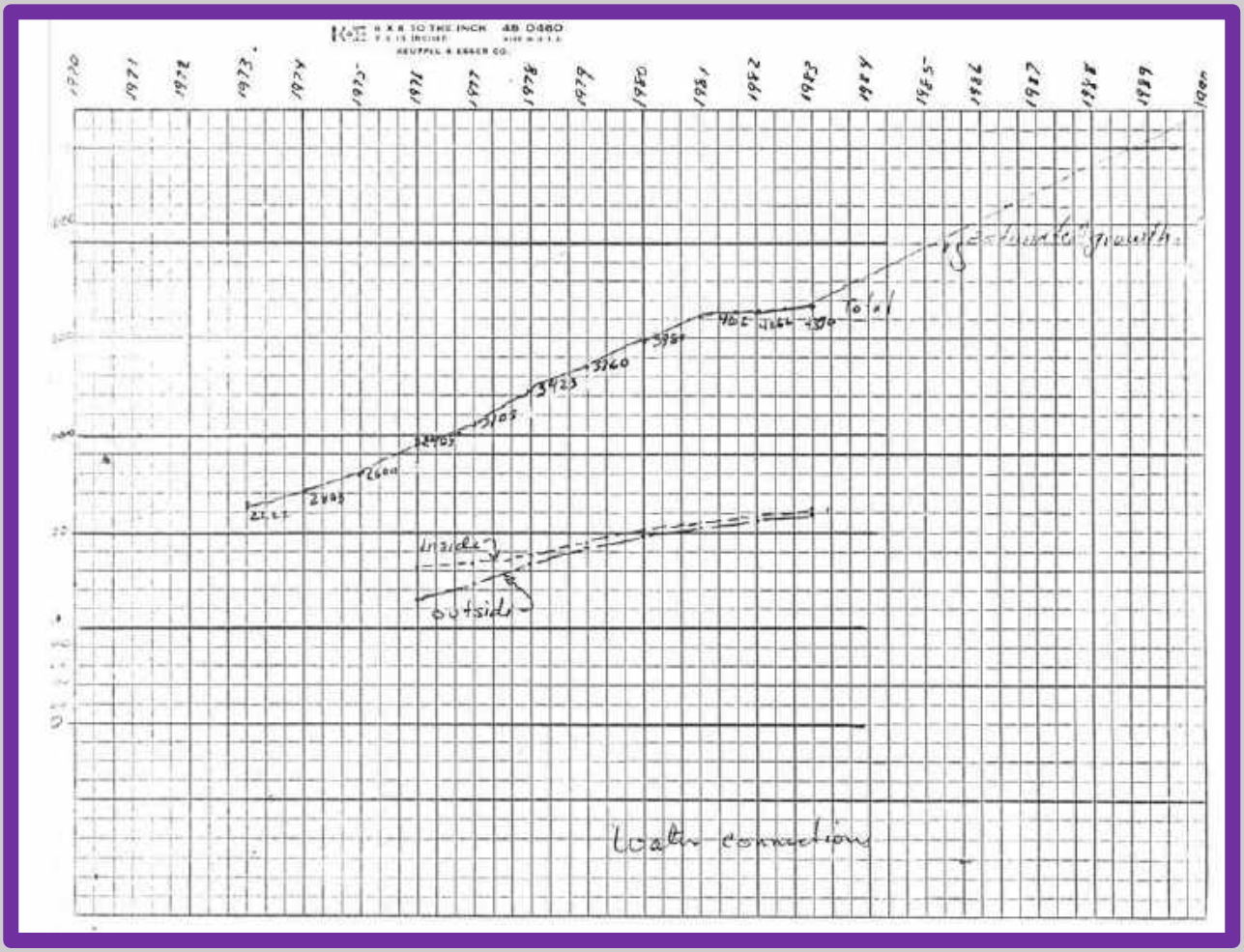
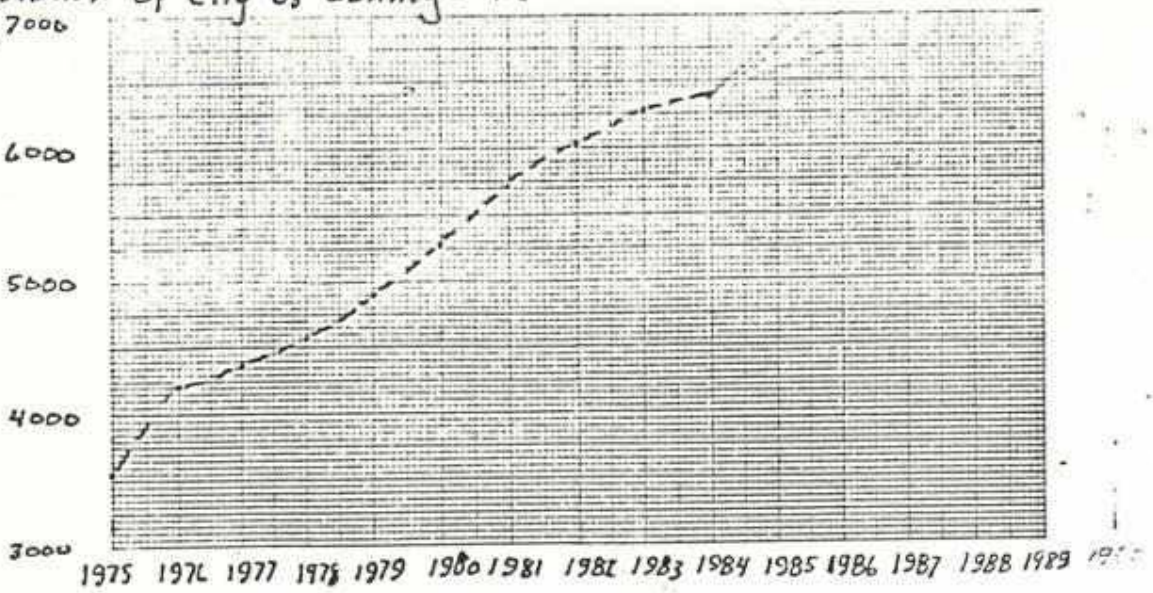
In addition there are other major expenses such as periodic cleaning and painting the Tanks - repairing or replacing the automatic control system for the water pumps



Population of City of Bonney Lake



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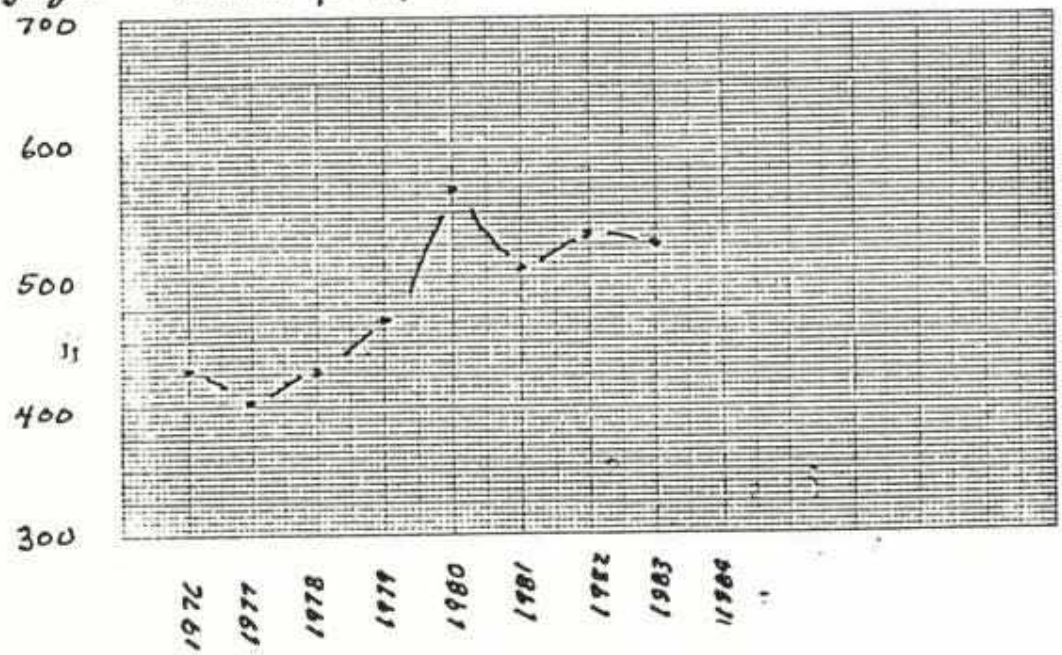
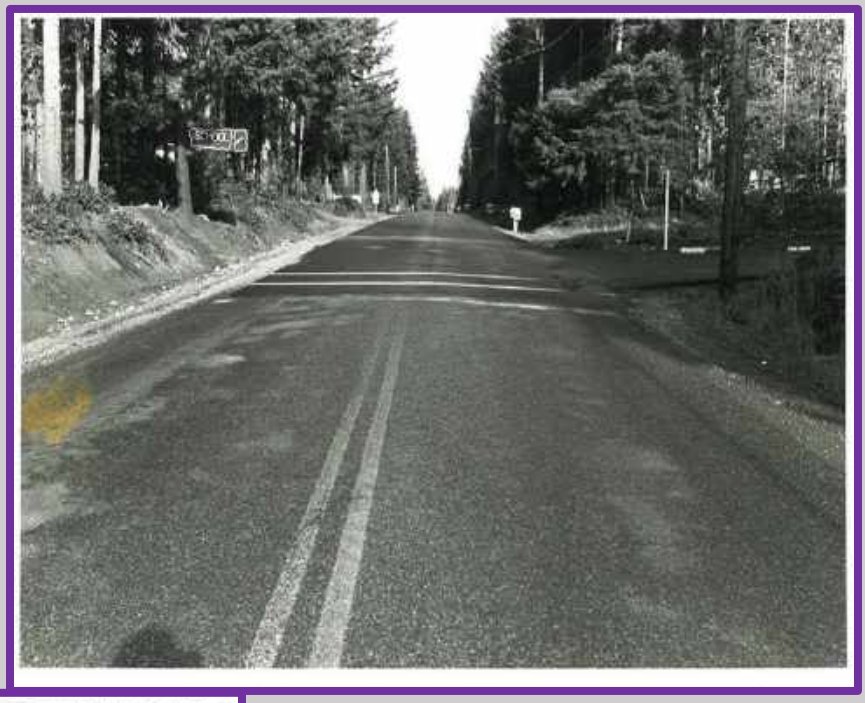


City of Bonney Lake Sewer History

Sewer Collection System Photos Phase II 1977



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Bonney Lake (Tapps) Sewer System Photos Interceptor System-Phase I - October 1979

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