



THE CITY NEWS

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MAYOR'S CORNER

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Have you noticed the increase in musical events in town? It seems that with the advent of the Willamette Country Music Festival local musicians are appearing all over the place. Our City Administrator Scott McDowell is not only a musician and vocalist, but he also writes songs. If you attended the Pre-Launch Party on Thursday, August 19, you know that. Our local Main Street Band had been working overtime to get ready for backing up Rocky Lynne and the extra practice

was rewarded. They were so good. And then we saw them performing as professionals. Wow! I thought it was really a great performance that evening for Mary, Micheal, Steve, Randy and Joe. They had an audience of over 1,000 people.

Then we have Tom Jansen and the KatzenJammers, or Tom by himself. He is our local music man who will teach you to play guitar in only one lesson.

During the Carriage Me Back event in May, sponsored by the Linn County Museum, there was music

everywhere in the scenes around town. At Christmas time we have the Blue Notes from Central Linn High School caroling during the Christmas Open House / Festival of Trees in December.

Most of our churches have wonderful musicians who add quality music to the worship of the congregations. I can name several in my church, such as Ken Dione on the guitar and Jeana Graham and Liz North on the piano. You may have heard Roger Tetamore on his harmonica or singing. He does both really well. I enjoy it when he and Mac Coyer on his banjo / guitar play together at Senior Meals on Wheels once in a while.

On Saturdays at the Farmers' Market musicians have been distracting shoppers and gossipers to the enjoyment of everyone.

There are people like Danny Gilbert who plays guitar and sings. I have known him for many years but was surprised when he performed on Saturdays with groups at Main Street coffee.

We encourage the music making folks to keep up the honing of their skills and performing in public places in Brownsville. We really enjoy all that music in our special community of Brownsville, a newly identified musical town.

~ Mayor Don Ware

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Brownsville Community Library was formed by caring members of the Central Linn community to raise funds to purchase furniture and fixtures for the new library building in 1977. Members searched far and wide for donation to fund this great achievement. Their hard work can be witnessed each day upon entering the library.

The Public Computers were recently purchased by the Friends when the previous computers had reached the

end of their useful lives. The majority of the magazines in the Magazine Room are purchased by the Friends as are the Ancestry.com and Consumer Reports online services. To bring these extra services to our patrons the Friends raise funds through a yearly book sale.

This year's sale will be another awesome event! The Friends' Annual Book Sale will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

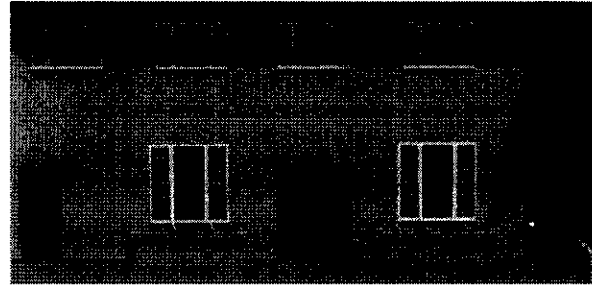


CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS

In May of 2010, Council entered into an agreement with the Brownsville Art Association for the use of the Fire Bays that were left behind when the Brownsville Rural Fire District moved to their new station on Blakely Avenue.

Recently, the City contracted with Birchfield Heating and Air Conditioning out of Albany to provide heat for the Fire Bays. Council is currently under contract with Wenger Construction to make aesthetic changes as seen in the picture in the next column.

The Council and the Parks & Open Space Advisory Board invites everyone to attend an Open House on October 23rd, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to see the improvements and check out the Community Room, which is available for public use, right above the bays. Park Board will be planting a tree in honor of Arbor Day as well. Council is pleased with the use of the space and wants to encourage and inform others who may not have yet had the opportunity to visit!



Conceptual Design



Work In Progress

HISTORIC HOMES DATE SIGNS OFFERED

Many of the older homes and buildings in Brownsville proudly display historic date signs provided by the Historic Review Board. The signs measure 16 inches by 12 inches, are made of wood and painted black, with the building date and first owner or builder's name hand lettered in antique white.

The Historic Review Board would like to offer to make signs for all owners of older homes who would like one. The date of construction and the name of the builder or earliest known owner of the structure need to

be established. This information may often be found at the Museum, where records on many of our structures built before 1930 are on file. The Review Board or Museum staff will be happy to assist you.

There is no charge for the signs. The only requirement is that when accepted, the sign be permanently attached to the house in a spot near the front door that is visible from the street or sidewalk.

For more information contact City Hall or call Joni Nelson at 541-466-3084.

HOW TO CONTACT US -

Emergency - 911

City Hall During Office Hours - 541.466.5666

After Hours Public Works Emergency - 541.409.3700

City Library - 541.466.5454

Fire Department - 541.466.5227

Linn County Sheriff Non-Emergency - 541.967.3911

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City Website - www.ci.brownsville.or.us



MOYER HOUSE WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS

The Moyer House urgently needs additional Moyer House Weekend Volunteer Tour Guides. The response to our July plea increased our pool of volunteers from three to seven. But that hasn't been enough to meet our goal--we have already had to close the House on two weekends. We imperatively need a minimum of six to eight additional volunteers to help us keep the House open for drop-in visitors on weekends. We have people coming here from around the world expressly just to see the Moyer House and the Museum. It breaks my heart every time I have to tell anybody, let alone those who have traveled so far, we can't show them the house.

We provide a quick "Cheat Sheet" giving the basic facts about the Moyer family their accomplishments and how long they lived in the house,

plus room-by-room information. We also try to have an experienced Tour Guide accompany them on their first tour, whenever possible.

Our newest volunteers all state that they are having FUN! Surely eight more good people will find it in their hearts to give it a try, to see if they can do their bit to help their community and have FUN all at the same time. I wish every person living here could see the huge smiles on the tour guides faces when they return to the Museum after completing their last tour of the day.

Please contact me, June Schlosser, at my home phone number 541.466.5871 on weekdays, or at the Museum phone number 541.466.3390 on the weekends.

~ June Schlosser

CALAPOOIA FOOD ALLIANCE

The Calapooia Food Alliance, which promotes local food for local folks, is in the midst of harvest with a vibrant and successful Farmers Market, participation in a Linn County food assessment, additional food availability at WillametteLocalFoods.com, individual plots at the Brownsville Community Gardens, and the formation of a steering committee to investigate Teaching Gardens in the Central Linn Schools.

FARMERS MARKET – The Brownsville Farmers Market is each Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon through October 30, downtown at Park and Main. The Market features an array of local produce, arts, and crafts. Marilyn Peterson is the new Market Manager. To participate in the Market or with questions, she may be reached at farmersmarket@gocfa.org.

AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER – AmeriCorps volunteer, Spencer Masterson, is working with Ten Rivers Food Web to complete a community food assessment in Linn County and looking at ways of improving accessibility of food to rural areas. These two projects will bring together a wide variety of community voices to discuss ways/ideas of making Linn County more food self-reliant. For info, contact Spencer Masterson at 541.602.7679 or email spencermasterson@gmail.com.

WILLAMETTE LOCAL FOODS – Additional local food is available via our on-line farmers market, WillametteLocalFoods.com. Shop on-line for a great array of local food and pick it up at the Brownsville Stitching Parlor on Tuesday afternoons. For more information, contact Marcia Rae at 541.868.4822 or email marcia-rae@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY GARDEN – As manager of the Community Garden, Master Gardener, Anne Stein, provides encouragement and advice to local gardeners. The site includes Individual plots, an educational

plot for school garden curriculums, and a 3,000 sq/ft community garden. To reserve a plot for next year or for more information, contact Anne at 541.466.5081 or email scottanne@proaxis.com.

TEACHING GARDENS – As part of the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program Grant, the CFA is investigating the implementation of Teaching Gardens at Central Linn Schools. A steering committee has been formed under the leadership of Nan Van Sandt. To become part of this important project, contact Nan at moonandstarsfarm@centurytel.net.

PARTICIPATE – The Calapooia Food Alliance is a non-profit, member-supported organization. To donate, join, or volunteer, contact Dana Cherry at 541.466.3530 or email dana_j_cherry@keybank.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS -
ALL MEETINGS AT 7 PM UNLESS NOTED
City Council - Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28
Parks Board - Last Tuesday of each month
Planning Comm. - 2nd & 4th Mondays as needed
Library Board - 2nd Thursday at 4 p.m.
Pioneer Picnic Association - 3rd Tuesday
Chamber of Commerce - 2nd Thursday at 8 a.m.
Chamber Executive Board - First Friday at 8 a.m.
Rec Center Board - Last Monday
Calapooia Watershed Council - 2nd Thursday
Central Linn School Board - 2nd Monday
Brownsville Art Association - Every Tuesday
Brownsville Book Club - 3rd Wednesday
Senior Center Regular Meeting - 2nd Wednesday Noon
Senior Center Waffle Supper - 3rd Thursday 5 p.m.

CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY

The New Year (2010) is quickly coming to a close and it seems as if we have just gotten started. Go figure.

So far this year volunteers have completed the cleaning of headstones in the south half of the cemetery and work has begun on the center section. By the time we complete our Fall work day, volunteers will have cleaned well over 200 head stones. Plus we have an ongoing inventory project that includes a photo catalog of headstones that was started by an Eagle Scout candidate. Thank you Jon Laurance!

We LOVE our volunteers. None of this would be possible without the continued help of our wonderful volunteers who donate their time

and energy to the Brownsville Pioneer Cemetery. Volunteers range from retirees to children. Anyone can participate.

The date for the last 2010 workday is Oct 16th from 9 a.m. to Noon. (We also have refreshments served by more volunteers.) Just bring your supplies and join us!

Recommended equipment: plastic bucket, old tooth brush, soft bristled brushes, rubber gloves and protective eyewear

Your interest and participation in the conservation of the Brownsville Pioneer Cemetery is greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there!

~ Kathy Nida

AUTHOR JANE KIRKPATRICK COMING TO BROWNSVILLE

The Brownsville Women's Study Club will be celebrating its 100th year of existence this year. The Club was founded in 1910 and they opened the first Brownsville Library in March of 1911.

To kick off the Club's Centennial Celebration we have invited well known historical fiction author Jane Kirkpatrick to speak about her latest books re-

counting her grandmother's life during the early 1900's. The event is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Brownsville Baptist Church on Seven Mile Lane on October 30, 2010 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

For more information contact Linda McCormick, 541.367.8591 or the Brownsville Library at 541.466.5454.

OREGON TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) helps low-income residents with telephone service costs. You may qualify for a reduction of up to \$13.50 per month on your phone bill if you are eligible for Food Stamps, Temporary Aid to Needy Families

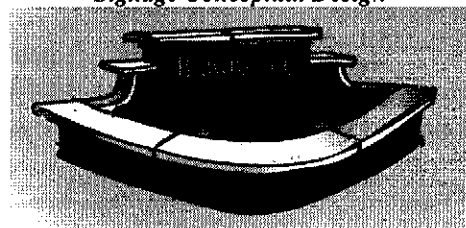
(TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Oregon Health Plan / Medicaid or the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. To apply for OTAP benefits go to www.rspf.org or call the PUC at 1.800.848.4442 between 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The City is currently under contract with Kipco, Inc. from Eugene to replace the water line on Washburn Street just north of the Car Wash heading south to Washington Street as part of the Gateway Project. In 2004, the City successfully applied for a Transportation Enhancement Grant. Main Street is owned by Linn County and Bishop Way/OR 228 is the property of the State of Oregon so the City is the third party in this agreement. The project includes trees, street lighting, crosswalks, curb and gutter, storm sewers and new signage for the area. Linn County Road Department has indicated that contracts will go out at the end of 2010 for a possible start-up date of May 2011.



Signage Conceptual Design



ALL PUMPED UP!

Have you ever wondered how the water at your house gets there? Or maybe wondered about where the water goes when it goes down the drain? While these topics are very interesting, I would like to focus on one aspect of the process, pumps. The Public Works Department operates a variety of facilities to keep the water flowing to your house, as well as carry it away.

Let's begin at the Water Treatment Facility located by Pioneer Park. There are two pumps that pump water from the river and four pumps that pump water from the wells. These pumps are all influent pumps that carry untreated water to the treatment plant for processing. Before the filtered water enters the plant, three sample pumps (one for each filter) delivers water to the water quality instruments in the plant to ensure the water is clean enough to drink. Once determined to be okay, two chemical feed pumps deliver the appropriate chemicals to the water to ensure it is safe to drink. Once this treatment process is complete, the water is pumped out of the plant by three distribution pumps and is delivered to the water distribution system, which is where the water is delivered to your home. There are two additional pumps used in the water plant to perform the treatment process. That is a total of 16 pumps before the water is ever delivered to your home!

On the other side of things, when the water goes down the drain, there is more pumping involved. The wastewater from your home travels through a series of gravity flow pipes (also known as a collection system), which eventually ends up at one of the two wastewater treatment facilities. Within the collection system, there are places that are too low and sewage cannot be gravity fed to the system, so lift stations are built to create a collection point where sewage

can be pumped up to the gravity flow system. The City has three remote lift stations, each station has two pumps. When the sewage reaches the Wastewater Treatment Plant, a large influent lift station pumps the sewage from the collection system and into the storage lagoons. Each Wastewater Plant has three pumps in the influent lift stations. The untreated sewage must be analyzed, so an influent sample pump collects small amounts of the untreated sewage for analysis. Each plant has one influent sample pump. When the treatment process begins, our south facility is a gravity flow system, but still requires pumps to operate. There are two carrier water pumps to deliver chemicals for the treatment process, and one pump to collect samples of the treated wastewater. At the north facility, there are two separate treatment processes that share some of the same components. There are two lift pumps that pump water out of the lagoons and into the treatment process. There are two carrier water pumps for the chemical feed systems, and one pump that pumps water to the irrigation system. To keep the underground vaults from flooding, two of the vaults have sump pumps to keep them dry.

In addition to the Water and Wastewater facilities, we also operate two large pumps that supply all of the water for the Mill Race Canal. One pump supplies the water to the canal, and the other operates the back wash system to keep the fish screens clean.

If you have been keeping track, that is a total of 42 pumps used to keep the water moving start to finish! There is a lot of care and maintenance to keep our systems all pumped up!

~Karl Frink, Public Works Director

CENTRAL LINN SOFTWARE UPGRADE DONATIONS

Central Linn School District is seeking donations to upgrade its Microsoft Office software programs. All district staff and students currently use Office 2000 that, after three newer versions, makes compatibility issues more prevalent. Students and staff using newer versions of Office at home must save files in special ways for easy use at school.

Microsoft has a special program for education whereby we can upgrade to Office 2010 for \$5 per computer. At 250

computers district-wide, we need to raise a total of \$1,250. The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce has generously agreed to match any money we raise up to \$500. So, just \$750 more to go...

If you would like to donate towards this project, please call Theresa Wilhelm at the Central Linn School District Office, 541.369.2813, ext. 3233.

WOMEN'S STUDY CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

One hundred years and counting. It all began on October 19, 1910, when a group of local women formed the Self-Improvement Club of Brownsville. These women wanted to improve the world, and they did, by creating the Brownsville Community Library. Over the next 66 years club members took turns acting as Librarian and helping out in their beloved library.

This act of caring for their community shows today. Services include books and audiobooks of fiction and nonfiction for adults, young adults and children. Select magazines may be checked out for two weeks. Also available is our Women's Study Club Room with historical records that can be used for family research and local historical home information. Hard bound copies are available

of the Brownsville Times dating back to 1898 and much more.

Upcoming events include Story Time on Fridays at 11 a.m., Children's Halloween Party Friday, October 29 at 11 a.m.. Game nights are planned for Thursday, October 21, November 18 and December 16. Book Club for adults is planned for Wednesday, October 20, November 17 and December 15. The Library Book Sale will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Library staff have been busy inputting books into the computer for our new electronic system, 16,833 books so far. It's a lot of work but in the end it will be worth it. Our collection will be searchable by computer and also by hand with the card catalog.

BROWNSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce's mission is to support improved economic health of our local businesses while also supporting a high quality of life for our residents. So, how does the Chamber, which is an all-volunteer non-profit organization, encourage improved local economy and a vibrant place to live? The Chamber's main way of meeting its goals is through sponsorship of community events, such as the Antique Fair; Pioneer Picnic and 4th of July Breakfasts; Citywide Garage Sale; Storytelling Festival; Home for the Holidays; and the Stand by Me celebration.

Our volunteers and hard-working helpers devote hundreds of hours planning events and making them happen for two reasons: events draw thousands of visitors from out of town and they provide family fun for Brownsville residents. Visitors are important to our town; visitors spend money in local businesses and eateries while they are here, and when they have a good time they come back.

The Chamber also supports community events sponsored by other local organizations; Carriage Me Back is a good example. Carriage Me Back is sponsored by the Linn County Historical Museum and the Chamber helps in big ways with marketing assistance and featuring the annual event on our website: historicbrownsville.com. The Chamber's paid marketing contractor, Bridget Sheffler, prepares press releases, flyers, print ads, web links, and social media outreach for Chamber-sponsored events and activities sponsored by other local groups.

Several years ago, the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce developed and paid for an excellent website that promotes the entire town. The Chamber's website provides detailed information on attractions, events, local businesses, history, driving directions, relocation, and more. More and more visitors plan day trips and overnights via the internet and the Chamber's website is a key portal to visitor information. Central Linn residents rely on the website for upcoming events and the business directory. Try it...go to historicbrownsville.com and check it out. Any local business owner, Chamber member or not, can be listed on the website for *free*.

The Chamber pays for the gorgeous flower baskets that decorate Main Street during the summer; we host the City Council candidates' forum during election years; provide an electronic newsletter to subscribers; distribute more than 10,000 information cards/year to statewide visitor portals; link to regional and state tourism organizations in order to promote Brownsville nationally and internationally; and pay for print advertising. Everything the Chamber does for Brownsville is paid for through membership dues.

Individuals can join the Chamber for a little as \$10/year and business memberships start at \$25. Right now, 50 local businesses, organizations, and Brownsville-lovers belong to the Chamber. Join the Chamber and help build a strong and vibrant community. For information on the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, go to: historicbrownsville.com or call Mandy at 541.466.5913.



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