

# City considers fee changes

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The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Many fees for the city of Monmouth were scheduled to be revised for the first time since 2008 at Tuesday night's city council meeting, pending council approval.

Most of the fees were to increase slightly, with some new fees expected to be added.

Fees that were scheduled to be increased were based on personnel costs, City Manager Scott McClure said.

"Personnel costs went up a bit, which is normal," he said. Fees established by the city "shoot for cost of service," he added.

In the police department, one fee was set to drop substantially: the cost for photocopies.



Monmouth Police charged \$2 per photocopy, and, should the council approve the fee changes, will now charge 50 cents.

"The decrease ... brings it more in line with other city departments and closer to actual cost," Police Chief Darrell Tallan said.

Other police fees now take into account labor. The "report copies" fees now have a fee for each page, plus \$5 for every 15 minutes of research, totaling \$25 an hour.

The cost for daily boarding of a dog found by police has gone from \$8 to \$15.

"The increase in dog boarding fees and quarantine fees are due to our increasing costs to pay someone to feed and care for dogs housed in the temporary shelter," Tallan said.

Fees in the building department also were set to go up. The hourly rate for inspection services was to double, from \$30 to \$60. The demolition permit also was to have doubled, from \$50 to \$100. To build a fence in Monmouth is expected to cost a minimum of \$50 rather than \$40.

In public works, a new fee of \$50 was to be added for connecting or disconnecting water service after hours.

The council met to discuss the fees after press time.

# Nearman complies with request

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**  
POLK COUNTY — State Rep. Mike Nearman (R-Independence, District 23) submitted his amended 2014 Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) — required of office holders or candidates — complying with a settlement in an ethics complaint.

The amended version was submitted Dec. 2 and stated his employer as UTC Fire & Security, located in Salem, and his wife's as Oregon Department of Fish &

Wildlife in Salem. Those details were not provided in his original filing and were among the concerns raised in the complaint filed by State Sen. Brian Boquist (R-Dallas) in October.

The Oregon Government Ethics Commission issued Nearman a "letter of education" explaining why information about sources of income is required.

"The purpose of the SEI filing requirement is to provide members of the public with access to information

concerning the economic interests of certain public officials," stated the letter, dated Dec. 19.

The commission and Nearman agreed he would receive the letter in lieu of a civil penalty.

"This letter of education was chosen as a sanction for your violation because you cooperated to resolve this matter and filed an amended 2014 SEI," the letter concluded. "Future violations, however, may carry increased penalties."

# Four arrested after search finds drugs, guns and stolen property

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**  
DALLAS — Dallas Police arrested four people Dec. 29 following a search of a home in the 200 block of Southeast Maple Street in Dallas, where officers found drugs, guns and stolen property.

Police seized a small amount of marijuana, suspected methamphetamine, items associated with the sale of methamphetamine, two handguns and stolen

property.  
Arrested were:  
• Sabrina Reynolds, 36, on charges of unlawful delivery of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of methamphetamine. She was taken to Polk County Jail, where she is being held on \$25,000 bail.  
• Terry Rotenberger, 37, on charges of unlawful delivery of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of methamphetamine. His arrest status was not provided.

• Donna Maham, 56, on a charge of unlawful possession of methamphetamine. She was cited and released.  
• Jeff Smith, 44, on a charge of unlawful possession of methamphetamine. He was cited and released.  
Dallas Police and the Polk County District Attorney's Office are working together to determine if additional charges are appropriate in this case.

# POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

**DALLAS**  
**Arrests/Citations**  
• Whitney Johnson, 22, of Dallas in the 1200 block of Southeast Greening Drive on Dec. 30 on charges of third-degree theft and unlawful possession of hydrocodone.  
• Joseph L. Hill, 25, of Dallas in the 200 block of Southwest Washington Street on Dec. 30 on a probation violation.  
• Brittany L. Rose, 22, of Dallas in the 1100 block of Southeast Monmouth Cutoff on Dec. 30 on a charge of misdemeanor fourth-degree assault.  
• Stefan M. Ernst, 36, of Dallas in the 700 block of Southwest Levens Street on Dec. 31 on charges of misdemeanor fourth-degree assault and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.  
• Robert W. Brooks III, 28, of Dallas in the 500 block of Northeast Dallas Court on Dec. 31 on a probation violation.  
• Thomas A. Keeton, 50, of Dallas in the 100 block of Southwest Court Street on Thursday on a charge of third-degree theft.  
• Brian R. Steward, 35, of Dallas in the 600 block of Main Street on Friday on a charge of second-degree criminal mischief.  
• Ryan C. Groling Sr., 61, of

Dallas at the corner of Southwest Washington and Levens streets on Friday on a charge of misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants.  
• Shane A. Martin, 34, of Dallas in the 300 block of Southwest View Street on Saturday on a failure to appear warrant.  
• Alan B. Dyas, 27, of Dallas at the corner of Main and Southeast Clay streets on Saturday on a charge of failure to carry or present an operator's license.  
**INDEPENDENCE**  
**Arrests/Citations**  
• Edward John Nash, 22, of Salem at Independence Civic Center, 555 Main St., on Dec. 29 on a bench warrant for failure to appear.  
• Pedro Nava Trujillo, 33, of Monmouth at the corner of E and South 11th streets on Dec. 30 on warrants for failure to appear and probation violation.

• Adan Reyes-Santiago, 55, a transient in the 600 block of North Log Cabin Street on Dec. 31 for third-degree criminal mischief and second-degree criminal trespassing.  
• Robert Lee Jeske, 26, of Independence in the 1100 block of D Street on Thursday for first-degree burglary, first-degree theft from a building, second-degree criminal mischief, felony driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and reckless endangering.  
**MONMOUTH**  
**Arrests/Citations**  
• No reports available.

# OBITUARIES

## Ronald W. Agee

Nov. 30, 1930 – Dec. 8, 2014

Memorial service for Ronald W. Agee, 84, of Dallas is Saturday at 11 a.m. at Dallas Alliance Church.

## Mary Cecilia Bily

Nov. 19, 1956 – Dec. 28, 2014

Mary Cecilia "Ceil" Bily, 58, of Parkville, Md., died Dec. 28.

Ceil loved camping, crafting, photography, the Baltimore Ravens and Baltimore Orioles, and her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret P. Stromer.

Survivors include her husband, Jaime L. Bily of Parkville; son, Patrick K. O'Briant; stepchildren, Jake P. Bily and Jocelyn R. Yenkowski; father, Joseph F. Koubek; sister, Marian E. Denning; brother, Joseph E. Koubek of Dallas; five grandchildren; and extended family.

Service was Saturday at St. Matthews Church. Interment was at Moreland Memorial Park in Baltimore.

Arrangements were handled by Evans Funeral Chapel, Baltimore. To send an online condolence: [www.evansfuneralchapel.com](http://www.evansfuneralchapel.com).

## Sharon Rae Norwest

Dec. 11, 1942 – Dec. 26, 2014

Sharon Rae Norwest, 72, of Grand Ronde died Dec. 26.

She was born in Forest Grove to Roscoe and Eleanor (McLeod) Lilly.

In the 1970s, she married the love of her life, Marcellus J. Norwest, in Nevada. He died in 2011.

Sharon lived most of her life in Grand Ronde and had worked as a secretary for the tribal committee for the Grand Ronde Veterans Honor Guard.

When she wasn't working, she enjoyed reading, collecting her various piggy banks and loved watching TV, especially "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy."

She was preceded in death by her sons, Lyle Johnson, Lonnie Norwest, Marcellus Norwest Jr. and Andrew Norwest; daughter, Carmen Norwest; brother, Roscoe Jr.; sister, Patricia Paren; and granddaughter, DeAnn Norwest.

Survivors include her sons, Johnny, Lynndell and Robin Norwest; and daughters, La Donna Norwest and Daniele Powley.

Service was held Friday at the Grand Ronde Tribal Gym.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Maryan Elizabeth Taylor

June 14, 1917 – Dec. 22, 2014

Maryan Elizabeth Taylor, 97, of Monmouth died Dec. 22 in Dallas.

She was born in Tuscarora, Nev. She attended school in Calistoga, Calif., and spent her summers in Tuscarora.

Maryan married Richard Avnel Taylor on Feb. 20, 1938, in Calistoga.

Maryan and Richard lived in Calistoga until the summer of 1959, when they and their three children moved to Healdsburg, Calif.

Maryan was active in the Lionettes and worked as a bookkeeper. They moved to

Payette, Idaho, in 1972 with daughter, Lynn. In June of 2012, Maryan moved to Mon-

mouth to be with her son, Jerry, and his wife, Barbara.

Maryan was preceded in death by her husband, Richard A. Taylor, and son, David Taylor.

Survivors include her son, Jerry (Barbara) Taylor of Monmouth; daughter, Lynn (Sidney) Redfield of Sandpoint, Idaho; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Farnstrom Mortuary, Independence, handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: [www.FarnstromMortuary.com](http://www.FarnstromMortuary.com).

## Bernard L. Berger

Nov. 11, 1927 – Jan. 1, 2015

Bernard L. Berger, 87, of Cottage Grove, formerly of Dallas, died Thursday in Cottage Grove.

He was born in Covington, Ky., to Rudolph W. and Mary Smith Berger.

Bernie spent his young life in Kentucky and graduated in 1946 from Santa Cruz High School in California. He enlisted in the Navy shortly after graduating. While visiting his family in Kentucky on leave from the military, he met Ruby D. McDaniel; they were married on Jan. 17, 1948, in Covington.

They lived in California

prior to moving to Dallas in 1959 and lived here for 45 years. Bernie worked at Caterpillar in Dallas starting in 1962. He retired in 1988.

He was an inspector in the quality control department and was the machinist union

local president.

He enjoyed traveling and was able to visit every continent, including Antarctica at age 81, along with every state in the Union. Bernie was an avid steelhead fisherman and horseback trail rider. He went on many mission trips to Africa, South America and Mexico. Bernie was a member of Salt Creek Baptist Church during his years in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby of Cottage Grove; daughters, Marilyn of Capitola, Calif., and Dale (Ernie) of Cottage Grove; sons, Cliff (Cindy) of Tigard and Steve (Linda) of Tillamook; brother, Ray (Kathy) of Kentucky; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Viewing is Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Service is Friday at 1 p.m. at the mortuary. Interment will be at Salt Creek Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in care of the mortuary.

To send an online condolence: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Obituary Information

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

Most funeral homes handle obituary information and provide it to the newspaper. However, information can also be submitted directly from family members.

Color and black-and-white photos can be submitted, but photos will only be published in black and white. The *Itemizer-Observer* uses a flag logo in the obituaries of people who served in the armed forces.

Obituaries — like all information submitted to the news department — are subject to editing for style, content and length.

Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-Observer*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or emailed to [nadams@polkio.com](mailto:nadams@polkio.com).

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