

Vernonia Youth Soccer Club – Growing Stronger: Soccer Camp and Fall Soccer Signups

The Vernonia Youth Soccer Club is on the move! Fall 2011 will be the second year with the current soccer president and it's evident that the ante has been upped! Not only is the club ready for Fall 2011 signups now, but the week of June 27 through July 1, Vernonia will host a soccer

camp for ages 3-12 (and a little older if there's interest). The club has also organized for Portland Timber's tickets at a reduced rate to the April 30th game-- it promises to get the kids who attend jazzed about the sport as they will get the opportunity to meet the team and run through the fan tunnel with them!

The goal is to grow the club, providing fun new activities for the kids and hopefully get enough kids signed up to allow the club to get away from co-ed teams for the older kids' teams this fall. The Boosters club is taking on a new code of conduct requirement for all sports and soccer is already on board and ready to go.

The soccer camp will be run by Challenger sports, a group that taught soccer skills to over 100,000 kids in the U.S. in 2010. The soccer coaches will be British or Irish, stay in town with host families during the week of camp and really give kids a chance to grow, learn and practice their soccer skills with a guarantee of 1000+ touches of the ball each during camp. All kids get a soccer ball, T-shirt and personal soccer evaluation form completed by the coaches. Those who sign up 45 days prior to the event get a free jersey mailed to them to sport around town. Further information on the soccer camp details and signup is found at this website: <https://registration.challengersports.com/FindACamp/FindACamp.asp?Method=CampSession&Key=0|1|17697&~=>.

Signup opportunities for Vernonia Fall 2011 Soccer will begin at the 'Run for the Arts' day, the WGS field day on April 14th and a session at the Library in June.

If there are any questions, please contact Mark Lemay at (503) 432 7742 or via email mrlemay2@yahoo.com.

Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, April 25 at the Clatskanie Senior Center

Connie's Fabulous Breakfasts: Fabulous breakfasts are available to the public on Fridays for a cost of only \$3.50. The event happens at the Senior Center (446 Bridge Street) from 7:30 to 9:00 AM each Friday. Meal price includes a beverage, too. Enter through the side, parking lot door. What a deal!

Week Day Lunches: The Vernonia Senior Center offers nutritious and tasty lunches each weekday for only \$4. These are available to the public, not just Senior Citizens. (Mealtime is noon; late arrivals may not be served.) You can reserve your lunch by calling by 11:15 AM, or further in advance if possible, to assist the cooks as they prepare the day's meals.

Maple Bars available locally! Connie King, the cook at the Senior Center, is making maple bars each day. The maple bars are available to the public, too, and only cost \$1 each. Availability is subject to quantity on hand. You can assure yourself of a good supply by pre-ordering them directly from Connie by calling the Senior Center (503-429-3912) any week day, from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please allow one day lead time for larger orders. The

Center's front door opens at 9:00, but the side parking lot door opens at 7:00. Ah, sweet treats!

Thrift Store: Bargain prices can be found in Vernonia's Senior Center in their Thrift Store. The retail store is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Thrift Store provides funds for the Senior Center's facility and its many activities. Donations can also be dropped off during those same hours, and donated clothes need to be clean and in good condition so they are "sales ready". We are offering half off during the first week of each month. Buy locally and support your local Senior Center.

For after hours drop-offs please contact Pauline 503-429-5810.

Special Days: On the last Wednesday of the month Wauna Credit Union will be serving ice cream. On the last Friday of the month we will serve birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate that month's birthdays.

Membership Dues: Another way to support Vernonia's Senior Center is to pay the \$15 annual membership dues. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the Senior Center. Anyone 50 and older may join.

Questions? Call: (503) 429-3912

Arrest Made in Tire-Slashing Incident

Interim Vernonia Police Chief Mike Connor announced during the April 4, 2011, City Council meeting that an arrest had been made in relation to an incident of vandalism involving multiple automobile tires being slashed throughout the town on the night of March 24, 2011.

According to Connor, one juvenile has been charged with one count of Criminal Mischief in the First Degree and over thirty counts of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree.

The case remains under investigation.

Vernonia Begins Budget Process

The Vernonia City Budget Officer, Bill Haack, delivered the Budget Message and presented a balanced budget for consideration to the City Budget Committee on Saturday April 9, 2011.

The Budget Committee has scheduled four meetings to discuss the proposed budget: April 15, April 22, April 29 and May 6, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Vernonia Community Learning Center.

At the April 15th meeting the Committee is scheduled to discuss the following funds: Library, Airport, Cemetery, Vernonia Community Learning Center, Police and Administration. At the April 22nd meeting the following funds are scheduled to be discussed: Parks and Public Works, including the Sewer, Water, and Streets funds. At the April 29th meeting the Committee will discuss the Building and General Funds.

The Public is welcome to attend all Budget Meetings. Public Comment will be taken during the Public Input portion of the meeting. Public comments will be limited to a total of thirty minutes for all speakers, or five minutes for each person. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, comments can be emailed to: Financial@vernonia-or.gov. Emailed comments will be read into the record.

The Budget Committee is made up of the members of the Vernonia City Council: Willow Burch, Kevin Hudson, Josette Mitchell, Marilyn Nicks and Randy Parrow and five citizen members: Catherine Helmer, Bruce McNair, George Tice, Gary Taylor and Susan Wagner.



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