

## Waste Management Provides Inclement Weather Strategy

This is the time of year where inclement weather could potentially impact our route operations and transfer stations for Waste Management. Severe weather can create unmanageable risk and Waste Management does not want to take chances with their employees or the public at large when un-safe conditions exist. It is the goal of Waste Management to provide the best possible service to their communities.

If Waste Management is unable to service their customers due to weather, their strategy is as follows:

### Hauling Operations

**Make Up Days-** In the event that there is only one day to make up, service will be pushed back one day. Example: If your regular service day is on Thursday but was missed due to inclement weather, service will be provided Friday and regular Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday.

**Lost Days-** In the event that two or more days are lost

due to inclement weather, additional vehicles and teams will be assigned to service commercial accounts whenever possible. All residential accounts will be serviced on their next scheduled pick up day. Extra cans/bags placed at the curb will be picked up at no charge (up to their level of service) due to the missed days of service.

**Credits-** Credits will be issued to accounts as requested due to non-service. In the event that a customer cannot wait and they can bring their refuse/recycling to either the Columbia County Transfer Station or the Vernonia Transfer Station, the customer will be allowed to dispose of their refuse/recycling at no charge (up to their level of service) with a current account number.

**Columbia County & Vernonia Transfer Stations Hours of Operation-** Hours of operation will be determined depending on severity of weather events.

## Vernonia Seeks Past CERT Members

The City of Vernonia is seeking any community member who has received Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. About 100 individuals have taken the forty hour training since CERT began in Vernonia; unfortunately the City does not have a current list of all active CERT members.

If you have taken the CERT training please call City Hall at 503-429-5291 and let them know if would still like to be an active member of the Ver-

nonia CERT.

Vernonia Interim Police Chief Mike Conner is currently organizing the Vernonia Emergency Management Committee and is planning to sponsor CERT courses this winter for new members. In addition, the Committee hopes to offer some refresher courses for existing CERT members.

CERT volunteers are trained to assist their community in emergency situations under the direction of emergency respond-

ers and expand the community's ability to respond.

Vernonia's Community Emergency Response Team should not be confused with another group of individuals calling themselves the "Citizens Emergency Response Team." This group is NOT officially sponsored by the City of Vernonia.

For more information about CERT contact Chief Mike Conner at 503-429-7335, ext.110.

## Time For Toy and Joy

The holiday season is already upon us and the Vernonia Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association is once again planning to assist the families of the Vernonia community.

"Toy and Joy" is an annual project the Vernonia Fire Volunteers take on every year to help make the holidays just a little brighter. Each year the volunteers gather donations, purchase gifts, wrap them and then assist Santa in delivering them to children just before Christmas.

Donation barrels have already been placed around town at Wauna FCU, Vernonia Hardware, Vernonia City Hall, Clever Cricket, Sentry Market and Black Bear.

Any families that would like to be included in the Toy and Joy program are required to fill out an application and return it by December 19. The program is for children twelve and under. Applications are available where the barrels are located, and also at Vernonia Cares, Head Start and the Vernonia Fire Station. Applications will also be sent home with all students at Washington Grade School. Applications can be returned to the mailbox for Santa in front of the Fire Station on Bridge Street.

## Holiday Giving Tree *continued from front page*

community, many of them from the 2007 Flood," explains DeAnna Pearl, Director of the VPC. "We have a large population of students who are "couch surfing"--staying in several different homes and moving around. One of the reasons the VPC has gotten involved is because if children and adults are given a little more dignity they are less likely to do self-harm. If a child is able to come to school and have a clean toothbrush, they are more likely to stay in school and not be embarrassed."

Both Larke and Pearl say they have had customers and community members already asking about when the Giving Tree will be started this year-- a good sign that Vernonia is ready, through the Kiwanis Community Closet and the Giving Tree, to give meaningful support to their community this holiday season.



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## Senior Center Activities

**5-Area Luncheon:** There are no luncheons scheduled for November and December.

**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 a \$4 donation for seniors over 60; cost is \$5 for anyone under 60. To-go meals are available for \$5. 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. Meals on Wheels are available for a \$4 donations for seniors over 60. Please contact the Senior Center for an application.

**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**

## All Community Thanksgiving Dinner

at Vernonia Community Church Gym  
November 24th, 1-4 PM

We will provide Thanksgiving dinner (turkey or ham) at no cost. Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to be a part of these festivities, donations and volunteers will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Cathy at 503-429-8033 or Dennis at 503-429-0335.

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