

Police Blotter April 1-15, 2013

- April 4, 2013 - Arrest and transport to the Columbia County Jail for Violation of "Pre-Trial Release Agreement".
- April 5, 2013 - Arrest and transport to Columbia County Jail on a Felony Arrest Warrant.
- April 5, 2013 - Report of a found children's saddle. Owner has been identified and property will be returned.
- April 5, 2013 - Report of a possible "Probation Violation". Case forwarded to Parole and Probation for review.
- April 9, 2013 - Report taken on an "Animal Dispatch" in the 1100 Block of Weed Ave.
- April 19, 2013 - Arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants.
- April 12, 2103 - Arrest on a

Warrant in the 15000 Block of Keasey Road.

- April 12, 2013 Arrest on a Warrant in the 1300 Block of Bridge St.
- April 15, 2013 Report of a Stolen Vehicle in the 400 Block of Louisiana Ave. The vehicle is described as a 1988 Toyota Pick-up with extra cab bearing Oregon License Plate Number 508BSU. Ongoing Investigation.

A total of (8) Traffic Citations have been issued between 04/01/2013 & 04/15/2013.

Further details of the Traffic Violation will be posted on the End of Month Blotter and on the Vernonia Police Department Website at <http://vpd.vernonia-or.gov/>

Vernonia Summer Meals Program: New Sponsor, Same Servers and Site

Last year the Vernonia Summer Meals Program (VSMP) learned that Oregon has the highest Food Insecurity Rate in the nation. In Oregon, over 200,000 kids depend on free and reduced lunch during the school year; during the summer, only 19,000 of them actually have access to free and reduced meals offered by summer meal programs. That means approximately 181,000 students go hungry on a daily basis during the summer break. To fight this epidemic, the Vernonia Summer Meal Program will again offer free lunches to youth between 1-18yrs and low cost lunches to adults.

The program is possible due to the school district having a 51% free and reduced lunch population. "Often, families don't believe they qualify. I encourage everyone to apply every year regardless of income because our kids lose out if we don't," stated DeAnna Pearl, VSMP Partner.

In the summer of 2011, the Vernonia Summer Meals Pilot Project volunteers prepared and served 4,473 meals. On average, 100 kids were fed a day.

One essential partnership for the VSMP in 2011 and 2012 was with the St. Helens School District who acted as a sponsor while the Vernonia Schools were in the process of building and moving into the new school facility. The VSMP

is extremely grateful to St. Helens School District for their help; without them the VSMP would not have been possible the past two years.

Now that VSD 47J is officially moved, there is a wonderful new development in the program – Vernonia School District 47J has become the Sponsor of the VSMP!

There are a couple changes to the program for 2013: the VSMP will not be providing breakfast – only lunch. The program will be closed the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July for Independence Day.

Since the bulk of the program participants live on the west side of O-A Hill, the VSMP has again partnered with the Vernonia Community Church, 967 State St., to accommodate the meal site. Everyone is welcome regardless of income. The VSMP does ask that all youth under the age of 10 must be with an older sibling, parent or care provider as stated in ORS 163.545.

Meals will be served Monday – Friday, June 17th – July 2nd, July 8th – August 16th from 11:30-1:00pm

For more information or to volunteer contact Nicholas Welch, Vernonia Summer Meals Volunteer Coordinator at 503-748-9193. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



New Schedule as of April 1, 2013

Nehalem Valley Fixed Route
Mon, Wed, Fri Leaves Vernonia 6:15am & 4:30pm

Dial-a-ride Service Available
Tue & Thr for 5 hours per day 503-366-0159

Please visit the website for fare schedule
<http://www.columbiacountyrider.com>

City Administrator Report

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C O L U M B I A COUNTY CITIZENS TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City contacted CCCTAC to get information on their scope of work to make an informational presentation to

City Council in the future.

COLUMBIA COUNTY UNMET NEEDS COMMITTEE

Members of the Columbia County Unmet Needs Committee conducted their (potentially) last meeting on April 4, 2013. The following items were discussed: financial statements, project status, program closeout, removal of FEMA trailers, relocation of staff, reduced staff hours and final disbursement of all discretionary funds through Columbia County.

ROSE AVENUE PROJECT

Scott Edwards Architects and Community Action Team in partnership with the Vernonia Area Senior Center, Vernonia Cares Food bank, and Vernonia Health Center Board plan to meet with City Council on May 6,

2013. The City Administrator participated at the NW Health Foundation kick off capital campaign for the Vernonia Health Center component of the project – we made a presentation to the Meyer Memorial Trust and The Ford Family Foundation. The City Administrator met with Larry McKinley, ODOT Area 1 Regional Manager to discuss traffic planning and coordination with ODOT.

TUALATIN VALLEY SCENIC BIKEWAY PROJECT

The City awaits the outcome of the OPRD bikeway advisory meeting as a part of the commission hearing on May 8, 2013. A copy of the draft plan is found at the following URL: <http://www.yourwaytoplay.com/Tourism-Partners/Scenic-Bikeway>. City staff discussed trail way signage with the Washington County Visitors Association.

Public Hearing Notice

When: City Council Meeting, Monday, May 6, 2013
Where: Vernonia City Hall Council Chambers
Why: Wastewater System Improvements Final Design Phase 2 project #P06021

of whom at least 54% are low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on May 6th, 2013 at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.

City of Vernonia is completing a City of Vernonia Wastewater System Improvements Final Design Phase 2 project, Grant Number P06021, funded with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Oregon Business Development Department. The location of the project is: the City of Vernonia. It is estimated that this project will benefit at least 1921 persons

The purpose of the hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizens views about the project and to take comments about the local government's performance. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by Friday, May 3, 2013 at Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. Both oral and written comments will be reviewed by the City Council.

The location of the hearing is accessible to the disabled. Please let Joann Glass at 503.429.5291 know if you need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing.

More information about the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program and the project is available for public review at Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064 during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Provider

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Must sell due to health problems \$495

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Cost \$3000
Asking \$2000

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Cell 503-860-9593
Please no calls after 10 pm



**at the
Grange!**
**Saturday
April 27
9am-3pm**

If you have items to donate to the sale, please bring them between 6 & 9 pm on Fri, April 26.

**All proceeds go to improvements to the
Vernonia Grange building.
375 North Street**