

On the Shelves: What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

New Program to Extend Library Access Statewide Continues to Grow!

By Jennifer Moloney

Beginning January 2013, a new Oregon Library Passport Program began allowing card-holders from participating libraries to register and use other participating libraries across the state. Vernonia Public Library was signed up and an active participant from the beginning.

Here is how it works: Oregon public and academic libraries opt to become Passport Program participating libraries. Their registered card-holders are then able to visit, register without the customary "out of area" card fees, and use the materials at any

other participating library. Their home library card becomes their "passport" or ticket to registering for library cards at other participating libraries throughout Oregon. Patrons are responsible for managing their checkouts, complying with the Passport member library's policies regarding due dates, late fees, and materials limits, and must return materials directly to the library they borrowed from; there is no library-to-library return delivery mechanism.

So, if you are vacationing at the coast and need some beach reading, you can register for library cards in Astoria, Rockaway, Garibaldi, or Florence. Or perhaps you live in Vernonia, but work in Hillsboro, and want to use Hillsboro Public Library during your lunch hour. No problem. In addition, Oregonians who are conducting research will be able to tap into the vast resources of academic libraries, including the Oregon State University libraries, Oregon Health Sciences

University and several community colleges. The key to the Passport Program is that you first need a library card from your participating local "Home" Library.

Passport Program details can be found at www.librariesoforegon.org/Passport including a list of Participating libraries. The list continues to grow – there are currently over 100 participating libraries with Multnomah County being one of the newest additions! Additional libraries are expected to join throughout 2013.

Stop by the Vernonia Public Library if you have any questions. Not a patron of the Vernonia Public Library yet? Not a problem! In just a few minutes we can get you signed up! If you are a resident of Vernonia, living inside the city limits, there is no fee for a library card. The out of town user fee is currently \$40.00 for a year.

City Administrator Report

By Bill Haack

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT WWTP COST ESTIMATE

The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) facility improvements project cost estimate is adjusted up to \$6.3 million. The Flume Improvement Project is complete with final costs at about \$300,000. The Biosolids staging area small contract work was completed at the proposed budget of about \$21,000. The staging area will be used to locate dewatering centrifuges, pumps, conveyor belt, scale, generator and a job shack for the planned removal project. The estimate for biosolids removal is firming up at a base cost of about \$800,000. The figure may increase if there are weather delays or if the amount of biosolids is above the

estimate. The estimate for the construction of the pipe gallery, dike elevation and additional constructed improvements remains as estimated in the August 2012 Predesign report - \$4.52 million – this will be adjusted by the end of the calendar year prior to going out to bid. The City Engineer and City staff direct construction management and over sight expenses will be added to the total cost through 2015.

BIOSOLIDS REMOVAL PLAN

Otak continues to work on elements of a revised Biosolids Management Plan. We are determining what our options are for opening this up to bid in the next five months.

OTHER PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITY

EPA STATE & TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

This grant has been closed.

PARKS DEPARTMENT OPRD & DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SPENCER PARK DEVELOPMENT

The COV Parks Committee and City Council are working directly with the Vernonia School District to secure a shared vision for how the proposed specifications for the replacement park will be achieved. The members of

this working group are coordinating with a third party consultant, Pacific Sports Turf, to provide additional guidance on the compaction, percolation, soils mix and seed type for the various use areas of the replacement park. At this writing, PST has received testing results from Carlson Testing in Tigard; however, the City has not received from the District their plan forward to meet

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Vernonia Police Blotter - Oct. 6-31, 2013

ARRESTS / CRIMINAL CITATIONS

Date: 10/14/13

Violations: Possession of less than 1 ounce marijuana

Summary: Juvenile found in possession of less than an ounce of Marijuana. Report referred to Juvenile court.

Date: 10/17/13

Violations: DUII and Reckless Driving
Summary: Police performed traffic stop on Jefferson Ave. (Sentry Market Parking Lot) During the traffic stop, suspect was found to be driving while under the influence of intoxicants. She was cited for DUII and Reckless driving and subsequently released to a responsible party.

Date: 10/21/13

Violations: Warrant arrest x2 and escape
Summary: Suspect was arrested on Bridge St. near East Ave. Suspect had two outstanding warrants, and attempted to escape. He was taken into custody and transported to Columbia County Jail.

Date: 10/21/13

Violations: DUII
Summary: Police performed traffic stop around Rose Ave. near Clatsop St. During the traffic stop, suspect was found to be

driving under the influence of intoxicants. She was arrested/cited for DUII and taken to Columbia County Jail.

Date: 10/23/13

Violations: Warrant Arrest
Summary: Warrant served on Jefferson Ave. Suspect was taken into custody and transported to Columbia County Jail.

Date: 10/26/13

Violations: Possession less than 1 ounce marijuana
Summary: On Bridge St. and Jefferson Ave. Suspect was found to be in the possession of less than one ounce marijuana and cited for the possession.

TRAFFIC / OTHER VIOLATIONS

Date: 10/06/13

Violations: Failure to Maintain Lane.
Summary: Police performed traffic stop Southbound on Rose Ave. As a result suspect was cited for failure to maintain lane.

Date: 10/19/13

Violations: Failure to Maintain Lane
Summary: Police performed traffic stop on Rose Avenue. As a result suspect was cited for failure to maintain lane.



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