

Vernonia City News...

At the May 5, 2014 City Council Meeting:

Council Approves Spencer Park Plans- Council approved adjustments to the plans for Spencer Park. Adjustments included the removal of two pathways, elimination of extra top soil in non-playing areas, and the elimination of two inches of topsoil from the baseball/softball field infield. Council gave the School District permission to negotiate with the low bidder for the completion of construction of the park.

Council Approves City Administrator Search- Council approved a job posting for the permanent City Administrator position and also approved the use of HR Outsourced, LLC to provide reference checking services for the preferred

candidate.

Council Hears Update From Parks- Scott Laird, representing the Parks Committee, updated Council on the progress of the planning for the construction of a new restroom and covered picnic shelter at Spencer Park. Laird showed Council preliminary plans for both structures and told Council that an RFP for construction of the restroom will go out soon. The picnic shelter will be built by local volunteers using materials salvaged from the demolition of Washington Grade School.

Topics From the Floor- George Bellingham, representing the Vernonia Ridge Riders, showed the Council letters between the Ridge Riders attorney and the City attorney and told Council that

they were premature in announcing that the lease is invalid between the City and the Ridge Riders for use of the horse arena at Anderson Park. The Council did not respond to Bellingham's statement.

Current Mayor and City Administrator Pro Tem Josette Mitchell publicly announced her intention to apply for the permanent City Administrator position.

Trail Closure Announced- Mayor/City Administrator Josette Mitchell told Council that the Linear Trail will have to be closed for approximately two weeks between the Lake and Transfer Station while bio solids are removed from the sewer lagoons. It was later

announced that the closure dates would be from May 19 through June 7. There will be no access to the transfer station during this time and the Dump Day scheduled for May 24 has been canceled.

Council Approves Second Reading of Ordinance- Council approved the second reading of Ordinance 893, which codifies Title 3, Public Protection. The Ordinance takes effect thirty days from the reading.

Council Recesses to Executive Session- Council recessed to Executive Session under ORS 192.660. Upon returning to open session, Council conducted no further business.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

At the City Council Workshop on May 9th, we finalized the process to incorporate the citizens of Vernonia in the interview process to fill the position of City Administrator.

We will form 1 Citizen Recommendation Panel consisting of six (6) citizens by a lottery drawing and six (6) City Committee representatives. The panel will appoint one (1) member to be their moderator during the interviews.

To be eligible panelists must:

- Live in the Vernonia city limits
- Be a registered voter
- Are not a City of Vernonia employee
- Be available to interview candidates June 16th-July 16th, 2014

Starting May 12th, 2014 citizens interested in sitting on the Citizen Recommendation Panels, will need to come to City Hall and sign-up. Interested citizens will be issued a number, applicants' names and contact information will be put in a sealed envelope with the number on the front. At the City Council Meeting on June 2nd, 2014 we will draw 6 panelists; we will also draw 3 alternates in case any original panelist can't commit to the service.

We will be scheduling date/times for the panel to interview City Administrator candidates between the dates of June 16th and July 16th, 2014.

ATTENTION ! To: VERNONIA CITIZENS From: City of Vernonia

Due to the bio solids removal project a portion of the **Banks-Vernonia linear trail will be CLOSED to the public starting Monday, May 19th – Saturday, June 7th**

The closed section is from Webb Way at the Lake to the Transfer Station. Citizens are asked to use the path that runs along the Transfer station road and connects to California Avenue to access Vernonia Lake.

Due to the high volume of truck traffic associated with the bio solid removal the Transfer station road will be closed to all traffic.

There will be **NO DUMP DAY SATURDAY, MAY 24th, 2014.**

Transfer Station will resume operations on Saturday, June 14th, 2014.

The City of Vernonia appreciates your cooperation and patience as we complete this necessary project.

Police Blotter May 1-12

REPORTS TAKEN

- May 3, 2014 – Arrest in the 400 Block of North St. on an outstanding warrant for her arrest.
- May 5, 2014 – Report of Criminal Mischief (Vandalism) in the 200 Block of Bridge St. (Ongoing Investigation)
- May 7, 2014 – Arrest on Bridge St. near Adams Ave. for Stalking.

Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7 PM:

Monday, May 19, 2014
Monday, June 2, 2014

City Closures are scheduled for:
Monday, May 26, 2014
Memorial Day

Dates and times subject to change due to conflicts of schedules

City Administrator Position

The City of Vernonia is seeking a City Administrator to help manage and lead the city. With a population of 2151 and an urban growth boundary of approximately 2.3 square miles, Vernonia is located in the foothills of the Coast Range about 50 miles west of Portland and 50 miles east of the Oregon Coast. Salary is \$60,000 plus benefits. Staff of 13.5 FTE. Vernonia is governed by a mayor and a four member city council. The City Administrator is the administrative head of Vernonia's city government, is the business agent for the city and oversees all City employees. The city owns and operates both water and wastewater systems. The annual budget is approximately \$4.4 million. Departments include: Admin, Planning, Police, Library, Public Works and Parks. Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or related field is preferred. Also preferred is four years of responsible public administration experience including finance & budget, public works & engineering, economic development, inter-governmental relations, parks and grant writing. Any combination of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities will be considered. For position profile and required forms please visit our website at vernonia-or.gov. Submit cover letter, resume, references and application electronically to financial@vernonia-or.gov
Application Deadline – June 5, 2014.

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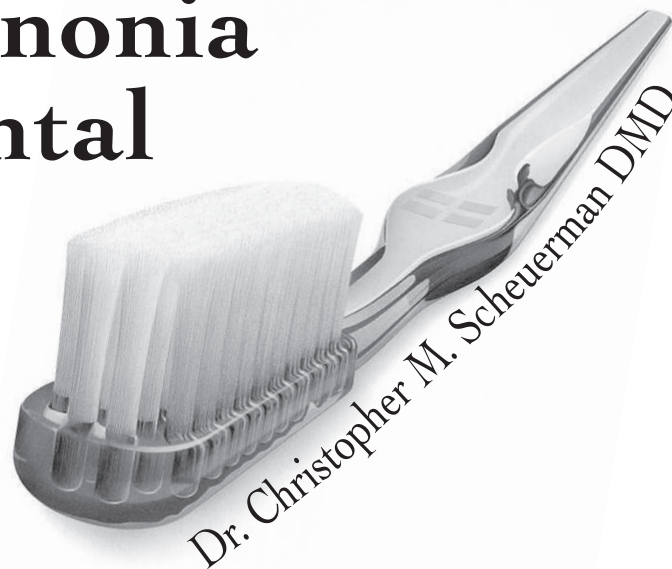
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