

# Summer Meals Program Continues Through August 21st

The Vernonia Summer Meals Program is continuing through August 21. The organizers would like to remind you of the opportunity for youth to get a free lunch during the week between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. The Vernonia Summer Meals program is pleased to report, on average, approximately 85 meals a day are being provided at the Grace Family Fellowship located on State and A Streets. Even greater, general community members are able to purchase a meal for \$2.50.

This year the program was able to expand with a generous grant awarded by the USDA. This was an ef-



fort to meet the needs of students who depend on free and reduced lunches outside of school during the summer. However, anyone is welcome to participate regardless of need. No proof of need is required other than an appetite.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Vernonia Summer Meal program. The program would not be able to continue without their local partners and volunteers. Please look on their Facebook page for menus and updates or contact Volunteer Coordinator Nic Welch at 503-748-5928 for more information on how to volunteer for this awesome program.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MEAL

Kitchen help, servers, set-up & clean up - just about everything!

Volunteer meeting on Thursday, August 14 5:30 at the Grange.

No experience needed just a love for service but must be at least 16.

Please contact Joe Biggs at 503-803-3285 or Chef Sheila at 503-396-6830

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY MEAL PROJECT

## Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Vernonia is eligible to apply for a 2014 Community Development Block Grant from the Oregon Business Development Department. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2014. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$2,000,000.

The City of Vernonia is preparing an application for a 2014 Community Development Block Grant from the Oregon Business Development Department for a new community facility to house the Senior Center and Food Bank. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 500 persons, of whom 100% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 18, 2014 at City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon. The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about: community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community

Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon 97064. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Joann Glass at 503.429.5291 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Joann Glass, City Recorder at 503.429.5291 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/ reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing which is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

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with Wauna Federal Credit Union to defer payments until July of 2015. Conner told Council he intends to sell two of the vehicles currently owned by the VPD after the new Tahoes are purchased.

**City Conveys Property-** After holding a public hearing at which there was no public testimony, the Council voted to approve Resolution 17-14, declaring a strip of property owned by the City at 226 B Street that is 5' wide by 100' as not needed for public use. The resolution authorized the conveyance of the property to adjacent land owners, Owen and Claudine East.

**Council Extends Engineering Contract-** Council voted to extend the City's contract with HLB OTAK to serve as City Engineer. The contract is extended through June 30, 2014 and is not to exceed \$120,000.

**Council Approves Change Order to Contract-** Council approved a change order to their contract with Custom Excavating for demolition of buildings damaged by the 2007 flood. The City has three remaining mitigation projects and this change to the time line of the contract allows those projects to be completed.

**Police Department Hires Admin. Assistant-** Police Chief Mike Conner told Council he has completed the hiring process for an Administrative Assistant and has hired Iwalani Leininger.

**Anderson Park is Bike Friendly-** Scott Laird informed Council that the Parks Committee has applied for and received the designation "Bike Friendly Business" from Travel Oregon. The designation allows the posting of signs at the business indicating the designation and lists the business on Travel Oregon web listings.

## Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7 PM:

Monday, August 18, 2014  
Tuesday, September 2, 2014

City Closures are scheduled for:

Monday, September 1, 2014  
Labor Day

Dates and times subject to change due to conflicts of schedules



- Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels - Finish Carpentry
- Ceramic Tile Work - Custom Home Construction
- Additions - Commercial Tenant Improvements

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