

City Department Updates: December 1-14, 2014 *continued from page 5*

float has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives. The wet well of pump station #3 and wet well of pump station #1 were also cleaned out.

- Work has begun on cleaning out and sorting through the old water plant that is used for storage of water repair parts, tractor, and other implements. Two dumpsters of debris were removed from the building.
- Public Works spread two loads of gravel on Airport Road at the western end just past the last hangars. The road was in very bad shape with several large pot holes.
- A faulty pressure reducing valve was replaced on a water service on Rose Ave.
- The water plant and the wastewater chlorinators were serviced this week. This is done annually as preventative maintenance.
- Monthly water samples were taken to the lab this week. These are routine samples that must be taken and analyzed by a certified lab.
- Public Works Foreman surveyed a fallen tree at Airport Park. A very large Maple came down in the last wind storm and staff will work with the park host to create a cleanup plan. The plan will also include assessment of all of

the large trees within the park.

- Public Works Foreman spent most of the week in Hood River at the annual wastewater conference. This is a requirement for certification.
 - Public Works staff repaired and replaced the sign at the Cemetery which had been damaged a few weeks ago. They also replaced the sign at Webb Way on the back side of the lake.
 - Staff removed the lake pump from the river and took it to the PW shop for storage.
 - Staff spent most of Friday, December 12 cleaning up after Thursday night's wind storm.
- Planning / Building**
- Four Electrical Reconnect permits over the last few weeks.

Library

- Circulation statistics: November 24 - December 01, 472 pieces of material were checked out.
- Circulation statistics: December 01 - December 09: 627 pieces of material were checked out.
- Library staff would like to welcome our new director, Shannon Romtvedt. Shannon will be

a lovely addition to the library. Please come in and meet Shannon.

- Saturday, December 20, drop by anytime between 2 and 3 for the Holiday Craft. Come make an ornament for the Christmas Tree. For K - 5.

- Please remember the "Adopt - A - Book" event at the library. It is a wonderful way to gift the library extra books.

City Clerk / Administration

- Volunteers are needed to serve on various City Committees, Boards and Commission. Participating on a City Committee, Board or Commission is a rewarding experience, providing an opportunity to learn and share your skills. It also enables volunteers to become involved in their local government. Application for Appointment and a list of open positions is available on the City web page or available from the City Recorder at City Hall.
- City Recorder preparing documents for the new Councilors to begin their four year term starting 2015.

City Administrator

- City Administrator met with Jim Tierney, Community Action Team (CAT) Executive Director to review and benchmark situation, schedule and progress of different City's projects involving CAT.
- Shannon Romtvedt was offered, and accepted, the Library Director position. Shannon holds a Master's Degree in Library Science and a Bachelor in Writing and Literature. Most recently she has worked as Librarian at the City Library in Forest Grove and Hillsboro. Shannon's first day of work will be Tuesday, December 16th.
- Barbara Ward has been our Interim Library Director during the past few months and has done an outstanding job for the City and the Library. Thank you, Barbara!
- City Administrator, PW Foreman and

Finance/HR manager met to review and assess PW department functions, tasks and needs. The PW Department has been understaffed since 2012. In May 2014 the city hired two PW temporary PW employees to fill in. Their temporary contract has the duration of 12 months.

- City Administrator and new Library Director met to discuss operations, policies, assets and liabilities of the Library.
- City Administrator and PW Foreman inspected Airport Road earlier in the week. As a result, delivered two trucks of gravel to take care of the problem and the many holes.
- The City Administrator and Building Inspector (Troy McNealy - The Building Department LLC) met on-site to hear the concerns of a citizen about his neighbor's construction site.
- The City Administrator and Finance Administrator met with Mark Schnepf (Anderson Park Host) to discuss recent concerns pertaining to public nuisance at the Park. Police Department was in assistance.
- The City Administrator and Finance Director met with Brad Bogus (Engineer, Tetra Tech). As Mr. Bogus is retiring he introduced City staff to his replacement.
- The City issued, on Thursday, December 11 a "Severe Weather Alert." The National Weather Service had issued a High Wind Warning for Vernonia and Columbia County with a forecast that had winds potentially gusting between 50-60 mph and 75-80 mph. Administration, Police and Fire Departments were in constant contact to monitor the situation.

Special thanks to Vincent Aarts, Columbia County and the Emergency Operations Center, for their help in keeping us informed of weather developments, and for their readiness to extend full and total assistance.

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Adopt - a - Book for the Library

December 4 - December 24

Create a unique holiday treasure by purchasing a book for the Vernonia Public Library's collection. You can even dedicate the book to the person of your choice. If you like, the library will place a special bookplate in the book commemorating the gift. Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.

Holiday Craft

Saturday, December 20,

drop in anytime between 2 and 3 pm Create an ornament for the Christmas Tree and a gift to put underneath. Designed for grades K - 5.

Family Movie Matinees

Tuesdays, December 23 and 30, 2 pm Relax with a movie and popcorn at the library. Call or visit the library for movie titles.

Ongoing Programs

After School Reading Program

Tuesdays, 3:45 - 4:45 pm, while school is in session

Snack, stories, and craft or activity for elementary school children.

Stamp Club

No meeting January 1, Library closed

1st Thursday of each month,

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Open to all ages! Come join us for some stamp learning, collecting, trading, and all around fun!

Book Group

December 29

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm

Selection for December: *Gather Together in My Name* by Maya Angelou

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 am, while school is in session

Stories and activities for children up to 5 years old.

Baby and Toddler Time

January 14

2nd Wednesday of every month, 11 - 11:30 am

Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 - 3. Older siblings welcome.

Holiday Closures

Closed at 12 pm on Dec 24 & 31

Closed December 25 & January 1

Police Blotter November 1-12, 2014

REPORTS TAKEN

- December 3, 2014 Officers responded to an attempted suicide.
- December 3, 2014 Report of theft near Mist Dr. and Alder St.
- December 8, 2014 Informational Report taken.
- December 10, 2014 Report of ID Theft and Fraudulent use of credit cards in the 400 Block of Bridge St.
- December 13, 2014 Report of Theft and Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle in the 1000 Block of Roseview Heights.
- December 14, 2014 Report of Theft and Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle in the 600 Block of Bridge St.
- December 14, 2014 Report of Theft and

Trespass in the 200 Block of E North St.

TRAFFIC/OTHER CITATIONS

- December 7, 2014 Citation for Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver in the 1000 Block of Bridge St.
- December 14, 2014 Citation for Driving While Suspended, Failure to provide Insurance, and Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device near East Ave and Bridge St.

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- 12/01/2014 through 12/15/2014 VPD responded to 151 calls/incidents.

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