

Banks Library Kicks Off Capital Campaign for Addition

The City of Banks and the Friends of the Banks Library are hosting a Kick-Off Celebration for the Jane Moore Community Room Fundraiser at Banks Public Library on Saturday, July 11 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This will be a time to enjoy lunch, raffle drawings, and learn more about the plans for this exciting new addition to the community.

The capital campaign is raising funds to add a community room to the Library. Potential local community support includes Washington County Gain Share Funds and Foundation Grants, which will be used to fund the \$580,000 addition.

In honor of her many years of support and efforts to establish the Banks Library, the community room will be named for local resident Jane Moore.

The new community room will provide high-tech program and meeting space for all local residents, as well as a weather measurement and reporting station. The design incorporates several energy-saving features including solar panels, a green roof and a green wall.

The target date for construction to begin is June 2016.

For more information contact Denise Holmes at 503 324-1382 or Jolynn Becker at 503 324-5112.

CC Rider Expands Service

Columbia County Transit (CC Rider) has received funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division to initiate Inter-City service between Portland's Union Station and the Astoria Transit Center. This new service is provided in cooperation with Sunset Empire Transit District.

This new service will provide two round-trips between Portland and Astoria, seven days per week. The new service is being identified as Line 7 – Lower Columbia Connector.

This new service makes adjustments to Line 1 – Downtown Portland, Line 4 – Clatskanie, and Line 5 – Kelso. The service adjustment includes added service on all three lines, including a much desired 4:30 pm run out of

downtown Portland on Line 1. Weekend service will also be available on all three lines. Service is expected to begin on Line 7 – Lower Columbia Connector on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

This new route, not only connects with Sunset Transit in Clatsop County, but also connects with Trimet, Amtrak, and Greyhound in Longview/Kelso and Portland, as well as the BOLT Bus and Portland International Airport, and offers riders more options for getting to their destinations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Ray, Transit Program Coordinator. Draft schedules showing the new service can be seen on the CC Rider web page at: www.columbiacountyrider.com

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fee correction and the increase in the Sewer Loan Repayment fee amount in their next bill.

- The City Council Meeting scheduled for July 20th has been cancelled due to a projected lack of a quorum.

City Administrator

- With direction from both the Parks Committee and the City Council, staff has been discussing and finalizing with Romtec for cost of the new restrooms facilities at New Spencer Park. After conversation with Romtec's staff City staff is in the process of finalizing language of an RFP for construction of the restrooms. The RFP will be divided in total cost and ground prep/foundation construction costs.

- Met with Ashley Baggett, Coordinator Tobacco Prevention – The Public Health Foundation of Columbia County (TPHFCC) to review draft of

policy for a Tobacco Free Ordinance for city parks. The Ordinance, together with an informative PPW presentation will be presented to Council at the July 6th Council meeting.

- City Administrator and Human Resource Manager met with a candidate for the Anderson Park Host position. The City had previously selected a candidate for the position, but after having initially accepted the position, the candidate accepted another offer elsewhere.
- City Administrator met with Pam Weller (Wauna Federal Credit Union Branch Manager) to sign all the financial documents pertaining to the purchase of a new mower. The mower (six feet mowing bed) will be primarily used at Spencer Park and all the empty City lots. It is anticipated that the equipment will be paid in four years.

What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

Sign-up for Summer Reading at the library, now through July 31! Enter a weekly prize drawing for every hour you read. Return your time log between July 27 and August 15 to choose a free paperback book and enter a grand prize drawing.

Upcoming Summer Reading Events (all FREE!)

Tuesday, July 7, 10:30 am: Stage Troupers from Stages Youth Academy present *Harmony High: A Musical* for Young Voices

Tuesday, July 14, 10:30 am: Story and Craft Time – *Unlikely Heroes*.

Thursday, July 16, 1- 4 pm: Make and Take Pillow! Registration required, limited space available. Visit the library or call (503) 429-1818. For teens, older children with a parent helper, and adults. Some basic hand stitch techniques will be taught at the program.

Snacks provided by the Summer Meal Program are served at the library Monday – Friday at 3 pm. Kids are welcome to come by for a snack, play games, or do a craft or activity sheet.

For a full list of Summer Reading programs and information, pick up a flyer at the library or visit the City of Vernonia website.

Ongoing Programs

Writer's Group

July 16
3rd Thursday of every month, 6 – 7:30 pm
Opportunity for writers with all levels of experience to get together, write, and get feedback.

Book Group

July 27
Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm
Selection for July: *The Eleventh Man* by Ivan Doig

Storytime

Baby and Toddler Time
Mondays, 10:30 – 11:15 am
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0 – 3. Older siblings welcome.

Holiday Closures

Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 for 4th of July weekend

Library Hours & Contact

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 – 5
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Saturday: 10 – 4
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