

Kiwanis Visit Vernonia Cares

On April 17, 2018, two representatives from the Portland area Kiwanis organization brought generous food donations to Vernonia Cares Food Bank. Shortly after the 2007 flood, they began making trips once or twice a year to Vernonia. The main chairpersons, Oscar Domingo (Montavilla Kiwanis) and Jewell Bailey (Kiwanis International) promote the food project through their organization and other clubs. Then Oscar and Jewell bring the food to Vernonia Cares Food Bank. Their recent delivery was 418 pounds of nutritious foods like ham, cheese, eggs, bread, other meat and canned foods. These high protein foods are especially appreciated by food bank clients.

Monthly, Vernonia Cares Food Bank helps about 400 people residing in 150 families who live in the Vernonia community. The goal is to provide three

days’ worth of meals, so the high protein food the Kiwanis bring is a vital help for families struggling to meet their basic needs, like groceries.

Thanks to the 25 volunteers who provide over 300 hours of volunteer time each month, many local people receive grocery assistance. Other volunteers travel to Forest Grove and Beaverton to pick up day old bread products donated by Safeway, WinCo and Oroweat.

The food bank is supported by direct food donations, like the Kiwanis provided, and also by others who donate nonperishable food and extra farm and garden produce. Financial donations are used to buy more food and keep the doors open at Vernonia Cares Food Bank. There are also fundraising projects throughout the year like the Bear Creek Run and



Kiwanians Oscar Domingo and Jewell Bailey (far left and far right) with Vernonia Cares Volunteer and Board Member Randal Harvey and Executive Director Sandy Welch.

a fall mailing campaign which allows donors to help shoulder this worthy cause. The United Way of Columbia County continues to provide funds, too.

Vernonia Cares Food Bank is open Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and is located within the American Legion Building at 627 Adams Avenue. Freight, which comes through the Oregon Food Bank system, is delivered and unloaded by volunteers at the food bank twice a month. A load consists of 3,000-6,000 pounds of non-perishable or frozen food. “It truly takes many hands to provide this valuable assistance to people in our community,” says Vernonia Cares Director Sandy Welch. “There is no way this could happen without all our volunteer partners.”

“goMobile” Brings Help with Health Care and Social Services

Caleb Green wears many hats. Sometimes the people who come to him, out in the community, need health support. Sometimes they need customer service. Sometimes they need help scheduling social services. Many need a thoughtful listener when times are tough.

In short, they need a CareOregon goMobile representative, such as Caleb.

CareOregon has administered the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) for 24

years. GoMobile is CareOregon’s way of taking services out of the office and into the community where Medicaid-eligible residents gather.

CareOregon’s pop-up style booth includes partners such as Central City Concern, Multnomah County Health Department, Planned Parenthood, Native American Youth Association, and Coalition of Community Health Clinics. GoMobile is open to anyone who wants to drop in, with a variety of social sup-

ports and practical one-on-one guidance with the OHP, and more.

GoMobile helps people with:

- Checking eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid, answering questions and helping eligible individuals to enroll, assisting current members with updating their accounts.
- Making appointments with primary care providers and coordinating medical, dental, mental health care and appointments.
- Offering individualized information and referrals to other community services on the spot.
- Arranging medical transportation and night stays at shelters, if needed.
- Assisting with SNAP (food stamps) enrollment at select goMobile locations.

been left on her own. At most of our events, we have an enrollment specialist with us, and they can sign people up for the Oregon Health Plan on the spot.”

Since the goMobile program was launched three years ago, the demand for its services has dramatically increased. While they meet most people only once, some come back for more support.

“There have been instances, at the shelters especially, where I’m able to help a person work through some issues,” says Green. Like “Clyde,” who had suffered a work-related injury for which he was receiving no assistance.

“He didn’t have a home here, so I was able to get him some vouchers through City Team and get him a stable place to stay,” says Green. “We were at that same shelter every Thursday, and every Thursday I’d work through something else with him. I found him a primary care doctor. Then he had a note from his doctor, and I helped him find a specialist. He got his teeth worked on. The last time I saw him, he was doing really well. And he was always really appreciative.”

Fully integrating oral health into primary medical care practices is one of CareOregon’s top priorities.

“A lot of people don’t know that if they have the Oregon Health Plan, they also have dental,” Green says. “We’ll make them a dental appointment right on the spot, which is really great because when they came in, they didn’t even know they had coverage.”

Recently, goMobile welcomed new partners: the Multnomah County SNAP outreach program and Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, which send outreach specialists to several goMobile events.

“What’s great about the program is that it’s flexible,” Green says. “In gearing up toward summer, there are a lot of health fairs and community events where we like to be.”

The goMobile team averages six events a week. In 2017, it assisted 2,380 people. Its schedule is published each month on the CareOregon website and Facebook page.

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FORM LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Vernonia City Council will be held on June 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm at 1001 Bridge St Vernonia, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 as approved by the City of Vernonia Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 1001 Bridge St Vernonia, Oregon between the hours of 9am and 5pm. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting this is the same as used the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2016-2017	Adopted Budget This Year 2017-2018	Approved Budget Next Year 2018-2019
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,853,709	1,683,507	1,914,382
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	2,691,200	2,281,430	2,620,694
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	1,617,007	2,970,583	1,919,542
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	5,577,000	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	239,668	465,000	294,500
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	45,912	16,500	21,500
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	672,420	708,000	745,000
Total Resources	12,686,916	8,125,020	7,515,618

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	1,085,472	1,256,853	1,386,664
Materials and Services	2,815,064	4,187,913	3,176,288
Capital Outlay			
Debt Service	6,493,025	618,709	617,293
Interfund Transfers	239,668	465,000	294,500
Contingencies	0	709,872	704,523
Special Payments	0		
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	886,673	1,336,350
Total Requirements	10,633,229	8,125,020	7,515,618

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for that unit or program			
General Administrative	529,171	586,835	653,844
FTE 4.0	4.0	3.6	3.8
Library	100,819	111,994	114,042
FTE 1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3
Police	469,142	525,062	626,796
FTE 4.0	4.2	4.8	5.8
Airport	9,733	13,202	8,051
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cemetery	15,382	17,666	17,696
FTE 2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Parks	148,073	161,269	188,685
FTE 1.1	1.0	1.3	1.4
Water	442,233	568,956	623,394
FTE 2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8
Sewer	319,156	544,933	615,448
FTE 2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1
Streets	102,808	230,214	188,476
FTE .5	0.5	0.5	0.7
Parks SDC	0	27,631	39,631
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water SDC	0	158,529	172,143
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sewer SDC	0	190,855	217,468
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Storm SDC	0	62,806	74,866
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Streets SDC	0	36,019	43,741
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sewer Rehab	4,747,233	981,583	0
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CDBG Fund	0	1,988,000	1,933,482
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Timber Fund	0	0	5,774
FTE 0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program		2,356,732.0	1,336,350
FTE			
Total Requirements	6,883,750	8,562,286	6,859,887
Total FTE 16.4			

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *			

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2016-2017	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2017-2018	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2018-2019
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 5.8163 per \$1,000)	5.8163	5.8163	5.8163
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds			
Other Bonds	\$5,413,486	\$0	
Other Borrowings	\$20,361	\$0	
Total	\$5,433,847	\$0	