

# Vernonia City News...

## At the November 5, 2018 City Council Meeting:

**Council Approves Amending Zoning Code** – Following a Public Hearing the Council voted 4-0 to adopt Resolution 918, amending Title 9. The amendments do several things, including allowing tiny homes (cottage homes), adding street vacation criteria to the City codes, and making several other small changes to zoning code language. (See full story on front page.)

**Council Tables Spencer Park Trees Decision** – Council tabled a discussion on purchasing more Memorial Trees to

be planted in Spencer Park until their next meeting. The Vernonia Parks Committee had recommended that Council approve the purchase of 20 more trees to be sold to community members and planted as Memorial Trees in the park. The City already planted 20 Memorial Trees there last summer. Councilor Bruce McNair requested more time to look at the proposed placement of the new 20 trees.

**City Administrator Report** – City Administrator Josette Mitchell told the Council the storm water run-off issue from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been resolved with drainage work the City performed.

Mitchell told the Council that the City has received an extension until November 28 to file required paperwork with DEQ to keep the local transfer station open.

Mitchell told the Council that the City has received the results of environmental testing at the Greenman Field Grandstands. Mitchell said no asbestos was found in the roofing material and said lead based paint was found on the back wall of the structure, but not on the tunnel, seating, and decking. The City Council proposed a workshop with the Grandstands Committee/Intercultural Society of Vernonia to go over the results.

## Helping Heat Homes: NW Natural's Gas Assistance Program Gives \$150,000

This year, NW Natural customers and shareholders gave more than \$150,000 to help pay for the heating bills of low-income families. For the past three decades, NW Natural customers and shareholders have recognized this community need by raising funds for the company's Gas Assistance Program (GAP).

"GAP was started as a way for neighbors to help neighbors," said Von Summers, NW Natural community relations manager. "We know the need is out there, and we're fortunate to have the support of our customers in giving this gift of warmth."

Over the past 36 years, NW Natural's GAP has raised about \$6 million for community action groups that

distribute the funds directly to those in need. NW Natural covers the program's administrative costs so that 100 percent of the funds are donated.

The new giving season is now underway, and NW Natural shareholders will match the first \$60,000 in contributions to GAP. Tax-deductible donations can be made via United Way through August 31, 2019: <https://connect.unitedway-pdx.org/comm/SinglePageRegPledge.jsp?DA=183376>.

Donation funds are distributed to community action networks, which screen all low-income recipients. The agencies receiving funds included Community Action Team, Inc., Clatsop and Columbia Counties.

Donations to GAP may also be

made by mailing a check to: Gas Assistance Program, 619 SW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Room 300, Portland, Oregon 97205-2646

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**The Vernonia Transfer Station is scheduled to be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in November & December 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**November 17  
December 1 & 15**

*Dates and times are subject to change due to weather*

## Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

**City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm:**  
Monday, November 19, 2018  
Monday, December 3, 2018

**City Closures are scheduled for:**  
Thursday, November 22, 2018  
Friday, November 23, 2018  
*Thanksgiving Holiday*

*Dates and times subject to change*

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