

Indy council to rework pot law

By Stephanie Blair
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — The public comment section of the Independence City Council meeting on Aug. 8 began with a comment from Alex Andrade, owner of Blackbird Indica, asking the council to reconsider the licensing process for marijuana businesses in Independence.

The ordinance currently requires those applying for a license to operate a marijuana business within city limits to provide the city manager with various pieces of information about their

business, as well as the business owners and employees. This includes “a complete copy of both a nationwide criminal history report acceptable to the City Manager, and an Oregon State Police Open Records criminal history report, both issued in the last 30 days,” as described in Section 8-434(1)(g) of Ordinance No. 1555.

This information must also be provided to the state when applying for a license from the OLCC, which is what Andrade took issue with when speaking to the council.

According to Andrade, it

costs thousands of dollars to have this information processed, a serious cost to businesses that she believes the council did not consider when passing the ordinance in December.

“It just seems like nobody is doing their job when they ... look into what we already have to do and what we’re required to do, and how secure that information is already held,” said Andrade.

Andrade explained that this information is required by the state to ensure that business investors aren’t part of crime organizations,

such as drug cartels, and that the businesses are not employing felons, particularly those with drug-related charges.

After Andrade answered a number of clarifying questions from council members, the council agreed to reconsider the ordinance.

The council did not specify when they would rework the ordinance and did not hold an executive session following the meeting.

The next Independence City Council meeting will be on Aug. 29 because of the high traffic expected in the wake of the eclipse.

Gator stolen in FC recovered in town

By Jolene Guzman
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FALLS CITY — The John Deere Gator stolen from the Falls City water treatment plant has been found, but the search is on for suspects in the theft.

The small utility vehicle belonged to the Falls City Public Works Department and was mainly used at the plant.

Mayor Terry Ungricht told the Falls City City Council Thursday that it had been stolen. He said the vehicle was uninsured at the time of its disappearance on Aug. 4.

Ungricht said he and public works staff searched for it, with no luck, and reported it stolen to the Polk County Sheriff’s Office.

Falls City resident Mike McConnell posted the theft on Facebook in hopes of generating tips.

“Someone claims they saw it coming out of the upper cemetery (Thursday) at 2 a.m., so we are hoping it’s still in town,” Ungricht said.

He said the Gator is a “very critical piece of equipment,” used to clean



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sand filters at the plant. “It will have to be replaced,” Ungricht said. “We are looking at the cost of \$15,000.”

That won’t be necessary. Ungricht said Tuesday the Gator has been found.

“We found it, missing a hood and was partially repainted, but still operates good,” Ungricht said.

Sheriff Mark Garton said the vehicle was found on Friday night on Sample Road in Falls City.

“It looks like a neighbor saw it driving, saw some on it and reported it,” he said.

By the time deputies arrived, the Gator was there, but the driver wasn’t.

“We looked around in the barn nearby and didn’t find anybody,” Garton said.

“The case is still open. I’m sure we will hear something.”

Fire: Firefighters attempted to rescue boy

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Two firefighters were injured in the attempts to rescue the 11-month-old boy, Sebastian, and to put out the fire. Both firefighters were treated for their injuries, Olson said.

“One has already returned to work, and the other should be back to work this weekend,” Olson said Monday.

Two members of the Polk No. 1 board of directors asked Chief Ben Stange at Thursday’s board meeting if there is better equipment

that firefighters need to protect them from burns in the future.

Stange said all equipment meets industry standard.

“It’s just a hazard of close proximity to a lot of heat,” he said.

Stange said the mental health injuries sustained from this event were in a way more difficult than the burns suffered.

“Chaplain Steve Brodehl, who is the chaplain for the Hillsboro fire — he’s a very revered chaplain — he came

down last night and did the defusing with our folks,” Stange said. “I’m pretty sure we had 100 percent of our folks come. Monmouth police officers were invited as well.”

The employee assistance program was extended to all volunteer firefighters, Stange said.

“That’s money well spent,” he said. “I’ve had a chance to talk to everyone who was on scene, and it was a really difficult scene.”

The Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office and Mon-

mouth police are assisting in the investigation.

Dallas Fire & EMS, SW Polk RFPD, Salem Fire, Independence police and Polk County Sheriff’s Office also assisted.

The structure and contents are a complete loss, estimated at \$200,000, Olson said.

As of Tuesday morning’s press time, a gofundme account, Help for Sebastian’s Family, had garnered \$7,605 in donations for the family.

The account was set up by his aunt and uncle, Robyn and Fletcher Howard,

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Calvary Chapel Dallas Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. www.calvarydallas.com Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God's family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash and Stump St.) Pastor Travis Clemons, 541-671-0375. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and get acquainted with our Pastor and his wife Christina. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

Church of Christ - 691 N.E. Kings Valley Hwy. Sunday Class 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Afternoon Service 2:00 p.m. Thursday evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We follow the New Testament Plan of Salvation in becoming a Christian and the Pattern of the N. T. Church. We would be glad to study the Bible with you and answer any of your questions. We would like to present a very helpful one hour overview of the Bible. Call 503-831-4886.

Dallas Alliance Church - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email office@dallasalliance.org. Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m., Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: dallasalliance.org.

Dallas Church - PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 10am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families and children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. www.dallaschurch.org

Dallas Foursquare Church - Located at 976 SW Hayter St. on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Worship Service: Sundays at 10am. Youth Group: Sundays 6pm to 8pm. Pastor: Darrin Hausler. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or you can visit us online at dallasfour.com.

Dallas Presbyterian Church invites you: Warm, spirit-filled fellowship with traditional Sunday worship 10:30 am, engaging discussion study groups, prayer "chain" and a loving spirit.—Adult Sunday School 9 am, men's breakfasts Tuesdays at 7 am, women's groups, needle crafts group and Indoor Play Park (for children with accompanying parent). Sensitivity to older adult accessibility and needs. 789 SW Levens, Dallas. 623-3397 dalpreschurch@gmail.com.

Evangelical Bible Church - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe. Sunday: Worship *8:00 a.m.; *10:45 a.m.; *6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS *9:00 a.m.; Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies *9:00 a.m. & *7:00 p.m. (women); Thursday Group Bible Study 2:00 p.m. *Nursery care provided.

Faith Evangelical Free Church - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Lead Pastor Derek Olson, Associate Pastor Ed Sutter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Ministry of Children & Family Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about other meetings. www.faithfreechurch.org

First Baptist Church - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; www.gofbc.org; Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 am - 11:30 am; Pastor Rick Bratton 503-551-9561; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

First Christian Church - Joyfully Worshipping and Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. "Live Wire Worship" with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men's Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women's Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

Grace Community Church - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Student Ministries-Ben Potloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided for 0 - 2 year olds during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at www.graceindallas.org. All are welcome!

Living Hope City Church - 180 SE Mill St., Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890. www.livinghopecitychurch.org

Living Word Faith Fellowship - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Children's Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men's fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy's Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Michael Van Dyke in charge of men's fellowship. Call for additional information.

Salt Creek Baptist Church - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior pastor David Curtis. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Senior High and Middle School Youth at 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday: 9:30 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 - Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

St. Thomas Episcopal Church - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: stthomasdallas@gmail.com www.stthomasdallas.org 10 AM worship with Holy Eucharist. Father Fred Heard. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. The church has formally adopted a policy of welcoming and fully affirming individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). The new policy formalizes and expands on the church's longstanding tradition of radical hospitality towards all people regardless of race or ethnicity, marital status, disability or socio-economic status. St. Thomas Welcomes you—please join us.

Trinity Lutheran Church - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Interim Pastor - Jim Nestingen. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays. Wednesday evening Contemporary Service 6:30 pm. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each month. www.dallastlc.org. Catch us on Facebook.

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Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God) - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Associate Pastor: Ted Gibson; Children's Director: Crystal Barker; Youth Director: Kirk Bathke. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at www.valleylifecenter.com

FALLS CITY

Falls City Christian Church 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; www.falls-citycc.com

Falls City United Methodist Church - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 am. All denominations are welcome. www.falls-cityumc.org

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Lary Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon - 3pm.

INDEPENDENCE

Buena Vista Community Church - 11355 Church St., Buena Vista. Independence. Pastor Larry Lyon. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of God - 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service and Children's Church 9:30 a.m. Nursery available. Wednesday Kids Klubs 6:30 p.m.. Thursday Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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St. Patrick Parish, Catholic - 1275 E. St., Independence, 503-838-1242. Father Francisco Bringuela. Saturday Masses: 5 pm English Vigil & 7pm Spanish. Sunday Masses: 9 am English & 11:30 am Spanish. Daily Masses: Monday 9:30 am Communion Service. 9 am Tuesday and Thursday Spanish, Wednesday and Friday English. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm or by appointment. Faith Formation: Monday 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm Middle & High School. Tue: 6:45 pm-8:15 pm. Grades 1-4. Youth Group Thur. 6:30 pm. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sunday 5 pm at 315 Knox St., Monmouth. Tuesday 7 pm Fellowship.

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Christ The King Christian Church - Meets at 959 Church St. W., Monmouth 7:00 pm Saturday Night. Christ The King Christian Church is a conservative, contemporary, charismatic Biblical Church. At Christ the King we learn: the truths of the Bible, how to live Biblical truths, how to please God, and how to be a blessing to all people. Come and join us as we learn and grow together. Everyone is welcome. Wally Wildman, senior pastor. For more information call 503-623-2262. www.ckmonmouth.com

Christ's Church Methodist & Presbyterian United - Come care and share with us. 412 Clay St. W, Monmouth, 503-838-1724. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Worship Service 11 a.m. Call for information on small groups.

Church of Christ - 127 N. Heffley St, Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church - 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the "S" curve). Summer Schedule - through Sept. 3: Adult Bible Class 8:15 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 9:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org; 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

Monmouth Christian Church - (503) 838-1145; www.MyMcc.cc. 959 Church St W, Monmouth. Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer. Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Aaron Barnhart & Mary Weinbender. Two Sunday Services; 9:20 am and 11:00 am. Children Programming from birth to 5th grades every Sunday. Questions? email info@mymcc.cc. Join us this Sunday in person or LIVE online at www.mymcc.cc.

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Praise Assembly 189 Monmouth Ave S., Monmouth (locations in McMinnville and Willamina as well). Our English worship gathering is 11 am on Sundays, followed by a Spanish service at 2 pm. Kid's church available for 12 and under. Youth group meets at 9:30 Sunday morning. Other ministries include: Celebrate Recovery (Tues, 7 pm), College Bible study (Wed, 7 pm), and Spanish Bible study (Thurs, 7 pm). Please check our website for the most up-to-date information, www.praiseonline.net, or call 503-837-0300.

St. Hilda's Episcopal Church 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, sthildaschurch.org Sunday Eucharist - 10:00 am followed by Fellowship. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 am. Wednesday Worship at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Nursery care provided. Call for periodic small groups and celebrations. All are welcome!