



## Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

### Please tell me what day it is

I'm thankful my pill dispenser tells me what day of the week it is. I've heard there is a clock with no numbers, just days of the week. Maybe that would be good for me.

Does it seem like every day is Saturday? I hope I'm not the only one!

I used to be able to tell what day it was by what was going on.

Mondays and Thursdays were senior lunch days. Tuesday was do-my-column and Pinochle day. Wednesdays I tried to reserve for the doctor, dentist or blood work as well as laundry day. Friday was my day off and shopping.

Saturday was clean-the-house day. Sunday was the day I'd go to church with family and out to dinner.

In the old days, we used to polish all the shoes on Saturdays.

In our olden days, the closures of restaurants wouldn't have mattered much. Many seniors of my vintage seldom ate at restaurants and then only on special occasions.

We didn't take our six kids to restaurants very often, either. However, when we lived in Red Bluff, Calif., we were friendly with a retired military captain and his wife, Melvin and Lulu Wells. They took all eight of us to an all-you-can-eat buffet after church once in a while. I can still picture all

the kids jumping for joy over such a treat.

Where I grew up in Michigan, Memorial Day (we used to call it Decoration Day) marked the beginning of summer and the freedom to wear white shoes and white trousers. Maybe that's why white seems special to me even today.

Now all we have to worry about is whether our mask matches our outfit.

With the limitations on beauty salons, we're seeing a lot more of that beautiful silver hair among our friends.

I heard a good remark about gray hair the other day from friend Diane Donnellan. I always liked to call gray hair silver as it sounds more elegant. Diane says she likes to think of gray hair as wisdom highlights. I like that even better.

And now we are thrust into June. The old adage, time doesn't stand still, is so true. Who'd have thought we'd be in such a "stand still" time? As an escape, we can make lemonade out of lemons, which brings a response of "wow" from many.

The "wow" response is of Scottish derivation and began in the 1510s as a natural expression of amazement, according to the online Etymology Dictionary.

It was brought to our country about 1924 and became extremely popular in the 1960s.



## History in the Making

A look at Warrenton's top stories from The Columbia Press annals

### City budgets are always hard to balance

#### TEN YEARS AGO, JUNE 2010

•City commissioners approve a \$34 million budget for fiscal year 2010-11 and reject a 20 percent water and sewer rate increase. "That would just get us to break even," City Manager Bob Maxfield said. Mayor Gil Gramson rejected that argument, saying "There's a lot of building going on that should raise revenue."

•Local business owner Pat O'Grady pleads with the com-

mission to ensure there is always a backup police officer on duty.

"We have only one officer per shift and they're working 10- to 12-hour days," he said. "There is no backup when an officer goes out on a call. It's dangerous."

#### 24 YEARS AGO, JUNE 1996

•City Manager Gil Gramson recommends making City Planner Janet Wright's position part time so the city won't have to dip into its contingency fund to balance

the budget. The commission did not accept the proposal.

•The Deep Sea Fishermen's Benefit Fund will take over the annual Fourth of July parade from Warrenton-Hammond Kiwanis Club, which had organized the event for several years.

•Warrenton's city employees have chosen to unionize. They voted to join the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

#### FORM UR-1

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Warrenton Urban Renewal Agency will be held on June 23, 2020 at 6 pm at Warrenton City Hall, Warrenton, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the Warrenton Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Warrenton City Hall, between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. by appointment or on our website at [www.ci.warrenton.or.us](http://www.ci.warrenton.or.us). This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2018-2019	Adopted Budget This Year 2019-20	Approved Budget Next Year 2020-21
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,894,114	2,162,613	2,193,866
Federal, State and All Other Grants			
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt		667,622	4,907,433
Interfund Transfers	25,000	1,400,000	1,700,000
All Other Resources Except Division of Tax & Special Levy	57,350	26,000	22,000
Revenue from Division of Tax	731,963	755,979	793,935
Revenue from Special Levy			
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>2,708,427</b>	<b>5,012,214</b>	<b>9,617,234</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services			
Materials and Services	34,793	119,000	124,000
Capital Outlay	15,973	1,963,225	6,308,721
Debt Service	380,836	1,111,034	1,100,034
Interfund Transfers	25,000	1,400,000	1,700,000
Contingencies			
All Other Expenditures and Requirements			
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	2,251,825	418,955	384,479
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>2,708,427</b>	<b>5,012,214</b>	<b>9,617,234</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Urban Renewal	50,766	2,082,225	6,432,721
FTE	0	0	0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	2,657,661	2,929,989	3,184,513
FTE	0	0	0
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>2,708,427</b>	<b>5,012,214</b>	<b>9,617,234</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *	
Urban Renewal funds will be used to continue improvements Downtown and at the marina by paying directly for contract indebtedness. Potentially, the Agency could issue additional debt of approximately \$6,407,433 to continue with the Downtown master plans and marina improvements.	

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1, 2020	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$2,391,964	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,391,964</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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