

CITY COUNCIL

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all sidewalk activity and instructed the city attorney to come up with a proposed ordinance covering usage.

Several businesses already have tables on the sidewalk, and some also put out advertising sandwich boards. The new ordinance would cover these activities, as well as "...service groups or other recognized community organizations seeking to use sidewalk space for fundraising events such as bake sales, raffle ticket sales, book sales or other events."

The five-page ordinance specifies that permits or, in some cases, verbal permission must be obtained from the city before any activity on the sidewalks takes place. There will not be a fee for the permits.

Anyone wishing to hold a community event must seek approval by written application at least 30 days prior to the date on which the event will be held, the preliminary ordinance reads. Community events held in conjunction with community celebrations such as fair or St. Patrick's Day only need approval from the city manager 15 days prior, the ordinance reads. Service groups wishing to hold bake sales or raffle ticket sales which use sidewalk space need only oral permission from the city manager one day prior to the event. These groups need to tell the city manager the location of the event and provide assurances that the event will

not "unreasonably interfere with pedestrian traffic," the ordinance says.

Enforcement of the ordinance was not discussed much by the council, but penalties would be a Class B infraction with a fine of \$250 for the first violation and a Class A infraction with a fine of \$500 for the second. Each day the violation continued would carry a \$500-per-day fine, the ordinance stated.

The council did not pass the ordinance but instructed City Attorney Bill Kuhn to make some minor changes. City Manager Kim Cutsforth said the new ordinance would require advertisement, a public hearing and must be read in full at a council meeting prior to adoption.

In other business at the meeting, the council was told by Cutsforth that the city no longer has a business relationship with AMI advertising.

The city, along with Boardman and Irrigon, had earlier agreed to kick in \$5,000 as part of a county-wide advertising program run by AMI. The company put together a website but nothing else, and the city decided to end its relationship with the Walla Walla-based ad agency. It had paid \$2,800 of the \$5,000 of the campaign. Later in the meeting, the council discussed using some of the remaining money to fund an advertisement in the Eastern Oregon Visitors Guide, a publication widely distributed during

tourist season to promote the region.

In other business, the council discussed a proposal to raise sewer rates by \$1 per month to cover the cost of building a new state-required wastewater ammonia reduction facility. The Department of Environmental Quality has issued new guidelines for ammonia released into waterways and, since the city dumps its treated waste into Willow Creek, it will sometime in the future have to comply with the restrictions.

Cutsforth said the one-dollar-per-month rate increase has been recommended by both the city's engineering firm and the utility commission.

"I don't want to be the one to say we need to do this, but it has been recommended by Anderson Perry and the utility commission," she told the council.

Cutsforth had earlier said (see article in Nov. 7 Gazette) that a proposal to take the effluent dumping completely out of Willow Creek and use it for irrigation proved cost-prohibitive.

The city is back to what Anderson Perry has predicted could be up to a \$625,000 ammonia reduction facility; the sewer-rate increase would be set aside each month into a special fund to pay for it. The city has about 640 paying sewer customers and, although the one-dollar increase will not pay for the new plant, it could be used as

seed money when seeking grant funds for the project, Cutsforth said.

In other business, the council heard a report from Cutsforth on the ongoing sidewalk improvements going on around town. Cutsforth said most of the footings for the stairs on Water Street have been poured and the rest will be finished the last week of November. Construction of the stairs will start in December. Cutting for the drainage and curbs had begun on Riverside and the appraisals for the right of ways have been completed for property necessary to be purchased for re-installing a new Lover's lane bridge.

"At this moment, everything is on track," Cutsforth told the council.

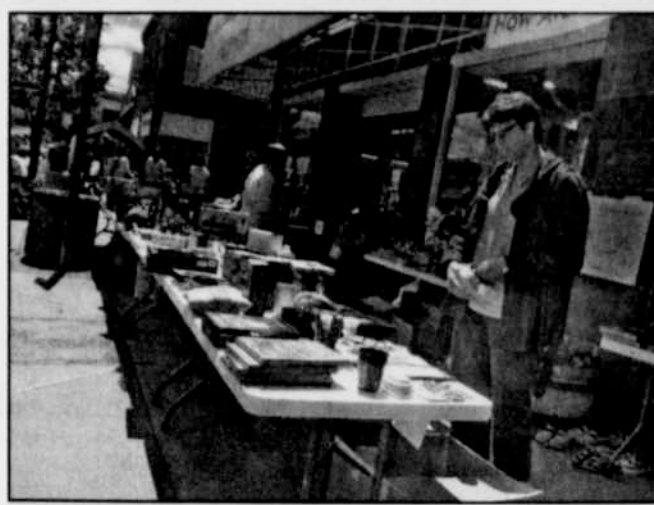
The council heard that money given to the Colt Football program from the proceeds from the sale of a HUD house in Heppner had been used to buy the kids new helmets.

"The Colt and junior high got all new helmets this year," said Public Works Director Chad Doherty, who also coaches the teams.

The council voted to close down and give city staff the day off Christmas Eve. Christmas is on a Tuesday this year, so city hall will be closed both Monday and Tuesday.

Sheriff's Report for October 2012

Traffic-
There were 22 traffic stops, resulting in five citations.



If a new city ordinance passes, Heppner sidewalk events like this one may require permission from city hall.

There were four parking complaints.

Code Enforcement-

Eight animal calls were reported, resulting in one cat being transported to Pet Rescue.

A deputy worked on five locations regarding code enforcement issues. They were for abandoned vehicles or weeds.

Theft Complaints-
A deputy investigated a report of vehicle registration stickers.

A firearm was reported as missing.

All Other-

There were three alarms at businesses.

A person reported their house was egged.

A deputy investigated two verbal disputes.

Two civil issues were reported, one between a landlord and tenant and the other between a married couple.

A person reported drug activity to a deputy.

There were two ha-

assing telephone calls reported.

A juvenile was reported missing. A deputy located the juvenile.

A person reported hearing voices nearby. The area was checked and nothing was located.

A person mailed a found driver's license, and it was thought to be suspicious.

A violation of a restraining order was reported. A deputy investigated the complaint and determined it to be unfounded.

A deputy investigated threats made by family members towards other members of the family.

MCSO investigated an unattended death.

A female reported she had not heard from her husband for a few hours, and he was overdue at his destination. A deputy made contact with the male and he was fine.

Deputies arrested two adult males on an outstanding arrest warrants.

Nominations open for Town and Country

Heppner's Town and Country Community Awards will be held on Thursday, Jan. 10. That means it's time to nominate community members for Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and the Youth Award. Nomination forms are available at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Office, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Kuhn & Spicer, Community Bank and the post office.

The forms need to be completed and turned into the chamber office or to Kuhn & Spicer by Friday, Dec. 21. To get a form sent electronically, please contact the chamber office at 676-5536 and leave an email address, or email the chamber at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

The event will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Catering will be provided by Chef Alvin Liu of Cornerstone Gallery. Town and Country meal tickets will cost \$20 and

can be purchased starting Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 at the Heppner chamber.

HHS to hold math-a-thon

The Heppner High School Math Department will hold a Math-A-Thon fundraiser for Doernbecher Children's Hospital from Nov. 16 through Dec. 13.

Students will complete a math study guide outside of class to satisfy their portion of the Math-A-Thon. Students will be collecting pledges from donors in the form of change, cash and checks. Checks may be

made out to either Doernbecher or HHS.

Last year, students raised \$4,864 dollars; 100 percent of the money raised will be delivered to Doernbecher's before Christmas.

Students are encouraged to make this Christmas season more about giving than receiving. Talk to any Heppner Jr./Sr. High math student for details.

No chamber lunch meeting

There will be no meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 22, Thanksgiving. Also, no meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 29, due to the Merchants' Open House and Parade of Lights.

The next meeting will be an all entities report held on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Lunch attendees are asked to RSVP no later than noon the Wednesday before to accommodate enough meals.

Heppner craft store open for the holidays

By Andrea Di Salvo

A temporary lineup to Heppner's Main Street is really something else.

Or rather, Sumthin Else, a business that is making its home across from the Heppner City Park until after the Christmas holiday season.

Sumthin Else, owned by Jo Ann Shannon, opened at its 471 Main St. location on Oct. 15. While the Heppner location is new, the business is not. Shannon has owned the business and the name since 1986, when she and husband, Donald Shannon, lived in Sweet Home, OR.

"Everywhere we've moved, he's pastored and I've had to have something to do on the side," says Shannon.

The couple moved to Heppner six years ago, when Don "retired" from the ministry. He still preaches or takes other active roles in church when asked, and Shannon still crafts. Until now, her selling efforts in the Heppner area have been mostly limited to the local farmer's market and craft bazaars.

"I've had a shop in every place we've lived so I've accumulated a lot of merchandise over the years," she says, adding that she didn't try to open a shop



Sumthin Else owner Jo Ann Shannon (left) stands with Carmen Williams (center) and Annabelle Campbell (right) in front of their new, if temporary, storefront on Main Street in Heppner.

when they moved here because something too similar already existed. "But when the opportunity came up with a vacant building, I couldn't pass it up.

"I have lots of stuff I needed to sell and I thought it would be fun."

While Shannon is the owner of Sumthin Else, local women Annabelle Campbell and Carmen Williams, though not full partners, have united with Shannon in the business, selling their merchandise at the store and taking turns working there. The shop carries mostly craft items made by Shannon and Williams, but also some used

items and antiques. Though the shop is seasonal, not all its contents are. Sumthin Else, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, carries not only a variety of seasonal items, but all kinds of hand-made and gift items.

Right now, the store is on experimental footing, with planned closure some time in January.

"If it clicks, it might keep going," says Williams.

"I'm not sure what's going to happen after January," Shannon adds.

"I'd like to have everyone come in and take a look."

Willow Creek Symphony to hold concert

Inland Northwest Musicians will present Willow Creek Symphony in concert Sunday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. in the aAtrium at Umatilla High School, 1400 Seventh St. in Umatilla, OR.

The program will include Kabalevskiana by Dmitri Kabalevsky, Waltz of the Bell, Little Suite for Orchestra by Frank Erickson, Jurassic Park Theme by John Williams,

Cossack Dance by Modest Moussorgsky, Sarabande by G.F. Händel, and Deck the Hall.

Attendees are invited to join the performers for a reception with beverages and cookies following the performance.


Willow Creek Symphony rehearses on Tuesday evenings at Irrigon Jr.-Sr. High School. Some instrumental sections are

supplemented by players from the Inland Northwest Orchestra. Ralph Werner of Hermiston is the associate director of the all-volunteer Willow Creek Symphony.



Admission is free to all Inland Northwest concerts. Inland Northwest Musicians is a non-profit organization, so donations are always gratefully accepted.

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