

Water rates, street lights get council consideration

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\$2.00 charge is added for each 1,000 gallons used over 10,000.

Outside the City limits, the basic monthly rate of \$27.50 is unchanged, but the charge of \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons is limited to 10,000 gallons. The rate increases to \$3.25 for each 1,000 gallons above the first 10,000.

Another element in the energy conservation program is to turn off some of the City's street lights, which met with nearly unanimous approval from those in attendance. Several commented that they would be delighted to eliminate the street lights outside their homes, especially where the light shone into bedroom win-

dows.

One demurrer came from a resident of O-A Hill, where streets are narrow and lights are needed in the heavily treed residential area.

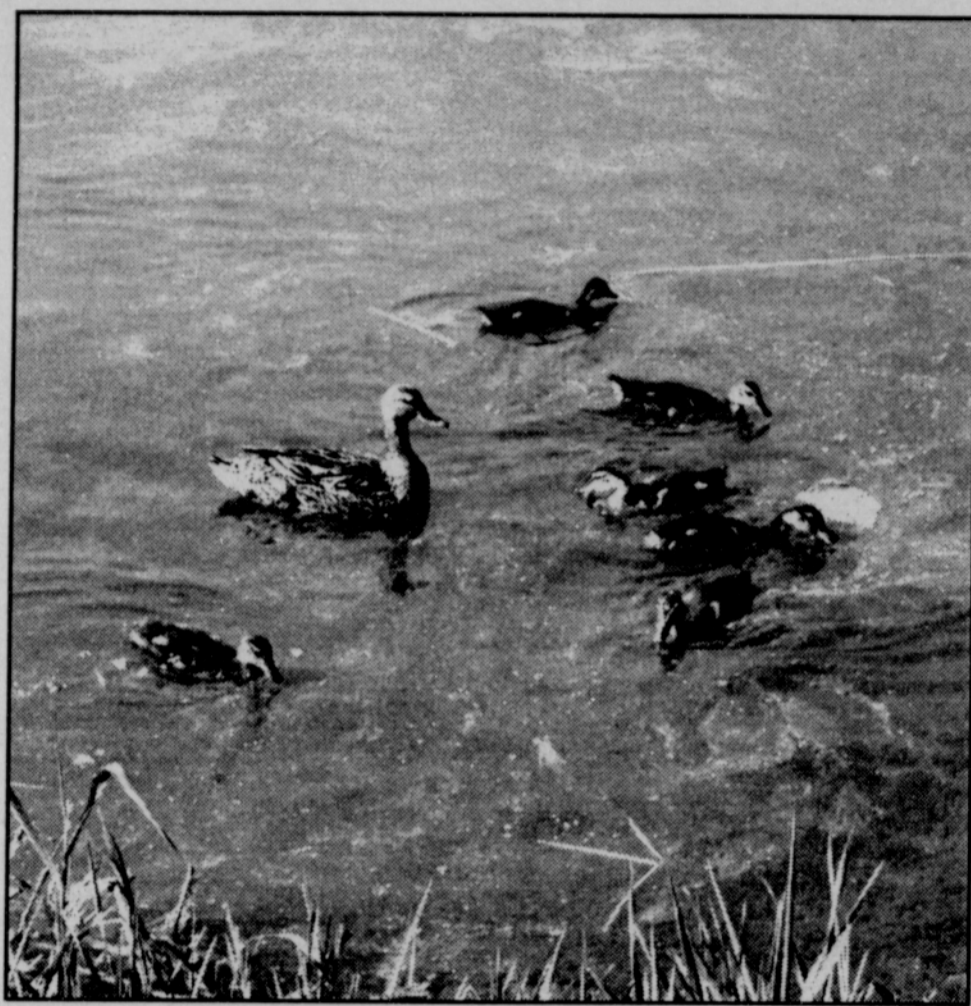
The city is asking residents to let them know which street lights are considered necessary and which they feel can safely be turned off. The city would also like to know where residents have already installed security lights.

One suggestion at the town hall was that the city develop an informational handout that explains each kind of light (halogen, compact fluorescent, solar, etc.) as well as devices such as motion or heat detectors, to residents could also conserve without loss of illumination. The City's consulting

engineer agreed to help with the explanations.

On another subject, the council adopted amendments to Ordinance 745 to add more specific language about how and where wheeled devices such as skateboards, scooters, bicycles, etc. may be used. Council members first discussed whether amendments were actually needed, or whether better enforcement could do the job, finally agreeing to language the police department felt was needed.

Responding to a prior request from Vernonia Ridge Riders President George Bellingham, the council sent an agreement to the organization which specifies the use and management of the equestrian area of Anderson Park.



A mother duck keeps an eye on her fledglings at Vernonia Lake

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