

Between the Bookends

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The Friends of the Banks Public Library held their annual plant and book sale on Friday, April 25th and Saturday, April 26th. Shoppers perused a large and varied assembly of used fiction and non-fiction, videos, magazines and cassettes. New books donated by Timber Press and by Barnes and Noble were also available. This year, the Friends bought some new books and sold them for 20 percent off the list price – there were many titles, most of them were gardening books by Sunset Books.

Plants rushed out the doors – shrubs, trees, bamboo, tomatoes and peppers, herbs, perennials and more. The sale featured annuals, perennials, colorful hanging baskets, potted arrangements, and beautiful garden accessories from Lumberjack Nursery. There were also tomatoes, herbs, bee boxes and wonderful tomato and cucumber hanging baskets from Green Spirit Nursery. Flora Lan Nursery provided shrubs, including rhodies, azaleas, and much more.

Ione brought her famous cinnamon rolls for the volunteers and Ann made some strong coffee. The Community room looked professionally arranged (thank you, Fran, Pat and Jill!). For the last two years, the entire sale has been contained inside the Community room, which is quite a feat! A big Thank you! to all the volunteers who, year after year, help make the sale a successful fundraiser. It was two days of hard work but the proceeds will be used to fund Preschool Story time and the Summer Reading Program.

Forever, by Pete Hamill, is one of the new books that our Friends group purchased for the library. *Forever* is the story of Cormac O'Connor who leaves Ireland in the year 1740 to avenge the deaths of his parents and honor his ancestral code. In New York, O'Connor is enveloped by the chaos that is New York and comes to the aid of an African Shaman who was brought to the colonies in chains. In return the Shaman makes O'Connor invincible—he will live forever, as long as he doesn't leave Manhattan Island.

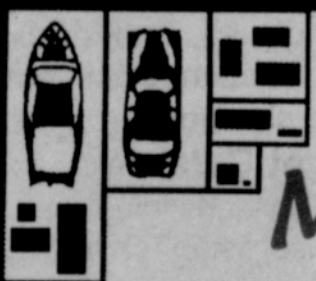
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Banks Council starts budget meetings

Deborah Deegan, City of Banks budget officer, reviewed the budget format at the first budget meeting held April 23. Teri Brandstir was elected to chair the budget committee and Pete Edison will serve as vice chairman. The budget committee is composed of all members of the city council, the mayor and seven community members.

Mayor Bob Orlowski presented the budget message. Orlowski thanked all members of the committee for their time. He also told the committee that this year's budget will be challenging and includes notable changes in the general, water, and police funds.

Orlowski told the committee that costs for workers compen-

sation and PERS will both be increasing. The cost of health insurance benefits will also increase, about 12 percent overall. Additionally, an increase will occur in the police department to cover an employee not currently participating in the plan. The city pays 80 percent of the premium for qualified employees.

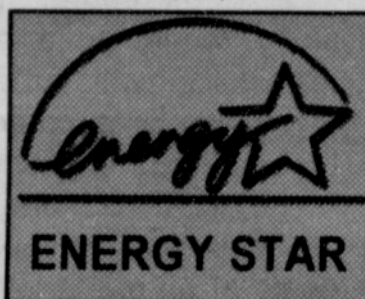
Though Orlowski had indicated that decreased revenue projections would be discussed at the budget meeting, in his message Orlowski said that the reasons for declines in general fund revenue will be discussed April 30th. In his message, Orlowski said that transfers out of the general fund will decrease. The police department will receive about \$7,000 less and

the library transfer will be about \$3,400 less than in the current budget year.

In an effort to decrease the city's overall debt, the budget proposes an additional payment on the outstanding water loan debt of \$54,333. According to Orlowski this should improve the city's bonding capacity. According to Orlowski's budget message most of the payment on the water loan will come from a one-time balloon payment of \$60,000 which will derive from the sale of property at 140 Market Street.

The library faces some very difficult decisions in the coming fiscal year because of the failure of the county library levy. According to Orlowski, if the

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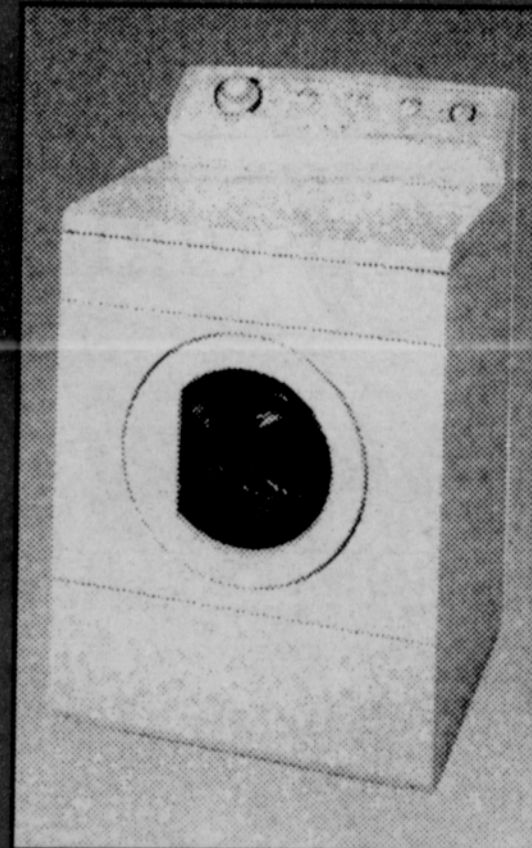


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