

Lighting to be installed for flag and around Vernonia Lake

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Resident Willow Burch told council that the City Hall flag is still staying up at night with inadequate lighting and asked if she could help bring it up to flag code. Acting City Administrator Robyn Bassett said that city staff is trying to bring the flag in

each night, but it sometimes is missed. Bassett also reported that the city has contracted with Dennis Electric to install proper lighting for the flag, which will be done as soon as possible.

Council approved the ordinance vacating a portion of East Street, and passed two resolutions, one setting new fees for Vernonia Cemetery, and the other establishing a \$300 application fee for Measure 37 filings.

Finance Clerk Cindy Naillon happily reported the results of the City's recent audit - another excellent audit report - and asked for approval of book-keeping changes recommended by the auditors. Council concurred.

In other business:

- A workshop has been scheduled for January 24 at 7:00 p.m. to review a proposed Airport Ordinance.

- Council approved a request from the police depart-

ment to declare three cars surplus property.

- Bassett reported that the Learning Center should be ap-

proved soon and that five light poles will be installed around Vernonia Lake in February.

Scappoose-Vernonia Trail planning

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have expressed interest in working with the County on trail improvements and helping with trail maintenance.

The trail will eventually be linked to Oregon's newest state park, Hares Canyon State Park located in Washington County, south of Vernonia. Portions of the old road also traverse BLM managed forests and provide linkage to Scapponia Park.

OPRD awarded \$160,000 from the Department's Transportation Enhancement Discretionary Program to purchase the property. The OPRD grant award is one of 20 awarded for projects exceeding \$50,000 (out of 43 requests). An ODOT grant of \$150,000 will also be used.

Hancock Timber Group noted for stewardship

Hancock Timber Resource Group, which has worked cooperatively with proponents of a recreation trail along the old Crown Zellerbach logging road, has a long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship.

The company has conserved more than 200,000 acres of environmentally significant lands that would be better managed under public or conservation ownership, by arranging their acquisition by appropriate organizations. These include 10 transactions totaling more than 11,000 acres in Washington state, alone.

Hancock Timber's conservation efforts have been honored with awards from groups including the Nature Conservancy, the Conservation Fund, Trout Unlimited and the Oregon Dep't of Fish & Wildlife.

ODOT bridge work to slow traffic flow

Traffic delays may occur as crews grind two bridges on Highway 47. Work is scheduled on the Nehalem River bridge, just south of Vernonia, and the green steel bridge.

The project calls for grinding to begin yesterday, January 5, and continue through next week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Flaggers will direct one-way traffic through those areas during work hours.

Because the work is weather dependent, the schedule may change.

Community Calendar

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
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VERNONIA

Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Avenue
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Buckhorn Restaurant
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-0188
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Hands On Art Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Home Extension Club	3rd Thursday	10:30 a.m., Christian Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Buckhorn Restaurant
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 503-429-4074
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-8134
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Upper Nehalem C.P.A.C.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Cares Directors		For Info call 503-429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Community PTA	3rd Thursday	6:30 p.m., WGS Library
Vernonia Grange	4th Saturday	10:30 a.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 503-429-5201
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	3rd Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office
CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Schlegel Hall
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Women's Aglow	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.