

# Parking ideas presented at workshop

A workshop on public parking preceded the Vernonia City Council meeting, November 12. Council heard some recommendations from the Planning Commission and there was discussion with the audience.

One suggestion was to make Jefferson Avenue, Shady Lane, and Madison Avenue

one way so 45 degree parking could be used and/or to use Shady Lane for RV day-use parking. All of the ideas will be included as possibilities and parking information will be included in the Comprehensive Plan that the City will be working on early in 2006.

When the council meeting

was convened, City Administrator Robyn Bassett asked for council permission to move forward with the Learning Center project so bids can be solicited and grant monies requested. Council approved Bassett's plan to get the Learning Center underway.

Council heard the first reading of an ordinance change that will prohibit the use of remote control planes at Vernonia Airport.

In other business, council:

- Set a public hearing for December 5 at 7:00 p.m. on the Hazard Mitigation Plan,
- Approved the transfer of the lease on old city hall from Dixie Palmer to Rietta Behnke and Sharon Bernal,
- Heard from Bassett about some improvements at Spencer Park,
- Approved an employment contract with Chief of Police Mathew Workman.

# Emergency Management Summit

An Emergency Management Summit for all Public Safety and Homeland Security County stakeholders will be held Monday, December 12, beginning

## Bassett honors

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"I am extremely proud of Robyn and am looking forward to the benefit to the citizens of Vernonia," said Mayor Sally Harrison.

"She is to be congratulated for her diligence. She has been running the city in addition to attending classes and we couldn't be more proud of her," Harrison added.

Bassett was appointed interim City Administrator in August of 2004 and was officially appointed to the position in February, 2005. She has worked for the City of Vernonia for 17 years and was Director of Public Works prior to accepting the City Administrator position.

at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Columbia County, the meeting will be held at the Rainier Senior Center, 48 7th St. West.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for local public safety and homeland security stakeholders to discuss the status of emergency management and homeland security in Columbia County. Topics for discussion will be how emergency management and homeland security have changed, how to sustain and improve the County's efforts, provide education and assure compliance with federal and state mandates, and other related issues.

Ken Murphy, Director of Oregon Emergency Management will attend the summit to answer questions and describe how the federal and state regulations and the focus of those regulations have shifted from natural disaster preparedness to homeland security.

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# Community Calendar

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<b>VERNONIA</b>			<b>MIST-BIRKENFELD</b>			<b>BANKS</b>			<b>COLUMBIA COUNTY</b> (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church	Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.	M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Avenue	M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall	Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library	M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13	County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin	M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library	Mental Health Advisory Comm.	3rd Tuesday	10 a.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.	Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 550 N. Hwy. 30
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall	Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office	Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	2nd Tuesday	3:00 p.m., 2nd Floor, Courthouse
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6033	T.O.P.S.	Mondays	6:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081	Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-2401	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station	Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.				Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Brown Derby			
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-8133				Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club			
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center				T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.			
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library				Women's Aglow	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library			
Hands On Art Committee	1st & 3rd Thursdays	4:00 p.m., City Hall									
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 503-429-3713									
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library									
Upper Nehalem C.P.A.C.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall									
Venturing Crew 201	1st & 3rd Thursdays	5:30 p.m., Buckhorn Restaurant									
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	3rd Thursday	1:00 p.m., City Hall									
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									

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.