

Banks Lions give time and money

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While these services are provided to the community at no charge, it costs the club \$100 a day for the use of the trailer. To pay for this and the other services they provide, the group must raise funds.

One major fundraiser that the group undertakes every year is running the hamburger shack at the Banks BBQ and selling snacks during races. This past summer found four generations of workers in the hamburger shack. Clark and Boldman were there along with Clark's daughter and granddaughter!

The Lions play a behind-the-scenes role in many things. Last summer, the group purchased new playground equipment for Sunset Park that allows the younger set to play

safely. Every year they provide a television to be given as a prize at the graduation party; they sponsor two scouting troops, purchase glasses for children who can't afford them and even offer a scholarship to a local diabetes camp.

The group also sponsors an achievement scholarship every year for the most improved Banks High School senior. The \$1000 scholarship is good for attending college, community college or even trade school. The club keeps track of the student for a year, too, to make sure that they are succeeding in their new school.

The Banks Lions are the very definition of a service group. They give of their time, expertise and money freely and support this community to an amazing extent.

Waiting for the mail to show up

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Kerry Jeffrey, USPS customer relations coordinator for Oregon and SW Washington, said that in the area where Ibach lives, all mailboxes have to be in one line and usually on the same line of travel. This rule is why the post office requested that Ibach move his box back to his original residence. His new box is on the same line of travel, but not grouped with another box. Jeffrey said there is not a clear cut limit on how far mailboxes can be from the house they serve.

Other homes on the same road have single boxes at their driveways.

UPS, Fed Ex and The Oregonian deliver with no problem, Ibach said, "It wasn't on their route before, but it is now."

Presently, he has his bills sent to a post office box in North Plains. The rest of his mail is in postal limbo. Maybe some day soon he'll see it delivered to his box.

The Portland Post Office told him they'd get it worked out and send him a letter.

Land Use 101 being offered in six parts at TVC-TV

Land Use 101: Your Community – Your Neighborhood

Ever wondered about local land-use planning and how it works? What's being done to make sure our communities are livable – now and in the future? What you can do to make a difference?

Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation and Oregon State University's Citizen Participation Organizations (CPOs) are offering a six-part citizen education seminar on basic land use issues at TVC-

TV the third Wednesday evening of each month from January through June 2006. The series will be free to the first 20 people who sign up to be in the studio audience.

Presenters will be county and city staff along with a Metro Commissioner, a county Planning Commissioner, and a CPO leader. The sessions will be offered Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at TVC-TV Studio A, Arts and Communication Academy, 11375 SW Center St., Beaverton. The first session was yesterday, January 18, on

Oregon Planning History. The other five dates are:

- February 15: The Development Process
- March 15: Citizens' Role in Planning
- April 19: Growth Management in Washington County
- May 17: Cities Look Ahead
- June 21: Livability Impacts of Growth.

Post-graduate tours will also be arranged. To sign up for some or all of the sessions, call or email Joann Hoffman at 503-846-3823, Joann_Hoffman@co.washington.or.us.

Banks Council considers parks, garbage, and signs

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morning and will include office furniture, computer equipment, auto accessories, transmitters and other miscellaneous equipment. A 1989 Ford F-250 will also be sold by sealed bid at that time. Once a date has been set, the public will be notified.

Dave Monson, of LDC Design Group, explained the status of the city's Park Master Plan and what would be needed for completion. The plan had been put on hold about a year ago, but council wants to go forward with it again. According to Monson, the firm could complete the plan in 2-3 months for the \$12,000 that is currently budgeted for that purpose.

Monson stated that, so far, the firm had completed collection of background data, an inventory of existing facilities and had almost completed the development of a service standard. The service standard dictates what type of services should be provided based on population. The next steps would be development of a capital improvements plan, cost analysis and discussion of possible funding scenarios. Then the plan could be consid-

ered for adoption and implementation.

Citizen Jim Berning presented council with findings he has made regarding garbage service in nearby communities. He found that several area service providers provide cans to customers and use automated pick-up. This eliminates the need for a 60 pound weight limit on cans and also brings the cost of service down slightly. Many providers also allow a larger can for yard debris. Council agreed to look into his findings and will invite SWATCO to attend the next council meeting.

City planner KJ Won and planning commission member Kirk Ambrose presented the proposed text amendments to the sign ordinance that the commission has been working on for the past year. The changes will make clear when a permit is required for replacement signs. A public hearing is required to amend the ordinance and will be held at the March 14 council meeting.

Boy Scout Dallan Hamilton updated council on his Eagle Scout Project at the Scout Cabin Park. He said that the project had been approved by his com-

mittee and by the Boy Scout Council and he is now waiting for dry enough weather to do the work. He is also planning to expand the project by adding a sidewalk to the back of the building where the Banks Historical Society is planning on placing a handicapped-accessible portable toilet. The sidewalk will require further approvals from city council and perhaps the planning commission as well.

Councilor Pete Edison reported that he had been researching job descriptions of city administrators in other cities, as preparation for developing one for Banks. He said that his committee will meet soon and assess Banks' needs. They will present the job description at the next council meeting.

Council again discussed what to do about police services for the city since the levy did not pass. Councilors expressed concern that vandalism and other crimes may increase if the city loses its police presence. Branstitre explained that it will be up to the budget committee to determine if the city can afford to continue paying for services in the next fiscal year. No action was taken at this time.



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