

Banks gets police officer

Deputy Phong Tran was sworn in as a city police officer at the Banks City Council meeting February 13, so he can now enforce city ordinances. Tran has been working in Banks for about five weeks and reports that he has dealt with many calls regarding juvenile disturbances. He has also conducted speed patrols and is learning how best to serve the needs of the people of Banks.

Council had a second reading of ordinances that are being modified as part of the codification process. An ordinance regarding the firing of firearms had been included, but it generated discussion last month about what defined a firearm. City Attorney Jim Lucas looked into this issue and adopted language from Beaverton for the Banks ordinance. The new language clarifies that paintball guns and guns that fire small plastic balls are not considered firearms. The first reading of the ordinance engendered no further discussion.

Lucas also recommended that council look at another Beaverton ordinance that makes it illegal to carry replica or airsoft guns in public places. They would still be legal on private property. Lucas pointed out that Beaverton has had many problems with these guns being mistaken for, or deliberately used as, real weapons. Council will look at such an ordinance.

The city's noise ordinances had been considered for updating, but Deputy Tran said that he found the existing ordinances clear and easy to use. He has successfully solved noise complaints in the city with these ordinances. Lucas said that the Banks ordinances were similar to those in other cities. Council decided not to pursue changing these ordinances.

Council approved the language of the ballot title for a measure to update the city's charter in the next election. They also decided to revisit the proposed charter when all councilors are present; Jason Short and Craig Stewart did not attend the meeting.

Council approved a resolution supporting an application for a Transportation and Growth Management grant to perform transportation system

planning work. The grant program requires a local match of approximately 11 percent of the project cost, or \$3300-3800. City planner KJ Won requested council's approval. Transportation planning is one of the last steps in updating the city's comprehensive plan.

Allen Polendey spoke about his application to sit on the Banks Planning Commission. Council voted to accept his application and he will start at the next meeting. Council also talked with Doug Walters about his application to fill the vacant seat on the City Council. Walters ran in the last election but was not elected. Council will decide this matter at their next meeting.

Openings remain on the city's tree board and park committee. Information on these committees is available at city hall.

The planning commission has reviewed the park master plan drafted by Parati and recommends that all non-city-owned property be removed from the future needs assessment and that this draft plan be treated as a conceptual, not as a final master plan. These recommendations coincide with council wishes. Council decided to take another step, however, and employ Parati to prepare system development charges based on the plan. Council voted to have Parati revise the plan by removing non-city-owned parcels and to de-

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Let Banks Firefighters serve you breakfast, Feb. 18

The Banks Volunteer Firefighter's annual Breakfast will be held Sunday, February 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Banks High School cafeteria.

Ticket prices are \$6 per adult, \$5 per senior, \$4 per child (6-12 years of age) and

children under six are free. \$25 gets the whole family (up to six family members) breakfast. The menu includes pancakes or biscuits/gravy, ham or sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee, milk or orange juice.

Firefighters will demonstrate kitchen safety and fire preven-

tion during the breakfast and there will be a raffle. Fire engine rides will be available for children.

The Banks Firefighter Association buys equipment, funds scholarships, and sponsors holiday gift baskets using the proceeds from this fundraiser.

Soup raises dollars for Foundation



The Bare Soul Band entertained the crowd at the Banks soup festival. Band members, L-R, are Bob Rickard, Steve Battie, Suzy Brown and band leader John Deegan.

About 120 people attended the fourth annual International Soup Festival raising approximately \$1600.00 for the Banks Community Foundation (BCF).

Helping BCF were Rex Bryant, Dave Degman, Larry Lee, Bare Soul Band and Ed Trussell. Sponsors included the Brown Derby Restaurant, Champion Signs, Costco, Candy and Ray Deeth, Elements

Café, Kathie and Steve Jackson, Jim's Thriftway, New Seasons Market, Precision Pump, Safeway and Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant.

BCF has just formed a play-

ground committee to start raising funds toward playground equipment for Greenville Park. The park is located in the subdivision, which has no playgrounds at this time.



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