

Airport Committee appointment postponed

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 that nothing has been done about this. Councilor Shirlee Daughtry said she'd brought this to (City Administrator M.R. "Dick") Kline's attention about a month ago. Andersen, who is on the Parks Committee, said she was not speaking for that committee but for herself. Harrison said this needs to be a priority and thanked Andersen for the "head's up."

There was a letter from Bud Dow asking to be appointed to the Airport Committee. Kline told Mayor Sally Harrison that he was aware of at least three additional people who were interested in serving on that committee and he recommended that the committee review all the applications and make a recommendation to the council. Harrison agreed.

The Salmon Festival requested and was unanimously granted (with the exception of Councilor Randy Parrow, who was absent) approval to close

Park Drive from noon on Friday, October 5, until noon on Sunday, October 7, for Salmon Festival activities, which will take place on Saturday, October 6.

Kline told council that the city just completed a premium Worker's Compensation Insurance audit so information can be gathered in the manner the insurance company wants in order for the insurance to be renewed.

"The city's auditors were surprised we were ready for their visit," Kline continued during his staff report. He told council that the new chart of accounts being used makes 'a world of difference,' and that he hopes to be able to have three month expenditure reports for the council at the next meeting.

The OA Hill Bike/Ped project may be done and the city may soon be able to draw down the final \$175,000 in grant money. Kline told council that public works has finished grinding

down the driveway/sidewalk interfaces and that should complete the items needed to close out this project.

The next council meeting will be Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Columbia County employment figures remain unchanged

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 5.7 percent in August from 5.9 percent the previous month and from one year before (5.9%). The rate was close to the statewide rate (5.4%) but higher than the national rate (4.6%). Total employment rose by 100 to 22,862 and the number of unemployed people fell by 77 to 1,350. Total employment this August was 261 more than one year before and there were 37 fewer people unemployed this year.

Regulations apply to burn permits

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districts and the Oregon Department of Forestry. Permits are required for any open burning in Columbia County. The burning of domestic waste and yard debris requires a valid permit from your local fire district. Outside of rural fire districts, permits must be obtained from the Department of Forestry.

Fire permits have basic and reasonable precautions to follow when conducting any burn. The following Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) prohibitions also apply to any burning:

- No open burning that creates a nuisance or a hazard to public safety.

- No open burning of the following materials at any time, anywhere in Oregon; rubber products, tires (including use to start a fire), plastic, wet garbage, petroleum and petroleum-treated materials, asbestos, wire insulation, automobile

parts, animal or vegetable food waste, animal remains, asphalt or industrial waste, or any other material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors.

- No burning of materials that have been removed from the property of origin, unless that person received a DEQ permit. In other words, residents cannot bring construction or demolition debris, cardboard, paper or any other materials that are legal to burn onto their property from a neighbor's property, a work site or any other property and burn them.

- DEQ regulates construction and demolition debris (C&D) and commercial burning. In most cases, such burning is prohibited.

For more information, contact your local fire district or the Oregon Dept. of Forestry at 503-397-2636. Contact DEQ at 503-229-5545 about commercial, construction, or demolition burning.

Community Calendar

OCTOBER 2007							NOVEMBER 2007							DECEMBER 2007						
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VERNONIA

Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays & Thursdays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., 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	6:30 p.m., City Hall
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-3018
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-4250
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library
Girl Scouts, Neighborhood 4-2		For Info Call 503-819-0143
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
Municipal Airport Committee	4th Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Narcotics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-3713
Public Works Committee	4th Tuesday	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	7:00 p.m., WGS Library
Vernonia Grange	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Learning Center	1st Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VLC
Vernonia Parks Committee	3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall
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	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia Transfer Station	2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Behind VHS
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	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13
Banks Library Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
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., Brown Derby
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.

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.