

Date changed for Nov. meeting

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district overnight trips for 2007-08. They were presented last month, but with some errors in the destinations. The corrected list passed without discussion.

The board heard a first reading of almost thirty policy updates. There was no discussion, other than Superintendent Marv Ott stating that some of these were changes of just a few words to update language, and others were to align policy with actions as the Title I audit is undertaken in the next few weeks.

Pete Edison, co-chair of the facilities planning committee, presented the board with an update from the committee. He said that the committee is creating an executive summary of work that has been completed so far by this committee and the one that preceded it. The committee plans to put information in each of the school newsletters this month and

also in the district-wide newsletter. They also planned to have members present at each of the schools during conferences, that were held the evening of Thursday, October, 18. They were available to talk to parents and let them know what the committee has been doing.

Edison also said that the committee has updated its time line. A final report to the board will be made in December and will include the preliminary results of a population study being conducted by Portland State University. A community survey will be conducted in January. This timeline should allow the district to go out for a bond in November of 2008.

The November board meeting will be held on November 5 instead of November 12 because of Veteran's Day. The work session will start at 5:30 p.m. and the regular board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

Tran reports meth users arrested

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received regarding computer usage, that each person can have access to a computer for only an hour per day and then the computer boots you off. Holmes said this is true. They are working on new ideas, for example, that the user be allowed more time if a computer is available. There is neither room nor money to put another computer in the library at this time.

Deputy Tran reported that he has received many calls for service. When he stopped a suspended driver on Sellers

Road and found a meth pipe in the car, he took two people into custody that he considers to be among Washington County's top ten meth users. Tran reported that he responded to a DUII behind city hall, a criminal mischief at Banks Elementary School in which someone climbed on top of the school and messed with the air conditioner unit, an unwanted persons report, and an assault. He also located a stolen vehicle out of Colorado.

The next city council meeting will be on November 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Can You Dig It?

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that specific disease. If in doubt, read more, check another source, and test in a small area.

Another fall chore is applying lime to increase pH. Agricultural lime is a slow release mineral and should be applied (at a rate of about 50 pounds per 1000 sq.ft.) to garden soils NOW in order to benefit growth next spring. Wood ashes are readily available and can also be used to raise soil pH. However, be aware that this is a concentrated source and can cause injury to plants. The application rate for wood ashes is a mere 15 to 25 pounds per 1000 sq.ft. Notice the term "wood" ashes. Don't use fireplace ashes unless you are VERY certain they do NOT include ashes from newspapers, magazines, junk mail, wrapping paper, etc. Colored and glossy paper get that way by being made and printed with all kinds

of nasty stuff. Don't use fireplace or woodstove ashes on areas where you grow vegetables. Don't take a chance of heavy metal poisoning from your 'organic home grown' produce.

Grade school children might enjoy getting their backyard certified by the National Wildlife Federation. If you and your child feed birds, provide a source of water, cover, have plants that are attractive to birds and use chemicals sparingly NWF has a program to certify your yard as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. An application can be obtained from NWF by calling 1-800-822-9919 or visiting <www.nwf.org/bwh>. They will send you practical advice and educational materials when you apply. NWF maintains a national registry of over 75,000 habitat sites that provide essentials for birds and butterflies. The list includes everything from apartments to

farms, as well as schools and businesses.

A final note. *The Gardner's Pen*, published three times a year for Master Gardeners, has a picture of a really cool bug – the banded alder borer, *Rosilia funnebris* Motschulsky – that I have seen in these parts. The adult beetle is banded to the very tips of its prominent antennae. While the photo says the colors are black-and-white, the ones I've seen have had bright blue and black stripes that are remarkable, especially since this is a large insect, measuring up to two long and flattened inches, not including the antennae (which are at least that long). This is the only species in North America, occurring from Alaska to southern California and east into the Rockies. Adults are seen singly during the summer and are not considered a pest. No need to control, just enjoy the weirdness of the wild in your own backyard.

Review pictures of persons of interest

The Washington County Fraud and Identity Theft Enforcement Team recently unveiled a new web site that features the pictures of people who are of interest to law enforcement. Community members are encouraged to visit www.co.washington.or.us/IDMe to help law enforcement put names to some of the featured faces.

People are mobile and connected more today than ever before. We travel more, use mass transit, we talk on cell phones, and we "meet" people online. When crime strikes, someone usually knows what happened. Often detectives have a picture of a person who has a critical clue in a case – are you that person? Do you know someone in these pictures? Have you seen their picture online or met them in a

park or at a party?

The people in these pictures are persons of interest or potential witnesses to a crime. Some of them just happened to be present right before or after an incident. They may have seen a car or a person, or noticed a detail that could solve a crime. Please take a look at the photos and consider whether you can help. We can keep your information confidential.

If you have information about the identity of any person in these photos, please use the e-mail links provided or call the Washington County Sheriff's Office 503-846-2500 or the Fraud and Identity Theft Enforcement Team at 503-615-3483.

Citizens should not attempt to contact or apprehend any of these people. We cannot be 100 percent sure of the level of

involvement of any person until we talk with them and we do not want to put any citizen at risk.

The FITE Team includes investigators from the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro Police Department, and the U.S. Postal Service.

Help end cycle of violence

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The Board of County Commissioners has signed the proclamation stating October 2007 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Columbia County Women's Resource Center is available to facilitate trainings and educational presentations to help raise awareness.

For more information please contact Katie Mahoney at 503-397-7110.

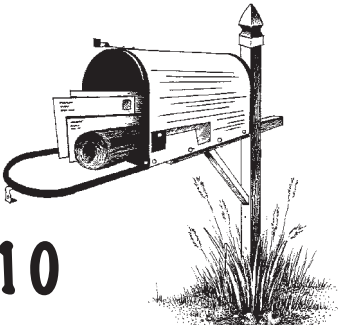
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