

Banks City Council hears the plan for "Movies in the Park Night"

Mayor Teri Branstitre presented several certificates of appreciation in recognition of public service on behalf of the city council and the citizens of Banks at the June 10 City Council meeting.

Dr. Steve Vredenburg, DVM, was presented with a certificate for donating an animal waste mutt mitt dispenser system and supplies for Greenville City Park. City Manager Jim Hough noted that this "service is for people, but also a service for pets."

Dawn Soest was recognized for donating three large maple trees to the Banks Arbor Day Observance. According to Hough, "these are not twigs; these are big trees...we went from one to four trees at Banks Elementary School."

Megan Fitzgerald developed and presented a briefing with power point presentation on the Water Utility Audit Program. Fitzgerald, an intern, is attending Portland State University.

The data collected will help the city track leaks, which are costly. The working program can be maintained month-to-month by filling in six data fields. Fitzgerald said "...figuring out values and downsizing information from larger cities, I really got to use my math skills."

Fitzgerald was presented a certificate of appreciation and a gift card for her service in drafting a working program which will help the city audit the water system.

Brad Stein and Jeremiah Bradbury, who are also interns from Portland State University, presented a draft Emergency Management Plan to the city. Stein, a graduate student at PSU, gave a power point presentation on the goals, process and outcome, plan, benefits, and recommendations for a city the size of Banks.

Stein and Bradbury were also presented with certificates of appreciations and gift cards.

Two citizens spoke to the

council: Six-year-old Olivia Boylan requested the city to fix the drinking fountain at Log Cabin Park. Branstitre thanked her for bringing this to their attention and said the city will submit a work order. Marion Steinbach informed council that potholes along the railroad tracks on both NW Banks Road and Sellers Road need some attention "I walk over it so I can see the horrible details". Hough said he thought that the first part of the Sellers realignment project is the tracks, but that he will contact the county. Steinbach added "...not that I mind, I can always hear when people are coming up the road."

Council President Pete Edison, upon review of the Tree Board Annual Report and Plan, commended the committee for their work, saying we have "come a long way in a short amount of time." In September 2007, the Tree Board was formed with four members; in October, plans were made for

an annual fall tree planting, which took place in November at the Banks Fire Department. In December, the Tree City USA application was reviewed and in February 2008, Banks received Tree City USA Status; two additional members were also appointed to the committee. In April, Soest donated three trees and Mike Lyda excavated the planting holes to complete the final Arbor Day event plans; and finally, in May, the City of Banks Tree Board developed and submitted a draft action plan for the year 2008 - 2009.

Hough announced that the Friends of the Library invites the council, city staff and citizens to attend the unveiling of the Banks Library replacement plaque on Tuesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m. He also read a thank you card from the library to the council.

On the evening of August 5, the Park Management Committee is planning participation in the National Night Out program. According to Christy Greagor of the park committee, this will be the 25th Anniversary of the program. Greagor has requested the Washington County Sheriff's Office to attend and provide information about their services. She also plans to invite other commit-

tees, the boy scouts and Jim's Thriftway. She also announced that the Park Management Committee plans to dedicate the Greenville City Park Playground during this event. This will be the first time Banks has participated in the National Night Out program.

The Park Committee announced that "Movies in the Park Night" will be held on the last Friday of the month in July, August and September, at the Greenville City Park gazebo. Greagor commented that this event was well attended last year and brought the community together.

Coming up at the July city council meeting, the Ford Family Foundation, Banks Community Leadership Class of 2008 will be proposing a main street beautification project to the city. The Banks Chamber of Commerce will work in conjunction with the city on the project.

During the round table discussions, Hough asked the mayor for guidance on how to deal with donation requests that are submitted to the city. Branstitre's position is that requests should be submitted to the city in March - May so they can be considered by the Budget Committee.

The next city council meeting will be July 9, at 7:30 p.m.



The Banks elementary and junior high bands combined with high school percussion students and marched in the Junior Rose Festival Parade on June 4. This was their first experience marching and they placed second of bands under 100 members in the parade.

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