

Washington County looking for volunteer for Property Tax Board

Washington County is seeking volunteers for the Board of Property Tax Appeals, which studies issues and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Applicants must be county residents who are not employees of the County or any taxing district within the county. Qualifications include knowledge of real estate, appraisal and assessment practices, patience, understanding and a sense of civic responsibility.

The five member board meets in February and March to hear petitions for the reduction of real market, maximum assessed, specially assessed or assessed value of property as of January 1, 2008. The Board also considers petitions to excuse penalties assessed for the late filing of real and personal property returns.

Typically the board meets for 25 to 30 days of hearings from February to April. Board members must be able to commit a

minimum of five to ten days, and a one-day training conducted by the Oregon Department of Revenue. The term is for one year.

The application deadline is September 16, or when all vacancies are filled. Applications are available from the county website <http://www.co.washing->

ton.or.us/cgi/boards/commis.pl or by calling 503-846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the website.

Between the Bookends

By Susan Cackler, Library Assistant
Banks Public Library



It's time to turn in summer reading records. Young readers should bring their completed record to the library and pick out their award book. They will also receive a coupon from Godfather's Pizza. If forms are turned in before August 13, they

will also be able to participate in the discount bracelet day at Oaks Park.

There will be no Preschool Story Time in August. It will return in September.

There will be no Friends of the Banks Public Library craft night in August. Craft night will start up again in September, although it will be moving to the second Wednesday of the month. Come to the community room September 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with whatever project you're working on and find inspiration to keep on working.

The Friends will also have an information booth at the Banks Barbecue and will be riding in the parade. Drop by to see what's new with the Friends.

The library has acquired a new carousel to display our adult DVD collection. This new display will allow our collection to continue to grow and make finding the perfect movie easy.

The Friends of the Banks Public Library can always use your support. You can make a tax deductible donation, become a member, volunteer, or bring your recycling to Swatco on the second Saturday of each month. Money that the

Friends raise helps the library purchase Cultural Passes, upgrade equipment and purchase books and movies.

On the Shelf:

The library is now offering music cds for the first time. We have some children's titles and some adult ones. The collection will continue to grow through purchases and donations, so keep a lookout for your favorites.

For the younger crowd, we have the Cars soundtrack, In Harmony: a Sesame Street record, Disney's Rascal Songs, and Elmo's Hoedown. For the older crowd, we have three albums by Yo Yo Ma, Janis Joplin's Greatest Hits, Brooks & Dunn: Cowboy Town, kd lang: watershed, and Herbie Hancock. We also have soundtracks from High School Musical I and II, Grey's Anatomy, and The Lord of the Rings.

Additional cds, from lesser-known artists, include The View, Cartel and The Automatic Automatic.

A recent addition is a collection of books and DVDs that assist in teaching babies and young children to sign. In the fall, we will have Baby Sign Classes. Please call the library if you think you would be interested in participating

Banks Public Library: 111 Market Street.
Hours: Mon., Fri., Sat., 11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.;
Preschool Story Time: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
There will be no Story Time in August.
Phone: (503) 324-1382 for information
Internet: www.wccs.org
Browse library resources, reserve or renew materials online. Call for information.

Don't miss the annual Banks BBQ

Banks BBQ & Truck/Tractor Pull and Combine Demolition Derby will be held August 15, 16, and 17, at Sunset Park.

Don't miss the parade on Sunday, August 17, at 11:00 a.m.

See page 1 for full schedule of events.



More Banks news on page 13 of this issue.

63rd Annual Banks Sunset Park Bar-B-Q

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, August 15th, 16th & 17th

With lots of fun for everyone!

Here are just some of the events

Friday: Texas Hold'em Registration 6:30 pm Begins 7 pm
Saturday: Car Show Registration 8 - 11 am, Tractor Pull 2 pm
Sunday: Banks Grand Parade 11 am, Tractor Pull & Kids Games (Grease Pole, Pop can toss & Frog Jump contest) 1 pm
Followed by Combine Destruction Derby at 5 pm



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