

# Banks council told work started on the Sellers Road realignment

At the April 13 Banks City Council meeting, Mayor John Kinsky proclaimed April 24 as Arbor Day, and invited citizens to a tree-planting ceremony at Sunset Recreation Association Park to increase understanding of trees and their place in our environment.

Arbor Day started in 1872 in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation. After reading and signing the proclamation, Kinsky presented the certificate to Banks Tree Board members Mitty Brady and Denise Holmes.

Kinsky also proclaimed May 2-8 as National Water Week, noting that water is our most valuable natural resource, and that tap water delivers both public health protection and fire protection. All citizen are urged to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice conservation, and get involved in local water issues.

Mike Buckingham was presented with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his support of the city by serving as chair of the Greenville City Park management committee. City Manager Jim Hough commented that the park committee made great strides under Buck-

ingham's tutelage.

Erin Ungewitter, who was not present, also received recognition for her involvement on the Greenville Park Committee. Hough noted that Ungewitter's participation on the committee is useful as a mother of children who use the park.

A sustainability report was present to council by student intern Jordan Nakayama, a senior at Pacific University. Nakayama, who is majoring in environmental sciences, was selected to research and write a report on the sustainability of the cities of Banks and Cornelius. At the end of his presentation, Nakayama was asked by council if the city is sustainable - Nakayama commented that Banks is "a lot more sustainable than Cornelius."

The March police report presented by Deputy Pat Chertude showed 62 calls for service, eight crimes (including theft, theft from a vehicle, domestic disturbances, criminal mischief, harassment and driving while suspended), and three arrests.

Chertude followed up regarding concerns previously expressed about the speed of log trucks on Main Street in the early morning hours. Lt. Steele,

who was present at that meeting, requested that the graveyard truck police patrol Main Street. The result was zero log truck drivers speeding.

Planning Commissioner John Deegan presented the Planning Commission Liaison report, noting that the commission has decided to rotate liaison responsibilities among the panel members. Deegan reported that Janet Towne attended planning commission training in Salem and is now training Banks Planning Commissioners with the materials and instruction she received.

New library signage has been approved by the planning commission. Deegan also reported that when the commission is bombarded with materials on short notice, it is harder to make a good decision. Deegan emphasized his point by showing council a stack of papers that they receive at the cut off point, then showing how much more is added at the meeting.

City Manager Hough reported on several items, including the following:

- Sellers Road realignment site work is scheduled to begin about May 1. Remodeling the

Sheldon Oil gas station will probably run in conjunction with the Banks Road construction.

- The Ride Connection Bus Stop has been installed. The city is getting estimates on the cost of a two-foot-high hedge around three sides of the shelter. Terry Watson, from Ride Connection, will brief council at the May 11 council meeting. Dedication and ribbon cutting at the bus stop should be soon.

- Hough has been in discussions with ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) on the feasibility of adding a flashing yellow left turn arrow at the stoplight at the intersection of Oak Way and Main Street.

- The city is working with the Washington County Sheriff's Office to begin a quarterly community newsletter geared toward public safety.

- Darlene Schnoor, from the Neighborhood Watch Program, is working with the city to see if there is community interest in setting up such a system in Banks. Schnoor will brief coun-

cil at the May 11 council meeting.

- The city will be distributing a flyer reminding citizens and organizations that the city code prohibits signs in the public right of way.

- Standardized and informative signage is being installed for the library and public works buildings.

- Portland & Western Railroad has requested a letter of support from the city for their project to add a "Y" track connection, south of Highway 6, which would permit the company to drive trains through the area rather than switching engines from one end to the other at Banks Lumber. Hough will attend an April 15 meeting about the project at ODOT.

Rodney Jacobs was appointed to Greenville City Park Management Committee Position PM-3, Michael Wynkoop to PM-2, and Brian Leonard to PM-4. Marion Steinbach and Sean McGonigal were appointed.

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## Forest Grove Library used book sale scheduled for May 17-22

The Friends of the Forest Grove Library will hold their spring used books sale in the Rogers Room of the Forest Grove City Library, 2114 Pacific Ave., May 17-22.

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During the week, the sale will be open the same hours as the library: Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18-19, from 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, May 19-20, from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Prices at the sale are \$2 each for hardbound books and \$1 each for paperbacks unless otherwise marked.

Books will be sold by the bag on Saturday, May 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On this day, only, shoppers can fill grocery bags with sale books and pay just \$5 per bag. Please bring your own bag.

Library supporters are encouraged to bring donations of serviceable books (no textbooks or magazines, please) to the library between May 10 and May 15.

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