

Banks School finalizes bond idea

The Banks School Board has finally been able to begin finalizing a bond proposal. According to Superintendent Jim Foster, at a special work session on May 12 the board directed the facilities planning committee to develop a bond proposal with two constraints:

1. Stay within a budget of \$25.2 to \$25.5 million; and
 2. Leave renovated historic high school building, currently occupied by district offices, intact. The formal analysis of the survey conducted by C&M Communications included recommendations.
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Free Weed Watcher workshop

The Tualatin Basin Weed Watchers will hold a free workshop focusing on Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR).

The workshop will help people be able to identify new weed invaders, tell how to report new weedy invaders and how to control existing invaders.

Thursday, May 27, from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. at the Banks Fire District #13, 300 S. Main St. Learn how to help keep invasive species out of the area.

Those wishing to attend are asked to register by going to <http://bit.ly/TualatinEDRR> or by calling Lacey Townsend at 503-648-3174, ext. 102.

The workshop will be held

Banks qualifies again as Tree City, USA

The City of Banks qualified as a Tree City, USA, for the fourth time and received recognition from the State Forester at a ceremony on April 24. On hand to receive the recognition were Banks Tree Board Chair Tami Stewart and member Mitty Brady.

Paul Ries, Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager for the Oregon Department of Forestry, presented the certification and Tree City, USA flag to the City of Banks at a ceremony on the site of a tree planting event at Sunset Park, a privately owned recreation park in the City of Banks.

The Banks Tree Board conducts educational outreach and

tree planting events throughout the year as part of its mission to maintain and enhance the Banks Urban Forest.

Please call Banks City Hall, 503-324-5112, for more information about the Banks Tree Board.



From left, Paul Ries of Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Tree Board member Mitty Brady, and Tree Board chair Tami Stewart

Banks celebrates Drinking Water Week

The City of Banks observed National Drinking Water Week, May 2-8, with the city council making the transition from bottled water to using pitchers and reusable glassware at their May 11 meeting.

Winners in the city's National Drinking Water Week Coloring Contest were also announced at the meeting, with Mayor John Kinsky noting that the National Drinking Water Week Coloring Contest was a huge success. The winners are:

- 1st Place – Molly Miller
- 2nd Place – Isabelle Keller
- 3rd Place – Tayler Vanaken
- Honorable Mentions: Ian Bodine, Courtney Berning, Hannah Privatsky, Ella Privatsky, Shaelyn Meeuwesen, Nya Johnson, Belle Applebee, Destiny Maller, Brianna Smith, Halle Vandomelen, Jessica Beck, Hannah White, Alyssa Greagor, Jacob Lyda, Sam Lockamy, Brendan Dreyer, Jackson Henderson, Caitlyn Smith, and Olivia Boylan.

"The number of entries, and

the quality of the artwork was outstanding", Mayor Kinsky said, "It is wonderful to see the younger generation take such an active stance in our water conservation education efforts."

The City of Banks continues to educate customers about water conservation by including conservation information in each month's water bills, and has become a partner in the EPA's WaterSense Program. "We want to continue to encourage our customers to become active in water conservation", said Mayor Kinsky.

Information about water conservation is also available on the city's website: www.cityofbanks.org.

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