

# DAD's asks for extension, Public Works head gone Plastic bottle recycling plant proposed

At the July 12 Vernonia City Council meeting, Mayor Sally Harrison gave council an update on DAD's Recycling and their efforts to move out of the flood zone. Harrison said the Deweber's, who own DAD's Recycling, have been working on plans, including plans to move the business over to Mist Dr. Harrison asked that the July 31 deadline to move from city-owned property be changed to October 31. Council requested additional information and moved the topic to the next meeting, on July 19.

Council agreed to retain Bill Haack as Pro Tem City Administrator through October 31 and approved a contract that calls for the city to pay Col-Pac (Haack's employer) \$1,479.25 a month during his service.

The City has received one application to fill the open council position left when Brett Costley resigned, effective July 1.

After a split vote on whether to extend the filing deadline, the Council agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. on July 19 to interview the candidate.

Haack told council that Public Works Director "Bob Ruhl has decided he's going to separate from the city," and has done so. Haack is researching options to replace Ruhl.

After a lengthy executive session to discuss labor negotiations and records exempt from public disclosure, council returned to open session and unanimously approved two motions. The first motion was to negotiate with the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union for a 1-2 year contract. The second decision was to authorize Haack to work with the city's attorneys to identify and engage an investigator for the city and to determine the parameters of that investiga-

tion.

In other business, council:

- Gave consensus for Harrison to appoint George Tice to the Public Works Committee, and Carol Davis and Jan Styles to the Cemetery Beautification Committee,

- declared a 1983 Dodge pickup, used by Public Works, as surplus,

- approved Resolution 30-10, which amends Vernonia's Workers Compensation coverage to include volunteers.

The next Council meeting will be held at City Hall on July 19, starting with council interviews at 6:00 p.m. before the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## Many charges were pending against driver

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session of Methamphetamine, Felony Attempt to Elude, Attempted Assault in the Second Degree, Reckless Driving, Unauthorized Departure, and Vio-

A forum has been scheduled for the public to learn about a proposed plastic bottle recycling facility to be located in St. Helens. Discussion topics will include the bidding process for local contractors, jobs outlook for the project, the facility's green building features, and more. The facility will be located at Multnomah Industrial Park, 58144 Old Portland Road, and construction is expected to get underway later this summer. The first of its type in the region, ORPET's facility will convert millions of PET bottles (polyethylene terephthalate) collected each year through Oregon's Bottle

Bill into materials for manufacturing, construction and packaging.

The City of St. Helens, Port of St. Helens ORPET invite the public to a forum on the proposed facility. ORPET partner Tom Leaptrott will provide up-to-date information on the project. ORPET is a partnership between private investors Tom Leaptrott, Dennis Denton, owner of Portland recycler Denton Plastics Inc. and the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC), primary administrator of Oregon's Bottle Bill program.

The Council's Public Forum on ORPET will be held July 21, starting at 6:00 p.m. at St. Helens City Hall Plaza entrance, 265 Strand Street. The facility is handicap accessible. If you need special accommodation, contact City Hall at 503-397-6272, at least 48 hours before the meeting.

lation of a Release Agreement.

Oregon State Police are investigating the crash at the request of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

# Community Calendar

VERNONIA			MIST-BIRKENFELD		
Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., 410 North Street	M-BRFPD Board Business Mtg.	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Alcoholics Anonymous	Thursdays (Big Book Study)	7:00 p.m., 410 North Street	M-BRFPD Board Workshop	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., 627 Adams Avenue	M-B Ambulance Drill	1st & 2nd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Booster Club	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., VHS Library	M-B Fire Drill	1st & 2nd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Scout Cabin	M-B Helping Circle	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church	M-B SAR Drill	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m., Library	M-B Volunteer Assoc.	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
CERT	4th Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-3018	Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Natal Grange Hall
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	For Info Call 503-429-6081	T.O.P.S.	Mondays	9:00 a.m., Main Fire Station
Community Coalition	2nd Monday	12:30 p.m. School District Ofc.	Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	For date call 429-0869	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
Cub Scout Pack 201	Scout Cabin	For Info Call 503-429-4250			
Friends of the Library	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Vernonia Library	<b>BANKS</b>		
Girl Scouts, Neighborhood 4-2		For Info Call 503-819-0143	Alcoholics Anonymous	Friday	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193	Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Methodist Church
Kiwanis Club	2nd & 4th Wednesday	6:30 p.m., New Hong Kong	American Legion Post #90	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Street Post
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., New Hong Kong	Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Municipal Airport Committee	1t Wednesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall	Banks Fire District #13	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13
Pioneer Museum		For Info Call 503-429-3713	Banks Library Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Public Works Committee	4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Cares Directors		For Info call 503-429-1414	Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., City Hall	Banks Youth Group	Sunday, Wednesday	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Vernonia Community PTA	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., WGS Library	Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Fire District Office
Vernonia Garden Club	2nd Tuesday	1:30 p.m., Vernonia Library	CPO 14	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Grange	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall	Everybody's Hometown Band	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., BHS Music Room
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.	Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Learning Center	1st Wednesday	6:00 p.m., VLC	Lions Club	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m., Brown Derby
Vernonia Parks Committee	3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m., City Hall	Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Hall	T.O.P.S.	Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Vernonia Pride	2nd Thursday	1:00 p.m., City Hall	<b>COLUMBIA COUNTY</b> (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)		
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., Senior Center	Board of Commissioners	Wednesday	10:00 a.m., Courthouse
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	6:00 p.m., Fire Station	Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., District Office	Columbia Comm Mental Health	1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m., 58646 McNulty Way
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	2nd Friday	10:00 a.m., Senior Center	Columbia Soil & Water District	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., NRCS, 2514 Sykes
Vernonia Transfer Station	2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Behind VHS	County Fair Board	2nd Monday	6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
Vern. Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.	1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station	County Parks Commission	3rd Tuesday	Times vary, 1054 Oregon St.
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station	Mental Health Advisory Comm.	Quarterly	For Info call 503-397-7211
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC	Comm. on Children & Families	3rd Thursday	5:30 p.m. OSU Ext., 505 N. Hwy. 30
			Local Alcohol & Drug Plann. Comm.	Quarterly	For Info call 503-397-7211