

# Council gets update of City Manager Hough's recent activities

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to begin using the Department Operations Center (DOC) as part of the lead up training for the exercise. The city hopes to work with local ham operators to provide the bulk of our emergency communications efforts.

- KJ Won is continuing to work on the draft ordinance regarding uniform addressing in the city. The goal is to have it ready for council review in the March.

- The LED streetlights with

"GE Evolve" cobra heads are now installed as part of the Banks Road Streetlight Pilot Project. Comments that the city has received have been quite positive.

- The city is in the process of replacing two defective fire hydrants. Hough expects the work will be completed, and the hydrants back in service before the end of December.

- The city is proceeding with the Traffic and Street Sign Replacement and Upgrade Pro-

ject that was mentioned in 2008. The goal is to replace and upgrade approximately one-third of the signs by March.

- The Banks Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held December 2. The city is calculating the costs in an effort to gain more efficiency in subsequent years. Council will be briefed in February.

- The city has received more information regarding its application for designation as part of the Tualatin Valley Scenic Bike-

way, and hopes to achieve that goal by September, 2012.

- The city has been advised that the International Society of Arborists (ISA), Tree Research & Education Endowment (TREE) Fund will be conducting a fund raising event in coordination with Cycle Oregon that will begin in Banks on August 5, 2012, and end in Portland on August 11. The city has tentatively agreed to host the event and is hoping to have a ceremony at the Greenville City Park Outdoor Education Arbor

(OEA).

During the business agenda, council received the city's 2011-2012 annual audit report, approved participation in a Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District agricultural waste pesticide and empty container collection event, and directed staff to propose \$200 of direct funding and \$300 of in-kind funding in the operating budget for the next fiscal year.

The next council meeting will be on January 10 in city hall at 7:00 p.m.

## Washington Co. wants bridge replaced

Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation was recently awarded a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant through the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to replace the Meacham Road bridge over the east fork of Dairy Creek. During flood events, debris accumulates against the three in-stream bents supporting the bridge. The flood debris damages the bridge, causes upstream flooding, and makes the road impassable. Although the volume of traffic on this rural lo-

cal road is relatively low, it provides the only access to over 60 properties.

The new bridge will be about the same size as the existing bridge, but will be a single span with no supports in the stream. Beside reducing flood debris accumulation, the new structure will improve habitat conditions for fish and wildlife by restoring natural stream hydrology.

The FEMA grant, which will be received early next year, will fund about 75 percent of the project's \$882,700 estimated

cost. Construction is expected to be completed during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

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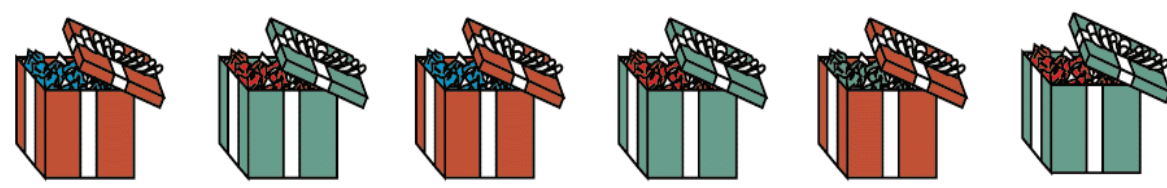
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