

Deadline coming to file for mayor or council seats

August 24 at 1:00 p.m. is the deadline to file nomination papers for the positions of Banks mayor or any of three open council seats. The length of the mayoral term is now two years, and the council positions are for four years each.

The open positions are currently held by Mayor John Kinsky, Councilor Craig Stewart (Pos. 2), Councilor Brian Biehl (Pos. 4), and Councilor Christy Greagor (Pos. 6). They will be on the November 6 General Election ballot.

All necessary forms and information regarding nominations are available from city hall. For more information, call Banks City Recorder Jolynn Becker at 503-324-5112.

City of Banks picks Awesome as new City Manager

The Banks City Council has announced that Kyle Awesome has been chosen as the next city manager in Banks, to replace City Manager Jim Hough, who will retire in September.

"We were very pleased with the number of applications that we received for this position," said Mayor John Kinsky, "and the council took its time sorting through the list and conducting interviews, etc." Kinsky continued, "Kyle came out as our choice to lead Banks into the future and we are looking forward to him beginning work in mid-August, with a swearing-in to be conducted at the September 11 regular City Council meeting."

Awesome comes to Banks from Virginia where he served as a community manager, and he has expressed a desire to learn as much about the City as possible in a short amount

of time, "I am quite excited at the opportunity that the City Council has offered me and I look forward to getting out into the community and meeting as many folks as possible." Awesome has agreed to accept the appointment and will be paid an annual salary of \$65,000.

The City of Banks was founded in 1902 with the creation of the Banks Post Office, and was incorporated by the State of Oregon in 1921. The current population of Banks is 1,775 and has most of the services and amenities that a city must have and that most citizens seek.

The Banks City Council made a determination in 2006 that it was important to change the form of government to what is referred to as the Council-Manager form, and did so in September 2007. City Manager Jim Hough was hired as the

first city manager under the new form. A well-run city staff is now the hallmark of the Banks reputation for government. The City is recognized by the International City/County Manage-

ment Association, the professional association of city managers, as a Council Manager form of government, having gained the designation in March, 2012.



Kyle Awesome has been chosen as to replace Jim Hough as Banks City Manager. Awesome will start later this month.

Signup now for WCSO Citizen Academy

Ever wonder what it is Sheriff's Deputies do? Or why crimes don't get solved in an hour like they do on CSI? The Washington County Sheriff's Office is now taking applications for the Citizens' Academy set to begin this fall.

The Citizen Academy is part of Sheriff Pat Garrett's continuing effort to promote and preserve a safe community through quality service and citizen involvement. Sheriff Garrett sees a real value in helping develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement in our communities.

The Citizen Academy is a 55 hour training program that combines classroom and hands-on instruction. Classes give citizens an opportunity to observe the inner workings of their Sheriff's Office. Students are actively involved in many interesting activities such as using police equipment, participating in jail activities and several role-playing scenarios.

Sheriff's Office personnel from many departments explain and demonstrate the duties and responsibilities of their jobs. Participants will tour the Sheriff's Office, and other criminal justice facilities, as part of the academy. Because the academy is an interactive program, students' questions and comments are encouraged

throughout.

Some of the topics covered in the academy include Officer Selection and Training, various duties within the Sheriff's Office, Patrol Operations, Investigations, Tactical Operations, Use of Firearms, Jail Operations, Narcotics, Crime Scene Investigations, Canine, and the Traffic Safety Unit.

The next Citizen Academy begins September 4, and runs through graduation on November 6. Classes will be every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m., with three weekend classes during each session. Classes are typically held in the training rooms at the Sheriff's Office, 215 SW Adams Avenue in Hillsboro.

To be eligible, participants must be at least 18 years old and live in Washington County. They must also attend at least ten of the twelve classes offered to qualify for graduation. Each academy is limited to 40 students, so please check your schedules carefully before applying for the course.

If you would like more information about the Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy, contact Darlene Schnoor at 503-846-2774 or by email at darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us. Applications for the academy are available on line, at the Sheriff's Office in Hillsboro, or at the East Precinct, 3700 SW

Murray Boulevard in Beaverton.

Graduates of the Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy will not be Deputies or Reserve Deputies. They will, however, be better informed citizens and will hopefully share their newfound knowledge with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

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