

Electric vehicle charging station is now available in Hillsboro

In keeping with Washington County's commitment to sustainable practices, including programs that support multi-modal transportation, three new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are now available for public use.

Located on the west side of the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building, just behind the Shirley Huffman Auditorium in Hillsboro, the charging stations provide "Level 2" charging capability for J-1772 compatible electric vehicles such as the Nissan Leaf and Chevy

Volt. The chargers were obtained with grant assistance from the U.S. Department of Energy, through funding by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. They are part of the "Blink Network" and can be accessed through an online registration process at www.blinknetwork.com/membership.html.

Charging requires a nominal fee and, although membership in the network is not required, users do obtain the best rate by joining the network. Prices range from \$1 to \$2 per hour

based on membership preference.

A two-hour parking limit has been placed on each charging station, however, per City of Hillsboro ordinance. They are also to remain open to anyone using any kind of vehicle authorized for disabled parking. Additional disabled parking spaces at this location are always available for use at any time.

Installation of the EV charging stations is a part of the County's overall sustainability framework, principles and ob-

jectives. These guidelines support responsible and efficient management of public resources, and emphasize Washington County's commit-

ment to best practices and continuous improvement in partnership with all community stakeholders.

File for council positions by August 24

As reported in the August 1 issue of *The Independent*, 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 open positions are currently held by Mayor John Kinski, Councilor Craig Stewart (Pos. 2), Councilor Brian Biehl (Pos. 4), and Councilor Christy

Greagor (Pos. 6). As of noon Monday, August 13, only Kinski and Greagor have filed for reelection.

The length of the mayoral term is now two years, and the council positions are for four years each. These positions will be on the November 6 General Election ballot.

All necessary forms and information regarding nomina-

tions are available from city hall. For more information, call Banks City Recorder Jolynn Becker at 503-324-5112.

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