

The Echo



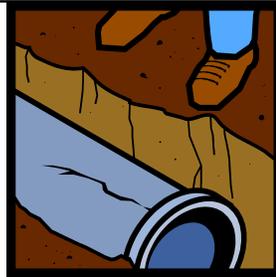
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Sewer Rates

The July Utility Billing includes an increase in the monthly base rate for sewer, which was approved by the city council last year. The increase to \$43 is the next step in the process of securing funding for wastewater system upgrades. An application for \$1 million in grant funds from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Block Grant program was submitted June 29 and an application for another \$1/2 million in grant funds and about \$670,000 in loans from the federal Rural Development Program is being prepared.



In addition the city council has directed staff to seek bids for replacement of 500 feet of cement sewer pipe located along Garfield Street that is deteriorated and allowing water from the Feed Canal to penetrate the sewer system.

Contractors can pickup a copy of the bid documents from city hall. The bids close July 13 at 4:30 pm.

Sale of City Property

The City of Echo will be accepting bids for the sale of the following equipment:



A 1950 5 yd. International Dump Truck;
A Vintage Cat Grader #112; c. 1948; Serial # 1 R331; Army #

W83001 (army air corp); A BBQ/Smoker—trailer used for Fort Henrietta Days Barbe-

ques-Minimum bid \$200; A Portable Drafting Table-Minimum bid \$50;

To view equipment contact Darin Tuil at 376-8411. Bids will be accepted until August 17 and must be returned to city hall in a sealed envelope marked “Bid” on the outside. Additional Equipment will be listed in the August Newsletter.

Summer Reading Program

The Library Summer Reading Program, “Be Creative at Your Library”, has started, but children can still register. The program is open to children from preschool to teenagers.

The Fine Arts Theme this year provides inspiration for a number of projects that will expose children to the arts from music to drawing, from performing art to literature.



Each child will receive a free book and a book bag. At the conclusion of the program, participants will receive prizes based on the most books read in each age group.

We will have programs and story time during the summer. Children do not have to attend the programs to participate in the summer reading program, just keep track of the number of books read over the summer and turn them in by Aug. 10; Likewise, children & adults are welcome to attend the programs without participating in the summer reading program.

Volunteers to help with programs and story time or to provide refreshments are al-

ways welcome.

Calendar:

- July 9/3 pm__Painting/Art work & Story time in library/Masonic Lodge.
- July 15/3 pm--Magician Marc Mullins Programs-city hall auditorium
- July 16/3 pm—Crafting with Clay/Story time/library
- July 23/3 pm—Carol Marcum/crafting signs/library; story time
- July 28/3 pm—Inland NW Musicians— instrument zoo; 2 violinists, etc.
- July 30/3pm—Sidewalk Art for National Night Out
- Aug. 4/7 pm—National Night Out/ Sidewalk Art display; Free games, Hot dog meal; door prizes; Beautification contest prizes;
- Aug. 6/3 pm—Masonic Lodge Mural
- Aug. 13/3 pm—Ending Party; turn in Oregon Stories & Art Walk Show displaying children’s projects and artwork; Prizes; Refreshments;

weeks there have been a number of cases of vandalism of the floral displays in the city park and around city hall. In addition someone destroyed a 3-4” caliper flowering crab tree located next to the Thielsen Street planter closest to the school. The value of the hanging baskets is \$100 each and the value of the tree is over \$250.



If you have any information about these incidents or observe any other acts of vandalism around the community, please call city hall at 376-8411 or the Stanfield Police at 449-3245. If the vandalism or theft is in progress, you can call dispatch at 966-3651.

In addition to bringing criminal charges for theft and vandalism, the city will ban culprits from the library and parks for the summer.

America in Bloom June Donations



Donations received in June include:

Richard Winter \$50



Echo Methodist Church \$50

Robert Spike (Father’s Day) Memorial \$25

SOLV Take Care of Oregon Day Grant \$100

Chet Prior \$100 toward dumpster for

Cleanup day.

Dirt Bikes, Animals, & Skateboards

Just a reminder that city codes prohibit operation of **dirt bikes** in the city limits. Additionally neither the railroad or ditch companies allow the operation of such vehicles on their property/right-of



-ways.

Domestic animals such as goats, sheep, cattle, etc. are not allowed in residential areas, except pastures that are grandfathered in under the city code and zoning codes such as the Terry, Fife,



Snow & Douglas pastures.

Finally, please remind your children that bicycles are not allowed under state statutes on any sidewalks. City codes prohibit use of skateboards and scooters on sidewalks wherever buildings abut the sidewalk. This includes Main Street in the business district, both sides of city hall, and in front of the Masonic Lodge & Church. They are also not al-

Theft & Vandalism

The city offers a standing reward of \$50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone committing a theft or vandalism of city property. Last week two of the large hanging floral baskets on Thielsen Street were stolen and over the last several

lowed on picnic tables, benches or in the gazebo. Besides facing a citation, the skateboard, bike or scooter can be impounded..



working together.

[Serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov/about.asp) [<http://www.serve.gov/about.asp>] is an online resource for not only finding volunteer opportunities in your community, but also creating your own. Use [Serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov) to help you do your part. America's foundation will be built one community at a time – and it starts with you.

Library Donations

Thank you for your donations to the Echo Library again this month.



Charlotte Berry	80 books
Dale Fife	periodicals
Nicole Hoover	1 book
Stella Queen	18 books
Fritz Ramos	23 books
Russell Reynolds.	4 books
Josh White	1 book
Colleen Williams	23 books

Other Donations

Carrie Volger & Connie Thomson 20 hats and pieces of vintage clothing.

Kristie Moffit-reading program refreshments.

Yard of the Month



The Echo Garden Club has named Nicole Nava, N. Thielsen Street, yard of the month for July.

United We Serve

This summer, President Obama is calling on all of us – young and old, from every background, all across this country – to participate in our nation's recovery and renewal by serving in our communities. From June 22 to September 11, **United We Serve** will begin to engage Americans from coast to coast in addressing community needs in education, health, energy and the environment, and community renewal.



The President has said that the challenges America faces are unprecedented, and that we need to build a new foundation for economic growth in America. The

Administration has begun this work with dramatic new investments in education, health care and clean energy, but we cannot do this alone here in Washington. Economic recovery is as much about what you're doing in your communities as what we're doing in Washington – and it's going to take all of us

Be aware of the Sun



You probably know by now that making bad decisions when it comes to sun protection can be life threatening. While some people smartly skip the midday sun altogether, others work outdoors in tank tops every day or hit the beach with a bottle of baby oil, increasing their chances of developing skin cancer.

Oregonians have been facing a 2% increase in skin cancer incidence and mortality rates between 1995 and 2002. Oregon, along with Idaho and Washington have higher rates than the National average for skin cancer. Our thinner atmosphere, as opposed to the equator, high rate of outdoor living and high rate of fair skinned people, are believed to contribute to skin cancer rates. Vacationing habits also play a role in our chances of developing ailments related to sun-exposure.

Tips for staying safe in the sun:

- Reduce sun exposure between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- Stay in the shade whenever possible.
- Put on clothing to cover your arms and legs.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat.
- Use sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher).
- Keep babies younger than one year out of the direct sun.
- Avoid tanning parlors and sun lamps.



Youth Project 2059

Project 2059 is an Oregon 150th birthday project seeking input from Oregon Youth on what they want Oregon to be like in another 50 years. Phase 2: Turning vision into action! Is moving forward. They are



looking for candidates to participate in a two-day summit in Salem from Aug. 7-8. After surveying students from across the state, many said there wasn't enough involvement opportunities or youth programs in our communities. Project 2059's August Youth Summit will allow youth to come together and change this by working with a group of their peers from across Oregon.

Sign Up

Nominate your peers and yourselves for an opportunity to attend the Project 2059 summit, along with 50 to 60 regional representatives from across the state.

Every Oregon high school student who registers has a chance to **win prizes**. Go to www.Project2059.com. Submit a vision statement and respond to an online survey.

Eligibility

Students currently enrolled in an Oregon High School for the 2009-10 year are eligible to be nominated. Once nominated, students and their vision statements will be evaluated and selected to attend the August youth summit.

The Deadline is Friday, July 17.

Mail to: Attn: Project 2059, Oregon 150, 1211 SW 5th Ave., Ste. L17, Portland, OR 97204 or upload at the Project 2059 website.

Black Powder Rendezvous



A group of Black Powder/Fur Trader Re-enactors are interested in starting the Fort Henrietta Rendezvous again this summer, but the Fort Henrietta Park now has too many trees to allow tipi set up. As a result they are looking for a field or pasture near or in town that could accommodate between 5 and 20 camps & vehicles. Contact Diane Berry at 376-8411 with ideas or fields.

Mosquito Control



The following are suggestions for controlling mosquitoes:

Empty buckets, watering cans, flower pots, wagons & wheel barrels; Maintain ponds, pools and hot tubs; Prevent water from pooling in tires, wagons, toys; Install tight fitting screens on doors and windows.

Police Report

- 05-01 Theft, 900 Block E. Gerone VPS, River & Main Warning, N. Thielsen
- 05-03 VBR, speeding x 2 Gerone & Hiestand Warning, Gerone St./Golf
- 05-06 Code Enforcement x7; Front St., W Main, W. Buckley, N. Bonanza, S. Thielsen 540 S. Thielsen, abandoned veh. Impnd.
- 05-07 MVA-Main & Thielsen
- 05-08 Disturbance, Thielsen & Buckley
- 05-09 Hit & Run, 400 block Hiestand
- 05-10 Warning, Thielsen & Main
- 05-12 Warning, N. Thielsen Code Enforcement, 300 Blk W. Bridge Dog Complaint, 100 block S. Thielsen
- 05-14 Code Enforcement, Pilot
- 05-15 Warning Main & Thielsen Abandoned Veh., 10 W Main
- 05-18 Warning, Main & N. Dupont Abandoned Veh.x 5, 41 N. Prescott Abandoned Veh., Prescott & Sprague
- 05-21 Warning, N. Thielsen
- 05-22 Warning, Dupont & Kennedy
- 05-23 VBR, Speeding, Main & Front Warning, N. Thielsen Assault x 2, 800 Blk, E. Gerone
- 05-25 Warning, Hiestand & Gerone