

The Echo

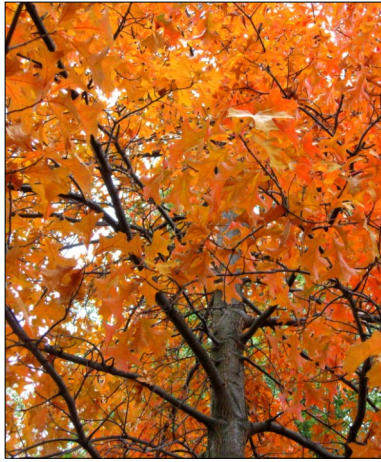
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Fall Color in Echo

Where can you find a better concentration of trees with bright fall colors, varied leaf shapes and textures, or the wide variety of tree species and cultivars in a small area, than the Echo Arboretum. The arboretum boasts numerous crabapples, maples, lindens, Sweet Gums



and oaks, and more unusual trees such as the Persian Parrotia, Bald Cypress, Beech and Lindens. To show case the Arboretum and the City's Tree City Program we are hosting a **Colors of Fall** tour of the arboretum on Tuesday November 12, 2013. If you are interested in attending, please call city hall at 541-376-8411.

While attending, you can also gather leaves, seed pods and other tree materials to use for the **Colors of Fall Art Display**. Crafts, photos and using or featuring and trees as a be displayed at from Tuesday, 12 through November 30. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries. Visit websites such as Better Homes and Gardens or Pinterest for inspiration: <http://www.bhg.com/>



artwork fall leaves theme will city hall November



[halloween/crafts/fall-crafts-with-leaves/](#).

A collage of Arboretum Trees in their fall coats Is on the last page of the newsletter.

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza will offer its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 23rd from noon to 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to the free turkey dinner with all the trimmings.



The building is now handicapped accessible.

Energy Trust of Oregon

There's never been a better time to make your home more energy efficient. Energy Trust of Oregon is offering additional cash back on select energy-saving projects installed by December 31, 2013. That's on top of the regular cash incentives Energy Trust already offers. To learn more, visit www.energytrust.org/cozy or call 1.866.368.7878.



Reading Meters

The final meter reading for this season was in October. Water meters can be insulated now. Please only use a small grocery size sack of leaves or insulation in the meter box.

Your December, January, February and March utility bills will be the minimum charge as we don't read meters during the winter. Meters will be read in mid March and your April bill will include usage above the 3000 gallon per month minimum. The overage charge will be for usage above 15,000 gallons.

Name that Tree

In May we announced a contest to name the city's "Official Tree" the Red Horse chestnut in the Fort Henrietta Park to commemorate 2013 as Echo's 25th year in the Tree City USA Program and Oregon's Smallest Tree City. Many Historic or Large Trees have been named over the years such as:

a. **Methuselah**, Bristle Cone Pine Tree in California that is over 4,700 years. It is believed to be the oldest living thing.

b. **General Sherman**, a Giant Sequoia, again in California, is the world's most massive living thing. It is over 272 feet tall with a 35 foot diameter trunk.



While our Horsechestnut doesn't have the size of these trees, this seems like a fun way to help commemorate this Silver Anniversary. We have only received a couple of suggestions so far. If you submit the selected name, you will receive a prize.

Suggestions will be accepted until the end of January 2014. Have other suggestions for ways to celebrate the anniversary? Let us know your ideas.

My suggestion for the Fort Henrietta Park Tree's Name is _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____



Soroptimist Bunco

The Greater Hermiston Area Soroptimists are hosting a Bunco Fundraiser at the city hall Community Center on November 15. Doors open at 6 pm and play begins at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$20 which includes play, hors d'oeuvres, prizes and helps support Soroptimists causes such as the Do-

mestic Violence Shelter, Martha's House, the Pregnancy Crisis Shelter and women's continuing education scholarships. Contact Jan Mills at 541-449-3559 for more information.



Halloween

Over 100 children and parents attended the annual Halloween Party at city hall where they chowed down on hot-dogs, chips, cookies and other snacks. Children frosted and decorated sugar cookies and then ate the evidence. Jeanie Hampton organized "Win it in a Minute" games again this year and the Echo Key Club volunteered to help with this and other games. There were over 50 entries in the costume contest this year with winners ranging from a tiny skeleton to a young man who played the role of an old lady to the ultimate. There was even a Minion or two. A few adults got in on the costume



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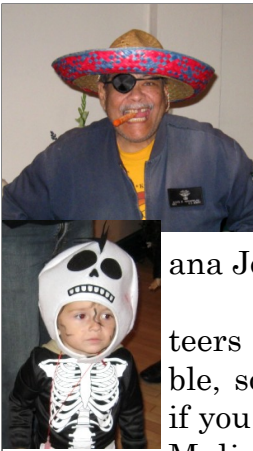


"Helping Make Echo More Beautiful"

Kopacz Nursery sponsors Echo's Beautification Program each year; Providing plants, labor & green house space for floral displays & donates annuals for public areas.



- Beautiful Bouquets
 - Christmas Gifts, Arrangements & more
 - Gift Center
 - Blooming & Houseplants
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act from Santa stuck in a chimney and his wife a Christmas Tree, complete with shoes posing as Christmas presents, to one of the Duck Dynasty stars and Indiana Jones.

Of course without the volunteers the party would not be possible, so give thanks to the following if you have a chance:

Melissa McPherson (cookies), Frank & Laurie Nelsen, Jeanie & Gene Hampton, Lou Nakapalau, aka Poncho Villa, and the Key Club.

Be Kind to Your Wallet



When you dump the wrong things into your drains & toilet, you are not only costing yourself the potential of the big headache of clogged pipes, but the city and ultimately yourself as a consumer lots of money.

Grease, foods, tampons, towelettes all can build up & plug your pipes. They can also plug manholes, destroy pumps and clog sewer lines. Manufacturers claim some of these items are flushable. Don't believe it. A recent article on MSN Money reported that clogs from these items is costing millions of dollars a year. *"Last month some of them [London sewer workers] had to deal with a 15-ton "fatberg," a clog made up largely of congealed cooking fat and baby wipes, in a London sewer main."* The clog was as large as a double-decker bus. Just this weekend we had a clog from grease, tampons and other congealed gunk in our sewer.

Library Donations:

Jeannie Daly	1 book
Dale Fife	15 periodicals
David Jensen	5 books
Lou Nakapalau	1 book
Carol Neely	6 books
Mary Ann Power	1 book
Colleen Williams	21 books



Story /CraftTime Fun: Making Bats!!, Story Time Fridays at 2 pm

Thanks to volunteers Colleen Williams, Marie Rose & Sandy Storz.
Anonymous \$10.00 Children's Materials;

AIB Judges Sheet

Part 2 Landscaped Areas:	maximum	actual
Municipal	60	45
Business	40	29
Residential	45	33
Community Involvement	30	24

Judges Comments: *"George Park, located next to the town building is an attractive example of a landscaped area. Plant selections ensure blooming will take place at different times throughout the season. Maturing trees provide shaded spots in some areas while still allowing adequate sunny ones. The pergola, pond, fountain and other hard landscaping features add interest."*

"The Fifes have done a fabulous job of landscaping at the Koontz House using a great variety of plants, statuary and fountain"

"The newly installed benches, bike racks and horse hitching posts located throughout the business district add greatly to the frontier theme of the building architecture."

*"Henrietta Park is a shaded cool summer oasis where in spring daffodils highlight the park. The Umatilla River borders the park and has limited accessibility. Local kids enter the river through worn paths to swim and cool off in the river. The park is also home to historic reproductions of the former jail [note jail is original not a reproduction], blockhouse as well as an enclosed covered wagon display...**Recommendation:** Hostas planted among the daffodils will provide cover as daffodil leaves die down and will be attractive the rest of the season."*

Recommendation: Future fence at the skatepark: make a wall that youth can paint, to make outdoor art which can be repainted from time to time.

*The Cemetery is well maintained and the view of town is stupendous. **Recommend:** Plant colorful flowers along the drive up to the Veteran's Memorial for a visual impact.*

Recommendation: *"Guerilla Gardening" is the practice of scattering seeds or planting on property owned by others without permission. One site might be the railroad right of way.*

<http://www.guerrillagardening.org/>



Tree Corner

Displayed here is a sampling of trees in the arboretum wearing their fall colors. Check at city hall if you are interested in information on the trees at the arboretum. We also offer a variety of books in the arboretum to help with Tree Facts and Selections and offer an Echo Tree Selection guide which can be found on line at <http://echo-oregon.com/pub/tree.pdf>.

