

The Echo

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Cleanup Week

Sanitary Disposal's Annual Free Cleanup week is April 1 thru 7 for cash customers in good standing. Customers will receive up to a \$13.50 discount on each load. This means loads measuring up to 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454 1/2 lbs. can be disposed of free of charge. This includes all acceptable solid waste with the exception of tires, which will be charged at the regular rate.

The transfer station is located 2 miles north of Hermiston on the West side of Hwy 395. It is open weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm and weekends from 9 am to 5 pm.



per Supper & Reading/Craft Night. **Friday, March 4, 2 pm, VFW Hall-Echo Library Dr. Seuss Story Time and Crafts.**

Meter Insulation

- ◆ Please remove all insulation from water meters by **March 15**.
- ◆ The meter reading for this season will begin March 15 with any usage above the 3000 gallon minimum per month will be added to your April 1 bill.

Red 2 Red XC Race

The 8th annual Red 2 Red Cross-Country Mountain Bike Race will be on **Saturday, March 5 at 11 am**. Registration is available for 13 (junior), 25 and 32 mile courses. All will start and end in downtown Echo, so be prepared for congestion and limited



parking around town.

Racers and spectators should not block driveways, but they can park on street right-of-ways. **Please do not block off parking strips.** Do not put out chairs or barricades except at a driveway.

Link to website: <http://www.echored2red.com/>



Dr. Seuss Week

During the week of February 29 - March 3, Echo

Elementary Students will hold their annual Dr. Seuss Birthday celebration. Each day of the week will feature a different student/staff Seuss dress-up theme. Such as on Wednesday they will dress as their favorite Seuss character and Thursday they will wear pajamas.

They will also have art contest and a read-off. Thursday is the big day starting at **9:30 am** with an assembly. **Noon-**Community Reading Hour. Members of the community are invited to come and read books, especially Dr. Seuss ones to children in the Elementary Hallway. **1:15 pm** Birthday Party with Cake.

5:30 pm-PTA sponsored Scrambled Egg Su-

Door to Door Sales

Reports of Door to Door Salesmen working the area, not only in Echo but around the region, have been increasing. Some of the salesmen have been persistent, rude and aggressive. The city has an ordinance requiring door to door salesmen to obtain a solicitor's license before working in Echo. The license is not required if the company is visiting established customers, but is for Tree Services (additional licensing and insurance required), door to door food sales, vacuum sales, etc.

If salesmen come to your door, be sure and ask to see their Business License or Solicitor's Permit from the City of Echo. If they cannot produce one, please call city hall 541-376-8411 during business hours or county dispatch at 541-966-3651 and provide information such as vehicle type to the dispatcher to give to the police.



Elsie Middleton	5 books
Lou Nakapalau	6 books
Dottie Sheffield	2 Vintage Dress col-
	lars & mis. Vintage items
Linda Spike	Vintage Clothing
Anonymous	\$20

Remember new items are coming into the library all the time. As part of the Sage Library Consortium patrons have access to over 2 million books and items as well as databases and learning sites.

Trees, Dead or Dying

Last spring the early frost killed many large trees. Nearly every Ornamental Cherry tree in the town, including the golf course, arboretum, street edges, one in the park and at private homes were killed. The city also lost most if not all of the Black Locust trees along the #3 fairway.

The city received funding from the Echo Community Benefit fund to supplement our tree budget and to allow us to purchase more 50/50 trees (We



Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for **2016** are now overdue and a \$10 **penalty will be assessed** for licenses obtained after Feb. 29. The penalty will increase to \$20 April 1, and another \$10 each month thereafter.

Warnings will be issued this month and **citations** for failure to license your dog will be issued in **April**. If you no longer have your dog, please contact the city clerk ASAP so she can remove the animal from our records, 541-376-8411.

If you are a new resident you have two weeks to license your animal to avoid a late fee and your license will be pro-rated. If you obtain a new dog, please let the clerk know so she can pro-rate your license and doesn't charge a penalty.

Library Donations

Bonnie Berry	4 books
Swayne Evans	49 DVDs, etc.
Dale Fife	periodicals
Enoch & Nita Hickey	14 boxes of books

Kopacz Nursery & Florist



"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.

Kopacz: Where Flowers Are Our Business.
Check out our new web page. <http://kopacznurseryflorist.com/>

- Beautiful Bouquets
- Arrangements & more
- Gift Center
- Blooming & House plants
- Visit us on Facebook

541-567-3278

465 W. Theater Ln.



pay half and you pay the other half) this year. Please let us know ASAP if you would like one of the 50/50 trees. You can leave information with the city clerk at 541-376-8411. Please let her know if you have preferences such as size variety, etc. This provides an idea of preferred trees, but depending on availability, we may not be able to accommodate you, but we will try. The cost is usually \$17 to \$24.

The trees **must be** planted within the Echo city limits. We will also do a cooperative order this year if you need more than 1 tree, others, such as those outside the city, but in the school district can order for the full cost of the tree plus freight. This is still a dis-



counted price as we are able to order at wholesale costs.

Tree City, USA-27

The City will celebrate its 27th year as a Tree City on April 20 at 12:45 pm with Echo Elementary Students participating in the annual Tree Fair. Council woman and teacher Jeanie Hampton is organizing stations that children (and anyone else who is interested) can rotate between. So far stations will include: Fighting Forest Fires (city hall stage), Tree Story Time (Library), Tree Art (VFW Hall), Tree and Leaf Rubbings (Park), & Leaf Bingo (Masonic Lodge)



Refreshments will be served. There will be door prizes and the city will receive their annual Tree City Program awards from the

state forestry department. The City also plans to install signage for the Dorn Tree at the Fort Henrietta Park.

America in Bloom

- ◆ First entered in 2006 so this is our 10th year of celebration.
- ◆ Check the City of Echo Facebook Page for ideas and information on gardening and landscaping. Let us know if one of these ideas inspires you.
- ◆ Do you have ideas or suggestions? Let us know.
- ◆ AIB isn't just beautification. Landscaping and flowers, but Environmental Effort, Community Involvement, Historic Preservation and Urban Forestry. So feel inspired in these areas too. Did you change your lighting to fluorescent or LED? Did you sign up to receive Oregon Energy Trusts Engery <https://energytrust.org/esaverkits/>? If so, please let us know.
- ◆ If you plant trees, on your property or street right-of-way, please let us know.
- ◆ **Consider making a donation this year.**
- ◆ Let us know any other special projects you have completed.



America in Bloom Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation Amount

Other \$ _____ Patron \$100 _____

Sustaining \$200 _____ Corporate \$500 \$ _____

Donations for other projects

Public Art \$ _____ Hwy 320 entry sign \$ _____

Park Improvements \$ _____

Museum \$ _____ Garden/Mini \$ _____

Park \$ _____

Project Ideas or suggestions:

Request a Free Energy Saver Kit from Energy Trust



Oregon Energy Trust offers a free package to help you save energy in your home. Visit their website (note if link doesn't work by clicking

on it, copy and paste into your browser) <https://energytrust.org/esaverkits/>?

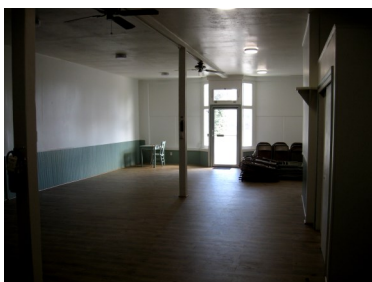
Energy Trust says: *"Tell us a little about your home and we'll create a free Energy Saver Kit for you that will include energy-saving products to help you reduce utility costs right away."*

* Please allow four to six weeks for delivery.*Please note that actual energy savings depends on your usage. Energy Trust does not guarantee any particular energy-savings or cost savings results by installing the contents of this kit." Note: it only takes about 5 minutes to fill out the form. Several of us at city hall have sent for our kits.

Please let us know at city hall if you participated in this program so we can list it or our America in Bloom report.

America in Bloom Ideas What your donations help fund

Every year we try to think of projects that will help with our AIB evaluation. This year we have some projects completed this fall and winter that we hope will help such as the LDS church volunteer day and the many projects around town that the church members completed for us. Work on the Masonic Lodge & VFW, as historic buildings we are helping to preserve are also AIB projects. Judges lodging, registration fees, flowers, potting soil, etc. are funded by donations. The new sidewalks and Museum fence can also be listed. New for 2016 if Funding is Available:



1. Curb appeal improvements for the Masonic Lodge and VFW.
2. Restore Block House
3. Restoration

work on VFW Hall

4. Echo Museum Improvements (museum project funds are raised for this separately)
5. Installation of Contracted Downtown Art.
6. Fund-raising for additional Public Art.
7. More heritage signage
8. Continue Beautification Awards
9. Work with Kopacz Nursery to develop "Floral Kits" (recommended by judges) that would be a collection of the same plants used in city planters and baskets.
10. Develop an Echo Flag.

Walking Path

Last month we asked for comments on development of a walking path through or around town. Feedback was limited.

This lead to another concept as the separate path will be expensive to install and to maintain with limited use. We have an ODOT grant to install a sidewalk, bike paths and way stations along Thielsen Street from Main Street north to Cemetery Rd. One option being considered is setting out a route from the Arboretum to Thielsen Street then North to the Cemetery. A couple of benches could be installed near the cemetery for resting and viewing. A couple of warm-up/adult exercise stations could be placed at the beginning of the course. It would be about 2 mi. to the cemetery and back and at least 2.5 mi. to walk through the cemetery & back.

What do you think?

Let us know.

