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Red 2Red

The snowy weather made it necessary to

move the Echo Red To Red XC MTB Race to March 16. The race will still start on Main & Dupont Streets at 11 am. This is the 11th



year for the event which remains one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest

and the first of the OBRA season. More information will be available on the Red To Red Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/echored2red/ or go to: www.echored2redxc.com.



Tree City USA

This year the City of Echo will celebrate its 30th year as a Tree City USA, Oregon's smallest. This is considered a landmark anniver-

sary. As such we would like to do something special to commemorate it.

For the 20th anniversary residents voted to select an "official" city tree, The Red Horsechestnut. One of the Red Horsechest-

nuts is planted in the Fort Henrietta Park, so for the 25th anniversary that tree was given a name, the Dorn Tree and a plaque was placed



beside it to tell about the tree and the Dorn Family.

Echo students have learned over the years as part of our Arbor Day celebrations, that many famous or large trees have been given names. The oldest living tree is named Methusela. .Soooo...we are asking you for suggestions on ways to commemorate this anniversary.

Among the suggestions are: 1. Honor former mayors by naming trees after first 5 or so in the arboretum, 2. Honor former Mayor Doug Clement who was behind starting the Tree City Program, 3. Honor a tree we planted 30 years ago. 4. Have a "Yarn Bombing" in the park or arboretum. 5. Have a special piece of furniture made from a city tree. Let us know your ideas.

We will have the annual Tree Fair again this year on April 18 at 12:35 p.m. Echo Elementary students will travel between Tree Stations and the public is welcome to attend. Stations: Tree Related Storytime; Fire Fighting/Forest Fires; Tree Art/Posters; Bark Rubbings; Award Presentations/drawings; Fort Henrietta Park—break/refreshments

Grant

Oregon Community Trees (OCT) has awarded the city a \$500 grant to help with the Tree Fair/Arbor Day Celebration this year. Door prizes, Tree City Apparel and poster contest prizes are among the items the grant will be used for. Oregon Community Trees Mission is "to promote healthy urban and community forests through leadership, education, awareness and advocacy." They assist community groups, local governments and schools with expertise to help achieve their mission. Mark your calendar so you can attend and possibly win a door prize. Donations to help with the 30th anniversary are welcome.

Library News & Donations

Library Story and Craft Time is in the Old VFW Hall/Library Annex every Friday at 2 pm. All children are welcome. You can call and ask for Laurie after 1 pm M,T, Th and after 3 pm Wed. 541.376.8411 to find out about that weeks theme.

February Donations:

Anonymous \$10 Bonnie Berry 7 books

Other Donations:

Adell Hale Memorial, public art \$50

Dog Licenses

The deadline for purchasing dog licenses without the \$10 per month late fee ended on March 1. Further if you have not licensed your dog you will be receiving a warning that a citation for "failure to license" the dog(s) will be pending if dogs are not licensed by the end of **March.**

If you no longer have the dog let Peggy at city hall know ASAP. Any license, except for those for new dogs, obtained on March 1 or after will have a **\$10 per month penalty per dog** added for each month the licensing is past due. For March the fees are \$15 for a



spayed or neutered animal and \$25 per year for an unaltered animal. On April 1 the fee will increase to \$25 and \$35 respectively. Proof of a current rabies shot required. If you have added a dog or puppy, they need to be licensed within 2 weeks of turning 6 mos. or being acquired.

City Yard Sale/Flea Market

If you are planning to have a yard sale during the Echo All City Yard Sale and Flea Market on April 27, there will be a sign up sheet at city hall. Those signing up will have their sales on the map and will be listed free of charge in advertising for the event.



Historian

If anyone is interested in learning about and helping to preserve Echo's history, please contact Diane Berry, 541-376-8411. In particular someone is needed who would be willing act as a guide to tour groups, students



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