



# The Echo

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## Echo City Yard Sale & Flea Market



The Echo City Wide Yard Sale and Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at 9 am to 2 pm. The flea

market will be in the city park and on Bridge and Dupont Streets around the park. Brie Van Cleave is the organizer and she can be contacted via the Facebook page or through [brievancleave@gmail.com](mailto:brievancleave@gmail.com) for more information.

**Clement Tree:** The city will also recognize Douglas Clement by naming the large pine tree in the corner of the George Park for him. This is the only original tree remaining in the park. Originally the park was full of Black Locust Trees. The pine tree is estimated to be about 60 years old.

Clement was mayor in 1989 when the city became a Tree City for the first time. Clement had attended a conference where he learned about the Tree City program and that Baker City was the only Tree City on our side of the mountain. Clement owned the Echo Hotel and Tavern and he said he often heard people who came into town for the first time voicing their surprise to find Echo like an oasis in the desert when they drove over the hill. He was inspired to have Echo become a Tree City. He convinced the rest of the council to support the idea and the program was off and running.

Following the award presentation students will rotate between Tree Fair stations to create posters, write a letter to future students, do bark rubbings and have a "Tree" Storytime in the library and refreshments at the Fort Henrietta Park.

The poster contest is open to the public as well as students. The Theme is *Echo Trees Now & in Another 30*. The winning poster

## Easter Egg Hunt



The Echo Community Church and the Volunteer Fire Department will host the annual Easter egg hunts on **Saturday April 20 at 9 a.m.** Infants through age 4 are at the church; ages 5-7 at George Park and ages 8-12 at the Echo High School football field. (541-376-8108)

## Tree City USA

**Arbor Day/Echo Tree**

**Fair will be at 12:15 p.m. on April 18.** The celebration will start in the park with an **award ceremony**. The city will receive 30 year awards from State Forester Katie Lompa and Diane Berry will receive an Oregon Community Tree President's award.





will be used to illustrate the Clement Tree sign. Prizes will be awarded to the winners selected later that afternoon by the council. To enter the poster must be turned in to city hall by 3:45 April

18 at city hall and must have the entrants age, name, class or address on the back. Prizes will be \$30, \$20 & \$15.

We will be making up a small time capsule and will put posters and other items commemorating the celebration in it. The time capsule will be placed in the Echo Museum and hopefully Echo will still be a Tree City for its 50th anniversary and it can be opened then.

At the letter writing station, children will write letters or a story addressed to future Echo students about **Echo Trees and what they mean to our community**. These letters will go in the time capsule. At the poster station Diane Berry will share Tree Trivia.

**Poem/Essay:** The City is also asking for entries in a poetry/essay contest. A \$30 prize will be awarded to the best entry and these will also be placed in the time capsule.

**Free Drawings:** The city will also be drawing names for a tree and various other prizes. You can fill out a ticket at city hall from April 15-18 or at the tree fair refreshment table at the Fort Henrietta Park.

### Grant

Oregon Community Trees (OCT) has awarded the city a \$500 grant to help with the Tree Fair/Arbor Day Celebration. OCT's Mission is *"to promote healthy urban and community forests through leadership, education, awareness and advocacy."*

The grant will be used for prizes, helpers vests and refreshments. As well as

Late Mayor Phoebe Sheriff at Arboretum dedication



snacks at the Tree Fair.

The city is sponsoring a cake for the Echo School Students to help celebrate Arbor Day. Tara Longhorn, Echo School Cook, is baking and decorating this cake and a smaller one for the City Council meeting at 4 pm. A short reception with refreshments will be at the beginning of the council meeting.

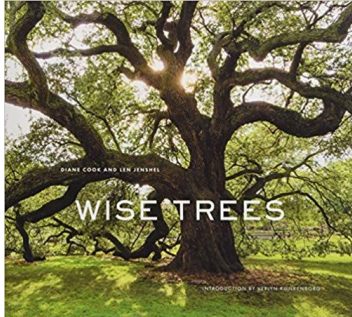
**Youtube:** A representative of the state Forestry Department will be making a video on Echo's Tree Program that will be on You Tube. If you would be interested in talking about Echo and its Trees for the video, let us know at city hall.

Donations to help with the 30th anniversary are welcome. Volunteers are welcome too.

## Library News & Donations

Come by and check out the library's collection of books and materials on trees and gardening.

### March Donations:

Bonnie Berry	4 books	
Jessica Holben	4 books	
Bob Tolar		19 books
William Gatchel		
/Gayle Weatherson		3 boxes of books
Kent and Laura Madison		36 books
Jonny Moreno		7 books

### Other Donations:

Dick Snow Memorial, public art \$100  
 Bob Tolar, African Honorary Native Clothing donated to Echo Museum  
 Kent & Laura Madison \$500 public art donation (\$3000 has been committed)

## New City Administrator

The Echo City Council has hired David Slaght to replace retiring Diane Berry. Slaght will start on May 1 and Berry expects to retire at the end of May. His background is in State Park administration and management.



## Madison/Corey Rezone

City of Echo will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in Echo, 20 S. Bonanza, to discuss a Proposed Zone Change to create a limited residential zone of approximately 38-10,000+ sq. ft. lots on 11.1 acres north of Bowman Road. The area is currently Exclusive Farm Use and is in the Echo Urban Growth Boundary and under the city's Comprehensive Plan. It would upon annexation or zoning application would be rezoned Tourist Commercial/Light Industrial. The balance of the 155 acre tax lot will be zoned per the Comprehensive Plan as Tourist Commercial/Light Industrial.

The public may attend the hearing and submit written or oral comments at that time or can submit them by mail to PO Box 9, Echo, OR 97826 or by hand to 20 S. Bonanza prior to the meeting. PH: 541-376-8411.

## Adult Easter Egg Hunt

The Echo Girl Scout Troop 10298 is hosting an Adult Easter Egg Hunt on April 26 at 6 pm in the George Park (behind city hall). Tickets are \$25.

Tickets can be purchased



## Kopacz Nursery & Florist



### "Making Echo Bloom"

Kopacz Nursery sponsors Echo's Beautification Program Providing plants, labor & greenhouse space for floral displays & donates annuals for public areas. 4.

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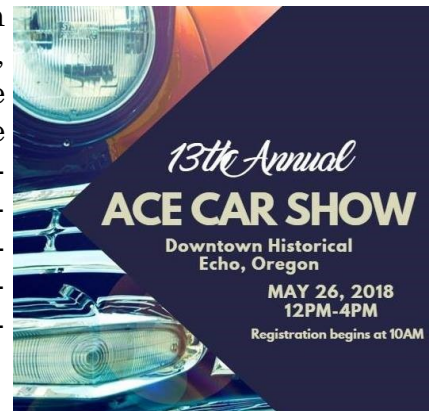
(adult Easter egg) by calling Jamie Wiseman 541.701.4138. Proceeds help support bronze and silver projects. Prizes include baked goods, gift certificates, hand crafted items, candy and much much more.

## Public Works Director

Public Works Director Darin Tuil will be hanging up his keys on June 30 after 35 years with the city. As a result the city is looking for a new Public Works Director. The applicant needs to have certifications at a minimum of: Water Distribution I; Wastewater Treatment I; Wastewater Collections I;

Application forms, a job description and job listing can be picked up at city hall. Application and a resume must be returned by May 6 at 4:30 pm .

Salary: Dependent upon experience \$40,000 to \$55,000. Benefits include health, vision & dental insurance, \$9000 life and accidental Death insurance, PERS, 10 days sick leave per year and five days vacation after one year. Family health insurance will be considered as an option.



Helping those in need.

**LAST WEDNESDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH**

Except Thanksgiving & Christmas  
at the Echo Masonic Lodge 4:00pm - 5:00pm



## Flower Time



Spring is here and it is time to gear up for our annual beautification and floral displays. As usual we always can use and appreciate donations, no matter how small to help with the downtown flowers.



**Flooding 1906, 1913, 2009  
& 1960s**



