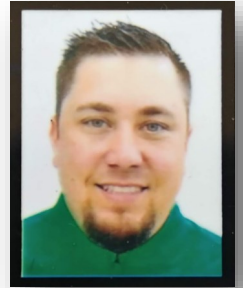




Around Town By Mayor Adam Craven



The City continues work on the Rec Center Renovation project. Work is progressing nicely. Delays on windows and another possible delay of the access decking may cause the Grand Opening to be pushed back. Overall, the project has tracked very well. City Staff, the Contractor, and the Architect have met several unforeseen challenges and have ensured that things have worked out for the good of the building. The result will be an amazing community recreation center that will serve our community for the next fifty years. I have to say walking through the building brings back a lot of nostalgic feelings for the time I spent there as a young kid. I love that the City is continuing this place for future generations to learn about the importance of teamwork, discipline, and self-improvement. The Rec Center will continue to be a vital meeting place for parties, community events, and celebrations of life.

The City experienced delays with the GR12 waterline extension this summer. The project is now slated to go out for bid late this fall or early winter. Once completed, the line will supply enough water for future growth of the City for the next forty to fifty years given the current City limits. State law requires cities to have capacity for growth. Staff is also reviewing the addition of a sewer lagoon. A recent review of the City's utility use revealed the potential need. Staff is also working on a treatment chemical change at the wastewater facility to continue to meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that sets the standards the City must meet to ensure environmental compliance when returning wastewater back to the Calapooia river.

Council is preparing work on advocating for City positions in Salem during the upcoming legislative short session. Partnering with other communities and increasing our footprint at the State capitol is the only way for our voices to be heard. The Legislative Advocacy & Policy Committee (LAPC) will soon be rendering some guidelines that will help Council maintain an effective outreach program. The City is working with Tate Public Affairs to train Council members on how to effectively communicate and build relationships with legislators.

It was great to see events return to Pioneer Park this summer. The Pioneer Picnic, Antique Faire, and Rally on the River were hopping. Events that also generated great interest included Stand by Me Day, Hands on History, and Carriage Me Back. The City Council wants to thank all the community volunteers who give freely of their time and talents to make these events possible. You are all so appreciated!



"Be as you wish to seem." Socrates



October is Arbor Month! Celebrate!



Brownsville has been a Tree City USA Member and celebrating Arbor Day since 2005. Now, more than ever, is the time to support reforestation efforts. Visit the Arbor Foundation website at www.arborday.org for educational tools (tree identification, planting & care) and "tree swag" (coffee, apparel, gifts cards, stationery). Celebrate Arbor Month by planting a tree, take a nature walk in Pioneer Park, visit the City Hall lobby for Pioneer Christian Academy "If I Were a Tree" art, coloring pages, tree poetry, and more from October 4th - 31st, 2023.

TREE PLANTING: A tree will be planted in Pioneer Park November 6th, 2023.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Coleman at 541.466.5880.



Coat Drive for Local Schools

Bryan from Bryan's Woodshed and Jenna Stutsman, Hybrid Real Estate, are joining forces to host a Coat Drive this fall that will benefit local schools, including Central Linn. We're looking for new and lightly used coats of all sizes. Imagine going to school without a good winter coat. Let's warm bodies and hearts and gather coats

that will be loved and appreciated by the kids who receive them. We are accepting them from September 13th through October 31st. Drop off your coat or cash donations at Jenna's office at 113 Spaulding Ave, at Bryan's Woodshed at 34066 Hwy 228, or in the front lobby of Brownsville City Hall.

Trick or Treat Street on Oct 31st

Bring your little ghouls and goblins to downtown Brownsville October 31st from 3 pm to 6 pm for trick or treating. Look for black and orange balloons in front of participating businesses.



The American Legion Post 184

Haunted House Event



The ever popular haunted house at the American Legion is happening soon! Dates are October 28th, 30th, and 31st from 4:00—10:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 or 3 cans of food (Please no out of date food). Location is at 339 N. Main Street in Brownsville.

Accessory Structures: 200/15 Over & Under Rule



If your **non-habitable, one-story** accessory structure is **OVER 200 sq. ft.** & exceeds 15 ft high from the grade plane to the average height of the highest roof surface, a permit from both Linn County (TBD) & the City (\$30) are required. If your one-story, non-habitable accessory structure is **200 sq. ft. & UNDER**, a permit from the City only is required. For more information, call Elizabeth Coleman, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PROPERTY PINS: Finding property pins can be tricky. If a survey was done for

your property, a map with property dimensions & access to a **metal detector** can be great tools for locating the pins. You can call the Linn County Surveyor's office (541.967.3857) to see if there is a recorded survey of your property. If so, it can be emailed, or you can pick up a hard copy (for a fee, depending on the size).

FENCES: Fences can be beautiful, functional additions to a property, providing safety for children & pets, as well as a finishing touch to your home & landscape. Contact Elizabeth Coleman, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., to obtain a **Fence Permit Application (\$30)** or a copy of Brownsville's Fence Standards. Onsite verification of property lines is required.



Library News & Upcoming Events



By Librarian Sherri Lemhouse



World Cultures & Travel continues as former professional photographer and tour guide Don Lyon takes us to view distant lands. These are delightful and informative programs. They will include October 19 Romania Reawakens, November 16 Southwest: Pueblos and Canyons, February 15 Indonesia's Islands, and March 21 Exploring Bulgaria. Each program begins at 7 PM and are held in the Kirk Room at our Library. All programs are free of charge.

Solar Eclipse! Join us Friday, October 13 beginning at 3:30 PM with Mid-Valley STEM-CTE! We will learn about the Solar Eclipse that will pass across Oregon on October 14, 2023. To learn how a solar eclipse occurs, each participant will create their own sun, earth, and moon orbital model. Following that, we will create an artwork representing a total solar eclipse. Finally, each participant will get a set of eclipse glasses to use during the eclipse. This activity is appropriate for children of ages 4 and older. No childcare provided. Library manners expected.

Circuitry! Friday, November 3 beginning at 3:30 PM with Mid-Valley STEM-CTE! We will learn about Circuitry! The Mobile Makerspace will be bringing supplies to engineer paper circuit cubes to demonstrate the basics of circuitry. Learn about open and closed circuits, polarity, power and components. Each participant will be able to take home their paper circuit cubes. This activity is appropriate for children of ages 4 and older. No childcare provided. Library manners expected.

Book Sale! Each year we have an annual book sale that fills our Kirk Room! There are books from all walks of life. Books are available for adults, juniors and children; non-fiction (true) and fiction (made up). Many of these books are donated by our community. A few are books that have had to be pulled from the Library collection. Paperbacks are \$0.50, everything else is \$1.

Long Term Care is a new topic for our Estate Planning Series. This program will be held on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 7 PM in the Kirk Room at our Library. Know Us Before You Need Us: A Road Map to Hospice Care Hospice isn't about giving up. It is about choosing to live exactly how you want to live for the rest of your life. Join a representative from Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care for an overview of hospice and palliative care, and some common myths and truths about hospice. All programs are free of charge.



Free Programs! The Library also has other free programs including a monthly Book Club, weekly Stitchery Group and 2 Storytimes each week (Tues. at 2 PM; Friday 11- Noon), Prescription mail-back envelopes and so much more! Check out what's happening at your Library at www.brownsvillecommunitylibrary.org.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

November 10 & 11 Veterans Day
November 23 – 25 Thanksgiving
December 26 Christmas



NORMAL LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 - 5
Thursday 1 - 7
Saturday 10 - 2
Sunday, Monday Closed



Calapooia Food Alliance



Your Calapooia Food Alliance runs the Thursday Market (now at Library Park) and the Community Garden located across from Dari Mart on Main St. Thanks to the residents who have rented garden plots and our Program Manager, Joshua Bloomfield, the garden has been a delight to view. With a wet start to the season, we have just begun providing our usual bounty to Sharing Hands food bank, but we hope to come close to our usual 1,000 lbs. of fresh produce provided annually. You may have noticed we started a new program for kids (18 yrs. and younger) at the market called POP: The Power of Produce. This program creates activities for young people to try new foods and learn about eating healthy. We are able to bring this program to the Thursday Market with a generous grant from Central Linn Community Foundation. Thank you! The Thursday Market will be wrapping up on October 26th this year so stop by and find out what goodies your neighbors have grown and created for your shopping pleasure! Your CFA Board members are Donald Lyon, Peggy Purkerson, Kathleen Swayze, Natalie Wade, Patrick Starnes, Iris Hodge and Ameica Henson-Whistler. For questions about becoming a general member, contact Iris Hodge at Hodgein78@gmail.com. For volunteer opportunities or questions about the Thursday Market or Community Garden, contact Joshua Bloomfield at Jjbcfabrownsville@gmail.com. Our website is gocfa.org--and our motto is "Building community, one bite at a time."



LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM UPDATES



Summer events at the Museum were wildly popular this year: an estimated 4000 people at Stand By Me Day on July 23 and at least 600 at Hands on History, the 4th Saturday in August. Both events bring loads of visitors into town, benefitting Brownsville's local businesses as well as the Museum. Hands on History is a favorite family-friendly event held in Library Park and featuring historical crafts, activities, storytellers, and music.

In May of 2024, Carriage Me Back, the Museum's lively historical re-enactment event, will highlight the drama of 1893. Email the Museum if you'd like notifications as we get closer to the early May date: lchm@co.linn.or.us. Consider Holiday shopping at the Museum Gift Shop/Bookstore this year. Come on in and check out the fiction/non-fiction books on local and regional history offered in the bookstore as well as children's old-fashioned wooden toys, coloring books, cookbooks, and nature guides.

Linn County Historical Museum 101, Park Ave, Brownsville. 541.466.3390



Brownsville Women's Study Club
Festival of Trees

December 1 - 2, 2023

Brownsville Oregon

@brownsvillewomensstudyclub

The **Brownsville Women's Study Club** invites you to the 2023 Festival of Trees!
* 25 Decorated Trees (5'-6") * 17 Locations in Historic Downtown Brownsville * Bidding begins December 1 * Bidding ends at 4 p.m. December 2 * Tree pick-up/payment at 4 p.m.*Payment; Cash or

Check *Proceeds to support Brownsville Community Library, Moyer House Christmas decorations, and other worthy causes as voted on by Club members.

What's Happening at the Brownsville Rec Center?

The City is working with Woodblock Architecture to draw plans for the renovation of the Rec Center. The Rec Center officially became City property in 2018 after the Central Linn School Board agreed to convey the property to City ownership at the request of City Council. The Central Linn Recreation Association has been operating youth sports programming for over fifty years for the Central Linn community. Since 1981, the City has maintained the building with the help of the Association. The building serves as the center of operations for the Association.



The renovation will be “head-to-toe” update of the facility. Fire and Life Safety are driving many of the decisions; bringing the building into the 21st century is proving to be a challenge. The gymnasium will be redone with a new scoreboard and new backboards, a new stage area, storage rooms, restrooms, catering kitchen and a large meeting room. Accessibility will be improved with ADA ramps and entrances for the facility. New HVAC, electrical, and plumbing are included.

The facility will be renovated with the intention of using the facility fifty more years. The City had the building reviewed by structural engineers to ensure it could withstand a full-scale renovation project. The City will make small seismic modifications, replace all the windows and doors, and paint the entire building inside and out. The renovation began in early summer and is slated to be completed late fall 2023. The City is planning an open house for the community when the project is complete! Stay tuned!

“Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.” --- Alexander Graham Bell

Check your emergency supplies.

If you don't have an emergency kit, build one.

- * Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for proper function. If needed, replace the batteries.
- * Check the seals on doors and windows. Repair or replace weather stripping to prevent drafts and save energy.
- * Have fireplaces and chimneys inspected. If needed, have your chimney swept to prevent potential fire hazards.
- * Clean your gutters. Leaves and debris build up can damage roofs and homes.
- * Inspect your roof for loose shingles and damage.
- * Practice ladder safety and proper usage. Fall prevention safety measures lets you and your family enjoy all seasons.
- * Be careful when doing yardwork. Use rakes that are the right length and wear eye and hearing protection. Hydrate and apply sunscreen. It's easy to over-exert when temperatures are moderate.





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The City of Brownsville website (www.ci.brownsville.or.us) is a wealth of information! You can make online utility bill payments, find agendas and meeting minutes, the Brownsville Municipal Code, Staff directory, make a building or room reservation through a reservation module, obtain permit applications, and much, much more. You can also find history pertaining to Kirk Avenue, the Calapooia riverbank erosion, etc.

There are hot links that will take you to City boards and committees, community civic organizations, and county and state organizations. We feel truly blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world, and to be able to serve this great community!

