



Administrator's Corner by S. Scott McDowell

As the days get shorter, familiar favorites such as light fog, leaves crunching under foot and crisp morning air give us much needed rest from the heat. Meanwhile, students fill the classrooms, hunting sea-



son approaches and the City continues to move confidently forward. Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink and City Engineer Ryan Quigley are inspecting the installation of a new water line on Robe Street. The project is slated to be completed by Halloween. Park Caretakers Don & Carol Neddeau served another fine year in Pioneer Park. Mr. Jake Hampton did a great job as seasonal help for the City's Public Works Department. Karl Frink, Andy Day and Josh Kometz work every day to keep water running & safe and restrooms flowing, not to mention all the necessary maintenance the City requires.



Council has been busy assisting with policy implementation this Summer. Staff has done a very nice job making sure several properties were cleaned up and everyone did a great job maintaining their properties this year. Council is putting the finishing touches on a telecommunications franchise that will bring Alyrica to town. Alyrica will be installing a new fiber optic system which will be a serious upgrade for our community. We are excited to see many new businesses open while many of our favorites continue their work to provide all of us with goods and services we need. Regional economic development is doing well as the City is work-

ing with eight cities and RAIN out of Eugene to help stoke entrepreneurs and business development. Council is also diligently working on the City's Land Use Inventory to expand the Urban Growth Boundary and create space for future residential growth. Administrative Assistant Tammi Morrow is busy preparing for the upcoming audit, EPC event at the Legion, and compiling this bi-annual newsletter!

Several developers and local property owners are working on interesting projects with Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman. Mrs. Coleman is busy managing several projects while assisting the Planning Commission, the Park Board and the Facilities Review Committee. Her contributions with Mr. Frink are valuable toward the effective implementation of the City Public Works Standards which protect tax payers interest ensuring utilities are installed properly. Administrative Assistant Jannea Deaver has been amazing handling the implementation of new utility billing and general ledger software. Although it has taken many calls to customer support, she has gotten the job handled at every turn. If you need a book or have a question, Sherri Lemhouse will surely find you what you are looking for. Check her out at our lovely Library on Spaulding Avenue. Court Clerk Carol Humphreys does a fantastic job assisting staff and keeping the court operating smoothly and efficiently. Carol is available on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Emergency Preparedness Volunteer Coordinator Norman Simms prepares for a social event on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Marilee Frazier reminds everyone to make sure you have a well-thought out emergency plan complete with necessary supplies for at least 72 hours. Recent hurricanes remind each of us about the importance of being ready.

The Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival completed 11 years in Brownsville and they are currently working toward a new home further south, just east of I-5, five miles west of Harrisburg. The City wishes them all the best in their future endeavors and hopes the event will continue in Linn County. The Festival has been a tremendous opportunity for many area civic organizations in Central Linn.

The City is reviewing facilities in Pioneer Park and the Central Linn Rec Center with the help of the Facilities Review Committee. The facilities need an in-depth look to determine a future course of action for Council consideration. Council refinanced the City utility debt in 2016 for a savings of \$1.27 M over the next thirty years. Council is also preparing for major water treatment plant and distribution system improvements coming in 2023-2024. The City has \$43 M in assets with about \$17 M in need. Council has funded over \$3.5 M infrastructure projects without raising taxes. Future needs are always on the minds of both Council and Staff. The City has an A+ rating from Standard & Poors.



Thank you volunteers and City Staff! Your undying support and effort make Brownsville, Brownsville!



NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE XIV



Twice a year the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) puts on a drug take back event; Linn County Sheriff's Office will be participating. The event is on **October 27th, 2018** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Linn County will be doing a mobile take back during this time. They will be traveling between 4 cities on this day to retrieve as much as they can. This is a free event for citizens to dispose of their unused/unwanted medications (including pet meds). Below is some information on the event.

- Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substance may be collected.
- This program is anonymous and all efforts are made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications.
- No questions or requests for identification will be made.
- Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box.
- If an original container is submitted, the individual is encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label by either removing the label or utilizing a permanent marker.
- Linn County Sheriff's Office will not count, inventory, or log

- medications.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted.
- Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container.
- Ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Intra-venous solutions, injectables, syringes, chemotherapy medications, or medical waste WILL NOT be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process; Linn County will not handle the medications at any time. For more information please visit: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html



Here the locations and times:

- ⇒ Mill City 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. @ City Hall—444 S. 1st Ave.
- ⇒ Scio 10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. @ Fire Hall—38975 SW 6th
- ⇒ Brownsville 12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m. @ City Hall—255 N. Main St.
- ⇒ Harrisburg 2:00 p.m.— 3:00 p.m. @ City Hall—120 Smith St.



News from CLRA

The weather says summer, but the calendar and leaves say fall is here. That means kiddos are back in school and the normalcy that is the school year is upon us. Volleyball and football are off and running. Both programs welcomed new Sports Directors this year; Carrie Simon for volleyball and Levi Gatchet for football. Carrie Simon has the volleyball program flying high after a series of open-gyms this summer while Levi Gatchet and John Cavill have reenergized the football program. Through donations and grants, both programs are making investments for the kids. Volleyball is in the process of replacing the volleyball net at the Recreation Center while repairing and retaining the current volleyball net for practices and recreational use. Football purchased new football pads and added a 'tackling wheel' for the kiddos to practice safe and proper tackling techniques. We're off and running here at the Recreation Association... Here's to another active and healthy year!

-Blaine Cheney, CLRA President

The Calapooia Food Alliance *by Don Lyon*

The Calapooia Food Alliance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit continues to build Community--one bite at a time. The CFA maintains the Community Garden, organizes the Thursday Market, offers the Organic Food Buyers Club with monthly deliveries from Azure Standard. New Horizons Film Night screens monthly (1st Friday) films of interest in the Community Room and monthly (3rd Friday) community meals at Randy's with speakers or films dealing with the CFA mission of encouraging healthy, local and sustainable food production and consumption.



A new event for 2018 was the August Garden Party potluck in the Community Garden with music and entertainment. The CFA also participated in this year's newest annual event, "Hands on History," by picking the apples for the cider press demonstration. The CFA makes fresh cider each fall from apples and cider press donated by Oregon Country Farm. We bottle local blackberry honey, which is available at the Art Center. Board members are Donald Lyon, Peggy Purkerson, Kathleen Swayze, Steve Brenner, Gini Bramlett, Sally Lockhart and Mike Moshofsky. Want to be involved and notified of events? Visit our web-site, gocfa.org--ask to be placed on our mail list and above all--read The Times.



The Moyer House

A Great Time to Visit!

This summer, the Museum's busiest season, we've welcomed a crowd of visitors, hosted whirlwind events, and jumped into a couple of large projects. Folks from all over the planet dropped in and enjoyed the Museum's exhibits and participated in Stand By Me Day (always July 23) and our newest lively tradition: Hands on History at the end of August. The Museum is working to re-vamp our Native American exhibit (thanks to funding from Oregon Heritage Commission, Linn County Museum Trust, the Central Linn Community Foundation, and the Linn County Cultural Coalition), to reflect the realities of the Kalapuya People who inhabited the Willamette Valley for 14,000 years. As is typical for the Museum, a calmer Fall season follows the Summer whirlwind. Now is a great time to visit the Museum.

The Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.- 4: 00 p.m. For a little while longer, until Sept. 30, we are open on Sundays from 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Visit now while the Museum is uncrowded; you can get up close and personal with the 1865 Covered Wagon, explore the 1934 Caboose, watch a movie in the Boxcar Theatre, or try on Pioneer costumes in the new dress-up area.

There's lots to do at the Linn County Historical Museum and the 1881 Moyer House. Drop in now, it's the quiet season. *By: Mandy Cole*



THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU (HANDS) FREE

We hear it all the time: Driving and cell phones don't mix. Yet auto accidents involving drivers on their cell phones increasingly plague our roads. DMV.org's solution: Raise awareness! Take this Distracted Driving Awareness Quiz and let the truth be your guide. (Answers on page 6.)



TEST YOURSELF
Before you WRECK yourself!

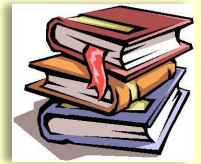
- 1) TRUE OR FALSE Driving while talking on the cell phone isn't safe unless you are really good at multitasking.
- 2) TRUE OR FALSE You see only half of your driving environment when you talk on the cell phone from behind the wheel.
- 3) TRUE OR FALSE Talking to the passenger beside you while driving is just as dangerous as talking on the phone.
- 4) TRUE OR FALSE More than one in five drivers involved in US auto accidents are talking on the cell phone.
- 5) TRUE OR FALSE You are twice as likely to be involved in an auto accident when you're driving and talking on a cell phone.
- 6) TRUE OR FALSE The reaction time of drivers who are legally drunk is slower than that of sober drivers chatting on the phone.



LIBRARY NEWS by Sherri Lemhouse

LIBRARY HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	10 – 5
Thursday (Our late night!)	1 – 7
Saturday	10 – 2



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday:	Parents and Pals Story Time	10:15 AM
Wednesday:	Stitchery Group	1:00 PM
Thursday:	LEGO's out all day!	1:00 PM
Friday:	Story Time with Craft	11:00 AM

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

*Book Club in the Kirk Room 7:00 PM
Third Wednesday of each month (\$3 yearly fee)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

* Lawyer in the Library: Family Law Thursday, September 20 6 – 8 PM

A volunteer lawyer from Legal Aid of Oregon will provide basic information on the topic of the evening. The workshop is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. No registration is required. Your attendance and questions will be welcome.



* World Cultures & Travel Thursdays 6 – 8 PM

October 11: La Belle Provence	November 8: India's Fabled Rajasthan
December 13: China Today	January 10: TBD
February 14: TBD	March 14: TBD

* Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale

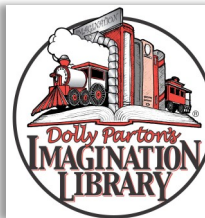
Saturday, December 1 through Saturday December 8
During normal Library Hours
\$.50 paperbacks, everything else is \$1.00



* Lawyer in the Library: Public Benefits Thursday, January 17 6 – 8 PM

A volunteer lawyer from Legal Aid of Oregon will provide basic information on the topic of the evening. The workshop is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. No registration is required. Your attendance and questions will be welcome.

We are now participants in Open eBook! This program allows **FREE access to new eBooks** for students K-12 that live in the Central Linn School District. These are new books, not public domain. The Open eBook initiative makes eBooks available for free to low-socioeconomic youth (PreK-12th Grade) via public libraries and schools who are registered with [First Book](#). This is not a collection of public domain books! "Publishers have generously contributed thousands of titles to Open eBooks. In order to ensure that Open eBooks provides books that speak to America's diverse population and range of perspectives, librarians coordinated by the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) curate the collection. The goal is to create a compelling and appropriately targeted set of thousands of titles—stories that could potentially spark a lifetime love of reading." Brownsville Community



If you have children from 0 – 5 in your family and they live in Brownsville, Halsey or Shedd, they could receive a free book mailed to them

each month. The only requirement is that the child resides in Brownsville, Halsey or Shedd. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program is free to participants and sponsored by United Way of Linn County and Corvallis Morning Rotary. To register your child, come into the Library for a registration form or go to usa.imaginationlibrary.com.



Access to New Books for Children in Need

Library is a proud partner of this program for our area youth.





What's Happening at the Brownsville Art Center?

The Brownsville Art Association has had a busy summer and fall. For our current exhibit, we invited the Emerald Art Center (Springfield, Oregon) to display their work in our gallery. Along with this juried show, our members' artwork is constantly changing. Come see what we are doing!

Carol Williamson's family is sharing her artwork with a month-long display in the Community Room, upstairs at City Hall. We had a very successful Junk Art Show, with many new artists participating. Visitors to the Art Center voted for Michael Worthing's *Samurai* and Anna Bell Stogsdill's *Cat Smile* to receive the "People's Choice" awards.

A successful RAIN "Pub Talk" event was hosted by the BAA on August 23. Eleven artists and crafters gained useful information as Brad Altig talked about ways to develop an art business, access different markets and use technology to increase sales and marketing. RAIN stands for Regional accelerator and Innovation Network. The cities of Halsey, Harrisburg, Brownsville, Sweet Home, Lebanon, Monroe, Philomath and Adair Village wrote a grant through Business Oregon to hire a RAIN venture catalyst for this region. We hope to host more events like this at the art center in the coming year.

Our partnership with the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce has allowed the Brownsville Art Center to increase hours of operation. We are now open Wednesday afternoon, in addition to 10 to 5 Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We now serve as a Visitor Center for the community, with a variety of information about local businesses, events and activities.

We will again hold the Holiday Art Market during the Festival of Trees event in early December, with over 14 special booths showcasing local artists' creations. Santa will be there, as well! As we do each year, the Art Center will be filled with arts and crafts for the months of November and December..... excellent Christmas shopping!

Registration forms for classes are available at the Art Center, or on our website, brownsvilleart.org. If you need more info you can contact Lori Garcy at lorigarcy@centurylink.net. You can also find us on Facebook!



A Conditional Use Permit is required to operate an Airbnb in the City of Brownsville. Please check with Elizabeth Coleman at City Hall for more information.

BACKYARD BURN INFORMATION

A common question at City Hall includes "What can be burned, and is it a burn day?" The Brownsville Rural Fire District and DEQ are in charge of burning regulations, not the City. Here are some of the most commonly asked questions:

When can I Burn? Burning is controlled by DEQ and each day can be different depending on atmospheric conditions. Before you burn, you **MUST** call the Linn County Burn Line at 541.451.1904 and listen to the recorded message. For agriculture burning and other issues contact the Brownsville Fire District at 541.466.5227.

What can I Burn? Within City limits, when burning is permitted by DEQ, you are allowed to burn yard debris, construction debris, or the remains of demolished structures. Household garbage, rubber, plastic, food waste, asphalt, wire insulation, or any other material that produces dense smoke, noxious odors, or hazardous vapors is always illegal to burn.



DISTRACTED DRIVING ANSWERS FROM PAGE 3

- 1) **FALSE**—It's unsafe for ALL drivers. That's because humans—no matter their multitasking skills—cannot process two thinking tasks at once. And you guessed it: Operating a vehicle and talking on the phone are each thinking tasks.
- 2) **TRUE**—"Inattention blindness" can occur when you simultaneously talk on the phone and drive. That means you can miss up to 50% of everything and everyone around you—red lights and pedestrians, alike.
- 3) **FALSE**—Contrary to popular belief, drivers on the phone are MORE oblivious to changing traffic conditions than those with an adult passenger riding along. That's because only one person involved in the conversation is paying attention to the road.
- 4) **TRUE**—Based on a current estimate of the National Safety Council, 21% of all traffic crashes on our roads involve drivers chatting on their cell phones. (Based on a 2010 annual estimate.)
- 5) **FALSE**—Try doubling that. Talking on the phone and driving increases your chances of being involved in a wreck by 4X! No matter if you use a handheld or hands-free device, your odds quadruple!
- 6) **FALSE**—According to a recent study, the University of Utah found that drivers on a cell phone had a SLOWER reaction time than those with a BAC of .08. Researchers conducting this sobering study used a controlled driving simulator.

So, how'd you do? We hope you had fun with the quiz and join us in taking distracted driving seriously. We encourage you to take what you've learned this far and get on the road to (hands) freedom.



Need Home Repairs, Home Buying Classes, or Foreclosure Prevention?

Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, a local non-profit operating on behalf of the City of Brownsville, offers a variety of services to low and moderate income rural homeowners in our area including individual housing consultation, homebuyer classes, down payment and closing assistance, foreclosure prevention counseling, and home repair loans at 0% interest, with no payment, for income qualified homeowners. Repair loans can be used for plumbing, septic, electrical, furnace/heating, water heater, roofing/siding, doors/windows, well drilling, flooring, walls, painting, energy efficient upgrades, and accessibility improvements. For more information contact: 541.752.7220, 800.403.0957 or www.w-nhs.org. Equal housing lender, ML#4909, NMLS



News from Utility Billing by Jannea Deaver

The City has a few rules regarding delinquent accounts. **NO** delinquent account shall go past **45 days**. Staff is no longer able to make arrangements on past due accounts. Late letters will be sent around the 10th of the month. All past due amounts are due by the 15th of the month. If you have questions, please contact Jannea Deaver at City Hall.

City Hall is excited to inform you of a new debit/credit card payment option. Paygov.us is accepting payments on behalf of the City. You can pay your utility bills, court fines, building permit fees, or park usage fees through this agency. There is a 3% convenience fee. There are several ways to access the payment system. We can swipe your card at the front desk, you can call us and we can process your payment by phone, or you can go online and initiate the payment yourself through the link on our City's website (www.ci.brownsville.or.us.) You can also download an app on your mobile device.



It is very important we have your current phone number on file. In the event of a water emergency at your residence or place of business, it is imperative that we have a valid phone number to reach you. If you would write your updated phone number on your next utility bill when you pay the bill, we will update it in our system accordingly.



OCTOBER IS ARBOR MONTH!

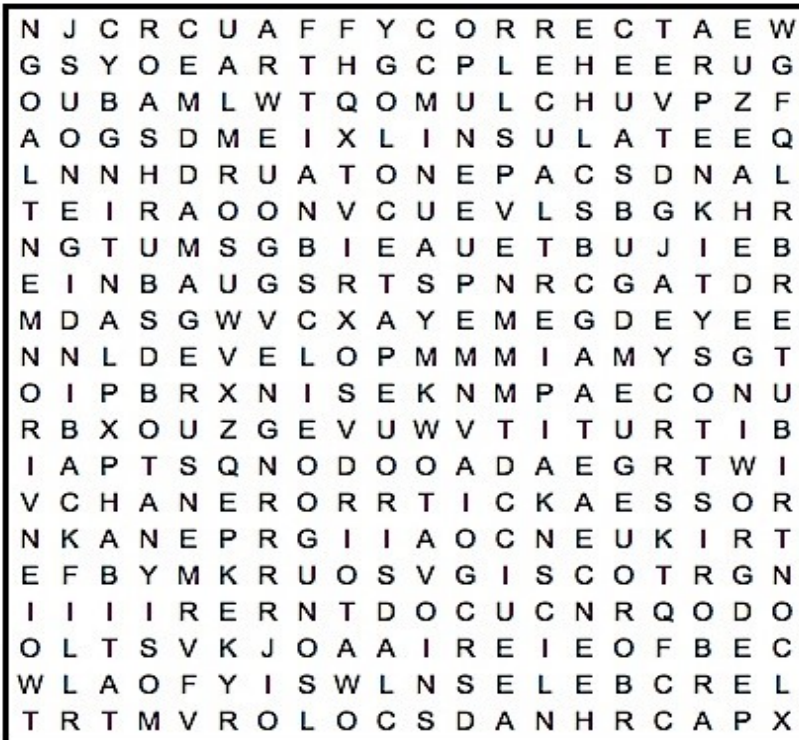
Saturday October 6th, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Please join us in Remington Park (Near Northpoint Loop) for a tree planting!

Ode to a Tree: Do you have poetry involving trees to share? Stories? Your own or someone else's? Submit to City Hall for an **Ode to a Tree Display** in the Lobby! Contact Elizabeth Coleman at City Hall if you any questions.

"Arbor Day is not like other holidays. Each of those reposes on the past, while Arbor Day proposes for the future."
J. Sterling Morton.

ARBOR DAY WORD SEARCH



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ARBORIST
BACK FILL
BOTANY
COLOR
COMMUNITY
CONSCIOUS
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LOCAL POSTAL PATRON
 Attn: City of Brownsville Residents



October 6th, 2018 is Clean Up Day!

Sweet Home Sanitation will be holding the annual Brownsville Clean-up day, Saturday October 6th from 7:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. on Park Avenue between City Hall and the Rec Center. The event is for Brownsville residents only and proof of residence is required. Please bring drivers license or garbage bill for proof of residency. The method used will be the depot method of collection with bins available. Sweet Home Sanitation requests that materials be separated as much as possible when hauled into the collection site. Assistance from the City Staff will be available to assist residents through the process as quickly as possible.

Acceptable Items:

- Old Lumber (smaller than 4 ft. length) must also be bundled, easy to handle
- Old appliances
- Scrap Metal
- Yard debris (smaller than 4ft.)
- Passenger & light truck tires (4 max per vehicle)
- E-Waste, computers, monitors, TV's

Unacceptable Items:

- No household Garbage
- No loose trash
- No liquid waste, paint, or pesticides (empty paint cans ok)
- No large truck tires

Note: There will be no pick up of trash or recyclables that day, residents are reminded not to put out items on street, unless it is free to the public. ***Seniors and others with physical disabilities who are unable to transport materials to the depot site are encouraged to call Sweet Home Sanitation at 541-367-2535 to make arrangements.



If you are a registered voter, you will receive a ballot in the mail for the upcoming election. Ballots may be returned by mail or placed in the ballot box at City Hall. We will be open extended hours on Election Day, from 7:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY (HHW) is OCTOBER 13th, 2018

Sweet Home Sanitation customers pay a monthly HHW fee which allows them to drop off HHW at the October 13th event for no additional charge. Be sure to bring a recent copy of your garbage bill showing that you are a current customer. Commercial customers will need to make special arrangements.

Examples of HHW: Gas, diesel, oil filters, maximum paint container is 5 gallons, cleaners, liquids, bleach, propane, mercury thermometers, pool chemicals, nail polish/removers, cosmetics, pharmacy prescriptions & over the counter drugs. NO controlled substances.

Contact Sweet Home Sanitation with questions 541.367.2535.

