



Administrator's Corner

by S. Scott McDowell

City Hall encounters many questions and concerns over the course of any given month. Council is provided an agenda packet before every Council meeting. The agenda packet includes information the Council uses to consider and make decisions. Staff provides written reports that update Councilors on things happening around town. The website also has many other reports of past decisions made by Council or general policies used to operate the City. The City hopes that residents find the website as a source of reliable information to understand Council decisions.

Facebook and social media can be a great way to keep in touch with family and friends, but it can also have a "dark side." The explosion of Facebook and other social media platforms has dramatically increased misinformation, disinformation, rumors, and has led to false allegations and accusations against Staff. Council encourages residents to contact Staff and use the website to keep up on current events happening in and around Brownsville.



A few documents that may be of interest include The Big Picture which is an overview of the major issues facing our community. Policies & FYI is a document that shares insights about policies used to operate the City. The 2019 Pioneer Park Riverbank document discusses the plan Council adopted regarding the erosion in Pioneer Park. Other documents include Kirk Avenue paving history, water and sewer rates and the report issued by the Facilities Review Committee about the Central Linn Recreation Center and the buildings in Pioneer Park.

As always, Councilors and Staff are available for your questions and thoughts. Just call us up and make an appointment. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting, and we hope you enjoy the website!



The City schedules many publicly owned spaces for use by the general public. Spaces include the Kirk Room at the Library, the Central Linn Rec Center, Council Chambers and the Community Room at City Hall, and the buildings in Pioneer Park. Each year the City has a lottery for the pavilion and buildings in Pioneer Park. Contact City Hall before November 1st, 2019 if you want a letter describing the lottery process and

how to be properly considered.

Now you can request a reservation online. Simply go to the website (<https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/reservations/month>) to see what is rented and make your request. Staff will review your request and send you back details, if your selection is available. You can also see upcoming community events. If your organization has an event that is not on the calendar, simply make a reservation so that it appears on the calendar or contact City Hall.

The City **does not** make reservations for camping. Camping is first come, first served. Council does make camping arrangements for events such as Pioneer Picnic, Antique Faire, Rally on the River and the Festival of Tents. Cyclists are also welcome to camp depending on availability because the City is part of the Willamette Valley Bicycle Trail promoted by the State of Oregon through Travel Oregon and other websites.



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Emergency Preparedness Committee Update



The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) was created by Council to promote individual and family preparedness efforts. Bringing awareness to citizens will help the entire community be prepared for the thinkable and the unthinkable. Recent devastation from Hurricane Dorian should serve as a reminder to think ahead of what your needs would be in the event of an emergency. Do you have medications on hand? Water supply? Food? What about your pets? These are just a few questions you should be asking yourself.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) has been busy working on building a community safety resource for you. You have the most important part to play in community preparedness. The EPC has launched clepc.org which is a website intended to be a one-stop for all things you will need to prepare for a disaster. You are encouraged to visit the site and make your plan!

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK



Twice a year the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) puts on a drug take back event. Linn County Sheriff's Office has decided to participate. This event will be held on **October 26th, 2019** from **1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** at **Brownsville City Hall** (255 N Main Street). Linn County will be doing a mobile take back during this time. This is a free event for citizens to dispose of their unused/unwanted medications (including pet meds).

Below is some information on the event:

- Syringes will not be accepted.
 - 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 should be 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.
- Please visit:** http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html.

Linn County Historical Museum Winter Hours Have Begun



After a busy and fun-filled spring and summer, we are settling into our winter hours and will not be open on Sundays till next Memorial Day weekend.

We have had record numbers of visitors at our events this year starting with **Carriage Me Back** to 1888 where we sold out every wagon and even overloaded a couple! Next year we will be traveling back to 1930... FDR is elected President, the new deal begins and prohibition is repealed.

Stand by Me Day on Tuesday, July 23 had over 400 visitors from all over the world this year; Scotland, England, Ireland, Indonesia, Italy, Spain, Australia and Japan as well as from all across the US. They are a great group of people who come and enjoy our town's hospitality. Brownsville became part of the Oregon Film Trail with the installation of 3 new plaques around town commemorating sites and the filming.



Our newest event, **Hands on History** had its second run on August 24th, with dozens of activities you could try your hand at, presented by costumed demonstrators as well as music, dancing, wagon rides and storytelling. Over 400 visitors spent the day with us on a fine Saturday in August.

We also finished the updated **Kalapuya exhibit**, telling the story of our native population that is well worth your time to come visit. Watch for some upcoming lectures related to this new addition.



We appreciate all the support of our volunteers, our sponsors and our community that keep this gem of a museum open and thriving.

LIBRARY NEWS by Sherri Lemhouse

LIBRARY HOURS:

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



ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Every Tuesday: Parents and Pals Story Time	10:15 AM
Every Thursday: LEGO's out all day!	1 PM - 7 PM
Every Friday: Story Time with Craft	11 AM – Noon

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

- ★ **Thursday, October 31st**
Kindness Rocks! Rock Painting 6:00 PM

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- ★ **Thursday, October 10th**
World Cultures & Travel: Romanian Journey 7:00 PM
- ★ **Thursday, October 17th**
Lawyer in the Library: Estate Planning-Trusts 6:00 PM
- ★ **Thursday, October 31st**
Kindness Rocks! Rock Painting 6:00 PM
- ★ **Thursday, November 21st**
Savvy Families 6:00 PM
- ★ **December 6th – 14th**
Annual Book Sale during normal Library hours
- ★ **Thursday, December 19th**
Get Crafty @ Your Library 6:00 PM



- ★ **Monthly 3rd Wednesday: Book Club**
3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM
- ★ **EVERY Wednesday:**
Stitchery Group 1 PM - 3 PM

- ★ **December 6th & 7th**
Festival of Trees throughout downtown businesses 10 AM – 4 PM



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION – October 12th, 2019

A tree will be planted in the City of Brownsville to celebrate Arbor Day this year.
Special artwork will be on display in our lobby throughout October.
Please check at City Hall for more information.

Calapooia Food Alliance--Growing the Community.

By Don Lyon

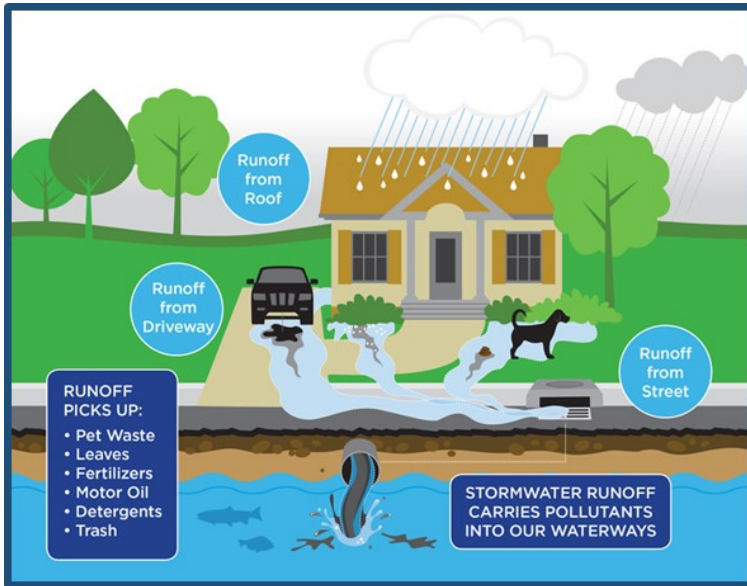


The CFA is an all-volunteer non-profit group that helps Brownsville prosper. The Community Garden provides low cost garden plots (located at the Pioneer Christian Academy with water donated by the City). Fruits and vegetables are often made available to the community with donations to the Senior Center while Board member Steve Brenner grows asparagus, strawberries and raspberries to brighten Meals on Wheels deliveries. The Thursday Market encourages healthy eating with locally grown produce and a weekly social gathering on property graciously made available by Sandy Mooers-Kayner. The Brownsville Co-Op Buyers Club provides access to monthly deliveries of organic foods and supplies for sustainable living.

As autumn approaches, indoor activities begin with monthly Munch Nights--a meal and a film or speaker about sustainable living. The New Horizons Film Night screens innovative films you would not see in area theatres. The CFA also partners with other organizations to host events of community interest including Town Hall Meetings on Health Care and Mason Bee Cocoon workshops as well as CPR classes with Fire Chief Kevin Rogers. Most important to some--the CFA teams with Sara Fielder to produce and sell the best cider this side of Eden. Board members are Donald Lyon, Peggy Purkerson, Kathleen Swayze, Gini Bramlett, Steve Brenner and Jean Hamilton. More information is at www.gocfa.org Everyone is welcome at CFA activities and new members are encouraged--ask to be added to our mail list or watch for notices in The Brownsville Times.

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

The Clean Water Act (CWA) requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to carry out an extensive storm water management plan for the United States. The Department of Environmental Quality



(DEQ) is the State of Oregon's department charged with enforcement of these storm water techniques. The graphic to the left shows some of the basic principles of the storm water management planning that is required. Many cities have already started charging residents for storm water services to cover the cost of installing and maintaining storm water systems. The City is required to report annually on five TMDL components which include temperature, bacteria, mercury, illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) and all pollutants. The City is required to educate the general public by making everyone aware of the program and its components. The City does many things that help meet the requirements including street sweeping the city streets that have curb and gutter, which aren't many, setting up animal waste stations, collecting leaves in Pioneer Park, monitoring property development among other details.

Storm water drains end up in the Calapooia River. Ditches that may be in front of your home or storm drains that have catch basins in the street or curbing that you see in various places around Brownsville. The City has also installed pet waste stations in Pioneer Park and downtown by the Spaulding Avenue public restrooms. The general public is encouraged to cleanup after your pet, so the waste does not end up in the river.

To report illegal dumping, please contact City Hall at 541.466.5880.

To learn more please visit:

<https://www.ci.brownsville.or.us/publicworks/page/total-maximum-daily-load-tmdl>



What's Happening at the Brownsville Art Center?

By Cris Kostol



The Brownsville Art Center has had a busy summer, and that trend continues this Fall. We had a very successful Junk Art exhibit in July and August, followed by a spectacular show of Plein Air paintings of the Brownsville area. On September 5th and 6th, 14 artists literally took to the streets, and painted 33 scenes of Brownsville. The two days of painting were popular with the artists, due to wonderful lunches catered by Randy's Main Street Coffee. The paintings remain on display until the end of September; at the artists' request, this will become an annual event.

October brings what we hope might become another annual event: a sale of pre-owned art we are calling "A Change of Art". The reception for this show and sale will be in conjunction with the Sharing Hands Chili Cook Off on Saturday, October 26th. Come find a piece of art that will be 'new to you'!

In November and December the Art Center will fill with additional arts, crafts and gifts for the Holiday Show. During the Home for the Holidays celebration Saturday December 7th, the Holiday Art Market will again showcase arts and crafts with individual booths. Please join us for these opportunities to purchase local art for the holidays, or any occasion!

Did you know the Linn County Pioneer Picnic is the oldest, continuous, annual event in the state of Oregon? It started in 1887 as the Linn County Pioneer Reunion for those who came over the Oregon Trail by covered wagon. Once those pioneers passed away, the families took over planning it and changed the name to Picnic. In all these years, it has never been interrupted. Once it was almost rained out and they thought about cancelling but found a building to hold it in instead. Those of us on the Board of Directors believe it is an honor to be involved with something as historical as this event. We would love to have more volunteers get involved to help keep this event thriving. Please consider joining us at our Tuesday October 15th meeting. We meet in the Kirk Room at the Brownsville Community Library at 7:00 p.m.



The Linn County Pioneer Association also operates the Pioneer Picture Gallery located across from City Hall in downtown Brownsville. Here you can find local and family history in pictures. The gallery is open weekends in the spring and summer months or upon special request by calling 541.466.5656.

Find us on Facebook at: "Linn County Pioneer Association" or on the web at <https://www.pioneerpicnic.com>

Are You Prepared For An Emergency? By Karl Frink, Public Works Supervisor

Here is a list of some important items you should know that can make a difference in the event something goes wrong around your house:



Water Shut-Off Valve



The City provides a customer water shut-off valve located in your water meter box, usually a handle on the house side of the water meter that you simply turn 90 degrees and the water is off. Not all water services have this valve, so you may want to check to see if your water service does. If you do not, you may want to consider having a shut off valve installed and know where it is. This is something that we don't think about until a leak has occurred and you don't know where to turn your water off at.

Sewer Clean-Out

It is important to know where the sewer clean-out is located for your house. When sewer back-ups occur, they are very unpleasant and can be very expensive to unclog if you do not have a clean-out. If you do not have a sewer clean-out, we highly recommend installing a two-way clean-out near your house in the event it is needed. In Brownsville, property owners are responsible for their own sewer lines, so it is better to be prepared ahead of time.



Natural Gas Shut-Off Valve



EMERGENCY

It is also important to know how to shut off the natural gas to your house in the event you develop a leak. Natural gas is highly flammable and deadly if an excessive amount is inhaled. The emergency number for Northwest Natural Gas is (800) 882-3377. Please save this number if you have natural gas!

House Numbers

It is vital that your house number is visible from the street! Your house address should be clearly visible from the street. This is important so emergency, delivery and utility services can locate your address in the event of an emergency or other service requests. You may experience undesirable delays from emergency services if your house address is not clearly visible from the street. In some cases, such delays are the difference between life and death. We highly recommend investing in large numbers placed in a location that your residence may be found as quickly as possible in the event a life threatening emergency arises. This is very important for everyone, and planning ahead can make a huge difference.



Electrical Breaker Panels



It is also important to know where your electrical breaker panels are located in your house. Often times breaker panels are covered up or obstructed by items, making it difficult to locate or access when needed (usually in the dark). We recommend that you locate your breaker panels, familiarize yourself with them, and make sure the breakers are labeled. Again, planning ahead can save a lot of frustration and expense down the road when you least expect it. It is also a good idea to keep a working flashlight in a key location so you know where it is as well in the event it is needed.

Fire Extinguishers and Smoke Detectors.

Nothing seems to cause more panic than fire, the ones we aren't expecting! Being prepared is crucial, because once a fire breaks out; there is no time to waste. Keep fire extinguishers in key locations around the house so you know right where they are and how to use them. Check your smoke detectors, and change those batteries! They only save lives if they work, in many cases this can make the difference of life or death of yourself or other loved ones. Fire departments are useful resources for such information. Remember, not planning ahead may have severe consequences.



Just remember that unexpected things happen in our homes, and being prepared can make a big difference, whether it be minimizing damage from a water leak or having a medical emergency and having the tools in place so an ambulance or fire and rescue can find you as quickly as possible. Unexpected things always happen when least expected, and at very inconvenient times, so being prepared is vital in determining the outcome of such events. Please, be prepared, check on the items listed, and have these tools in place **before** an emergency arises.

Your Neighbor Says...

Thank You

Thank you for taking care of your lawn!
Thank you for taking out your trash!
Thank you for tending to your barking dog!
Thank you for watching your children!

Thank you for the cup of sugar!



Are You Prepared For An Emergency? By Emergency Preparedness Committee

GET A KIT

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours, or it might take days. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off for days, or even weeks or longer.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN A BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Local maps

Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger



ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER ADDING TO AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding in fall and winter
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing, during winter
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – when diluted nine part water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in waterproof container
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Find out how to keep food safe during and after an emergency by visiting, www.foodsafety.gov

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

Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, a local nonprofit 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 <https://devnw.org/>. Equal housing lender, ML#4909, NMLS# 0098.





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www.ci.brownsville.or.us



October 5th, 2019 is Clean Up Day!

Sweet Home Sanitation will be holding the annual Brownsville Clean-up day, Saturday **October 5th** 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 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.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY (HHW) is OCTOBER 12th, 2019

Sweet Home Sanitation customers pay a monthly HHW fee which allows them to drop off HHW at the October 12th 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.

