



Thank you, Brownsville!

By your soon-to-be-retired,
Mayor Don Ware



I have served the Brownsville community for 16 years, from 2006 through 2022. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with the Council members, the Staff, and the citizens of our special town during these years. Mostly we have had peaceful and productive results while providing all the city services on behalf of our community members.

I have really enjoyed serving as Mayor of Brownsville, and yes, most of it has been a pleasure for me and even, at times, fun. We have had our ups and downs and our disagreements and consensus activities, but through it all we have persisted with an openness and availability to the public.

We are financially sound, which took years of effort, but we now have an excellent financial rating and money in the bank. Ahead are many community improvement projects, including the Central Linn Rec Center, addition to our water sources, upgrading the buildings in Pioneer Park, and more.

Our Staff, led by City Administrator Scott McDowell, are well organized and trained to do the best work possible. They are working each day to keep this town functional. I am hopeful that more of our citizens will understand the hard work and responsible behavior required of them.

I am thankful to have had these years of service to our community.



"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it." Susan B. Anthony

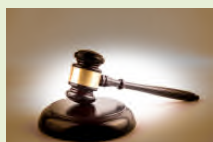


CANDIDATES FORUM on October 12th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. @ City Hall

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Candidates Forum on **October 12th at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers at City Hall. The City has an open Mayoral seat and three Council seats up for election. Each position is a four year term. The candidates include:

Mayor Position: (Vote for one)

- Doug Block
- Adam Craven



Council Positions: (Vote for three)

- Barbara J Andersen
- David K Hansen
- Sean LaCoste
- Sandy Saltzer
- Trapper Solberg
- Tricia Thompson





HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY (HHW)

is **OCTOBER 8th, 2022**

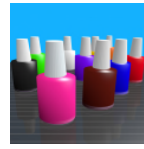
Sweet Home Sanitation customers pay a monthly HHW fee which allows them to drop off HHW at an annual event in Sweet Home for no additional charge. Be sure to bring a recent copy of your garbage bill showing that you are a current customer.

Commercial customers will need to make special arrangements.

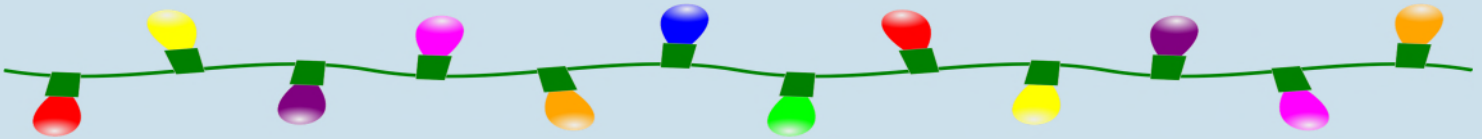


Examples of HHW: Gas, diesel, oil filters, paint (maximum paint container is 5 gallons), cleaners, liquids, bleach, propane, mercury thermometers, pool chemicals, nail polish/removers, cosmetics, pharmacy prescriptions & over the counter drugs. NO controlled substances.

Contact Sweet Home Sanitation with questions 541.367.2535.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY EVENTS



The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce will once again be putting on the annual Holiday Lights Contest in December. Now's the time to start planning your decorations. As usual, the contest will kick off during the Home for the Holidays weekend on the evening of the Brownsville Tree Lighting, December 2nd, 2022. To sign up to be in the contest, email us no later than November 28th at BrownsvilleChamber@gmail.com. Houses should be decorated between December 2nd and December 25th.

This is the 3rd annual Holiday Lights Contest and it's going to be our biggest and best yet, with a new sponsor, allowing us to have some killer prizes and signage. Thank you Pacific Power! From the contest kick off date to Christmas night, people are encouraged to download the map or print out a copy and drive around checking out all of the registered homes and businesses who have spent so much time and creativity decking out their buildings. Then they go on our website and vote for their favorite house. Winning houses get prizes and bragging rights! It's so much fun and free.



For those new to town, the Home for the Holidays weekend is a must! It's held the first weekend of December. The whole town will be bustling with holiday cheer and fun activities, from multiple craft shows, caroling, tasty treats, and dozens of decorated trees to see and bid on. You're going to love it!

By Jenna Stutsman, Brownsville Chamber of Commerce President



Calapooia Food Alliance *By Don Lyon*

The Calapooia Food Alliance (CFA) is the Brownsville based non-profit that is concerned about food security and self-sufficiency. The CFA brings you the popular Thursday Market from 3:00 -6:00 p.m. at Kirks Ferry Park (through October). We welcome Joshua Bloomfield as our new Market manager. He can be reached at jjbcfabrownsville@gmail.com for questions about the Market. The Co-op Buyers Club has seen a surge of participants for its monthly deliveries of organic products and other items for sustainable living.

The Community Garden has been very busy with plot holders harvesting squash, corn, tomatoes and most everything else under the blooming sun. This will be the last season at the location behind the Pioneer Christian Academy. The CFA seeks your help in finding our new forever home--sunny with access to water are the prime requirements. At the moment, the CFA is accepting offers for the large wooden gazebo in the middle of the Garden. Contact Garden Manager Don Lyon (541.654.2052) with any leads or offers you may have.

The CFA's popular Munch Nights and the New Horizon's Films will resume with cooler weather and reduced COVID concerns. Look for notices of resumed activities in *The Times* and add your email to our contact list with a note to Don Lyon at phototraveler02@gmail.com. For much more information about the CFA, visit gocfa.org.



NOVEMBER 8th, 2022 is Election Day!

If you are a registered voter, you will receive a ballot in the mail for the upcoming election. The City of Brownsville positions up for election include the Mayor's position (with 2 candidates running), and three Council positions (with 6 candidates running).

Brownsville City Hall is a designated drop off location to receive your ballot. Ballots may also be returned by USPS mail to Linn County Elections. Brownsville City Hall will be open extended hours on Election Day, from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Be Part of Something Bigger

The City belongs to the Rural Economic Alliance, or REAL, which provides business support and resources to existing and potential businesses locating in town. The Alliance is comprised of nine communities in the valley including Lebanon, Sweet Home, Philomath, Adair Village, Halsey, Monroe, Harrisburg & Tangent. The group will be launching a website designed to help connect business owners with resources that will allow them to expand or even startup a business. The City has been working on this project for eight years. It originally started as part of the Ford Family Foundation's effort to assist in rural Oregon.



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 is slated to being June 1st, 2023 and end in the middle of September 2023.

“Adopt the pace of nature ~ her secret is patience”. --- Ralph Waldo Emerson

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under the direction and requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are concerned about what is known as non-point source pollution. Pollutants such as herbicides, pesticides, and other residues runoff into water sources such as the Calapooia River. Pollutants are harmful to the watershed and river system. The DEQ requires cities to monitor certain parameters to ensure a healthy river system.

The City of Brownsville’s Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requires the City to monitor activities that would potentially cause harm. Activities include monitoring bacteria, temperature, mercury and illegal discharges. There are ways you can positively affect river quality. You can use one of the several pet waste stations in the park to clean up after your pet. You can plant trees and other types of native species that help remove unwanted pollutants. You can make

sure that any erosion on your property is repaired to limit the amount of sedimentation that would potentially get into the river system. You can report any illegal dumping into ditches or sewer manholes.

Make sure that your downspouts are attached properly to your home and your internal storm drainage system. Homeowners are encouraged to keep storm water on-site either through retention or detention ponds or swales. The City requires new construction to eliminate practices that would cause excess runoff, sedimentation and other unwanted effects from directly entering waterways. Remember, all drains go to the river.

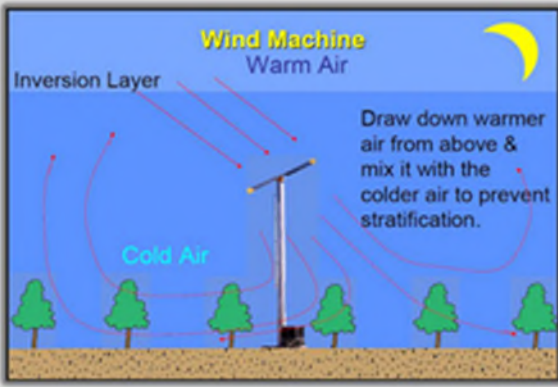
To report illegal dumping, please contact City Hall at 541.466.5880.

To learn more, please visit:

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



VINEYARD WIND MACHINES



only be ran during certain wind speeds. The site (south of town) has numerous wind machines and they generate a very noticeable sound throughout town. The motors sound like an old farm tractor and the blades have a high-pitched sound. A low frequency hum can be heard throughout town when all the wind machines are operating.



DID YOU KNOW? 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 this undertaking. 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.



Accessory Structures: 200/15 Over & Under Rule

If your **non-habitable, one-story** accessory structure is **OVER 200 sq. ft.** & exceeds 15ft 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. Call Elizabeth Coleman, Monday through Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm. for details.



OCTOBER IS ARBOR MONTH! CELEBRATE!

Brownsville has been a Tree City USA Member & Celebrating Arbor Day since 2006. Now more than ever, is the time to support reforestation efforts. For more information on how you can participate, please visit the Arbor Foundation website at www.arborday.org for educational tools (tree identification, planting/care) & "tree swag" (coffee, apparel, gift cards & stationary). Celebrate Arbor Month by planting a tree, take a nature walk in Pioneer Park & visit the City Hall lobby for Arbor Day History, tree newsletters & coloring pages from October 3rd to October 31st.



The City has selected **October 15th, 2022 for Arbor Day**. Please contact City Hall for more information.



PREPARE FOR DISASTERS

Not if, but when: Every U.S. state and territory is at risk of disasters. Disasters disrupt thousands of lives every year, leaving behind lasting effects on people and property. After a disaster, many others in your community need help as well. For this reason, local first responders and other assistance may not be able to reach you right away. You and your family can take simple steps now to prepare for emergencies. By doing so, you take back control—even in the uncertainty of disaster.

A comprehensive guide (found at www.READY.GOV) will provide you with detailed information on how best to prepare for disasters within your family and in your community. In this document you will learn general disaster preparedness tips for before, during, and after disasters, as well as best practices to inform your preparedness decisions about specific disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and active shooters.

Benefits of Planning Ahead, There are many benefits to planning ahead for disasters. The most important benefits are staying safe and helping yourself and your community recover. People and families that plan for emergencies will:

- Help keep people safe;
- Limit property damage;
- Know what to do during and after a disaster;
- Better manage their savings;
- Support community preparedness; and
- Help their community get back up and running after a disaster. Taking simple actions to protect against disaster helps you, your family, your community, and your country in important ways. 1) Know Your Risks; 2) Make a Plan; and 3) Take Action.



You can also access the Central Linn Community Emergency Preparedness information at www.clcepc.org.

For more information check out our website at:

www.ci.brownsville.or.us

Emergency Situation: 911

City Hall: 541.466.5880 / Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-F

After Hours Public Works Emergency: 541.409.3700



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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!

