



CITY OF

Brownsville



March 2023 ★ Spring Newsletter

Full Speed Ahead



Council recently approved goals that will direct the City’s time, energy and resources for the next two years. Staff is busy working on the extension of a raw waterline from the GR12 well site south of Kirk’s Ferry Park that will be installed to the headworks of the Water Treatment Plant. The line will increase the City’s ability to service future homes and businesses in Brownsville for the next forty years.

The renovation of the Central Linn Rec Center is also a major priority for the City. The City has completed a series of inspections and reviews on the building to ensure that it can withstand a renovation, which it can. The Rec Center provides a number of opportunities to our youth and to our community and has been a valuable amenity since the Central Linn School District offered the building for City use in 1981. Like every asset, time demands improvements and assets require constant care to meet the needs of our community.

The renovation will include a new gym floor, new restrooms, a new kitchen, a seismic upgrade, new windows, and paint throughout the building to name a few components. Construction is slated to begin in June and last through September 2023 barring any unforeseen issue.

Our new City Council is working very well together in getting things done. Council recently passed a Legislative Advocacy & Policy Committee to increase awareness of House and Senate bills being considered and passed in Salem, and to give Council and members of the public a better, more efficient way to weigh in on legislative items that can have a significant impact on our citizens and our city.

Public Works continues their exceptional service to our community that ensures the delivery of safe drinking water and disposal of wastewater. They are busy getting the Park ready for another season that will be filled with events and community activities. The crew will soon be busy with utility installations, getting ready for the Rec Center renovation.

Private development continues to build homes in Brownsville. Work continues on Phase III of the River’s Edge subdivision, as well as the new insurance office in downtown. Several homes are being built around the City and other developments are being planned and contemplated.

The Library now offers e-book services. Check out the programming offered by our Library. There is something for every age group. Our community non-profit groups are also busy making improvements to the services they offer from the Art Center to the Community Garden to the Chamber of Commerce. We have a lot of ways to be involved.

Check out the City website for more information, and we would always love to see you at a Council meeting. God Bless! ~ **Mayor Adam R. Craven**



The **Brownsville Chamber of Commerce** is looking for volunteers to help with community events and fundraising. If you would be willing to volunteer for a day, or if you're interested in giving back in a bigger way, we need you! The events we are doing this year include: Citywide Yard Sale in July, Antique Faire & Car Show in August, Downtown Trick-or-Treat Street on October 31st, Home for the Holidays on the first weekend in December, and the Holiday Lights Contest throughout December. We hope to see you at all our events this year! Email brownvillechamber@gmail.com to find out more. ~ **Chamber President Jenna Stutsman**



Linn County Historical Museum

Upcoming Events

For more information about these events:

Museum's website: linnmuseum.com ★ Email: lchm@co.linn.or.us

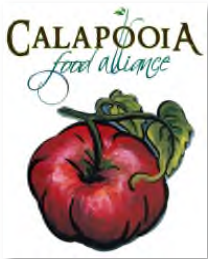
Carriage Me Back, everyone's favorite springtime event, is happening Saturday, May 6 and Sunday May 7. Back after 3 years absence due to the pandemic, Carriage Me Back is a rollicking good time for adults and kids alike. Ticketholders hop on the horse drawn carriage at the Museum for a ride around town, stopping here and there for historical skits (this year set in 1923), ending up at the historic Moyer House where the entertainment carries on. Make your reservations now for a full carriage (20 people); individual ticket sales begin April 1. Call the Museum: 541.466.3390.



Stand By Me Day, Sunday July 23. Fans from around the world descend on Brownsville to celebrate the movie Stand By Me which was filmed here in 1985. Lots to do: guided walking tours to scene locations, blueberry pie eating, presentations from movie extras and crew, vintage car show, memorabilia and T-shirt sales. Save the date to celebrate this coming-of-age film classic. Volunteers are needed! We are also looking for local food and drink vendors. Contact Natalie at the Bramble House 541.619.2291.

Hands on History Saturday August 26. You and your family will have a hard time choosing which historical activity to do first: panning for gold, spinning wool, making cornhusk dolls, listening to Kalapuyan stories, carving wooden spoons, riding in a vintage wagon pulled by mules Lizzy and Leslie. Set in the park next to the Museum, Hands on History invites everyone to participate in more than twenty old-time crafts and activities. Free, fun, and fascinating, you will come away with new skills learned from old

Thursday Farmer's Market to Continue at New Site!



Your Calapooia Food Alliance is looking forward to busy spring and summer seasons. The new Community Garden (across from Dairy Mart) is accepting new tenants--why not plant some tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and carrots and treat your family to fresh organic produce? The Thursday Market will be kicking off the new season on April 20th with plant starts--to put into your new plot at the Community Garden--natch! Visit the Market at its new temporary site in the park behind the Library. Munch Nights will move outside at the Bramble House as the weather warms with monthly educational gatherings, good food and companionship. Your CFA Board members are Donald Lyon, Peggy Purkerson, Kathleen Swayze, Natalie Wade, Patrick Starnes, Iris Hodge and Terran Sobel-Smith. Joshua Bloom-

field manages both the Garden and the Market--jjbcfabrownsville@gmail.com. Our website is gocfa.org--and our motto is "building community, one bite at a time."

Pioneer Picnic News 2023



We will be celebrating the **136th Pioneer Picnic, June 16th, 17th, & 18th**, the oldest, annual, continuous celebration in Oregon. We are planning for a traditional Picnic with great food, fun, and fellowship. This year's theme is "**Fun and Games Through the Years.**" Grand Marshal is **Pioneer Tom Marquette**.

Find more at: Website: www.pioneerpicnic.com or on Facebook: Linn County Pioneer Association
Email: lcpa1887@gmail.com or Phone: 541-466-5656

Your Neighbor Says...

Thanks for cleaning up after dog!

Thanks for keeping your speed down in town!

And thanks for the cup of sugar!



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, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for details.



SURVEY SAYS...

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 (new & replacement): 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, M-T, 8:30 - 4:30 for a **Fence Permit Application (\$30)** or a copy of Fence Standards. **NOTE:** Onsite verification of property lines is required.



Brownsville Community Library

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

- ★ **Every Tuesday:** Parents and Pals Story Time 2:00 p.m.
Followed by a free play group!
- ★ **Every Friday:** Story Time with Craft 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

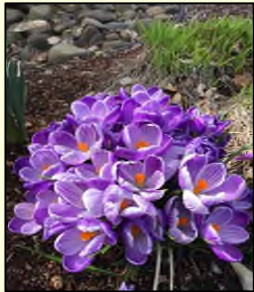


PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated)

- ★ **World Cultures & Travel**, Thursday, April 16 Venice and the Venetian Empire
- ★ **Estate Planning: Funeral Arrangements**, Thursday, April 20
- ★ **Estate Planning: Trusts**, Thursday, May 18
- ★ **EVERY Wednesday:** Stitchery Group 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ★ **Book Club** 3rd Wednesday of each month

PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS AND TEENS - Mobile Makerspace (Ages 10+):

- ★ **Exploring Film and Animation**, Friday, March 24, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We will be exploring the different ways films are made. Participant will be able to make a flipbook to create their own story. We will also have the materials to record and edit their own puppet show, exploring light and shadows through play. Plus, they will be able to get their picture taken with a polaroid camera and take the picture home with them.
- ★ **Solar Bugs**, Friday, April 7, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We will be exploring and learning about green energy, solar energy, circuits, and insects. Participants will be able to make one solar bug. After the solar bugs are assembled, and all or circuits are working properly, we will be able to see how they move across different landscapes.
- ★ **TBA**, Friday, May 26, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Library Hours:

Tuesday 10 - 5
Wednesday 10 - 5
Thursday 1 - 7
Friday 10 - 5
Saturday 10 - 2
Contact the Library
for more information
541.466.5454



The Central Linn Community Foundation is now accepting applications for 2023 grants. Is your organization a non-profit located in the Central Linn School District area? Do you have projects your organization would like to do (but need funding for) which would benefit our community? If so, the Central Linn Community Foundation might be able to help. Applications are available by visiting: centlinncf.org/grant-application/.

Applications are due no later than March 31st, 2023.

2022

Annual Water Quality Report

Important information about your drinking water



Our mission

The City of Brownsville is committed to providing clean, safe, quality water for everyone living and visiting our community. Our efforts include protecting and preserving our water resources, as well as enhancing our treatment processes to provide you, the consumer, with quality drinking water each time you turn on your tap.

Introduction

Thank you for taking time to review this consumer confidence report provided to you by the City of Brownsville. This report contains important information regarding the quality of Brownsville's drinking water. Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974 and gave the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the job of making rules, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), to ensure drinking water in the U. S. is safe. In 1996, Congress passed amendments requiring drinking water systems to provide consumers with important information regarding their drinking water. This information includes where Brownsville's water comes from, what is in the water, and how it compares with Federal standards. We hope you find this report useful with regards to the safety of your drinking water.

Where does our water come from?

Brownsville's water sources are a well field and an infiltration gallery located in the southwest corner of Pioneer Park adjacent to the Calapooia River. Due of the close proximity of the river, the City's water sources are classified as "groundwater under the direct influence of surface water", which means that our source water comes from beneath the surface of the ground, but has significant or rapid shifts in water characteristics, such as pH, temperature and turbidity (clarity). The infiltration gallery is located under the Calapooia River and serves as the primary water source during the spring, summer and fall months of the year. The other water source, the well field, serves as our water source during the winter months when the river water is muddy and undesirable for treatment. The wells located in the well field, while still very close to the river, are classified as a ground water source, which means the source is located beneath the surface of the ground, and the water characteristics are relatively stable with only subtle fluctuations in pH, temperature, and turbidity. The City has a source water assessment report from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), which provides additional information such as the delineation of water sources (watershed), potential sources of contamination and other perils within our watershed area. Copies of this report are available for review at City Hall and the Public Works Department.

Information about source water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

What if I have questions about our water?

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions regarding our water, please contact our Public Works Department at (541) 466-3381, Monday through Friday, from 7:00am – 4:00pm, City. If there is no answer, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You may also attend the regular City Council meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at Brownsville City Hall. If there is an emergency, please call Karl Frink, Public Works Superintendent at (541) 409-3700.

The City of Brownsville routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State law. Some of the constituents include total coliform, arsenic, disinfection by-products (trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids), lead and copper and arsenic. This report shows the results of the City's monitoring for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, *including bottled drinking water*, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amount of some constituents. *It is important to remember the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.* More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)426-4791, or on the internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/federal-agencies/drinking-water-hotline>. For more information regarding the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act, please visit the EPA's website at: www.epa.gov/sdwa.

Terms and abbreviations used in this report

In this report, you may find some unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Non Detects (ND) – laboratory analysis indicated the constituent is not present.

Part per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (mcg/L) – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/L) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (pg/L) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) – Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) – Measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) – Million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) – Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Variations & Exemptions (V&E) – State of EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Action Level – The level of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) – a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for margin of safety.

Total Coliform: The Total Coliform Rules require water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulations, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system.

Nitrates: As a precaution, we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

Lead: Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

Copper: Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water-containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water-containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor.

Important! Please note!

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)426-4791 or visit: www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water for any questions you may have.

Summary of test results for 2022

Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminant Description	Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	ND	0	Presence of Coliform in any monthly sample.	Naturally present in the environment.
Fecal Coliform	N	ND	0	A routine sample and repeat samples are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal of E.coli positive.	Human and animal fecal waste.
Turbidity (NTU)	N	0.361 NTU	N/A	TT (NTU) 95% <1 NTU All < 5 NTU	Soil run off.
	N	100%		TT= percentage of samples <1 NTU	

Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant Description	Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5's) (ppb)	N	5.04 ppb	N/A	60 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's) (ppb)	N	14.9 ppb	N/A	80 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant Description	Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	N	ND	0	10 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronic production wastes.
Nitrates	N	ND	10	100 ppb	Runoff from fertilizer; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	N	0.0 ppb	0	15.5 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	N	0.0 ppb	1.3	1350 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Asbestos	N	ND	7	7 MFL	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits.

Essential things to know about water

Inadequately treated water may contain disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. The City of Brownsville built a new slow sand filter water treatment plant to provide adequate treatment and remedies for making our water safe. This new water plant went on line in 1998. We added soda ash to the treatment process of our water to adjust the pH of the water. Adjusting the pH of the water helps prevent the leaching of lead in the plumbing of your home. By making these improvements to our water system, we successfully completed two rounds of lead sampling during the year 1999. That success reduced our sampling requirement for lead from twice yearly to once every three years. We also passed the Phase II & V testing requirements. We successfully completed our lead and copper sampling in 2021 and will sample again in 2024 per the OHA drinking water requirements.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Brownsville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or on the web at: www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/safe-drinking-water-information.

Source water assessment report

The 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act require that all states conduct Source Water Assessments for public water systems within their boundaries. The assessments consist of (1) identification of the Drinking Water Protection Area, i.e., the area at the surface that is directly above that part of the aquifer that supplies groundwater to our well(s), (2) identification of potential sources of pollution within the Drinking Water Protection Area, and (3) determining the susceptibility or relative risk to the well water from those sources. The purpose of the assessment is to provide water systems with the information they need to develop a strategy to protect their drinking water resource if they choose. The respective Drinking Water Programs of the Department of Human Services and Environmental Quality have completed the assessment for our system. A copy of the report is on file at the Public Works Department and City Hall.

The aquifer(s) supplying water to our well(s): Willamette (sand and gravel). For additional information regarding the Willamette aquifer, please visit: www.oregon.gov/owrd/pages/index.aspx.

Cross connection and backflow prevention

This past year the City of Brownsville has been very active with its' Cross Connection Control Program. The Program has been updated and new regulations and requirements have been implemented. This is a Federal and State required program to help protect our water system from potential cross-connection problems and the life threatening conditions when back siphoning or back pressure can be present. Many people don't understand the need for this program; however, there are many deaths across the nation each year where these programs are not in place. The City requires that all backflow devices be tested annually as required in the regulations. The City also provides a backflow device testing program to have any device tested annually at a reduced rate to our residents. Please call our Public Works Department at (541) 466-3381 if you would like to participate, or have any questions concerning this program. We can also be reached by email at: publicworks@ci.brownsville.or.us

Valuable reminder about drinking water!

All drinking water, *including bottled water*, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water is dangerous or poses a health risk. While industry marketing campaigns promote the notion that bottled water is best, please remember, at this time, bottled water is not required to meet the same high quality standards as municipal water. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or on the web at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one in a million chance of having the described health effect.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, it may be necessary to make improvements to the City's water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. Income from water rates is used only to operate and maintain the water system and is required by law to be self-supporting.

In Closing...

The City of Brownsville continually works to meet and exceed all drinking water standards and requirements, and to provide top quality water to every tap. It is important that each of us help us protect our water sources to keep our water safe today, tomorrow and for generations to come. Thank you for taking the time to review this report. The City of Brownsville takes pride in serving our community and providing the quality customer service you deserve.

City Website

www.ci.brownsville.or.us

Our website is updated regularly and new information is available. The updates include information such as City Council meeting minutes, local activities, newsletters, contact information, municipal codes, meeting information, job openings, and more. Please feel free to visit our website any time for additional information.

Oregon Health Authority Website

www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/drinkingwater

Public Works Contact Information

Karl Frink, Public Works Superintendent

Office: (541) 466-3381

Mobile/ Emergency: (541) 409-3700

Fax: (541) 466-5118

Email: publicworks@ci.brownsville.or.us

Mail: P.O. Box 188, Brownsville, OR 97327



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60 volume set of books beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could™*. Each

month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Best of all it is a **FREE GIFT!** There is no cost or obligation to your family.

Register today at

www.imaginationlibrary.com

Tall Grass & Weeds

Weed abatement time is quickly approaching. All properties are required to meet the minimum standards defined by the Brownsville Municipal Code by June 1st of each year. The code can be found on our website at www.ci.brownsville.or.us. If you need further clarification, please feel free to contact City Hall.



Utility Billing News

Online Payments: If you pay your utility bill through on-line banking systems, please make sure that your current account number and the "bill to" name match what is on your utility statements. Sometimes name changes or old account numbers make it hard to post payments to the correct account in a timely fashion.



Account Information: Please make sure that your account information is current including your mailing address and your phone number(s). In case of a water or sewer emergency it is imperative that we have a valid phone number to contact you as soon as possible.

Past Due Payments: If your utility account has a past due amount, it is entered into a lien against your property. We update the records each month, and if the past due amount is paid, the lien amount is removed from the property. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jannea Deaver for clarification.

BE READY! BE PREPARED!



The Central Linn Community could face a myriad of emergencies at any time. From the ever-present earthquake threat, to flooding, to a gas line eruption, to a highway or railway chemical spill, changing conditions could cause an immediate need for an emergency plan that will keep you and your family safe and alive. Community partners have designed a website with information to help you be prepared for the thinkable and unthinkable. The website has tools to help you prepare for emergency situations. Please spread the word—the more people that are prepared in the event of a disaster, the better off our community will be for it.

www.clcepc.org



NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY - Date TBD



State and local law enforcement agencies, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be hosting a drug take back event. This is a free event for citizens to dispose of their unused/unwanted medications (including pet meds). Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) will be participating by doing a mobile drug take back event and will be traveling between Mill City, Scio, Halsey, and Harrisburg.

There is also a prescription drop box in the lobby of the Linn County Sheriff's Office for people to drop off their unwanted medications. No sharps (needles) of any kind are allowed. Date is set by DEA, but is usually held the last Saturday of April or the first Saturday of May. This year's date is not yet determined.

The City of Brownsville Library also has free prepaid envelopes available for folks to dispose of their unwanted/unneeded drugs. Stop in and see Ms. Sherri and she can tell you all about the program!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." ~ Nelson Mandela

SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

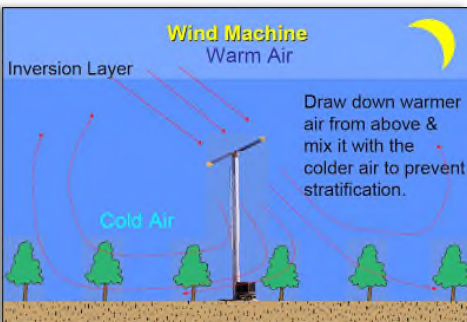


Sweet Home Sanitation, a Central Linn community partner, is offering a scholarship to a graduating Central Linn High School (CLHS) senior in the amount of **\$1,000!**

Applications can be obtained online at www.ci.brownsville.or.us or at the CLHS office.

Qualified applicants must have between a 2.75 - 3.75 GPA range, and be a graduating senior.

Application due date is **April 3rd** by 4:00 p.m. at the CLHS office, City of Brownsville, or can be emailed to finance@ci.brownsville.or.us. No late applications will be considered.



Vineyard Wind Machines Awareness

The machines may turn on soon depending on temperatures. Due to low overnight temperatures, the wind machines are used to prevent 'cold injury' to the grape vines. The wind machines are very noisy due to the blades and the engines used to generate electricity. Basically, the machines are programmed to turn on at certain temperature levels, generally around 36 degrees Fahrenheit and can only be ran during certain wind speeds. The site 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.



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 P.O. Box 188
 Brownsville, OR 97327

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 Attn: City of Brownsville Residents



Clean Up Day is April 1st, 2023!

Brownsville's Annual Clean Up Day is coming soon!

This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 1st, 2023, in the Rec Center parking lot, behind City Hall at 255 N. Main Street. The crew will be there from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You will need to be able to show your Sweet Home Sanitation bill to participate in this free service event.

You may be responsible for unloading and sorting your own items at the event site due to time constraints and the popularity of the event.

Curbside pickup for seniors and others with physical disabilities will be available, with 48 hours prior notice given to Sweet Home Sanitation for scheduling the pickup. Please call them directly at the number listed below.

This event is sponsored by Sweet Home Sanitation. If you have questions about the process or items that will be accepted, please contact Sweet Home Sanitation directly at (541) 367-2535.

Acceptable Items:

- ★ Old Lumber (smaller than 4 ft. lengths) must also be bundled and easy to handle
- ★ Old Appliances
- ★ Scrap Metal
- ★ Yard Debris (smaller than 4 ft.)
- ★ Passenger & Light Truck Tires (4 max per vehicle)



Unacceptable Items:

- ★ No Household Garbage
- ★ No Loose Trash
- ★ No Liquid Waste, Paint, or Pesticides
- ★ No Large Truck Tires