



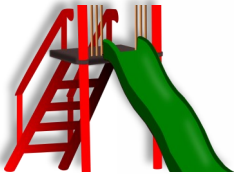
Administrator's Corner by S. Scott McDowell

It has been a rough summer for Oregon. First the heat wave, then raging fires all over the State. I, for one, am looking forward to some rain this Fall. I hope you had an enjoyable Summer. The Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations reported successful events held over the last several months. Everyone survived the Eclipse, which was a magnificent, natural phenomenon. The Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival celebrated their 10 years anniversary and held an eclipse party of their own thanks to Linn County.



Pacific Power doubled the capacity at the substation on Highway 228. Pacific Power hopes this improvement will nearly eliminate power outages. Last week there was a traffic accident that cause an hour long outage of course. The City has been working toward a regional economic development plan with communities in Linn County and recently met with major cities in the region. Meetings will continue this Fall.

Council will be examining the building facilities in Pioneer Park and the Central Linn Recreation Center this Fall and Winter. Some of the buildings are nearing the end of their service (useful life) and Council will determine what future repairs would cost to make the facilities viable into the future. All meetings will be held during Council sessions or at special town hall meetings which will be posted on the website and in *The Times*. Council is also working on policies to better serve City taxpayers. Policies dealing with in-fill, public works standards and zoning will be improved.



Council is working on a land inventory project to increase volume commercial and light industrial lands. The City has been a place of interest for many kinds of property development over the last two years.

Staff is preparing for the City's annual audit and continues working on projects as directed by Council. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend all public meetings. You are also encouraged to volunteer for City causes or with one of the City's many civic partners. There are many ways to be involved in what is happening in Brownsville. The Emergency Preparedness Committee is also actively working on projects to prepare residents for future emergencies. Of course we don't have to worry about hurricanes, but there are plenty of natural disasters known to Oregonians. It is important to be prepared. Check out www.ci.brownsville.or.us/epclive.html for information and ideas.



Council continues to work on the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan required by the State's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The plan specifically addresses storm water drainage within the City limits. Flood regulations continue to change. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have been changing requirements and regulations that will lead to more regulation and restrictions in flood areas. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is making changes to more adequately cover the losses incurred when flooding occurs around the United States which is why premiums are set to increase 25% over the next five to seven years. We expect this to be accelerated due to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria.



On a lighter note, the City extends heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Mr. Don & Carol Neddeau who served admirably as emergency Park Caretakers. The City, as always, appreciates all the volunteer effort that makes the City operate smoothly throughout the year. Staff could not provide the services the City provides without the undying support and efforts of many dedicated volunteers. The City also appreciates the tremendous dedication of our Staff. Thank you all for everything you do!



"Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer." --- Allen Klein

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 28th, 2017** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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:

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

A Note from the Mayor *by Mayor Don Ware*



The staff at Brownsville City Hall, mainly City Administrator Scott McDowell, has completed a handout defining the organizational structure of the town and defining the whole city government in a thorough manner. It has some very interesting facts that our citizens need to learn about.

The City of Brownsville was incorporated in 1876, which means the City became a recognized corporation under Oregon State Law. Cities are required to follow the laws of Oregon which are found in the Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Code. Locally, the City operates under a charter, which is basically the City constitution.

Public Works Fun Facts

- ◆ The City produces nearly 90,000 gallons of water every year.
- ◆ The City operates two reservoirs on the hill west of the end of School Avenue.
- ◆ The water is treated at the water plant at Pioneer Park and pumped up the hill. The distribution system is by gravity flowing from there.
- ◆ The City is responsible for 9.29 miles of paved roadway.
- ◆ The City is responsible for 11.4 miles of water lines.
- ◆ The City is responsible for 10.64 miles of sewer lines.
- ◆ The City is responsible for 3.22 miles of storm sewer lines.
- ◆ The library offers nearly 20,000 volumes and an annual circulation of approximately 13,000 books.
- ◆ The library offers magazines, newspapers, periodicals, historic documents, public computers, and a community room for public use.
- ◆ The library offers programs to children and families for reading enrichment.
- ◆ The City operates over 30 acres of parks, including Pioneer Park, Kirk's Ferry Park and Blakely Park.
- ◆ The cemetery is nearly 8 acres and the city offers plots for sale for \$250 each.

Brownsville's staff works hard for the good of our citizens. Many of your fellow citizens volunteer their time to serve on boards and committees, as well as on the City Council. Offer them your thanks for managing so well. When your water turns on at the faucet, the sewer system works when you flush the toilet, the water runoff keeps most of the town free of standing water, and the streets are adequately open for use, the City is serving the citizens well.

Planning News – Permit Needed Fences, Accessory Structures, New Construction *Brownsville Municipal Code – Title 15 Ordinance 748*

Brownsville Municipal Code Ordinance 748 requires that anyone erecting a fence, accessory structure, or constructing a new building or addition must obtain a permit from the City of Brownsville. Property setbacks will be field verified by City Staff. For questions and additional information, please contact Elizabeth Coleman at City Hall. **Brownsville Municipal Code Ordinance 748** is also available on the City website (www.ci.brownsville.or.us) under General Information.





Goals Achieved

Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber and other community organizations have labored for years to fill the streets of Brownsville with out of town visitors. Downtown flower baskets, banners and flags, the Pioneer Picnic parade, 4th of July fireworks, Stand by Me, Antique Faire, Farmer’s Market, Halloween Haunted House, Home for the Holidays and even a shuttle bus from the Music Festival are all designed to achieve this very thing, put people on the street. On occasion, we are moderately successful. People do wander in and out of our shops, they eat in our restaurants and they make good use of the extra port-a-potties. However, we never do quite sate our desires.

This summer, however, we did manage to produce an absolute “throng” of out-of-towners. For several hours in the afternoon of August 21st, every downtown street, side street and alley was overflowing with barely moving automobiles. Visitors gawked at our store fronts, chatted with residents out their car windows and generally moved along at a speed more common in pioneer days.

The convergence of three mighty forces produced this “throng”. First, the State of Oregon asked the Music Festival folks to delay closing their event until mid-day Monday. They hoped this would decrease I-5 traffic. Second, mobile GPS apps are now widely used and the technology has advanced so it senses traffic tie-ups and quickly directs motorist to alternative routes. Oregon’s Trip Check system recently adopted this technology. Third, there was a rare cosmic event, a total eclipse of the sun and Brownsville was in the so called “path of totality”. The eclipse was beautiful. The moon covered the sun. The corona exploded on all sides. The “diamond ring” appeared. Baily’s Beads momentarily burst into view. Our family; daughters, husbands, grandkids, dog, were overcome with the enormity of the moment. The air was a strange color not quite blue or yellow but something unusual. We stood perfectly motionless, briefly silent and then we all burst into shouting; “yahoo, yahoo”, “can you believe this”, “awwwww”.

And so, our long time goal of filling the downtown streets was achieved. It took a lot more than any of us imagined; the involvement of State Government, a fundamental breakthrough in technology and a once in a life time alignment of sun, moon and earth. Not sure this could be pulled off again but, the Chamber is committed to ensuring Brownsville is a great place to live.

By President John Morrison



Calapooia Watershed Council *by Bessie Joyce*

The Council’s restoration and education programs are in full swing this Fall! We have 600 elementary students coming out to Salmon Watch field trips from three school districts and eight schools. Our program continues to improve as we integrate with new science standards and work with data students collect during the field trips back in the classroom. We are also looking forward to increasing our reach and partnering with entities such as OSU Extension and the Willamette Laja Twinning Project connecting local classes with school in Mexico to share information about migratory birds.

On the restoration front, we just received grant approval for restoring 73 acres of wetland prairie habitat on Tub Run Creek, a tributary to Little Muddy Creek about six miles south of Brownsville. Wetland prairie is one of the most imperiled habitat types in the Willamette Valley with only 2% of its historical range remaining. The stream will be encouraged to reestablish its historic channels on this property which will improve ground water storage and habitat for prairie wildlife species.

Join us for the Brownsville Arbor Day Celebration on October 14th in Pioneer Park. We’ll be talking briefly about the work of the Council and planting a few trees in the park. We look forward to your help – see you there.



Habitat restoration on Tub Run Creek - site preparation for native planting will begin in October.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday **October 14th, 2017** at 10 a.m.

Please join us in Pioneer
Park.

We will be planting a few trees in the park. Flyers with details will be available soon. Contact Elizabeth Coleman at City Hall if you any questions.



Historic Review Board



The ordinance that established the Historic Review Board in the 1980s set one of the tasks of the HRB to "establish compatible styles which respect the historic character prevalent in 'Old Town', a commercial area with an historic motif."

Since that time, all exterior changes or new construction in the Old Town Commercial zone (OTC) including signs, have been required to be reviewed and approved by the Board before being constructed or installed.

First-Rate Roofing owners Marshall and Connie McManus's new building on Main Street is a recent fine example of the results of that kind of review, with the owners and the HRB working together to achieve a structure compatible with the historic look of the OTC.

For the last year or so the HRB has been working to streamline that process. Part of the work has been to create a very clear sign ordinance so that new business signs may be reviewed and approved by City Hall staff, rather than requiring the HRB to call a meeting to do the review, which can be time-consuming and a frustration for the business owner.

Ordinances from the towns of Jacksonville and Aurora were studied as examples of those used by other historic communities. The new OTC Sign Ordinance was completed in September and will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for approval. It is hoped that by defining sign elements and clarifying requirements and restrictions, the whole sign approval process will be faster and easier for business owners in the OTC.



Libraries Reck Book Sale

Friday, December 1 through Saturday, December 9, 2017 during normal Library hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 -5; Thursday 1 - 7 pm; Saturday 10 - 2

LIBRARY NEWS

by Sherri Lemhouse



Astronomers Without Borders. The Library is accepting used Eclipse Glasses to be reused in schools and other institutions in countries where they are needed but not available. Bring them to the Library and we will send them on! For more information call the Library at 541.466.5454, or look at the Astronomers Without Borders website astronomerswithoutborders.org.

During the month of October the Library will be celebrating **Arbor Day** in our fair City. Our schedule is still in development, but the first Friday in October I am pleased to welcome the Calapooia Watershed Council at Story Time from 11:00 a.m. – Noon. This wonderful staff will present a story time and craft featuring Arbor Day and how trees hold a special place in our world. If you have an idea of how to celebrate Arbor Day, please let me know! Let's work together to make our fair City a more wonderful place to live.



Parents and Pals Story Time each Tuesday beginning at 10:15 a.m. (Preschool age)
Friday Story Time and craft with Ms. Thea from 11:00 a.m. – Noon
These are free programs. Library manners are expected.

Library Holiday Hours:

Veteran's Day, Saturday November 11 CLOSED

Thanksgiving Weekend, Thursday – Saturday, November 23rd -25th CLOSED

Christmas is on a Monday, we'll be open on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.!



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.



What's Happening at the Brownsville Art Center?

In these last 3 months of 2017 the Brownsville Art Center is going to be a hopping place! In the Gallery Space we have the wonderful paintings of Western artist Mary Davies Kerns. She does striking work in a variety of mediums, sizes and subjects. Her work will be hanging until the end of October when we transition to the Holiday Show featuring local artists and their gift themed works.

Through December, the Sales Gallery will be full of a wide variety of offerings: warm scarves and mittens, beautifully crafted ceramics, fragrant soaps, delightful wooden toys, inspired jewelry, paper treats, and every kind of greeting card from our artist members. On December 2nd we will again be joining the rest of our local merchants for our 3rd Annual Home for the Holidays Art Market. This is a one day event open to artists from all over the valley to offer their wares before the holidays arrives. You will find artists inside and out, upstairs and down and we will even have Santa ready to hear whispered Christmas lists.

In our Classroom space we have a number of classes scheduled:

October will have a series of workshops designed to assist participants in the NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) writing challenge.

October 14th: How to Design Good Characters

October 20th: How to Build a Good Plot

October 25th: How to Build a Fictional World

We are also offering 4 drop-in support sessions from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on November 1st, 6th, 13th and 27th if you need a little help and encouragement.

We have many wonderful classes and workshops this fall. October 28th will be the return of the popular Gift Tags Workshop, by Chris Seale. Next comes a Salla Bag workshop on November 4th & 5th, Needlefelted Ornaments and Snowmen on November 11th and the video class “A Solid Start to Watercolor” on November 18th, 25th, and December 9th, 16th & 23rd, supported by Alice Tetamore. Looking ahead to January we will have Beginning and Advanced Encaustic classes on January 26th & 27th as well as another of the popular Bookbinding classes on the 19th & 20th.

In addition to all of the above, every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. we host an Open Art Night for people to gather and work on their art projects in community with other artists. On the first Tuesday we have a free Life Drawing class with Rhoda Fleischman. There is no charge for this fun evening of creating art with friends.

So don't just drive by, stop in to see us! 225 Main Street across from Randy's Main St. Coffee.

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.

I think F. Scott Fitzgerald said it best “Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.” The days are getting shorter, kiddos are back in school and the hectic pace that is summer has come to an end.

The past year brought about many changes for the Central Linn Recreation Association. The CLRA launched its website (www.clrasports.org) mid-summer and quickly followed with online registration. Volleyball and Football quickly filled up and the rest as they say is history.

In late spring, we welcomed Jessica Leopard as the new Softball Sports Director. Jessica accepted the challenge, hit the ground running and has been working to enhance our softball offering ever since. Jessica is anxious to bring her ideas to the program in '18. We look forward to seeing what next spring holds.

T-Ball and Coach Pitch saw another year of fun for our littlest hitters. Brye Lester and her team of coaches and volunteers kept the chaos contained and the fun going as the program welcomed a host of young new faces. I'm not sure who had more fun, the parents or the kids.?

Sean Johnson and the Baseball Program saw another solid turnout. The 25 kids from the Central Linn community kept our coaches, assistants and volunteers busy. Spring rain had everyone checking their phones for up-to-the-minute forecasts but didn't dampen the kid's spirits. The kids played hard and had a fun season. The Midget National Team was consistently strong and made it to the playoffs.

Congratulations to all our players!

The end of 2017 will see another change. George Frasier, CLRA's President, will be retiring from the recreation association in November. George has served the Central Linn Recreation Association in a variety of capacities for over 25 years. Like so many before him, George has served selflessly; giving his time, energy and support to the kids and families of the Central Linn area. George's passion for the kids and community has served as inspiration to many at the Central Linn Recreation Association. His commitment to each child having an opportunity to play knows no equal. It is an understatement to say that George will be sorely missed.

I heard it said once that “volunteers don't have the time, they have the heart”. If that's true, George Frasier has one of the biggest hearts I've ever had the pleasure to work with.

Blaine Cheney, Vice President, Central Linn Recreation Association





October 7th, 2017 is Clean Up Day!

Sweet Home Sanitation will be holding the annual Brownsville Clean-up day, Saturday October 7th 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

St. Vincent de Paul will be onsite to accept good reusable donations



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.

Unacceptable Items:

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

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 www.w-nhs.org. Equal housing lender, ML#4909, NMLS# 0098.



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.

Are You As Prepared As the Pioneers Were? By Mandy Cole

Preparedness is an important issue for Brownsvillians.... we need to think carefully about preparing for potentially long periods with no outside support, depending on complete self-sufficiency. The Oregon Trail immigrants, starting around the mid-1840s, faced the same challenges. The 2000-mile journey from Missouri to Oregon Country usually took six months and during that long arduous trek, the pioneers had to be completely self-sufficient. There were no stores, no government relief services, no medical assistance. Oregon Trail immigrants depended completely on themselves. Sometimes with disastrous consequences. Remember the Donner Party?



A bare minimum of supplies cost close to \$300 (about \$7,000 today), a hefty sum for a pioneer farm family. Here's what you would need if you were heading west on the Oregon Trail:

3 yoke of Oxen	1 Wagon and	1 Tent	12 sacks Flour	400 lbs. Bacon	100 lbs. Coffee
10 lbs. Tea	50 lbs. Salt	2 bushels Beans	15 gallons vine-	200 lbs. sugar	50 lbs. Rice
4 bushels dried Apples	1 bushel dried Peaches	50 lbs. Lard	3 lbs Pepper	Yeast	Water Keg
Candles	Matches	Bar Soap	Knives/forks	6 Tablespoons	Tin plates
Coffee pots	Frying pans	Skillet	Water bucket	Tin pail	Bread pans
Camp kettles	Nails	Shovels	Pick	Hand saw	Knife
Rifles					

Could we survive today on these supplies? Infected wounds were deadly on the Trail; diseases like cholera and typhoid wiped out whole families. Lack of game and water could be fatal. Yet, out of the approximately 300,000 pioneers who migrated west to Oregon only 10% died.

Today, we have access to freeze-dried foods, generators, first aid kits with antibiotics, battery-powered flashlights. What's on your emergency preparedness supply list? Are we as hardy as the Oregon Trail Pioneers?

Visit the Linn County Historical Museum and see an authentic Covered Wagon which was driven west 2000 miles by a Pioneer Family which settled in 1865 in Halsey. It's smaller than you think. The Museum, 101 Park Ave, Brownsville, is open Tuesdays-Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



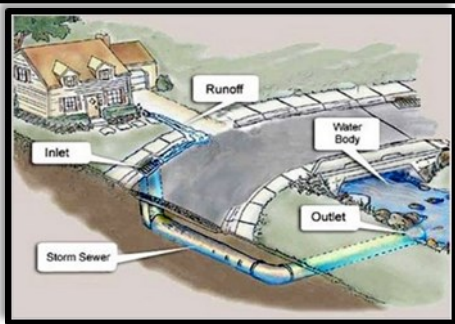
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Emergency Situation: 911
City Hall during Office Hours: 541.466.5666
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
After Hours Public Works Emergency: 541.409.3700
City Library: 541.466.5454
Fire Department (Non-Emergency): 541.466.5227

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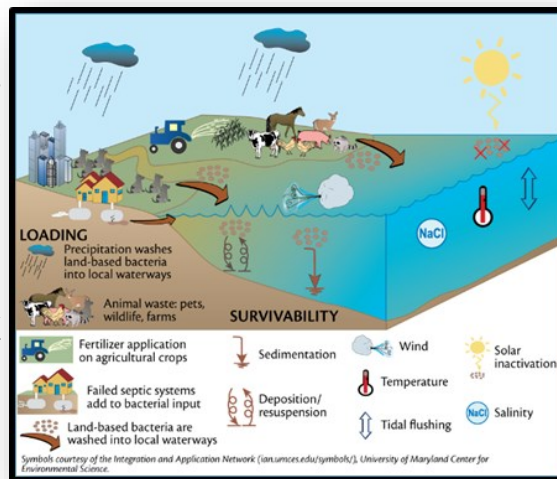
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)



The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under the direction and requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are very concerned about 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 sight 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. The City will also be labeling storm drains that remind everyone that certain drains go to the river.



Stormwater fee calculator

Portland is considering a new stormwater fee that would be based on each property's impervious area - total square footage of rooftops, driveways and parking lots. Most properties in the city - 85 percent - are homes that would be charged between \$6 and \$18 a month in the first year. Property owners can now look up their potential fees at www.cleangrowthcleanwater.com/calculator.

400-1,799 sq. ft.	1,800-2,999 sq. ft.	3,000-4,199 sq. ft.
\$6	\$12	\$18
per month	per month	per month



SOURCE: City of Portland

STAFF GRAPHIC | MICHAEL FISHER

DRAINAGE CHARGE

Austin's drainage charge is assessed on utility bills and pays for solutions to flooding, erosion and water pollution.

Drainage Charge Calculation

The drainage charge is calculated individually for each property, based on the *amount* and *percent* of impervious cover. Less impervious cover means a lower charge.

What is impervious cover? It includes:

- Rooftops
- Patios
- Driveways
- Parking lots
- Other surfaces that do not absorb rainfall.

Impervious cover has a significant impact on stormwater. It increases the amount and speed of stormwater. It also increases the amount of pollutants in stormwater.

To find out more about how the drainage charge is calculated, [view this presentation about the drainage charge calculations](#). To find out more about how impervious cover contributes to problems such as flooding, watch the video farther down the page.



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 14TH, 2017

Sweet Home Sanitation customers pay a monthly HHW fee which allows them to drop off HHW at the October 14th event for no additional charge. Be sure to bring a recent copy of your garbage bill showing that you are a current customer.



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.

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) continued

Here is some information from the local Cities of Lebanon and Albany about their TMDL policies:



CITY OF LEBANON, OREGON

The storm water utility fee will be charged to all property owners with the city limits. The Federal and State quality permits are issued to the City, and thus the fee is for the properties within the City limits. All residential and businesses within the City will be billed whether or not they currently have other City services.

All single family residential properties both developed and undeveloped within the City limits shall be charged \$3.28 per tax lot. All commercial, industrial, and mutli-family properties including duplexes & triplexes within the City limits shall be charged at the following rates depending upon if the property is developed or undeveloped.

City of Lebanon—Stormwater Fees	Developed	Undeveloped
Type / Size of Lots	Tax Lots	Tax Lots
Small commercial, industrial, multi-family (1/4 acre & under)	\$11.88	\$3.57
Medium commercial, industrial, multi-family (between 1/4 & 1/2 acre)	\$29.72	\$4.75
Large commercial, industrial, multi-family (1/2 acre & over)	\$65.39	\$5.94



CITY OF ALBANY, OREGON

Similar to owning a home or vehicle, it takes effort and financial resources to properly operate and maintain a stormwater system. Costs include general operation and maintenance replacement of failing or undersized infrastructure, and complying with state and federal regulations. All of these costs increase over time as a community grows and infrastructure ages.

A dedicated source of revenue is critical to cover such costs. Commonly, communities form a stormwater utility with fees for service, a funding source that is stable and dedicated to the purpose. Approximately 40 Oregon communities have stormwater utilities with separate fees for service, ranging from small communities like Adair Village and Sweet Home to large communities like Portland and Salem. Much like water and sewer utilities, users of the system pay a fee for stormwater service. Fees are collected through utility bills, based on a rate structure adopted by each community. Stormwater service fees for a typical home range from \$1.00 per month in Sweet Home to \$27.44 per month in Portland. Other examples of monthly stormwater charges for a typical home in surrounding communities include: \$3.28, Lebanon; \$6.90, Corvallis; and \$14.09, Springfield.

Albany last considered forming a stormwater utility with separate fees for service in 2001. Despite a growing demand for financial resources to address stormwater the City decided to defer further consideration of a stormwater utility at that time. As a result, the amount of funds being redirected away from the sewer and street systems to meet stormwater needs has increased over time. Now, 15 years later, Albany cannot meet the regulatory requirements and general maintenance needs of the stormwater system without further reducing the level of service in the street and sewer systems. After reviewing stormwater program requirements throughout 2015 and considering available funding options, a stormwater utility appeared to be the most dependable and equitable approach for financing stormwater management in Albany.



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