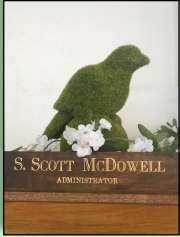




# CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

April 2018 Spring Newsletter

## Administrator's Corner *By Scott McDowell*



I don't know about you, but this year is flying by... It's already April. Council recently added Ms. Tricia Thompson to finish the remaining nine months of long-time Councilor Mandy Cole's third term. The City will have a major election in November 2018, three Council seats and the Mayor's position will be up for election.

The City is busy working on several projects. Public Works Superintendent Karl Frink is looking at various pavement projects and working on a water line project on Robe Street. Don & Carol Neddeau will be serving again this year as Park Caretakers. Mowing season is upon us already and the crew has already been working on keeping the town looking great.

The City is in the process of updating the City website. We are excited about the upgrade and improved future functionality of the site. Many of you are taking advantage of *PayGOV.US* for various payments including utility bills. The City is also in the process of upgrading the general ledger and utility billing system.

Council is working on the budget for FY 2018-2019, a robust policy advocacy platform with the Cascade West Council of Governments, an economic development plan with regional communities, a land use inventory and a franchise agreement for a new, fiber optic internet provider. Council is interested in obtaining a better, more effective internet system option for everyone in town. Staff is also busy updating ordinances and implementing new ordinances. Planning continues on many exciting projects all around town including a large development at the end of Depot Avenue. The housing market is doing quite well.

I appreciate all that the City's volunteers do to keep the City vibrant and alive! We are fortunate to have so many people willing to give of their time and talent that make Brownsville a very special place to live. I also greatly appreciate a Staff that works tirelessly to make Brownsville a great location for building & renovating homes and continuing to support our local traditions and our way of life here. Your efforts are making a difference in all of our daily lives.

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. ~ Henry Van Dyke

## Carriage Me Back to 1918

"Carriage Me Back" is coming up on the first weekend in May. This will be the 31<sup>st</sup> year that the Linn County Museum Friends has presented this annual docudrama.

The present one-weekend format has evolved and improved over time, with the addition of a lively carriage ride narration, scripted dialogue, and scenes along the way and in the Moyer House. The emphasis has shifted to depicting the history, language, customs and attitudes of the times as well as the clothing.



This year "Carriage Me Back to 1918" will be presented Saturday and Sunday, **May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Reservations are recommended for this popular event. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 11 and under. Tickets are available at the Museum or call 541.466.3390. All proceeds go to support the Museum and Moyer House.



## The Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Don Ware

As Mayor of Brownsville, I want each citizen to know that I am interested in learning what are important issues the City should be considering, what experiences each is having with City policies and ordinances, and anything else, both positive or negative, each person wants the City to consider.

When controversial issues, such as marijuana, are discussed by City Councils, the Brownsville City Council meeting audience is usually filled with citizens who have strong opinions. Often, for more mundane issues, few citizens attend City Council meetings. Sometimes no one comes. I don't enjoy formal meetings either, but if you want your voice heard, attend your local City Council meetings and inform your Mayor and Councilors of your opinions, hopes, and concerns.

Believe it or not, most members of City Councils really want to know what you want. If meetings are too boring or intimidating, call me on the phone, send me an email, or stop me on the street and let me know what is important to you. I am happy to answer questions and, if I don't know the answers, I will get back to you. We need to have a good dialogue between citizens and members of city government, both elected officials and staff.



## LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM HAPPENINGS



The Linn County Historical Museum has a lot going on this summer! After **Carriage Me Back** to 1918 on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> we will be deep into the planning of our annual **Stand By Me Celebration** on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be having all kinds of Summer fun, 50's style from noon till 7:00 p.m. This event is now a fundraiser for the Linn County Museum Friends, so come on by and have some delicious blueberry pie in support of a great museum. On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we will be launching our exciting new event: **Hands on History!** An interactive step back in time, with a chance to witness, and experience, much of what life was like in Pioneer times in Oregon; blacksmithing, quilting, native basket weaving, spinning, bread making, storytelling, dancing and more, this is a definite *Don't Miss Opportunity*.

The museum is currently open 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday. Beginning Memorial Day weekend we will begin opening on Sunday as well from 1:00 till 5:00 p.m.



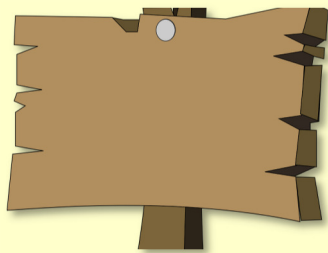
## Planning Department by Elizabeth Coleman

### Permit Reminders:

**SIGNS:** Want to put up a sign for your business? A free sign permit is required. It is reviewed for code compliance prior to installation.

**FENCES & ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:** Want to install or replace your fence? Want to put up a greenhouse or storage shed? An accessory structure permit is required. These permits cost \$30.

For more information, contact Elizabeth at City Hall.





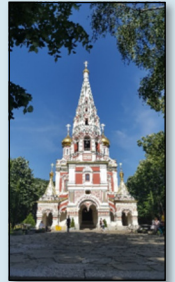
By Sherri Lemhouse, Librarian

**Summer Reading Program Kick Off:** Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.: Cullen Vance: Musician, Actor, Story Teller, Teacher, and more. Cullen Vance is a self-taught musician based in Eugene, Or. He plays over 12 instruments including Violin, Guitar, Piano, Mandolin, Hand Drums, Tin Whistle and Bodhran. Cullen's specialty is Improvisational theatre and the stage movement philosophy of "viewpoints." He studied improv and movement with the Steppenwolf Theatre Company, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and the Michel Chekov Association.



Our first Library **NEW Scholastic Book Sale!** Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Kirk Room at our Library during normal Library hours.

**World Cultures and Travel: Bulgarian Treasures** April 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m. in the Library Kirk Room. Local resident Barbara Andersen will be taking us on a virtual tour of Bulgaria. This eastern European country includes coastline on the Black Sea, mountainous terrain and the Danube River flowing through its valley. With its capital city, Sophia, dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C., it is a cultural melting pot with Greek, Slavic, Ottoman and Persian influences. These include a rich heritage of traditional dance, music, costumes and crafts.



**Summer Reading Program**

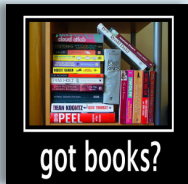
Every Friday in July from 11 a.m. – Noon (July 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>)

Brownsville Community Library 541.466.5454  
 Preschool to Early Childhood (age 8)  
 Upper Childhood to Teen (Ages 9+)

Join us for a special Kick-off Show at the Pioneer Picnic!

June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. – Pioneer Park Stage

No Childcare Provided \* Proper Library Etiquette Expected



Improving our Health, Vitality and Quality of Life

**Central Linn Community Foundation**

Volunteers for the Central Linn Community Foundation raise and distribute funds locally to support and promote education and charitable activities to improve the health, vitality and quality of life in the Central Linn area. Grant awards are announced in May each year.

Visit us at [centlinncf.org](http://centlinncf.org) for information on what we do and how you can help support this effort.

**Seek and Find Around Town:**

Find all these items around town and enter a drawing to win a local gift certificate. Winner(s) will be randomly drawn. Please give an address, or a general location and/or description of the item underneath the picture below. To be eligible to win, turn this form into City Hall by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Staff and elected/appointed officials are not eligible to win.



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# City of Brownsville

## 2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report



### 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, 2017 to December 31, 2017. 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. For more information regarding the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act, please visit the EPA's website at: [www.epa.gov/sdwa](http://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** – 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 (nanograms/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 (picograms/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.LO)** – 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. Immunocompromised 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](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water) for any questions you may have.

## OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY WEBSITE

<http://publichealth.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater>



## Summary of Test Results for 2017

### Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminant Description	Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	MCL G	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	0.256 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	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5's) (ppb)	N	10.2 ppb	N/A	60 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's) (ppb)	N	21.1 ppb	N/A	80 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination.

### Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant Description	Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	MCL G	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	4.13	10	100 ppb	Runoff from fertilizer; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	N	3.8 ppb	0	15.5 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	N	225 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 2015 and will sample again in 2018 per the OHA drinking water requirements.

### 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

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/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water](http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water).

On December 4, 2017 the City of Brownsville received a treatment technique violation for inadequate contact time during the treatment process. As a result, the City was required to prepare and mail an informative notification letter to all water customers that described the violation and how it may have impacted the quality of your drinking water. It is your right to know about the quality of your drinking water.

### **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/gw/gw\\_pubs.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/pages/gw/gw_pubs.aspx). Scroll down to locate GW Report No. 22.

### **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](mailto: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.

## Are You Prepared? By Doug Adamson

What if you were told you had 5 minutes to evacuate your home due to an emergency? Oregon doesn't have hurricanes, but we have other natural catastrophes that can affect our safety and those of loved ones. We never know when a human disaster may hit such as a toxic spill or utility shutdown. The wildfires this year, flooding and landslides in the aftermath send a message to all of us to **BE PREPARED**.



So what have you prepared to take with you? Do you have a "Go Bag"? This is a packed bag (think duffel, a wheeled carry-on bag, backpack, etc.) that you can grab on your way out the door. There are lots of items for you to personalize in your bag to make you safe and comfortable, but I came across an article by Jeff Rosen in a recent AARP Bulletin that is a compilation of suggestions from many disaster victims.



**Paperwork:** Photocopy driver's license, birth certificate, insurance, medical and immunization records, credit card and ATM information, family contact numbers and put in a zip lock waterproof bag.

**Basic Electronics:** Pack an extra phone charger in case you are lucky enough to have electricity and phone service—and a portable battery pack in case you're not. It's a good idea to have an LED flashlight and a hand-cranked or battery-operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries.



**Personal Needs:** Buy a travel-size version of the toiletries you use. Pack back up eyeglasses, a first aid kit, baby wipes, and a multipurpose tool with a knife and can opener. For your meds—pack about 3 days worth of each prescription—and see about a portable oxygen tank if you regularly use one.

**Clothing:** Pack a few days worth. Think layers that you can add or remove depending on the weather. Also add a couple pair of socks, lightweight rain gear and waterproof boots.



**Food, Drink, and Cash:** Bottled water is a necessity. Energy and granola bars are great because they don't take up much room. Peanut butter is a good protein and boxed raisins can also be found in small sizes. Since financial institutions may be closed and credit card machines might be out of service, include small bills and a roll of quarters (for vending machines) to last for a few days.

Once you have your bag for yourself and each member of your household, keep them stored in the same location. Now take a deep breath because you are now ready to run at a moment's notice.



"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." - Theodore Roosevelt

## NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE XIII

On Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, state and local law enforcement agencies in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) hosts a drug take back event. Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) will be participating by doing a mobile take back and 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). Brownsville's collection time is **between 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Brownsville City Hall, 255 N. Main Street.**



- ◇ Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances may be collected.
  - ◇ This program is anonymous and all efforts will be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. No questions or requests for identification shall be made.
  - ◇ If the original container is submitted, all identifying information should be removed or blacked out with a permanent marker.
  - ◇ 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; law enforcement will not handle it.
- For more information please visit: [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html).



## *The Calapooia Food Alliance* by Don Lyon

The Calapooia Food Alliance builds community--one bite at a time! Winter activities revolve around education and community with monthly "Munch Nights" at Randy's Cafe and "New Horizon Film Gatherings". Gini Bramlett's "Taking Root" column updates "The Times" readers with gardening and nutrition tips. Steve Brenner organizes monthly deliveries for the Organic Buyer's Club. Dennis Sinnott's Tamale workshops and Master Food Preserver workshops are nutritious CFA projects. Sara Fielder lets us harvest her organic apples and use her cider press to deliver delicious cider to the community. CFA organizes pruning workshops to keep the apples, pears and grapes at Oregon Country Farm in productive condition. As Spring approaches Gini organizes the Starts Market where vegetable seedlings, shrubs and flowers are bought and sold. In Summer and Fall the Thursday Market brings people together with fresh produce. A lovely Gazebo is taking shape at the Community Garden and will soon be the venue for garden parties, tours and Master Gardener events.



Beautiful healthy garden plots are available to rent for a very nominal price. Fresh produce grown there is donated to the Senior Center, Sharing Hands and sold at the Thursday Market. B'ville Honey, packaged by the CFA is sold at the Art Center and Farm Kitchen shop. Board Members are Donald Lyon, Peggy Purkerson, Kathleen Swayze, Gini Bramlett, Stephen Brenner and Sally Lockhart. CFA membership and activities are open to all. Want to get involved or notified of events? Visit--[www.gocfa.org](http://www.gocfa.org)

### **Bloom-N-BBQ**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**\$10 Chicken Dinner**

**Raffle Baskets & Plant Sale**

**Call Central Linn Elementary School**

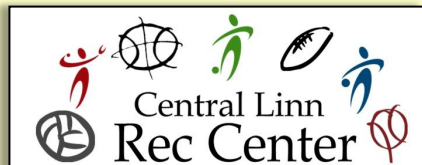
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### **Seasonal Public Works Position:**

City of Brownsville is interested in hiring a Seasonal Public Works Operator which is scheduled to start in May and last through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The position will be forty (40) hours per week. An application is available at City Hall, 255 N. Main Street or on the website at [www.ci.brownsville.or.us](http://www.ci.brownsville.or.us). For more information, please call (541) 466-5880. Application deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 4:30 p.m. P.S.T. Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).



## **CENTRAL LINN RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

*by Blaine Cheney, President CLRA*

Wow! It's hard to believe spring is here. It's been a busy year for the Central Linn Recreation Association. I'd like to start by thanking two of our sports directors for their time, energy and commitment to the Central Linn community and wish them well on their new endeavors. Both Janette Anderson and Jessica Fitzmorris have been instrumental over recent years in building both the soccer and volleyball programs within Central Linn. Both have placed their respective programs on a firm foundation. While we are sad to see them go, we wish them well. With Janette and Jessica taking on new challenges outside of the CLRA we have 2 individuals that have stepped into their roles. Jenni Duringer will continue in her role as a sports director for soccer. We are grateful for Jenni's continued commitment to the CLRA and look to her to continue growing the soccer program. Carie Simon will be assuming the role of sports director for volleyball. Carie comes with a passion for the sport and a commitment to the community and kiddos. I personally would like to thank both for their assistance and can't wait to see what they have mind to enhance our kiddos experience.

Our spring season sports directors have been hard at work lately, prepping fields, building rosters and finalizing schedules. If you've recently registered for baseball, softball, Coach Pitch or T-Ball, keep an eye on your email. Coaches will be reaching out to families in the coming weeks regarding rosters, parent meetings and practice/game schedules.

No spring newsletter would be complete without mentioning summer camps/activities. Over the last couple years we've seen a growing interest in summer camps/activities for the kids. These programs are not only a great way to keep kids engaged year round in activities but provide fundamental instruction and skill development. Keep an eye on our website ([www.clrasports.org](http://www.clrasports.org)) for upcoming summer camps and activities.

With that, I'm lacing up my shoes to go outside and play. Before I do, I'd like to say thank you to our volunteers, team sponsors, donors, City of Halsey, City of Brownsville and the Central Linn School District for their continued support of our recreational 00000programs. It takes a community effort to have something as special as the Central Linn Recreation Association. Thank you again for another great year!



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### Weeds ...

Nuisance and weed abatement time are quickly approaching. With lots of rain and intermittent sunshine, grass and weeds are bound to be ahead of schedule. All properties are required to meet the minimum standards by **June 1<sup>st</sup>** as defined by the Brownsville Municipal Code.

It can be found on our website at [www.ci.brownsville.or.us](http://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 water and sewer 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 in a timely fashion.

**Account Information:** Please make sure that your account information is current (mailing, phone numbers, etc.). In case of a water or sewer emergency it is imperative that we have a valid phone number to contact you.

**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.



## SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

Sweet Home Sanitation, a Central Linn community partner, is offering a scholarship to a graduating CLHS senior in the amount of \$1,000! Applications can be obtained at CLHS office, Brownsville City Hall, Halsey City Hall, or online at [www.ci.brownsville.or.us](http://www.ci.brownsville.or.us).