



Leavenworth Courier

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The City needs your help in preventing bears from becoming a nuisance animal in the urban area.

We would appreciate all residents placing garbage containers at the curb line after 6:00 AM. This will help reduce bears being attracted to garbage left at the curb overnight.

Bears become more active and are out looking for food in August, September, and October. Small efforts do help.

PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ASH AND SUMMIT STREETS

The pavement improvement project on the residential streets of Ash and Summit Streets was completed in early August. The first residential road improvement project using \$38,700 of Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funds included a double shot chip seal, crushed rock and oil, and pre-leveling in a number of locations within the four block project area. The project was completed by A & W Paving, Inc. The use of this pavement treatment has proven to be a sustainable and cost effective solution for preventing structural pavement cracking and improving drivability.

a .2% increase in the local sales tax referendum. This was approved in November 2010 by 63% of the voters. The sales tax increase went into effect in April of 2011. The sales tax increase is expected to garner \$220,000 annually.



The next projects identified for the use of TBD funds are the Ski Hill Pavement Preservation project,

and the Commercial Street Pavement Preservation project. Both of these projects were awarded Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council (WVTC) STP Grant funds early this year. Funding for both of these projects requires a 20% match grant from the City. The scope of the project calls for leveling, grinding, and spot pavement overlay on the roadways and a number of ADA corner upgrades. The projects will be combined with the Safe Routes to School project which will add sidewalks to West Street (see "Improving Safe Walk to School" on page 3).

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NEW SIGN CODE

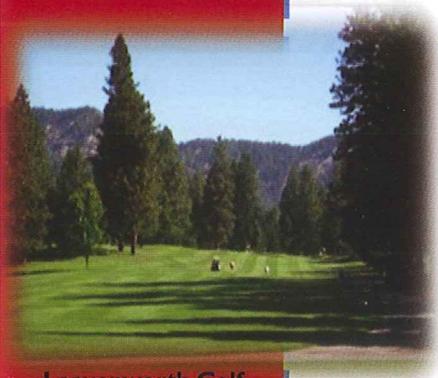
The City Council will be adopting a new and updated Sign Code late in September. This Code will replace the previous Code, while keeping the general intent of previously adopted versions intact. Both the Planning Commission and City Council incorporated into the new Sign Code a reflection of the desire of the community to maintain the Leavenworth Old World Bavarian "brand" in the commercial areas. One new aspect is that the Code will allow for varied

sign types that may be installed without the benefit of a permit which meet basic criteria. In addition, there will be established Designated Sign Areas that will allow for a venue of multiple sign types and styles. Although these areas will be for any and all signs, basic courtesy rules will be in place to help keep the areas clean and available for everyone. The new Sign Code will address known inequities of conflicts (for example: freestanding signs will be increased in area for non-

highway locations). Finally, Development Services staff will be embarking on an education and outreach program for the community. If you have any questions, call City Hall or access the City's homepage on the web.



Park Plan Update:



Leavenworth Golf Course

The City of Leavenworth Planning Commission and City Council are in the process of creating a new Parks and Recreation Plan. The City Council recognizes that public recreation is a needed service and benefit to the people of Leavenworth and surrounding populations.

This plan will articulate the needs, level of service, and resources required to facilitate recreation opportunities and administer parks and recreation programs. The City's "kick-off" began in August 2011 with the Planning Commission, and asks that anyone interested in participating in the update of the current Parks and Recreation Plan complete the attached survey, contact City Hall, and/or participate in one of the update meetings.



Front Street Park

Let us know your ideas, thoughts, and opinions!

Park Plan Open House

September 29, 2011
7:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

Parks & Recreation Plan Update Key Dates and Meetings:

- Aug 17, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Update Meeting with Planning Commission
- Aug 23, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - Update Meeting with City Council
- Sep 29, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Public Meeting
- Nov 02, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Public Meeting to Present & Discuss Draft Plan
- Nov 08, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - City Council Workshop on Draft Plan
- Dec 07, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Public Hearing on Final Draft
- Feb 14, 2012 - 6:00 p.m. - City Council Hearing on Final Draft
- Feb 28, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - City Council Adoption of Final Parks Plan
- Mar 2010 - Submit Adopted Document for Final Approval and Verification

Chelan County Household Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday October 1, 2011

Peshastin Elementary

1001 School Road

8 AM - 10:30 AM

Participants must be residents of Chelan County. Bring photo ID as proof of residency to event.

A \$5.00 donation would be greatly appreciated to help with some of the event costs.



This collection event is sponsored by Chelan County, the Cities located in Chelan County and the Department of Ecology.

Chelan County Public Works
(509) 667-6415

www.co.chelan.wa.us/pw/pw_hh_hazardous_waste.htm

Ash and Summit (continued from page 1)



Before

Planning and design development will be scheduled for this fall with construction taking place next spring. The City is

currently completing the survey work and geo-technical testing within the project area.

The other road improvement project on schedule for next year's construction season is the reconstruction of Front Street from Division east to Highway 2. The project has been awarded \$800,000 of Transportation Improvement Board and low interest loans from the Public Works Trust Fund to cover engineering costs. The preliminary estimated project costs at

this time are \$1.5 M. This includes the reconstruction of the street, sidewalks, sewer, water, and storm-water infrastructure. The project is scheduled to be bid late this year and reconstruction to begin next spring.



After

Improving Safe Walk to School

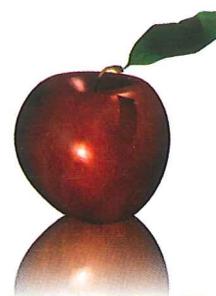
Earlier in 2011 the City was awarded a \$338,000 Safe Routes to School Grant. The City will be adding sidewalks to West Street to provide a direct route to Osborn Elementary School to serve the newer residential neighborhood west of Ski Hill Drive. In addition intersection improvements will be

provided at Benton and Evans, several improved pedestrian crossing areas, and dynamic speed signs to calm traffic near the High School and Junior High. City staff will be working with TD&H Engineers to develop plans and specifications for the project. As this project begins to develop this fall,

property owners within the project area will be contacted for direct input on the improvements.

*Please
Drive
Safely.*

*School is in
session!*



New Highway Signs

After a number of years of requesting the Washington Department of Transportation to install signs directing travelers on I-90 to Leavenworth via Highway 97, the installation is now complete.

Representative Mike Armstrong and Chamber of Commerce Board Member Hank Manriquez helped bring the project to a successful close. Funding

for the project was paid for by the Chamber of Commerce, Leavenworth Lodging Association, Chelan County, the Port of Chelan County, and the City of Leavenworth.



New Signs on I-90



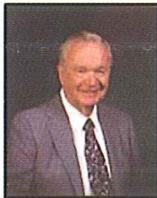
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Leavenworth, Washington 98826

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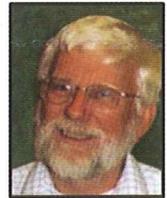
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City Projects Update...

The City Council has a number of projects moving into the fall season. These projects will factor into the 2012 Budget and also have an effect on the economic vitality of the City and on City services. More information on these initiatives and the development of the 2012 City Budget can be found on the City's newly re-vamped website:

www.cityofleavenworth.com

Front Street Park Gazebo



Utility Rate Study: The Utility Rate Study which began in March of 2011 is nearing completion for the City Council to review. The Rate Study is a review of the fee structure for Sewer, Water, and Garbage Services. Those are analyzed to assess whether the fee collections generate the revenues necessary to cover operations and capital maintenance improvements.

Fruit Warehouse: A decision on the Fruit Warehouse Lease/Purchase Option contract is expected to be considered by the Council in October. RH2 Engineering is currently completing a Phase I Environmental Study. Discussions with the ownership group continue on access and parking.

Public Works Facility: The City is also expected to close on the purchase of the vacant property northwest of the current City Shop for \$275,000. The property is being purchased for the future expansion of the Sewer Treatment Plant and the creation of a drop-off Recycling Center. \$70,000 of a \$125,000 grant award will be used on the property purchase.

Community Gazebo: The City Council has approved a contract with Jeff Hoffman/BCRA Architects to develop the design plans and specifications for a maintenance and refurbishment of the Gazebo. The scope of the project includes work on the columns, roof, cupola, and enhancing the Bavarian theme.

Affordable Housing: The City continues to work with Chelan County and Upper Valley MEND on developing their affordable housing project in the urban growth area. More information on this project can be found at: <http://www.uvmend.org>