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Thank you PRSA Residents!

The PRSA and City would like to thank all the voters that turned out at this year's special election to approve the continuation of the Leavenworth City Pool Operations & Maintenance Levy for the next six years. Your vote will help to ensure the continued operation of the pool as well as provide the funding necessary to do capital improvements for the pool and pool equipment. We would also like to recognize and thank the Upper Valley Swim Team for their participation and support of the levy.

A Minute With the Mayor

Your TBD Dollars at Work...



Mayor Cheryl K. Fariwan

Have you noticed paving crews in your neighborhood this summer? You may remember a couple of years ago when you, the voters, approved the Transportation Benefit District which put in place a .01% sales tax surcharge for the specific purpose of transportation and street improvements inside the city limits. Well, your foresight is paying off in pavement! Our prediction is that each year this surcharge will produce enough revenue to repave a couple of the streets in the residential areas of town. Remember, this is an example of tourist generated dollars being put to work in our residential areas.

Generally, we are focusing on those streets in the worst condition. Last year we paved Ash and Summit, and this summer we paved three streets: Cedar Street from Burke to Fir, Prospect Street from Cherry to Mine and all of River Street, (River Street has never been paved in history!). If you haven't had the opportunity to drive on these newly improved streets, go take a look. I think you'll be impressed. Next spring you can look forward to a much smoother and more attractive Ski Hill Drive as a result of your TBD dollars at work.

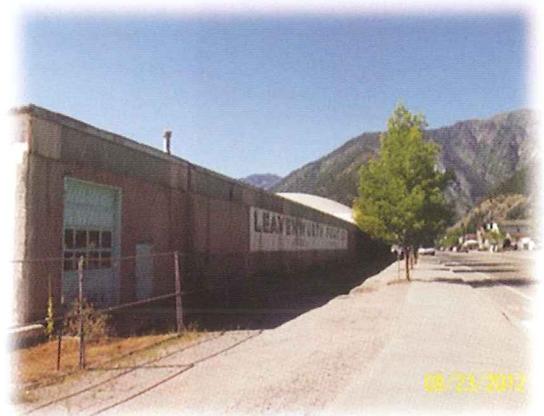
Mayor Cheri Fariwan

Fruit Warehouse Demolition

The Leavenworth Fruit Warehouse building is scheduled to be demolished beginning November 1, 2012. The property owner, Nelson Family Trust and the City have recently entered into an agreement to demolish all buildings on the property. The City entered into a commercial lease agreement with option to purchase the Leavenworth Fruit Warehouse property in December of last year. As a condition of the lease/option agreement, the property owners and City will share the costs of demolition

Pipkin Construction is the contractor who has been chosen to complete the demolition project. The demolition estimated costs are \$329,450, which include disposal, tax and asbestos abatement of the roofing material. Per the commercial lease/option agreement, the cost allocations between the City and the Landlord are based on the division of the property between the City (78.47%) and the Landlord (21.53%). Demolition costs could be slightly reduced should the City opt to reuse the existing concrete floors. Leavenworth Pavilion/Ice Rink supporters are also examining if the existing bow

trusses could be saved and used for that project. The demolition should be completed by December 1, 2012. Various improvements to the property are expected to begin next spring. The current owners will be developing 25,000 square feet on the west end of the property for commercial/mixed use. The City will be developing the remaining area, approximately 93,000 square feet for surface level parking.





CONGRATULATIONS!

The City of Leavenworth Wastewater Treatment Plant received the 2011 "Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance" award.

Thanks to Antonio Muro, Woody Gray, and Kyle Breaux!

This team has won the award in 2009, 2010, and now 2011.



CHELAN COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Saturday, October 6

Peshastin Elementary
10001 School Road
8:00 AM—10:30 AM

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

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

Chelan County Public Works
(509) 667-6415



Enchantment Park Playground

Armed with a sketch and a mandate to beautify the playground equipment area at Enchantment Park, the Parks Department under the supervision and tutelage of Herb Amick, the parks crew embarked on a labor of love to bring water to and landscape the area around the playground equipment. The finished product is above expectations and the costs were kept totally in-house.

Way to go Herb and crew!



Do I Need a Permit?

We all have projects that we would like to complete around the house. Something we need to ask ourselves (prior to starting) is, "Will I need a permit?" Well, I will tell you that times have changed, requirements have changed, so it's a good idea to first check with the Development Service's Department at City Hall prior to beginning a new project...just to make sure.

I started a small (10' x 10') shed project in my back yard, thinking all along that it didn't need a permit as it was under 120 square feet. The information I was not aware of was that if the shed was attached to my house, then a building permit is required. Imagine my embarrassment when I was called into the City Administrator's office to discuss my lack of a permit for my new shed. I spent the time to fill out the necessary paperwork and after paying the permit fee and an additional \$100 inspection fee for the work I had already completed, the City gave me the go ahead on my project. It would have been much simpler, less cost and a lot less stress had I first checked on the requirements for my project.

Councilmember Bob Francis

OPEN HOUSE—PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP

The focus of this workshop will be on Environmental Designation & Mapped Shoreline Areas and the Allowed Uses which include permit level requirements.

Please participate and let us know your ideas, thoughts, and opinions!

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 - 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall

Sounds of the City

Earlier this year, City Development Services Department staff attended Community Noise Enforcement training in Seattle. The course and certification were given by the Rutgers University Technical Assistance Center. The City also purchased a new hand-held sound level meter / real-time analyzer to assist with enforcement of the City's Noise Ordinance.

You may have seen staff members out in the City over the past couple of months collecting base-line sound data (ambient or community noise levels), and responding to noise complaints. Readings show that normal daytime ambient noise levels in downtown Leavenworth are in the range of 60 decibels. The decibel levels from the gazebo sound system, during normal operation (background music) taken within 10-feet of the speakers, are around 70 decibels. During busy and crowded weekends

or events, ambient readings may be higher - in the 80 decibel range. In comparison, a normal conversation is about 50 decibels, the babbling of the Wenatchee River from the bank is about 60 decibels, average weekday ambient noise in downtown Seattle is 70 decibels or more, noise from an un-muffled truck is about 90 decibels, and a live rock concert would be in the range of 110 decibels. For every ten decibel increase in sound levels, the perception is that a sound is twice as loud. So in general, Leavenworth is twice as quiet as Seattle most of the time!

With information provided by staff, the City Council is reviewing the current Code, and will be considering modifications in order to further refine it for our community. If you have feedback for the Council as they look into the Noise Disturbance Code, please contact City Administrator, Joel Walinski at 548-5275.

Public Works Restructure

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The City has made several staffing changes to the Public Works Department. The changes will help improve customer service and the overall efficiency of the department.

City Engineer and Operations & Maintenance Superintendent:

The City has eliminated the PW Director and Field & Parks Supervisor positions and created a City Engineer position and an Operations & Maintenance Superintendent position. The City Engineer is responsible for all City Project Management needs, Right of Way Management, and Plan Development Review and Approval involving City infrastructure. Mr. Dave Schettler, the past Public Works Director has filled this position. The Operations & Maintenance Superintendent is responsible for overseeing the daily Public Works operations and maintenance of the City. The position will provide leadership and direct supervision to the division supervisors of water, wastewater, streets/facility operations, and parks. Mr. Terry Gildersleeve, the past Field

& Parks Supervisor has filled this position.

Water Plant Supervisor and Waste Water Plant Supervisor:

The City has eliminated the Water Plant Operator and Waste Water Plant Operator positions and has promoted the existing utility plant operators to Water Plant Supervisor and Waste Water Plant Supervisor. Those individuals have been recognized for their past responsibilities and also have been provided additional authority and given more responsibility in overseeing the supervision of existing personnel and plant operations. Mr. Stan Adams, past Water Plant Operator and Mr. Antonio Muro, past Waste Water Plant Operator have filled those positions.

Contacts:

Dave Schettler, City Engineer and Terry Gildersleeve, O&M Superintendent – 548-5275 (City Hall)

Stan Adams, Water Plant Supervisor - 548-4235

Antonio Muro, Waste Water Plant Supervisor - 548-5994

WINTER REMINDERS

As we get closer to fall, we want to remind our neighbors about winter parking. The City of Leavenworth implements a Winter Parking Ban on all city streets between the hours of 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM November 15th through March 14th as required per LMC 10.08.020. Your attention and compliance to this ordinance will help make our streets safer and drivable this winter.



www.cityofleavenworth.com/residents/winter-parking/

Future Capital Expenditures

2013-2014 City Budget currently includes the following projects as Capital Expenditures:

1. Safe Routes to School Project (West Street) and Ski Hill Pavement Improvement: Funding secured, construction planned for next spring. Currently under DOT review and ROW acquisition.
2. East Leavenworth Road Water Main Replacement: This project will replace approximately 3900 linear feet of failed 80 year old, thin walled, steel water transmission pipeline and appurtenances that serve as a major water supply feeder to the City of Leavenworth. Improvement will allow jurisdiction to meet local, state, and federal requirements. Funding secured, completion 2013.
3. Recycling Center: Located at the Public Works Facility, the improvements include completion of fencing, lighting, painting of existing facility, and security. Currently underway/completion 2013.
4. Water Meter Replacement/ Upgrade: Includes system wide replacement of aging/failing 20 year old residential meters and will include upgrading to all radio read meters. \$450,000 PWTF loan request under consideration.
5. Well Pump and New Well: This project includes costs for drilling and installation of a new municipal well. The estimated cost for well drilling is \$60,000 and is scheduled to be completed this year. The new well is scheduled to be on-line in the Fall of 2013.
6. City Parking Lots: The Fruit Warehouse demolition is scheduled for November with improvements to the warehouse lot next spring. Parking lot improvements include grading, asphalt, drainage, security and lighting, striping, signage, and landscaping.
7. Festhalle Improvements: Earmarked for potential expansion and various building improvements, planning underway, to be considered in 2013.
8. Commercial – Scholze Alley: Sewer Project is now in the planning stage with a start date of early 2013. This project is the replacement of a problematic non-standard sewer service main.
9. Park Trail Improvements: Pathways, erosion turf, lighting, etc. Planning and budgeting are ongoing with continued improvements implemented this year and into 2013. Grant requested 2012.
10. Chumstick Infrastructure and Trail Extension 2013/2014 planning and construction once funding is secured and ROW acquisition is completed.

As the budget process moves into October and November your input and comments on these Capital Projects and expenditures is appreciated – Please contact Mayor Farivar or your City Council Member.

