



# Leavenworth Courier

News from the Leavenworth City Council

WINTER 2012



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## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

### November:

City Hall will be closed on Thursday November 22nd and Friday November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### December:

City Hall will be closed Monday December 24th at noon and Tuesday December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

### January:

City Hall will be closed on Tuesday January 1st to celebrate the New Year.

## A Minute With the Mayor

### Remembering the Orchards?



Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar

As I write this, crews are demolishing the Leavenworth Fruit Company warehouse to create a new downtown parking lot. Regardless of how we feel about the removal of this historic landmark, we're looking at the face of progress.

A few weeks ago we held a gathering at the Festhalle to remember the Leavenworth Fruit Company and what it has meant to Leavenworth. The event was well attended and many people spoke of their memories of "The Shed". People like Ann Parsons Dark, daughter of founder Reg Parsons, who shared family history and photos of the LFC and historic orcharding in the upper valley. We heard from Ned and Betty Kuch, long time employees, and growers Eddie Clarke, Pat Burnett and Phil Brunton were in attendance and shared memories. Patricia Stoudt, Frankie Brender, Ken Pulse, Mike West and many others were there to help us all remember how the upper valley was one of the premier fruit growing regions in the U.S. These stories reminded us of how apple and pear orchards covered our area. All of Ski Hill Drive and Titus Road was orchard land. Icicle Road and East Leavenworth were covered with orchards. The Chumstick, North Road and Fox Road areas were all planted to orchards. Many of you live in neighborhoods that were once fruit growing locations until the land became more valuable as home sites and the orchards were removed. This recent conversion from agriculture to residential use was progress.

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The City wants your opinion on Parking and Recycling within the City of Leavenworth. Please fill out the enclosed survey and return to City Hall, 700 Hwy. 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826 by December 15, 2012 or you may complete the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParkRecycleSurvey>

## Winter Parking and Snow Plowing

### WINTER PARKING BAN

City of Leavenworth implements a Winter Parking Ban on all city streets between the hours of 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM November 15<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup> as required per LMC 10.08.020 [Ord. 1326 § 2, 2008; Ord. 1144 § 1, 2000; Ord. 515 § 1, 1970; Ord. 498 § 2, 1969.] The Winter Parking Ban is in effect regardless of snow conditions during this time frame. Your attention and compliance to this ordinance will help make our streets safer and drivable this winter. Enforcement of the parking ban may include ticketing and towing of vehicles left stopped or parked on any street within the city which constitutes a danger, obstruction of traffic or interferes with the city equipment in removing snow from the streets and/or alleys.

### SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS: How does it work?

The City officially begins snow removal operations at 3:00 AM after each three (3) inch snow-

fall. Snow plowing begins on primary emergency routes during the storm and prior to a snow callout. There are three dedicated snow plow trucks assigned to the residential areas, two front end loaders and a road grader assigned to snow removal in the downtown area, parking lots and alleyways, and two skid steers assigned to removing snow from sidewalks. Clean-up and removal of a 3 – 6 inch snowfall is typically completed by 9:30 AM. Weather temperatures, total snowfall, snow consistency, and mechanical breakdowns will affect the timing and completion of snow removal operations.

Maintaining the plow schedule is top priority of the Public Works Department during winter months. Residents are asked to adhere to the posted no parking signs and the winter parking ban so snow removal operations can take place safely and efficiently.



**HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION**

**November:**

**Residential** garbage collection normally scheduled for Thursday November 22 will be picked up on Monday November 26th.

**Commercial** garbage collection will be picked up on Monday November 12th; however collections normally scheduled for Thursday November 22nd will be picked up Friday November 23rd.

**December:**

**Residential** garbage collection normally scheduled for Tuesday December 25th will be picked up on Wednesday December 26th.

**Commercial** Garbage collections normally scheduled for Tuesday December 25th will be picked up Wednesday December 26th.

**January:**

**Residential** garbage collection normally scheduled for Tuesday January 1st will be picked up on Wednesday January 2nd.

**Commercial** garbage collections normally scheduled for Tuesday January 1st will be picked up on Wednesday January 2nd.



**WINTER GARBAGE DUMPSTER COLLECTION**

Business / Property owners who have dumpsters are reminded to keep snow and ice removed from the dumpster area to facilitate movement of the dumpster to be emptied. The area needs to be cleared by 6:00 AM.

# Councilmember Spotlight

## They Paved Paradise and Put Up a Parking Lot

Many of you will remember those lyrics to a Joni Mitchell song from the 1970's. She actually wrote the song while in Hawaii. She evidently loved the beautiful scenery, but was dismayed to see parking lots everywhere. While I would usually agree with her sentiments, in the case of our paradise, Leavenworth, we need a parking lot! And, a BIG one at that!

Back in the 1960's when our Miracle Town was just getting out of the starting gate, who would have known what a smashing success it would all be; that those efforts would save a dying town. So successful in fact, folks, that we have outgrown our infrastructure. It's not a bad thing; it's just the way things are.

From the classic movie, "Field of Dreams", the oft-quoted line to emerge was, "If you build it, they will come." And, boy, have they ever! With an average of two-million visitors a year, we have invited folks to come here, yet when they do, many circle downtown two or three times, then drive through nearby neighborhoods looking for a place to park that is not in a different time zone. Not finding one, many leave disillu-

sioned and with a bad taste in their mouths. I think anyone associated with the festivals, the Chamber, and the City, will attest to hearing these complaints from potential visitors, who drove a long way to get here, only to not be able to stay and play. Remember, many are physically unable to walk for blocks just to get downtown!

The day is coming when we will have a large downtown parking area for not only tourists (who will pay for parking, generating revenue for the city), but for our residents, also. We are still working on many details including parking passes. The public will have the opportunity to give the city their input at meetings focused on parking issues.

So, a portion of "Paradise" will get paved. But, in my humble opinion, it sure beats having to put up signs at each end of town that say, "KEEP MOVING...DO NOT STOP...TOWN IS FULL!"

We "will build it...and they will come". But, this time, visitors will have a place to park. And, so will we.

*Councilmember Carolyn Wilson*



## Who Is Responsible for Keeping the Sidewalks Clean?

Did you know that Residents and Business Owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks free of litter, debris, snow, and ice? City ordinances require all sidewalks to be clean, litter free, and shoveled in a timely fashion. This is not only for pedestrian safety, but during the winter months, this ensures mail delivery is not delayed. The City has many visitors throughout the year and the City Council would like to remind residents and the business community that we all have the responsibility of contributing to the public cleanliness and safety of the City. Remember, the sidewalk in front of your residence or business is a public right-of-way; the City has the responsibility for replacement of the sidewalk and the property owner, resident and business owner has the responsibility for snow removal and for keeping it clean and litter free.

## 2013 Comp Plan Amendments

The City of Leavenworth is entering into the annual Comprehensive Plan cycle and is now accepting requests for proposals to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan. Amendments may be proposed to the maps or text of the City's Comprehensive Plan. For a proposed amendment to be considered for sponsorship by the City, submittal is due by December 31, 2012. Privately sponsored proposals are due by January 31, 2013. Applications for amend-

ments to the Comprehensive Plan are available at City Hall. In addition, the City will consider Municipal Code Amendments within this time period and consistent with this process. For further information, please contact:

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## Winter Events and Festivals



### **Christkindmarkt - November 23 - 25**

Leavenworth's Annual Bavarian style Christmas market for the whole family offering craft and food vendor booths, continuous entertainment, and lantern decorating for children. Welcoming ceremony and lantern parade Friday and Saturday evenings. Children's activities also at the Grange Hall. Sponsored by Projekt Bayern.

### **Christmas Lighting Festival - 1st, 2nd & 3rd weekends of December**

Leavenworth Christmas Lighting Festival and Leavenworth Village of Lights! Saturday at dusk everyone gathers to sing "Silent Night" and witness the lighting of the village as it is transformed into a magical wonderland of lights. Christmas Lighting Festival is hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights, carolers, cocoa, kids sledding, the horse-drawn carriage...it is enough to put any snow globe to shame. Lighting Ceremony starts at 4:30 and music starts around 2pm on Friday. St. Nicholas Greets Children with Fruit and Song.

### **Bavarian Ice fest-January 18-20th 2013**

Dancing in on the heels of Christmas is the Bavarian Ice Fest. Our village continues the celebration of winter with this annual playtime full of activities and events for all ages, and hosted by the Leavenworth Chamber. Enjoy again our magical wonderland dressed in lights, with winter fun, games and fireworks. A weekend grab bag of invigorating outdoor events includes snow sculpture, tug o' war, an ice cube scramble for kids six and under, the great Frisbee sweep, and Leavenworth's famous Smooshing Contest: a unique race peculiar to the Great Bavarian Ice Fest.

## Air Pollution and Residential Wood Burning

Did you know that burning in a wood-burning fireplace is one of the most inefficient ways of heating your home? Fireplaces provide less heat to your home, since most of the heat goes out through the chimney. They also do not burn cleanly, therefore producing toxic particle pollution indoors and out which may be dangerous to your family's health and your neighbors' health. The Fall and Winter seasons are especially critical times because of the air inversions which do cause air quality problems.

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Well, Leavenworth's downtown is developing new buildings and new businesses, and that's progress too. So, no matter how you feel about progress, when you live in Leavenworth you are in the middle of it! And progress is bumpy, because change is difficult for us humans, so growth doesn't happen smoothly.

We will have to re-plan the downtown traffic flow and come up with a comprehensive parking plan for all of our commercial areas which will involve pay parking and time-limit parking, and all of this is progress too. Let us know how you feel about it. Attend the upcoming meetings and speak to your City Council. We're listening.



*Mayor Cheri Fariwan*

## Snow Removal

snow and ice from the sidewalk into the street you are responsible for it not obstructing drainage or interfering with travel as required by Leavenworth Municipal Code (LMC)12.20.10. We appreciate your cooperation.



### **SIDEWALKS**

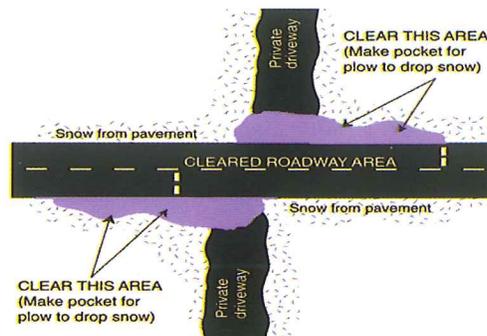
The removal of snow and ice from sidewalks is the responsibility of adjacent property owners. If you place

### **COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND SIDEWALKS**

It is unlawful for any property owner to allow snow or ice to hang from or accumulate on any portion of a building or structure located over public right-of-way. Please make sure that any icicles hanging from eave overhangs are immediately removed to prevent injury to pedestrians.

### **CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY OF SNOW: A simple tip**

Home owners should consider the snow removal technique below to reduce the amount of snow deposited in your driveway. Please be safe and be seen when working in the street.



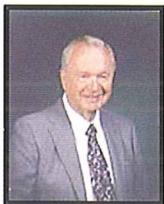


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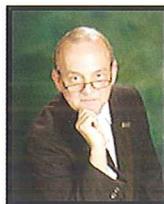
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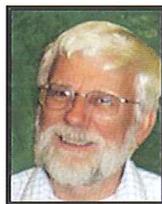
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## News from the City Council

### Construction Project Updates:

Grand Opening of the Downtown Streets Reconstruction Phase II Project was celebrated with an official Ribbon-Cutting ceremony on October 18, 2012. Construction for this street project has been completed.

The City is currently in process with Bach Drilling to drill and construct a new municipal potable water well at the City's well field located on the Wenatchee River bank near the county bridge on Icicle Road and adjacent to the golf course. Bach Drilling is also rehabilitating the existing Well No. 1 by cleaning and restoring the well screen and rebuilding the well pump.

Ski Hill Road and West Street Sidewalk for Safe Routes to School project is moving forward with design by TD&H Engineers. This street project is scheduled for construction in 2013. The City will also be reconstructing the Hwy 2 Crosswalk at City Hall in 2013 to install rapid flashing beacons at this crosswalk and to replace the ADA crosswalk concrete ramps at this location for added pedestrian safety. The engineering plans for the Hwy 2 City Hall crosswalk are nearing WSDOT review approval.

