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SPRING CLEAN-UP

City of Leavenworth's Annual spring Clean-up for single-family residential households is coming this spring. The City crew will pick up yard debris the same day household garbage is collected, at no extra charge.

Leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris must be in plastic garbage bags. Limbs must be cut into 4 foot or shorter lengths and tied into bundles. No furniture, appliances, dirt, rocks, sod, or building debris will be picked up. The yard debris should be out next to your garbage tote and will be picked up the same day. Please limit the extra garbage to 4 bags per week.



A Minute with the Mayor



A Tribute to Terry McCauley



Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar

We recently lost a beloved and prominent citizen, local attorney Terry McCauley, a man who was near and dear to the hearts of many of us here in Leavenworth. He was too young, only 67 years old when he died on January 24th, but in his life he did much good and touched so many lives in a positive way that he deserves to be recognized and remembered for the fine man he was. In the early 70's, Terry was a young attorney in Cashmere when he drafted wills for my parents. I remember how impressed they were with his advice and his service. He became our family attorney and, over the years, my parents relied on him whenever they needed legal advice. They thought of Terry McCauley as a friend, as did most everyone who dealt with him. My mother had a favorite piece of advice that she attributed to Terry every time she said it. It was this...*"Anything done in haste is likely to be wrong."* It's advice that I rely on still, particularly now that I'm the Mayor.

Terry served as Leavenworth's City Attorney for 40 years. Think of it...40 years of advising the City Council and a succession of Mayors and City Administrators. And, no matter who was in office, Terry was the one constant at the city for all that time, quietly and carefully protecting the interests of our town. Terry always found a way to work successfully with any group or individual no matter what the issue. Former Mayor, Elmer Larsen told me *(continued on page 3)*

Park & Trail Etiquette



With spring quickly approaching, you've likely seen the City's Park crews working vigorously readying our parks and trails for the warm weather. With that in mind, the City would like to remind folks that the parks and trails are for everyone. Litter control helps ensure a beautiful and enjoyable experience. Proper etiquette is appreciated in order to maintain these recreational areas for

all to enjoy.

Front Street Park is open from 6:00 AM – Midnight. All other parks are open from 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM.

Riding bicycles is permitted along park roads, trails, and paths. Please maintain moderate speeds and remember that children are at play and pedestrians always have the right of way on trails and paths. Operating motorized vehicles is not permitted unless authorized by the City.

Camping is not allowed in any of the City Parks. It is also not permitted to build a fire unless it is specifically designated.

Please be attentive when operating and landing boats, tubes, rafts, or floats within the parks. Except where specifically designated with signage for such purposes, it is not allowed.

Fishing is a fun activity within the parks, just make sure you follow the rules. Please do not clean your fish or deposit any fish entrails on the park grounds or in the park trash containers.

Your pets must always be on a leash and it is the owner's responsibility to clean up fecal material from pets being walked in the parks. The City provides bags and receptacles throughout the parks specifically to help in keeping them clean for everyone to enjoy.

We invite you to enjoy the scenic environment and all that nature has to offer residents and visitors to our City. Please be responsible for your actions and leave the parks unaltered so that they may be enjoyed by generations to come.



There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you.

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.
- Don't water your lawn on windy days when most of the water blows away or evaporates.

Councilmember Spotlight

Mosquito Control District

The warmer months bring the return of mosquitoes to our area. The Leavenworth Mosquito Control District fights mosquito-borne disease through larvicide treatment and public education. Larvicides such as *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) are applied to natural wetlands from April through September as larva are found. In the springtime, these wetlands are abundant due to melting snow and rising rivers, and mosquito eggs laid by the *Aedes* mosquito the previous season hatch in large numbers.

At the same time, the *Culex* mosquito which overwinters as an adult emerges from dormancy and seeks blood meals and standing water to lay its eggs. This mosquito does well in artificial containers such as tires, buckets, and tarps where there are no natural predators. Because this mosquito can carry West Nile virus we strongly urge residents to check their yards on a weekly basis and drain any standing water.

We are able to treat small sites which cannot be drained on a monthly basis and do so to many storm drain catch basins and tiny ponds within the District. Sites treated are noted at the Mosquito District website: www.leavenworthmosquitodistrict.com.

Please contact Manager Jenny Mullins at 548-5904 if you are unsure whether or not a site is being treated.

Because we will never eliminate mosquitoes entirely, it is important that residents take steps to prevent mosquito bites. This includes repairing screens and avoiding exposure to mosquitoes by going indoors or wearing long sleeves and an effective repellent when mosquitoes are present. This is especially important when the weather has been warm which allows West Nile Virus to multiply.

Councilmember Larry Meyer



Changes to our Rules

Leavenworth Planning Commission

The Leavenworth City Council and Planning Commission invite you to participate in the changes to your rules and regulations. The Planning Commission is responsible for long range planning and legislative policy recommendations to the City Council. The Council and Commission proactively make changes, where needed, to our local rules and plans. Below are a few of the upcoming activities that the Planning Commission will be working on this year:

- Updating the list of City projects which are anticipated for completion in the next 20-years.
- Consider an update to the rules that govern the submittal requirements for the creation of lots (subdivisions).
- The creation of new rules for connections to the City water system outside of the city limits.
- New parking regulations to reflect the Council's parking strategy.
- Work on a new "Regional Wetland / Stormwater Strategy".

If you are interested in any of these topics, meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7PM at City Hall. In addition, the Development Services Manager, Nathan Pate, is available to answer any questions you may have at 548-5275.



Garbage Disposal Do's & Don'ts

The following is a list of items that we, the citizens of Leavenworth, should be aware of before placing into our garbage disposals and collection system.

Meat (especially greasy meat, raw meat, or meat with gristle and bones) Raw meat becomes stringy and wraps around the blades. Gristle and bones can dull the blades in your garbage disposal and be very difficult to grind up. It's better to bag up whatever meats you need to dispose of and take it out to the trash — rather than put meat down the garbage disposal. If you must send meat into the garbage disposal, make sure to only send very small pieces with no bones.

Grease & Oil Grease tends to congeal and build up on the inside of the garbage disposal and pipes, hampering

their overall effectiveness of these systems. Not to mention the fact that grease will wreak havoc on your pipes! As a precaution, any time you're sending food scraps down the drain that has a greasy residue (from butters and oils); please make sure to run cold water versus hot. The cold water will allow the grease and oils to flow effortlessly down the pipes. If you use hot water the grease will travel down the pipes the same distance that it usually does and will then solidify in the same spot to cause a blockage. On an average that distance is 25 feet. Chances are that this distance of coagulation is still in your pipes and has not made it to the main.

Pasta & Rice (cooked or not) The starch in rice and noodles causes them to be slimy and wrap around the blades of a garbage disposal, which could cause it to stop working. Regardless of how much water you run or how long you run the garbage disposal, you can never break down rice or pasta small enough because rice and pasta *swell* when they come in contact with water. That means the small pieces will enlarge and accumulate in the trap of your pipes until it becomes clogged. The slime will also turn into plaque and give the grease a perfect place to adhere to so it can become a blockage.

Potatoes & Potato Skins It's the starch in potatoes and potato skins that ultimately

becomes gummy glue which wraps around the garbage disposals moving parts and clogs up pipes. Instead peel potatoes into a strainer or into the sink with something covering the garbage disposal. Then dispose of in the trash.

Fruit Peels & Rind The thick tough skin is what does not break down easily in a garbage disposal. In small pieces, these may be okay, but never half a fruit or larger at one time. Since banana peels are very tough and very long, it's not advised that you toss them into the garbage disposal.

Eggshells These are one of the worst things that we can put into our disposals! Eggshells can dull the blades; clog the pipes and p-traps. They also get broken down so finely that they can act as an abrasive in your systems.

Please remember everything that goes down the drain ends up at our Waste Water facility. Most of these items can cause a lot of problems at our plant with our pumps, motors, and other equipment. All of which have the potential to be extremely costly. If we are all careful and cognizant of what we put down the drains, our pipes and collection system will run that much better.

Pool Season Passes on Sale Now!

The City pool opens on Saturday, May 25th. Did you know that we accept Visa and MasterCard for payment on season passes? Please visit or contact City Hall at 548-5275 for more details

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that in all the time he ever dealt with Terry, he never heard him speak negatively of anyone. Peter DeVries shared that Terry was never too busy to take a call from an individual Council member and always treated their concerns with the utmost priority. Both men considered Terry a personal friend, as did I.

Terry McCauley was the kind of citizen that keeps a small town thriving by sharing his many talents with his community. For many years, he was a popular Emcee for everything from the Royal Lady Presentation to charity auctions. He spoke at high school career days and was an active Royal Bavarian. He supported the arts and became an Audubon Scholar, writing a screenplay based upon the John J. Audubon story. He gave generously of his time to the underprivileged and his legal experience to Legal Aid. And of course, he was a loving husband, father and friend. But his professional service to the City of Leavenworth as our trusted counsel is unusual in both its duration and its dedication. He is a legend here at the City and throughout the community, and he will be sorely missed. Terry McCauley was one-of-a-kind, and it's the kind all of us should strive to become. Thank you Terry!

Cheri Fariwan

