



Leavenworth Courier

News from the Leavenworth City Council



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SPRING CLEAN-UP

City of Leavenworth's Annual spring Clean-up for single-family residential households is scheduled for mid-April through early May. Check the City's website for specific dates. The City crew will pick up yard debris the same day household garbage is collected, at no extra charge. For those that want to finish the yard clean up early, yard waste may be disposed of at the City's new recycling center which opens March 1, 2014.

For spring pick-up, leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris must be in plastic garbage bags. 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 yard waste to 4 bags per week.



Leavenworth Recycles

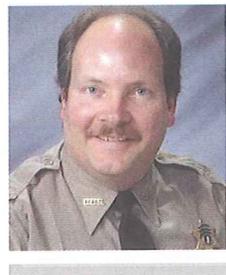
Leavenworth Recycles opens on March 1st, 2014. The City recycling program focuses on reducing the waste stream from the current garbage pickup service. In 2013, the City spent an estimated \$192,963 on waste disposal fees for 2,417 tons of trash the City collected. By providing an alternative recycling program for City residents; the City is looking to reduce the overall tonnage and waste to control future costs of monthly waste disposal fees. The City Recycling Center will be accepting flattened corrugated cardboard, aluminum, tin cans, and newspaper. Residents residing within the city limits may also dispose of clean yard waste at the recycling center. Proof of residence will be required: a current City Utility bill which includes garbage service and either a State ID or Driver's License. No commercial or non-resident use of the yard waste recycling will be allowed. Depending on use, the City will explore areas for expanding the recycling program to areas that are cost effective.



The City recycling center is located at 216 14th Street between the Park Shop Building and Public Works Building, across the street from the Community Cupboard. The hours of operation for late winter are Wednesday from 4:30 PM—6:30 PM and Saturdays from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Hours will change for the spring, summer, and fall seasons. An attendant will be on duty to monitor use and ID verification.

The City has installed video monitoring equipment at the location to prosecute any illegal dumping under LMC Title 8 (8.48.030).

What no glass or plastic? Unfortunately because of current recycling technology and limited local recycling vendors; a "Free" City program for recycling of glass and plastic is not cost effective at this time. The City has worked with Waste Management to make a Single-Stream Recycling Program available to homeowners and businesses. Those interested should contact Waste Management at (509) 662-4591.



Introducing City Liaison Officer Sergeant Bruce Long

Sergeant Bruce Long of the Chelan County Sheriff's Department has been assigned as the City of Leavenworth Liaison Officer. Sergeant

questions and incidents, Sergeant Long can be contacted via the Leavenworth City Hall, either by phone (509) 548-5275 or through the mail. Emergency incidents and request for response should still be through the 911 emergency service number.

Long is a familiar face to local residents and businesses as he has been in charge of the Upper Valley Deputy Patrol for many years and makes his home in the Leavenworth Community. Sergeant Long's new primary responsibility is focused on providing community law enforcement within the City municipal boundaries. For non-emergency

In negotiating a new service contract for Police Services with Chelan County last year, the City Council felt it was important to have the Sheriff's Department provide a more local community orientated police service model, Sergeant Long is the new face of that improved service level.

Leavenworth Festhalle & Civic Center

The City of Leavenworth welcomes Mr. Jarod Drozdowski as the new Festhalle Manager & Consultant. Jarod began the position in February and has been hard at work bringing new events into the City. He is a Leavenworth resident and has an extensive background in event planning, marketing, and promotions.

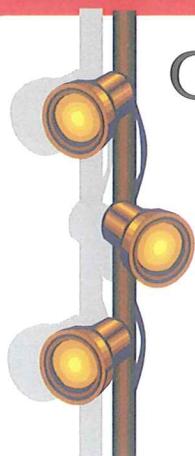
For more information:

Leavenworth Festhalle
Jarod Drozdowski
548-6789

www.Leavenworth
Festhalle.com

Pool Season Passes on Sale Soon!

The City pool opens on Saturday, May 24th. 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.



Councilmember Spotlight

Leavenworth Pride Committee Keeping the City Clean

The Leavenworth Pride Committee was organized to help instill a sense of pride in building ownership and maintenance. We depend on each individual's innate sense of how properties should look at all times of the year. There are, as of yet, few specific city regulations in the building maintenance arena. Our goal on the committee is to reward those who show extra zeal in this regard and encourage those who may have fallen a bit behind in the maintenance and care of their real estate or leased premises, particularly in the downtown area.

Each season of the year presents its own challenges. For example, in the spring, dirt and sand has accumulated in nooks and crannies around the outside of buildings under and around planters, shrubs and trash receptacles. With the coming of the flower baskets in the summer months, wilted blooms fall to the sidewalk and drift into the street. And cigarette butts are an ever-present eyesore! The beautiful autumn leaves eventually fall, staining sidewalks and covering ornamental greenery. And winter brings a false sense that nothing needs to be done to keep our sidewalks and planters clear of debris.

The Pride Committee members are asking all who read this message to carefully consider what needs to be done around their properties to keep them in top-notch shape year-around. It IS a year-round task in our tourist/resort economy. As a result of the crowds that come now at all times of the year, extra vigilance is being exerted by the City to keep things in the best possible shape, but your help is critical to rounding out their efforts. Remember that while the sidewalks were constructed and paid for by the City, it is the responsibility of the building owners and lessee to maintain those sidewalks, including sweeping, trash collecting, washing as necessary, and removing ice and snow in a timely manner. Keep your windows clean, especially from the inside. Bavaria is the clean-window capital of the world! Don't let your planters, now devoid of their greenery, become enormous ashtrays during the winter months. If you haven't the time or staff to keep them presentable, please put them away for the winter.

With a little extra effort on the part of all, we can make our village even more exceptional than it already is. Join the Pride Committee as we do our part to keep Leavenworth clean and well-maintained, not just for our visitors, but for all of us living here. We appreciate your support.

Councilmember Michael Molohon

2013 Year in Review City Council & Planning Commission

The year 2013 was another key regulations that have impacted are the updates to the Subdivision and Home Occupation regulations. The new subdivision regulations allow for differed submittal of costly reports, design and plans, and the Home Occupation rules allow flexibility for folks that work from home. If you are interested in the changes being developed, your Development Services Department is available, and you are welcome to attend a local Planning Commission meeting. The City's

Planning Commission helps set the long-term direction or vision for our community's future as an advisory body to the City Council. The Planning Commission advises on these issues through adoption or amendment of the comprehensive plan, and will help implement its subdivision, zoning, and shoreline regulations.



The Easiest Way to Pay Your Utility Bill



How it Works

The City has partnered with **Xpress Bill Pay**, the premier provider for online bill payment.

When you sign up for online bill payment you get a unique password that you use to access your personal account at www.XpressBillPay.com. Every month we'll send you a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is online.

Then, just log in through your Web browser and view your bill, which will look like the paper statement you're familiar with. Select a payment type—credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer—enter the information, and you're done!

It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month.

Sign up today and see why so many people consider this the best way to pay their bills.

Online Bill Payment Facts

- ◆ It's free to sign up for online bill payment at www.XpressBillPay.com.
- ◆ You can pay your bills with a credit or debit card, or you can transfer funds directly from your checking account.
- ◆ You can pay your bill from anywhere, as long as you have access to the Internet through a Web browser. No need to worry about late payments if you're out of town when your bill is due.
- ◆ After you complete the transaction, you can receive an e-mail receipt to confirm that the payment went through.
- ◆ You can view up to a year's history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a year ago.
- ◆ If you'd like, you can select the auto-pay option and your bill will be paid automatically each month.

What to Do Next

If you're ready to get started with the convenience of online bill payment, here's what to do:

- 1) Go to www.xpressbillpay.com. We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay to provide you with online bill payment service.
- 2) Click on "New to Xpress Bill Pay" and complete the short registration form including email address and password.
- 3) After you login, click on "Add New eBills" and follow the instructions to add your bill.
- 4) Once your bill is added to your account, you can view and pay your bill online, or setup a recurring auto payment schedule.

For more information, please call the City of Leavenworth at 548-5275.

Ward Strasse Street Dedication Ceremony

Mayor Farivar, on behalf of the City of Leavenworth, led a public ceremony dedicating the street located at Riverbend Drive adjacent to Safeway as "Ward Strasse", in memory of Mr. Jim Ward, former Mayor, business owner, and pioneer to the City of Leavenworth.

Pictured (left to right): Noelle Parton, Jim Ward Jr., Wilda Ward, Denise Ward, Lona Parton, Jesse Ward, and Evan Parton



Spring Festivals and Events

Taste Leavenworth

April 5, 11:00am—5:00pm
Fee: \$25 advance \$35 day of
Where: Front Street Park

We're getting yummy April 5th! Come over and join our pear-centric food crawl. Businesses highlighting pear and locally made dishes and treats are waiting to stamp your passport to flavortown.

For more information visit www.leavenworth.org

Leavenworth Ale-Fest

April 12, 2:00pm—10:00pm
Fee: \$20 advance \$25 at door
Where: The Festhalle

Beer tasting with brews from numerous micro-breweries, popular Northwest bands and delicious foods.

For more information visit www.leavenworthalefest.com for advance tickets and updated information.

Maifest

May 9—11, All Day
Fee: No Charge
Where: Downtown / Gazebo

Celebrate the arrival of spring at our traditional Maifest! Music, entertainment, the Maibaum Dance and parade!

For more information visit www.leavenworth.org or contact the Chamber of Commerce at 548-5807.

Spring Bird Fest

May 15—18, All Day
Fee: No Charge
Where: Barn Beach Reserve

Come bird with us the third weekend in May, and discover the natural beauty of North Central Washington state.

For more information contact the Wenatchee River Institute at Barn Beach Reserve or info@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

