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Annual Consumer Confidence Water Report

The City of Leavenworth is pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services delivered to residents every day.

The water treatment plant operators maintain the constant goal of providing a safe and dependable supply of drinking water and are continually improving the water treatment process as well as protecting our water resources.

You may review the report at www.cityofleavenworth.com

A Minute With the Mayor



Mayor Cheryl K. Fariwan

No Parking Meters Downtown!

The issue of the day appears to be parking, and it is fraught with misinformation and miscommunication, so I thought it was time for a little discussion about what the City Council is actually planning. As you know, the city is in the

process of acquiring 75% of the old Leavenworth Fruit Warehouse property to create a parking lot. We will be improving this property with fencing, lighting and striping this summer to create a pay-parking lot on both levels of the site. At the same time the Festhalle parking lot will also become pay-parking. As planned, the lot adjacent to City Hall will also be improved to become pay-parking. That's all the pay parking lots we are creating! Really! Contrary to news reports and rumors, there is no plan to add parking meters downtown.

In our recent survey to city residents, we learned that residents wanted us to create additional short-term parking so that they could run to town for errands and shopping, so we are doing just that. In addition to the two short term parking spots in front of the Village Pharmacy, we are adding 8 more one-hour parking spots down-

town. Located on Commercial Street, 8th Street, 9th Street, as well as Front Street, these spots will allow locals to find a downtown parking place much easier. We are also designating a couple of drop-off lanes at the swimming pool and to make the pool parking lot 2-hour parking, mostly to coincide with swim lessons and adult swim sessions.

Our hope is that this will deter long-term parkers and employees from filling up the pool parking lot all day long. There will be no change in the City Hall parking lot. We are also discussing a method to allow employees to purchase a discounted parking permit that would allow them to park in the lower parking area of the old Fruit Warehouse.

As you know, the City Council has worked long and hard to find a way to create additional parking in the downtown area without raising taxes or creating a downtown LID. The way we did it is to create pay-parking lots that will be used by our visitors. We fully expect that tourists will pay to park in our beautiful downtown and that the parking revenue will pay for the purchase of the warehouse parking lot, which is a good thing for our town. The bottom line is this...we have created more parking spaces rather than fewer and have added short-term spots for our locals to enjoy. We are trying to solve the Leavenworth parking issues in the smartest way possible. Our success as a community creates change that will affect some of us, and change is never easy for us humans, is it? But let's get all the facts before we jump to conclusions and criticism. Remember, we're all in this together.

Cheri Fariwan

symposium
wetlands
stormwater



The Wetlands and Stormwater Regional Study Symposium is scheduled for June 4, 2013 at the Festhalle.

The symposium will begin at 10:00 AM and will include lunch with an anticipated ending by 12:30 PM. The City of Leavenworth is preparing over 300 invitations to "stakeholders, interested parties, and others" who may be impacted or would like to participate in a symposium designed to serve as a foundation for a discussion. The outcomes of the discussion will be used to shape and scope the City's and County's planning efforts relating to wetlands and stormwater in the City's Urban Growth Boundary, as well as the County's efforts relating to the Wenatchee Watershed. The Development Services Department has special interest in hearing from those with vested interest in this study area to determine the path to be taken in regards to developing a wetlands and stormwater regional study and/or plan.

For more information, contact Development Services Manager Nathan Pate at 548-5275.



Have you seen the new bike racks around town?

The newest locations are at:

- ◇ Front Street at 10th Street
- ◇ Front Street in front of the Sausage Garten
- ◇ Front Street at 9th Street
- ◇ 9th Street at Commercial Street.

Look for several more to be installed this spring and summer all throughout the downtown commercial district.



DID YOU KNOW??

A running water hose can discharge up to 10 gallons per minute? Set a kitchen timer when watering your lawn or garden to remind you when to stop.

Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car. You'll save up to 100 gallons every time.

Councilmember Spotlight

Recyclable Drop Off Sites at Chelan County

Unfortunately the Woody Debris Drop-Off site at the East Leavenworth Road County Pit Site will not be available this year. After several years of a successfully grant funded program, the grant dollars are no longer available. As an alternative, a Woody Debris Drop-Off Program is available at the Dryden Transfer Station. Residents may drop off woody debris (12" or less tree branches, etc. that are chipable). No plastic bags, grass clippings, sod or weeds permitted. It is not free, however the \$40 per ton is half the normal charge for other material.

It should also be noted that the Dryden Transfer Station accepts at no charge the normal recyclables; milk jugs, pop cans, tins, clear plastic bottles, cardboard, newspapers and mixed paper (no glass however.) In addition, you can also drop off clean used motor oil, antifreeze and auto batteries at no charge.

Dryden Transfer Station - Operated by Chelan County :

9073 Highway 2 in Dryden (509) 548-5592

Days/Hours:
 Tuesday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For additional information you can go to their web site;

http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/pwsolid_waste/

Councilmember Larsen



Pool & Water Safety

Swimming is the most popular summer activity. The best thing you can do to help your family stay safe is to enroll in age-appropriate swim lessons. Contact the city pool at 548-4142 to learn more.

Make Water Safety Your Priority

- * Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- * Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!
- * Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.
- * Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- * Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear US Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.



American Red Cross

* Establish rules for you family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.

* Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can

make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.

* If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.

* Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

* Actively supervise children whenever around the water—even if lifeguards are present. Do not just drop your kids off at the public pool or leave them at the beach—designate a responsible adult to supervise.

Implementation of Stormwater Fee

The City has realized that the current funding level available to the city for surface and stormwater management infrastructure is inadequate to meet current and future needs to protect private and public property from damage. The city has been operating and maintaining the existing stormwater system as a part of the street fund under the General fund. Now the City will be separating that portion of the stormwater from the street fund and creating a utility enterprise fund specifically for the storm water utility. The stormwater utility shall be funded in part by monthly service charges to residential and commercial properties.

A financial plan for revenue requirements was developed for the new stormwater utility as part of the utility rate study that was completed in

2011. The city performed this utility rate study to determine the adequacy of the existing utility rates and the proposed stormwater utility rates.

In July of this year, the City will begin collecting the monthly service charges from residential and commercial properties utility accounts. Over the next few years the City will need to gradually increase these monthly stormwater utility service charges in order for this utility to be able to operate so as to conduct not only the necessary ongoing operations and maintenance but also to plan for the future needs and build the necessary stormwater utility infrastructure required. The City will also be conducting stormwater master planning and wetland studies in order to plan accordingly to properly replace and upgrade the City's old storm water system. The



stormwater utility monthly rate charges will be able to accomplish these important goals for maintaining and growing the stormwater system for the City's future.

City of Leavenworth PRSA Pool

The pool opens on Saturday, May 25 at Noon.

<u>Season Passes</u>	<u>PRSA Resident</u>	<u>Non-PRSA Resident</u>
Family Pass	\$140.00	\$170.00
Individual Pass	\$80.00	\$100.00
Senior Pass	\$50.00	\$60.00

Come by City Hall and pick up your pass early. 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.

Gas prices getting you down?

Most commuters spend approximately \$2,500 annually in gas if traveling from Wenatchee to Leavenworth each day. We realize that many employees at local businesses live right here in Leavenworth, but what about those employees who work outside the City, but make the commute from Peshastin, Cashmere, or even Wenatchee? As the price of gas increases, the opportunity to ride LINK Transit may become a preferred mode of commuting.

LINK provides 19 round trips each week-day between Wenatchee and Leavenworth, with buses arriving as early as 5:15 AM and leaving as late as 7:10 PM.

The cost is \$2.50 each way, or monthly passes are available for \$80 per month. If you have absolutely no idea how to ride the bus, including how to read a schedule, or what fare to pay, you are not alone. The employees at LINK Transit are happy to help. You can call their Guest Services representatives at 662-1155 and they will walk you through the whole process. You will be surprised at how easy it is!

In addition, did you know that for every person who uses the bus instead of driving, it frees up a parking spot for the whole day, and could save that person some money? The City Council has

been discussing parking for quite some time now, trying to make the parking situation convenient and affordable not only for our local residents and employees, but the many visitors we get year-round. The addition of paid parking is one piece of the puzzle, and a LINK commute option is one more way to save money, alleviate parking, reduce congestion, and be proactive in helping the air quality.

For more information visit www.linktransit.com



