



Leavenworth Courier

News from the Leavenworth City Council

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WINTER

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

November:

City Hall will be closed on Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

December:

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

January:

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

A Minute With the Mayor



Mayor Cheryl K. Fariwan

When a citizen decides to give of his or her time and effort and run for election it is laudable. But when this service spans a period of 14 years, it is remarkable! One such public servant is Peter DeVries who has served the citizens of Leavenworth as a City Councilman since his first election in 1999. He has been on nearly every standing committee, ad hoc committee and special committee and has volunteered for additional city service whenever possible. He encouraged me to run for City Council and then mentored me, teaching me the ins and outs of city government. Then he advised me to run for Mayor, and, without Peter's kindness, advice and friendship, I would not have been nearly as successful in this job. Pete DeVries is a man of integrity and ideas, of energy and thoughtfulness, a gracious gentleman who's retirement is well earned. He will be sorely missed by the City, the Council, and especially by me.

Cheri Fariwan

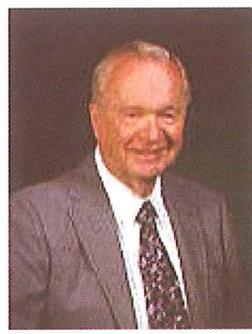
A Tribute to Public Service— Peter DeVries

To honor our distinguished Councilman, we will be holding a public reception just prior to Peter's last City Council Meeting, December 10th at 5:30-6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. I invite all of you to come to say good-bye to this fine man and thank him for his service to our City. We will enjoy cake and coffee and provide a fond farewell to a true gentleman. See you there!

Farewell Councilmember DeVries

The December 10th 2013 City Council Meeting will be the last City Council meeting for Council Member Peter DeVries who is serving his seventh 2 year term on the Council. Peter was initially elected to the Leavenworth City Council in November, 1999 and began serving in January, 2000. As Mayor-Pro Tempore, Council Member DeVries has provided leadership guidance, and insight on the many issues that have faced the City over the 14 years of service. Council Member DeVries provided a detailed review for many of the City projects, yet always pushed the Council review decisions at a higher level to consider the broader implications and the fiscal responsibilities of a decision.

Doctor DeVries' leadership and community commitment is not limited to the City Council; he is a past member of the Cascade Medical Center Foundation, Cas-



cade Education Foundation, Big Bend Community College Foundation, Wenatchee Valley College Foundation, the Washington State Building Code Council, and the Leavenworth Design Review Board. He also served as presi-

dent of the Cascade Medical Center Board of Commissioners, a City Council representative on the Leavenworth Area Promotions (LAP) Committee and has served on numerous ad hoc committees for the Leavenworth City Council and Cascade School District.

Peter is a former high school and university teacher with degrees in biology and chemistry, and has a Doctorate from the University of San Francisco. He has served as a community college administrator and president for 20 years in California and Washington. His last position was as president of Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake. He has worked and traveled extensively in Europe and Japan. He and his wife Joan moved to Leavenworth in 1987 and since his "retirement" from education he has been actively involved as a designer, completing over 150 building projects in Washington State.



Holiday Garbage Collection

November:

Residential garbage collection normally scheduled for Thursday November 28th will be picked up on Monday December 2nd.

Commercial garbage collection will be picked up on Monday November 11th; however collections normally scheduled for Thursday November 28th will be picked up Friday November 29th.

December:

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

Commercial garbage collections normally scheduled for Wednesday December 25th will be picked up Thursday December 26th.

January:

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

Commercial garbage collections normally scheduled for Wednesday January 1st will be picked up on Thursday 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.

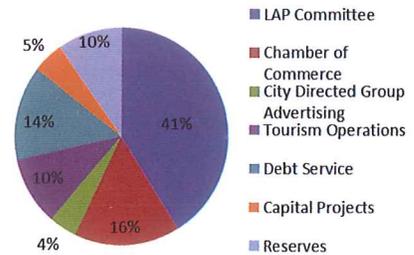
Lodging Taxes...making every dollar count

One revenue stream for the City that draws a number of questions from residents and business owners is the use of Lodging Tax dollars and the Leavenworth Area Promotions Committee, the LAP Committee. The Cliff note version on lodging tax revenues is that for all lodging facilities in the State of Washington, 2% of the 8% sales tax collected are returned to the lodging facility's municipality/county for use in tourism promotion and tourism related facilities. Initially referred to as the "stadium tax" in King County, Chelan County's George Sellar, joined by the hoteliers, led the efforts to expand the allowance of the funds to be collected and used throughout the state; to provide a revenue stream within local communities. At that time, the City of Leavenworth and local hoteliers lobbied to add an additional 3% "lodging tax" to room charges, the collected fee would be used primarily for tourism promotions which facilitated more "heads in beds". So when you stay in the City of Leavenworth, your room charge will include the regular sales tax collection (8.3%), plus 3%; the collection of these taxes provided the City with over one million dollars in revenues last year.

In regard to where those dollars go, in 2013, 41% of those funds are used by the Leavenworth Area Promotions (LAP) committee. The goals of the committee are to increase the awareness of Leavenworth as a destination; to increase Leavenworth's destination travel spending; and to increase the number of Leavenworth overnight and longer leisure trips. The committee membership is made up of 2 City Council members, 3 Chamber of Commerce board members, and 3 Lodging Association members. LAP achieves its goals through a broad marketing and advertising plan which includes electronic mail newsletters, press releases, and local and out of area print, radio, television, and internet advertising for the promotion of Leavenworth. Using committee member expertise and the horsepower provided by the Chamber of Commerce staff, the committee

recommends an annual budget to the City Council. As with all City revenues, the City Council provides the approval for the funding of the work plan.

Lodging Tax 2013 Expenses



In addition to funding the LAP committee, in 2013, the City Council also allocated Lodging Tax dollars for the Chamber of Commerce (\$185,000) to assist in the marketing and promotion of the City, City directed group advertising for events and festivals (\$50,300), debt service on the Leavenworth Festhalle and Icicle Station (\$165,522), approximately \$100,000 is made available to offset the tourist related cost of additional security, added utility costs, and facility maintenance costs. The City Council also has created a small pocket of funds, \$54,000, for tourist related capital improvement projects and holds a fund balance within the account of \$100,000 for emergency expenditures. One example for the use of these funds, was the funding for additional press releases and radio ads during the 2012 fires. What is quite unique to Leavenworth from other small cities, is the majority of these funds, 76% are directed at promoting Leavenworth as a destination, re-investing in the tourism based economy that makes Leavenworth successful in providing opportunities for residents and businesses and keeps our community thriving.

In memory of WSP Trooper Jim Saunders

A memorial tribute was held for Washington State Trooper Jim Saunders on the 14th anniversary of his death. Trooper Saunders died in the line of duty during a traffic stop near Pasco, Washington. He was a graduate of Cascade High School in Leavenworth. A memorial bench located across the street from the swimming pool was dedicated at the ceremony. Mayor Farivar, City Councilmembers, and a large contingent of family, friends, and fellow Washington State Patrol troopers attended.



Pictured is Washington State Patrol Chief Batiste, Mayor Cheri Farivar, and the Washington State Patrol Honor Guard

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 15th through March 14th 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

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

Waterfront Park

The place to walk or ski with your dog!



Just one block from downtown Leavenworth, skiers and snowshoers can join this three-kilometer trail at the end of 9th Street or the end of Division Street at the Barn Beach Reserve. The trail crosses Blackbird Island, provides views of wildlife, shining waters, and the surrounding mountains and continues on to connect with the Golf Course Trail. There is no charge to use the Waterfront Park and Blackbird Island trails. There is a small charge if you want to continue on to use the Golf Course trail.



www.skileavenworth.com

Christkindlmarkt

Nov. 29-30 & Dec. 1, 10:00am-7:30pm
Fee: No Charge

A Bavarian-style Christmas Markt. Includes entertainment, crafts, a lantern parade, and Santa Claus as well as the Christkind and St. Nicholas.

Lantern Parade

Friday and Saturday: 5pm
Parade starts at the corner of 8th and Commercial Street.

Carrying their hand-crafted, glowing lanterns, the children and their parents will follow St. Nicholas and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus through the streets to the Gazebo where the Christkind will welcome everyone.

www.christkindmarkt-leavenworth.com

Winter Festivals and Events

Christmas Lighting Festival

December 6-8, Noon-7:30pm
December 13-15, Noon-7:30pm
December 20-22, Noon-7:30pm
Fee: No Charge

The first three full weekends in December are filled to the brim with holiday cheer and an amazing amount of Christmas lights.

Join us in downtown Leavenworth as we sing traditional, and not so traditional, Christmas songs. Enjoy roasted Chestnuts, Christmas Characters and many other activities to build family traditions for years to come!

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Bavarian Icefest

January 18-19, All Day
Fee: No Charge

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.

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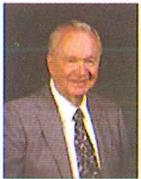


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2013 Construction Project Updates:

Status

City Hall Adjacent Parking Lot	Completed.
East Leavenworth Road Water Main Replacement	Completed.
Pedestrian Crosswalk at Highway 2 and City Hall	Completed.
Ski Hill Drive Pavement Preservation Project	Completed.
Safe Routes to School / Ski Hill Drive / Commercial Street Projects	City to rebid project December 15, 2013.



Scholze Street Alleyway Sewer Replacement	Main line installation is completed. Residential hookups by private contractors to be completed. City will notice all property owners in November. Roadway repair scheduled for 2014.
Fruit Warehouse Parking Lot Stabilization Project	City to rebid project December 15, 2013.
Way-finding Signage	Museum signs installed on Division. Additional parking signs installed / 4 Hwy 2. Way-finding posts installed, waiting on delivery of new signs for installation. Pointy Person design mock-up ordered.
Well #3	Kick-off meeting held with electrical engineer and staff. Survey completed along with design drawings base mapping. Project bid plans and specs to be finished early December for bidding in Jan/Feb 2014. Construction to be completed by July 2014.