



Leavenworth Courier

News from the Leavenworth City Council

WINTER 2014



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Residential Recycle Rebate Program



Beginning in 2015 the City will offer a \$5/month credit on your City Garbage bill, redeemable twice per year if you participate with Waste Management Recycling.

Residents must provide proof from Waste Management billing statements; you may contact WM for your annual statement at 662-4591.

Step 2: July 2015 apply to City for credit of services provided between January—June 2015.

Step 3: January 2016 apply to City for credit of services provided between July—December 2015.

2015 Rate & Fee Schedule



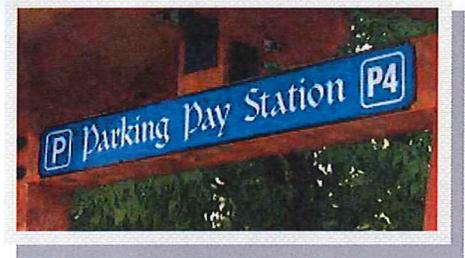
The City Council spent much of the fall reviewing rate and fee structures and options for the City utility rates which include water, sewer, garbage, stormwater monthly rates and fees along with daily parking rates. At the last City Council meeting of 2014; the

City Council passed the Rate and Fee Schedule for 2015. While the effort is made to hold the line on increases, by state law the utilities must operate at a level where revenues meet expenditures. While operating costs have remained stable, the aging infrastructure of the water system requires ongoing expenditures; likewise new state requirements on wastewater treatment continues to require improvement to the treatment plant which puts pressure on increasing monthly rates. The Council also reviewed several options for reducing monthly fees for those that participate in Waste Management's Household Recycling Program and reductions in stormwater fees for those residents that have incorporated onsite stormwater retention. The Council also extended the no charge for parking in the lot adjacent to City Hall (P-4) Sunday through Thursday evenings after 5:00 PM throughout 2015. Other fees which include development service fees, building permits, and ROW use fees remain unchanged from 2014.

In 2015, the monthly water base rate will increase \$5.28 to \$58.08 per month for City of Leavenworth residents, monthly sanitary sewer fees for residents will increase 4% or \$2.14 per month, and

the monthly stormwater fee will increase fifty cents to \$2.50. Those living out of the City that have City services will see proportional increases; as will commercial accounts and those with larger service meters. The City Council did hold the line on fees associated with new utility connections, meter charges, and inspections. Qualified low income senior or disabled rates are available, please contact City Offices for more information.

For local residents that participate in Waste Management's Household Recycling Program, the City will be offering a \$5.00 per month refund on your monthly garbage bill. The City will offer a \$30.00 reimbursement in July 2015 and January 2016 to those customers providing proof of payment for the recycling program. Additional reminders will be provided. For Stormwater rates, those residents that have properties that retain a 25 year storm event on their property can receive a 50% reduction in the monthly stormwater fee, please contact City Offices for more information.



The Parking Utility rates will remain at the 2014 rates; \$1.50 per hour or \$7.50 for the day, festivals \$10.00 per day, with the exception of no cost parking in Lot P-4 as noted above. As originally intended, the cost for the purchase of land and improvements to parking lots needed to be offset by implementing a paid parking program; and not become a cost burden on local residents and businesses. Although, with only 1 full year underway, costs are being offset by revenues.



Leavenworth Pride Certificate of Appreciation presented to Mr. Marshall West

On August 26th, 2014, Mayor Cheri Farivar presented Mr. Marshall West with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Leavenworth Pride Committee in recognition and sincere appreciation for Mr. West's dedication and community service to the betterment of the City of Leavenworth.

WINTER REMINDERS

Winter will be upon us soon. Here are a few reminders regarding the snowy season to keep us all safe.

- * **Winter** parking regulations are in effect from November 15 to March 15. During this time there is **NO PARKING** within the *business district* between the hours of 3:00 AM and 7:00 AM, and *all other streets* between the hours of midnight and 7:00 AM.
- * **Remember...**cars have to be at least **two feet** off the paved portion of the road.
- * **Remind** family members, friends, and out of town guests about winter parking regulations.
- * **Failure** to follow the winter parking regulations will result in a parking ticket, unplowed streets, or even towing your vehicle.
- * **During** plowing operations, a berm of snow may be left in your drive or walkway. We apologize for the inconvenience, but it is unavoidable. It is your responsibility to remove the berm. The City will occasionally remove the berm after the streets have been "winged" to push snow out of the roadway.
- * **Please** do your part by keeping your snow out of the street and on your property. Also, it is important to remind anyone removing snow for you of these requirements or you could receive a citation.

If you have any questions, please give City Hall a call at 548-5275.



Department & City Hall Staffing Changes

2014 was a year of transition for City staffing as several long time employees retired or transitioned to new challenges.

Herb Amick is the new City Public Works (PW) Director. Herb was promoted to this position in August, 2014. He takes over the reins from Terry Gildersleeve who served the City for 33 years in the PW Department and provided the leadership within the department for the last several years. Herb worked with Terry the last few years as he initially joined the City in February of 2012 as the Park Supervisor/Leadworker. His career history includes operating his own landscape and maintenance business for many years until the stepping down and having his son continue the business. Herb was selected to fill this position from a list of very well qualified candidates from outside the City. Herb brings with him leadership and organizational skills, hands on experience in a number of areas and customer friendly attitude of accomplishing the tasks at hand.



Another change folks will see at the front desk of City Hall; Ms. Angela Reinhart will no longer greet them as they pay water bills or have questions on City business. Angela accepted a transfer to the Public Works Office Administrator position. Angela brings her talents and skills filling many of the duties left vacant by the retirement of Ms. Cathy Boughey. Angela and the promotion of Herb are great additions to the PW leadership team of Tom Radach (PW Field Supervisor), Antonio Muro Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, and Stan Adams (Water Plant Supervisor).

To back fill these changes in staffing a few other changes of note: Mr. John Schons was promoted to the Park Leadworker/Supervisor position to fill Herb's old position. John started with the City as a seasonal park worker and has played a vital role in the overall improvement in the parks and landscaping maintained by the City. To fill the final PW position, Mr. Ramon Cortes was hired by the City as a Utility Maintenance Worker and starts his employment in January 2015. Rounding out the changes at the front desk of City Hall Ms. Carrie Brewer has been assigned the added responsibilities of payroll and invoicing and the City is currently in the recruitment process to fill an Office Assistant position.



The staffing level at the City is 28 fulltime employees; it swells a bit in the summertime to accommodate the pool operations. Although many of the tasks are not high profile, those 27 folks accomplish quite a bit day in day out – water, sewer, garbage, compliance with state requirements, building inspections, a multitude of state planning requirements, parks, flowers, road maintenance, public safety and the list could continue. As a City resident and taxpayer, I appreciate their efforts.

Joel Walinski
City Administrator
City of Leavenworth

FREE PARKING

Where: P-4 City Parking Lot
(next to City Hall)
When: Sunday—Thursday
Time: 5:00 PM—3:00 AM

The City Council encourages residents and visitors to enjoy weekday downtown activities; shopping, dining, sightseeing, swimming, and the farmers market. The City offers no charge parking beginning at 5:00 PM, Sunday's—Thursday's at Lot P-4 (Next to City Hall).

Reg. price is \$1.50/hour or \$7.50/reg. day.



Safe Routes to School



Anyone who has lived along West Street, walked to school, or simply traveled the route over the past years has realized the need for critical improvements to the roadway. Beginning in 2010, with the application by the City for a "Safe Route to School Grant" and the eventual award in 2011, the project to construct new sidewalks and crossings on the south side of West Street was set in motion. In May of this year construction was initiated with completion in July.

Since the grant did not include any funds for improvement of the roadway itself, the City Council, recognizing the need for repair, decided to proceed with a paving plan. Bids were secured and grinding of the existing asphalt was begun and completed in September. This was followed by cutting and grading work which was performed expertly by our Public Works Street Crew at a considerable savings to the City. On October 8, after completion of the fine grading, the new pavement was installed, resulting in the incredible finished street that we now see.



Today, as we take a walk or drive down West Street (or any of the many of our other recently improved streets and walks) take a moment to consider all of the hard work, time, and dedication that goes into the ongoing process of steadily improving our City.

Winter Festivals and Events

Leavenworth Winter Sports Club

December-February, 2015

All Day

Fee: Fees Vary

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

Bavarian Icefest

January 17-18, 2015

All Day

Fee: Fees Vary

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 of Commerce. Enjoy again our magical wonderland dressed in lights, with winter fun, games, and fireworks.



A weekend grab bag of invigorating outdoor events includes; Tug O' War, an ice cube scramble for kids six and under, the Great Frisbee Sweep, Relay Races, Iceberg Challenge Giant Slide, Fireworks, and Leavenworth's famous Smooshing Contest: a unique race peculiar to the Great Bavarian Ice Fest.

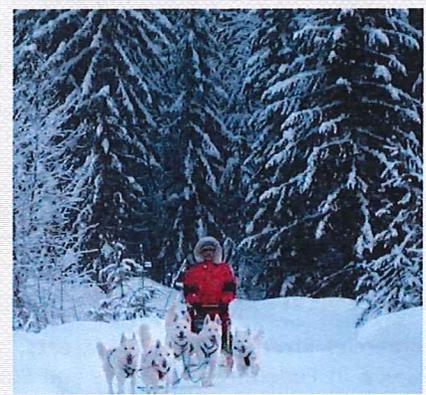
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NW Dog Sled Adventures

January 17-18, 2015

10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Fee: \$15 Children / \$20 Adult



Travel with the "flying furs" through a winter wonderland! Our friends at Northwest Dog Sled Adventures will be offering dog sled rides through beautiful Blackbird Island from 10:00-3:00 Saturday and Sunday during IceFest.

www.northwestdogsledadventuresllc.com



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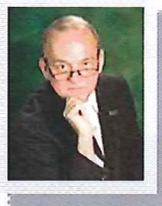
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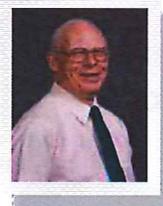
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City Project Update...

Commercial Street / 3rd—8th Streets: The City has secured \$620,638 in Federal Grant Funds and \$681,625 in State Transportation Improvement Board grant funding in 2014. The estimated project cost at this time is approximately \$1.4M. The project includes the reconstruction of the roadway, stormwater improvements, and pedestrian enhancements which include sidewalk and lighting. Plans and specifications are being finalized, the project is expected to be bid early in 2015 with construction commencing in May of 2015.

Pine Street Planning and Design: Survey of the project area, Pine Street from Ski Hill Drive to the Chumstick Highway is currently being completed by Chelan County. The City has contracted with TD&H Engineering to complete 30% of the preliminary design of the project. The initial public open house for comments on the scope and design of the project will take place early in 2015. A date has not been set as of this time.



Chumstick Multi-Use Trail / Water & Sewer: This project includes the offsite Water / Sewer transmission lines, the lift station for Meadowlark Development, and the Chumstick Multi-Use Trail. The acquisition of the necessary ROW is currently in process. The project is scheduled to be bid in early 2015 with construction commencing in late spring of 2015.

Energy Efficiency: This project includes the replacement and updates to HVAC systems and lighting at the City Hall, Festhalle, and other City facilities. The solar enhancements include solar heating at the Leavenworth Outdoor Pool and solar collection units at the Waste Treatment Plant. The Department of Commerce awarded the City \$815,090 in grant funding with a \$99,454 City Match. The estimated payback period for the City match in energy savings is less than five years. Work is underway with a completion time of late spring.