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Keep Leavenworth Clean

The first day of spring will be here soon, and with that in mind the City Council would like to remind the citizens of Leavenworth and the business community that we all have the responsibility of contributing to the public cleanliness of the City.

Let's all do our part to keep our city clean and litter free.



A Minute With the Mayor

More talk about Pine Street...



Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar

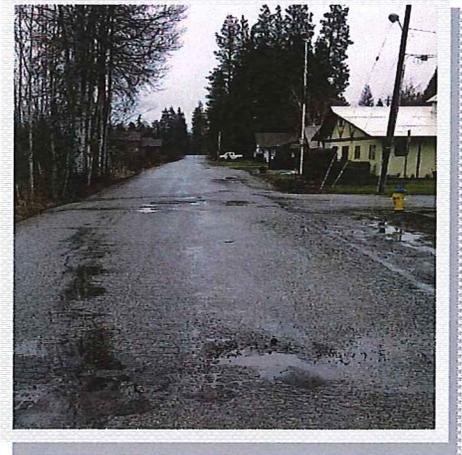
On February 18th, the City held an Open House public meeting at the Festhalle to open a dialogue with our townspeople about the rebuilding of Pine Street. About 80 concerned area residents came to look over the recent

survey of the area completed by Chelan County, and to share their ideas about the project. The entire City Council, administrator and our engineer were all there to soak up the discussion and answer questions. Some important concerns were raised and a few new ideas were suggested too.

Now that the big school levy has officially passed, Cascade School District is in the planning phase for a new grade school which will be built on the corner of Pine Street and Titus Road. This will require a lot of coordination between the City and the school district as we plan and build these projects concurrently.

As you know, Pine Street is currently only a two-lane road with narrow shoulders and it has proved to be insufficient for the type of traffic it sustains. Over the years, I have heard many complaints about the unsafe congestion caused by the interface of cars and walkers, along with requests to *"Please do something about Pine Street!"* Because of its central location, Pine Street has many users including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, school busses and snow plows. This traffic swells in warmer weather, and with the new grade school, all of these uses will only increase further still.

The good news is that the City sees this as an opportunity to rebuild Pine Street in a way that accommodates all of the users safely, and to make Pine Street the best street in Leavenworth. It is our hope to build two driving lanes, a wide sidewalk, one or two bike lanes, and accommodate some on-street parking while still allowing for snow storage. We are in the very beginning phase of this massive project, and it will take significant time and effort to get us through the initial engineering phase, but I want you to know we're working on it! So be looking for future public open houses to keep you up to date with the Pine Street planning every step of the way.



Leavenworth Pride Certificate of Appreciation presented to Mr. Hank Manriquez



On January 27th, 2015, Mayor Cheryl Farivar presented Mr. Hank Manriquez with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Leavenworth Pride Committee in recognition and sincere appreciation for Mr. Manriquez's dedication and community service to the betterment of the City of Leavenworth.

Leavenworth Recycles

The City Recycling Center is located at 216 14th Street between the City Park Shop Building and the 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. The City Recycling Center accepts 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. Yard waste may either be loose or in paper lawn and garden refuse bags. No commercial or non-resident use of the yard waste recycling will be allowed.

Proof of residence is required: a current City Utility bill which includes garbage service and either a State ID or Driver's License.



Depending on use, the City will explore areas for expanding the recycling program to areas that are cost effective. Hours are subject to change for the spring, summer, and fall seasons. An attendant will be on duty to monitor use and ID verification. The City does use video monitoring equipment at the location to prosecute any illegal dumping under LMC Title 8 (8.48.030).

Ice Storm Damage Update

It is safe to say that it would be hard to find a single resident who was not affected in some way by the mid-winter ice storm. Damage was extensive throughout the City. Our City crews performed an incredible job of quickly restoring safe passage of streets, alleys, and parks. The removal and cleanup of City parks and right of ways is nearing completion after weeks of collecting, hauling, and chipping of the debris (including a brush drop-off event for residents at the county yard). City staff would like to extend our great appreciation for the patience and assistance provided by our residents.



Front Street Park

The City's focus now turns to restoration and possible replacement of the damaged trees within our



Lions Club Park

Parks and right of ways. Recently, our Parks Supervisor John Schons and Public Works Supervisor Tom Radach, along with the Public Works Director Herb Amick met with Paula Dinjus, an Urban Horticulturist from the WSU Chelan County Extension Office to begin formulating a pruning and replacement plan for those trees damaged within the City parks. The City will be looking at trees hearty for Leavenworth, which should grow well and help mitigate some of the impact of removing the large damaged trees over time.

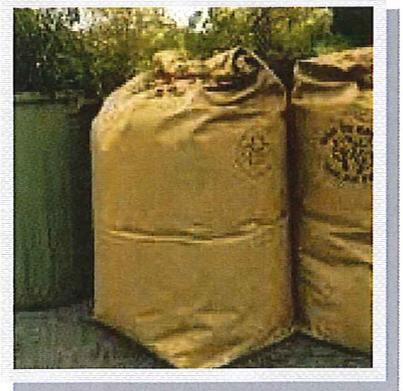
Spring Yard Cleanup Event

No more Plastic Lawn Bags— Recyclable Paper Lawn / Garden Refuse Bags

These warm sunny days turn our thoughts to preparing our lawns and gardens for the summer ahead. Spring cleanup is just around the corner and the City's Public Works Department is gearing up for its annual debris pickup event. This year's event will be taking place April 7th thru April 30th and this year's event will have a significant change.

In an effort to make this program more efficient and environmentally friendly, city participants will be asked to adhere to a few changes beginning this season. Instead of using plastic non-recyclable bags for yard debris, the use of recyclable paper lawn and garden refuse bags will be required. In addition, bundles of branches and twigs will need to be tied with biodegradable twine. Adherence to these changes will allow the City to more responsibly dispose of the debris as recyclable material at Stemilt Organic Recycling Center. Our City Crews will no longer be able to accept debris which does not meet these new recycling requirements. These 30 gallon recyclable bags are available for purchase in the Wenatchee area and it is our hope that local merchants will also participate in this program by making bags available for purchase in town.

Leavenworth Public Works Department hopes you will join us this season in a truly recycling spring cleanup event!



Wild Fires: Embers Matter

By Annie Schmidt, Director
Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition

When people think of wildfire preparedness, the first thing that comes to mind is usually thinning trees and pruning brush next to your home. If you don't live on a wooded lot, it is easy to dismiss wildfire as a problem for those who live "in the woods." However, embers from wildfires can travel up to a mile. That sobering statistic means that all of us, even those who live within the City, are vulnerable to wildfire.

There are things YOU CAN DO to reduce the risks from embers to your home.

1. Clean roofs, gutters and decks (remember to look under the deck) by removing dead leaves, pine needles and debris.
2. Replace vent screens with 1/8-inch or smaller metal mesh.
3. Use rock as an alternative to landscape mulch.
4. Trim tree branches so they are at least 10 feet from your roof.
5. Replace flammable roof and deck materials with non-combustible alternatives.



While you are thinking about how to prepare your home, don't forget to prepare your family.

1. Make an evacuation plan (know more than one way to leave your neighborhood).
2. Understand Chelan County's evacuation levels: Level 1 is "Ready," Level 2 is "Set" (or, if you have large animals or need extra time to evacuate, you may consider evacuating at this time), and Level 3 is "Go." Remember, evacuate promptly when you are advised to do so, OR IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE.
3. Have an emergency "go kit" with the papers, prescriptions, photos, and pet supplies that you would not want to leave behind.

www.chumstickcoalition.org

Taste Leavenworth

April 11-12

Fee: \$25 advance \$30 day of

Where: Front Street Park

Each April in Leavenworth we say "auf Wiedersehen" to winter with a month-long celebration called Spring Sensations! All April-long Leavenworth's finest shops, lodging, and restaurants feature culinary specials with a 'pear'ticular focus—after all, Leavenworth is one of the largest growers of organic pears in the USA!

To ensure you enjoy your delicious stroll through town, we'll have live music in the Front Street Gazebo, featuring local bluegrass boys Sweet Ike!

Spring Festivals and Events

Leavenworth Ale-Fest

April 17-18

Advance Fee: \$25 Fri, \$30

Sat, \$35 both days

Day of Fee: \$25 Fri, \$30 Sat,

\$40 both days

Where: Festhalle



The Leavenworth Ale-Fest is Leavenworth's first beer festival. The inaugural festival took place back in April 2007. Since then, it has grown each year into what it is today. A fun event that inspires competition for breweries, food booths, and more.

The festival also features food from some of Leavenworth's best restaurants and catering companies.

Maifest

May 9-10

Fee: No Charge

The sun is out, the apple and pear blossoms are springing to life, and the wildflowers are bursting at the buds! It's time for our very Bavarian celebration of spring - Maifest!



Join us downtown for a full weekend of entertainment including plenty of music, the traditional maibaum (maypole) dance, traditional German dance lessons and the Festzug (Grand March) on Saturday.

Leavenworth

International Accordion Celebration

June 18-21

Fee: Many events are free

The Northwest Accordion Society has been hosting accordion events in the Northwest for over 25 years. Leavenworth's Bavarian Village is a perfect setting for this celebration. Nestled in a cozy narrow valley at elevation of 1,100 feet surrounded by wilderness of rugged, majestic mountain ranges, over 2 million visitors per year from all over the world come to experience magical Leavenworth.





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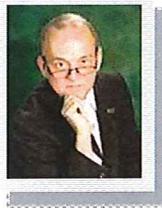
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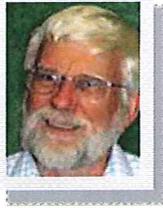
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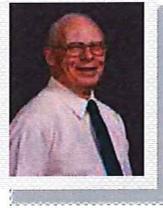
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City Project Update...



Downtown Pedestrian Wayfinding: Commonly referred to as the “Pointy People” the new pedestrian way-finding signs are under construction and should begin making their appearance by mid-summer providing direction and photo ops to visitors.

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. The estimated project cost at this time is approximately \$1.4 M. The project includes the reconstruction of the roadway, water and stormwater improvements, and pedestrian enhancements which include sidewalk and lighting. Construction is slated to begin in May of 2015 with a 100 day completion requirement.

Lions Club Restrooms: This project is a partnership of the Leavenworth Lions Club, Projekt Bayern and the City of Leavenworth. Construction on the project started last fall by One Way Construction and the final interior finishes are being completed by City staff. The restrooms should be available for event use by May 1, 2015. Thank you to Projekt Bayern and the Lions Club who provided over \$160,000 in funding for the project.

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 early summer of 2015.