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2015

Maifest Flower Display Award Recipients:

"Most Stunning Floral
Display" - City of Leav-
enworth

"Look at those Baskets"
- Obertal Inn

"Best Overall Displays"
- Munchen Haus & Icicle
Brewing

"Best Varietal Display" -
Baren Haus

"Best Landscaping" -
Der Ritterhof

"Most Creative Building
Display" - Innsbrucker
Building

"Abundant Flower Cov-
erage" - Der Markt
Platz / Bavarian Bistro

Presented by the
Leavenworth
Chamber of Commerce

"A Minute with the Mayor" A Water Shortage in Leavenworth?



Mayor Cheryl K.
Farivar

The rivers are low and the forests surrounding our fair city are tinder dry so there has been much concern regarding the real possibility of a water shortage this summer. On May 15, 2015, Governor Inslee declared a statewide drought emergency for all of Washington due as the snowpack levels are currently only 16% of normal, (10% lower than the previous drought emergency in 2005). Thus, the State of Washington has enacted a Water Shortage Response Plan for all cities. This plan is set up in stages as follows:

- ◆ **Stage 1** is a minor water shortage requesting all water users to observe voluntary water saving measures.
- ◆ **Stage 2** is a moderate water shortage enacting mandatory water saving measures for all users.
- ◆ **Stage 3** is classified as a severe water shortage where a water rationing program would be enacted statewide.

Although we have not been officially notified, we consider ourselves to be in Stage 1, and are asking all water users to enact voluntary water saving measures. There are many painless actions that we can take to conserve and preserve our water. Taking the lead, the City has already reduced irrigation water usage in our parks and our Public Works Crews have been diligently monitoring and repairing leaks throughout the system. But there are a few other things we all can do to help:

- ◆ Promptly repair any leaks in and around your taps. (One leak can waste several thousand gallons of water per year.) Always turn taps off tightly so that they don't drip.
- ◆ If you have an electric dishwasher, use it only to wash full loads.
- ◆ When brushing your teeth, turn the water off while you are actually brushing.
- ◆ Use either low-flow shower heads or adjustable flow-reducer devices on your shower heads, and/or take shorter showers.
- ◆ You can reduce water usage by 40% to 50% by installing low-flush toilets.
- ◆ Wash only full loads in your washing machine.
- ◆ Never leave a hose running.
- ◆ Lawns and gardens require less than ¼" of water per day during warm weather, so water lawns every three to five days, rather than for a short period every day. In warm weather, apply ¼" of water for each day since the last watering.
- ◆ Water during the cool part of the day, morning or evening. Don't water on windy days.
- ◆ Don't over-water in anticipation of a shortage. Soil can't store extra water.
- ◆ Use shut-off timers if possible. Don't turn on sprinklers and leave for the day.
- ◆ Allow your lawn to grow a little longer between mowing. This encourages deeper root growth and creates less stress on your lawn.

We truly appreciate those of you who have already begun conserving water and we encourage everyone to take this seriously. Together we can do much!

New Trees in Front Street Park



In early January, 2015, the City was hit with a devastating ice storm that caused quite a bit of damage to the historic trees throughout the City's parks. Two trees have been replaced along Front Street in the park. The damaged European Birch trees have been replaced with hearty Autumn Blaze Maple trees. This is the fastest growing of the maple trees and will change to a brilliant red color in the fall.



Regional Stormwater / Wetland Master Plan Public Presentation

The second Citizen Outreach and Forum of the Regional Stormwater / Wetland Management Master Plan project is scheduled on August 25, 2015 during the regular City Council meeting beginning at 6:30 PM. The presentation will include 1) finalized wetland delineation and classification, 2) final basemap, and 3) the beginning of discussions to develop and outline of strategies and options address stormwater / wetlands in Leavenworth.



Excepting minor field confirmations, **Pacific Engineering** has completed the project base map. Their next task includes delineation of all drainage sub-basins within the four (4) hydraulic models, i.e. storm drainage networks: Ski Hill, Downtown West, Downtown East, and Alpensee Strasse. Hydrologic / Hydraulic modeling of locally accepted storm events will then commence to determine the capacity of each network.

Grette Associates, LLC has completed all of the wetland field work, and the work on the category ratings of the wetlands has been completed. Work on the final Delineation report has begun and it is anticipated that it will be ready for city review in about three weeks. The meeting with the Washington State Department of Ecology and the US Army Corps of Engineers was successful regarding agencies understanding of the scope of work, and Army Corps is willing to conduct an informal "read" of the materials for a "paper review," and provide verbal feedback.

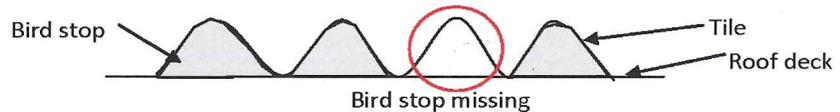
EcoPlan & Design has begun the "green solution" research and analysis for the concept information and will start some preliminary outlines as completion of mapping and data becomes available.

Being Firewise in Leavenworth

By Annie Schmidt, Director
Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition

The Sleepy Hollow Fire in Wenatchee illustrated the power of embers to spread fire to buildings. While it can be hard to imagine that something as small as a tic-tac can be a threat to your home, the reality is that embers are the primary threat to any structure during a wildfire. Embers don't care if you live in the city limits or in the woods; they can travel a mile or more during a fire. However, there are things you can do to reduce your risk from wildfire.

- Use Class-A fire rated roof materials when you build or remodel (fire-resistant composite shingles, metal or tile).
- Make certain that if you have a metal or tile roof that allows a gap between the tile/metal and the roof deck that you install "bird stops" to keep needles, debris, birds and embers out.



- Use 1/8" inch or smaller metal mesh to cover foundation or eave vents. If you have open eave construction, consider enclosing the soffits. Embers collect more easily in vertical vents under the eaves than they do in horizontal vents.
- If you have a deck, keep vegetation, debris, building materials, lawn mowers and/or any other combustible item out from under the deck.
- If you are building a home, set the home back from the slope or ridge top (10-15 feet). Take advantage of the views by thinning trees and building a non-combustible patio.
- Keep debris and needles free from the roof and gutters. Prune vegetation that overhangs or touches the home to create at least 10 feet of separation from the structure.
- Use rock (instead of bark mulch) to create a 5 foot winding path against the home. This can be visually pleasing and provides a non-combustible zone next to your structure.

Link Transit Provides 20 Round Trips Between Leavenworth and Wenatchee Mon.—Fri.



For those who live in the upper valley communities of Cashmere, Dryden, Peshastin, or Leavenworth and work in Wenatchee, Link has provided 20 round trips Monday—Friday on the Route 22. There are six trips on Saturdays.

This route serves Peshastin, the highway stops at Dryden, through Cashmere on Division Street and Cottage Avenue, the stops on SR 2/97 at Monitor, the Olds Station area, and the commercial district of Wenatchee along Wenatchee Avenue, Chelan and Mission Streets.

The first trip to Wenatchee departs Leavenworth at 5:25 AM, and the last trip in the evening departs Wenatchee at 8:00 PM. Between 5:25 and 8:00 AM and between 4:10 and 6:10 PM, buses run every 30 minutes. Travel time for a one way trip for the entire route is about 55 minutes. The mid part of the day, buses operate every 60 minutes.

At Columbia Station, buses connect to the other routes serving East Wenatchee and other areas of Wenatchee. For those working or attending classes at Wenatchee Valley College, a new route, Current B, operates up and down Fifth Street that will connect with the inbound and outbound Route 22 buses to improve access to WVC.

All buses are equipped with bike racks, and are air conditioned with comfortable padded seats, reading lights, and overhead luggage racks for small items.

One-way fares on these trips are \$2.50. For more information please call 662-1155 or go online to www.linktransit.com.

Fall Festivals and Events

51st Autumn Leaf Festival and Parade

September 25—27
Grand Parade Sept. 26 @ Noon
Fee: No Charge



This is Leavenworth's longest running event. The Autumn Leaf Festival celebrates the turning colors of the Autumn Leaves and is the town's original festival; originating in 1964 when the City of Leavenworth adopted the Bavarian theme. At this time, the Washington State Autumn Leaf Festival Association (ALFA) was formed by volunteers in the Leavenworth community and each year ALFA selects the Royal Lady of Autumn Leaves.

Leavenworth Oktoberfest

October 2-3, 9-10, 16-17
Fee: \$10 Friday, \$20 Saturday
Children under 12 are Free



There is much to see and do at the Leavenworth Oktoberfest! This year there will be bands from throughout the US, Canada, and Germany, along with all of your Oktoberfest favorites!

Oktoberfest in Leavenworth is the next best thing to being in Munich!

Keg Tapping Ceremony at 1:00 PM every Saturday when Mayor Farivar will honor a Bavarian Tradition of "tapping the keg".

Lions Club Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Lions Club Park is an important park for locals. It's used by Farmers Market, service clubs, 4H, Pancake breakfasts, children's groups, old timers, local churches, swim teams, school groups, musical groups, family reunions, and of course... for our visitors as well.



For many years the City has discussed the need for public restrooms in Lions Club Park and Projekt Bayern heard the call and offered to fund the building of this much needed restroom facility. The cost was \$160,000 and Projekt Bayern graciously funded the entire cost, for which we are very grateful.

So, on behalf of the City of Leavenworth, the Lions Club, and all of the residents of our fair city, we thank you Projekt Bayern for another successful project that serves our community, serves our residents, and serves our visitors with a beautiful new building in the Old World Bavarian Style.



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City Project Update...



If you take a look down Commercial Street from the intersections of 3rd Street or 8th Street, you can certainly see that the new construction is well under way.

To date, the demolition of the old roadway has been completed along with the addition of a new Gabion wall, a new storm system, water and sewer improvements, as well as preparations for new walks, lighting, and surfacing. The difficult underground work is nearing completion with the balance of the work projected to be completed by early September.

The City would like to thank all of the residents for your patience during the construction process.

Be sure to watch for further updates and the date of the City's Grand Opening Celebration!

