



Leavenworth Courier

News from the Leavenworth City Council

WINTER 2015



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HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

November:
City Hall will be closed on Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

December:
City hall will be closed Thursday December 24th at noon and Friday December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

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

“A Minute with the Mayor

After the election...



Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar

One of the most interesting things about being the mayor of this wonderful town is hearing from the people I serve. In addition to visits, phone calls and e-mails, I talk to people in the grocery store, the Post Office and at nearly every event I attend. It's a great way to keep in touch with the desires of the community. Another, less frequent but very important way of hearing from constituents is when you cast your vote. This election was one of the most exciting in recent history with a city-wide turnout of 59% and a county-wide turnout of 43.5%, both higher than we have seen in many years! That's pretty impressive in a non-presidential election year, so thank you for voting.

In January we will be swearing in three new City Council members. Congratulations to new Council members Mia Bretz, Margaret Neighbors and Gretchen Wearne, and thank you ladies for hearing the call to public service. I can promise you that your lives will never be the same.

And at the same time, I want to pay tribute to our departing City Council members Tibor Lak, Larry Meyer and John Bangsund. Gentlemen you have served our city well. Mr. Lak has been on the Council for three terms, serving as member and chairperson of nearly every committee. His excellent, innovative ideas and his commitment to the economic development of Leavenworth will be felt for decades to come. Larry Meyer has served the City Council for 5 years and has offered his energy and dedication to our Economic Development, Parks and Public Safety committees as well as being Leavenworth's ambassador to LINK, Art In the Park and the Mosquito Board. John Bangsund, a former educator, has been a voice for our schools as well as serving on our Public Safety, Finance, Festhalle, Festival and Events Committees and Chelan Douglas Health Board.

These three men have volunteered much of their time and energy to the City and it's citizens. They have been instrumental to the success of Leavenworth and they deserve our appreciation.

To honor these departing councilmen, we will be holding a public reception just prior to the regular City Council Meeting, **December 8th at 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.** I invite all of you to come and thank them for their service to our city. We will enjoy cake and coffee and provide a fond farewell to three great councilmen. See you there!

Leavenworth Pride Certificate of Appreciation presented to Mrs. Terry Anderman



On October 13, 2015, Mayor Cheryl Farivar presented Mrs. Terry Anderman with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Leavenworth Pride Committee in recognition and sincere appreciation for Mrs. Anderman's dedication and community service to the betterment of the City of Leavenworth.

City of Leavenworth Planning Process

By John Bangsund
Leavenworth City Council

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 **City Limits** between the hours of 3:00 AM 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.**



Did you know that there is an actual plan and process for items that need to be addressed by the City of Leavenworth? There is a Planning Commission Docket which is submitted to the City Council at the beginning of every year which is developed by suggestions from the public, Council Members, Planning Commission Members and City staff. This "Docket" consists of the items and issues that will be addressed in the coming year. The City Council received the Planning Commission's 2016 Docket during the November Study Session meeting. The Docket lists projects in high, medium, and low priorities; the Planning Commission then takes those Docket items, studies them and makes recommendations to the Council based on the findings of the Planning Commission. The Council will either accept those findings and /or recommendations or will send them back to the Planning Commission for further work. The 2016 Planning Commission Docket may be found in the November Study Session packet on the City's website.

One recent result of this planning was the completion of the Commercial Street 3rd – 8th Street Reconstruction project. Not only was the street upgraded, but the infrastructure of new water lines and PUD improvements were also accomplished in the process. The Council is now moving on to another great project with the rebuilding of Pine Street. There is much planning to be accomplished as there are infrastructure needs for both current residents, as well as future expansion of the City in the Urban Growth Area north of Pine Street; this area of UGA needs careful planning. There was excellent input at last week's City Council Meeting from our residents, and there will be more as planning and details emerge. Check the City Website and the Leavenworth Echo for news regarding those plans.

In the meantime, the City has applied for additional Transportation Improvement Board Funding (TIB) for improvements to other residential streets next summer. As of this time, TIB has provided \$477,000 for the refurbishment of Whitman (Ski Hill Drive – Woodward) and Commercial (3rd – Joseph). Thanks to those efforts and also the foresight of the citizens of Leavenworth to approve the formation of the Transportation Benefit District (TBD), these long needed upgrades can be accomplished.

Be assured, your input to both the Planning Commission and the City Council is vital in establishing the Planning Commission Docket for the future. Also, be assured that the Council wants to "Do it right" and that involves time to think all the issues through so that the end result is "Right." **Thank you** Planning Commission and Planning Department for your good work. We all look forward to another great year of accomplishments in 2016.

Wanted—Bright, motivated person who cares about the future of Leavenworth to serve on the City of Leavenworth Planning Commission.

Serving on the planning commission is one of the most rewarding ways you can serve your community. As a commissioner, you will help set the long-term direction or vision for your community's future. Although the planning commission is an advisory body, it is one of the most important groups in local government. In recent years, growth management and environmental legislation have emphasized the importance of land use issues. You will be advising your community on these issues through adoption or amendment of the comprehensive plan, and will help implement its subdivision, zoning, and shoreline regulations. Now is the time to get involved! The Planning Commission currently has one opening.

The City of Leavenworth is seeking adult volunteer applicants to fill a vacancy on the Leavenworth Planning Commission. The appointment is made by the Mayor for a four-year unexpired term. The Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, reside or own property inside the city limits of Leavenworth, or reside or own property within the urban growth area. For filling this position, preference will be given to those individuals with a transportation planning background. Letters of interest can be submitted to Nathan Pate, Development Services Manager, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287 / 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826 or dsmmanager@cityofleavenworth.com or dropped off at City Hall. Letters of interest will be accepted until the position is filled.

What is F.O.G.?

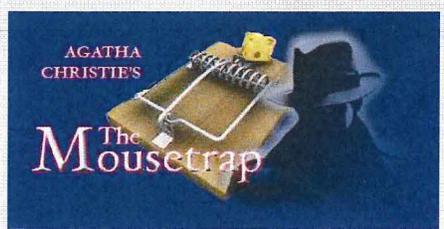


F.O.G. stands for Fats, Oils & Grease and are found in common food and food ingredients such as: meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, milk, gravies, sauces, and food scraps. If poured down the drain or into your garbage disposal, F.O.G. will build up over time by sticking to your side sewer. This could eventually cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or our natural water system.

How does F.O.G. affect me?

Improper Disposal of F.O.G. causes up to a third of all sewage overflow problems. This can result in potential public health issues and pollution problems. Homeowners and Businesses may be held liable for ALL clean-up costs related to sewer backup. Such costs can include damage to adjoining personal property, parking lots, streets, and cost to relieve and repair sewer systems due to backup.

Leavenworth Summer Theater—Winter 2015



Agatha Christie's—The Mousetrap

December 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 8:00 p.m.

December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20 - 1:00 p.m. matinees

Downtown Leavenworth at the Festhalle Theater. Just one block from Christmas Lighting and the Gazebo!

Winter Festivals and Events

Christmas Lighting Festival 2015

December 4—6, 11—13, 18—20

Santa Parade: 12:00 PM Saturday & Sunday

Fee: No Charge

Join us for the most wonderful time of the year, when our quaint Bavarian town becomes a Village of Lights (over half a million of them!) and holiday cheer abounds!

On Friday evenings, live musical performances of your favorite Christmas songs fill the streets, interrupted briefly at 4:30pm for the arrival of St. Nicklaus at the Front Street Gazebo, who welcomes children young and old with the story of his legacy and "gold" for the good boys and girls!

On Saturdays and Sundays the festivities kick into full gear at 12:00pm with the Arrival of Santa and costumed holiday characters in a march from the Festhalle to the Gazebo!

Throughout the day you will find high-caliber performances in the Front Street Gazebo, including hand bell choirs, a top-ranking Army National Guard Dixie band, breakout solo artists, the best high school and professional choirs in the Pacific Northwest, and more!



Bavarian Icefest—2016

January 16—17, 2016

Fee: Active Duty Military \$0.01, Adults 18+ \$5.00, Youth 11—17 \$3.00, Children 12 and under are free (*covers participation in any/all games*)

Leavenworth loves winter, and each year on MLK Jr. weekend we celebrate winter's bounty with Icefest! The village is still dressed in over half a million twinkling lights and this weekend is a flurry of frosty frivolity. Come celebrate winter with us!



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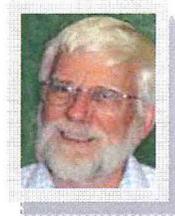
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Michael Molohon



Elmer Larsen



Robert Francis



Larry Meyer



Carolyn Wilson
 Mayor Pro-Tem



John Bangsund

News from the City Council

City Project Update...

Commercial Street 3rd to 8th Project Comes to a Close

The final component of the Commercial Street Project came to completion with the installation of the protective pedestrian railing. This brings to conclusion years of difficult planning and funding by the City Council and staff to replace one of Leavenworth's worst streets. Considering the scope involved, the project went smoothly with just a few bumps along the way. As all can attest, it is undoubtedly one huge improvement in our street system, and well worth the wait and effort. Due to the late season completion, the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will be delayed until early spring. In the interim enjoy the long awaited, smooth, pot hole free, experience of Commercial Street, 3rd to 8th!



Winter Is Here!

It's snowing in Leavenworth (at least on Front Street)! Have you noticed the City Park Crew out making snow? The conditions necessary, wet bulb temperature and humidity have finally intersected and Park Supervisor John Schons had his crew at the ready. If conditions persist, the Kids and Sleds will be running the hill in no time!