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2015 Annual Consumer Confidence Water Report

The City of Leavenworth is pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services delivered to residents every day.

The water treatment plant operators maintain the constant goal of providing a safe and dependable supply of drinking water and are continually improving the water treatment process as well as protecting our water resources.

You may review the report at **www.cityofleavenworth.com**

"A Minute with the Mayor"

Transportation Benefit District / Sales Tax Dollars at Work

Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar

Street improvement projects and maintenance of streets are always a topic of discussion for residents, business owners and City Council members. Questions often include, what has been done and what is the plan for the future.

For a look back, the City residents approved the creation of the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) and sales tax increase in November of 2010. The approval provided a .2% increase in the sales tax or approximately $220,000 annually to the City coffers beginning in 2012. Expenditures of these funds are focused on transportation improvement projects. Since 2011, the City has expended $4,508,369 on street projects. The City uses a mixture of TBD Funds and transportation grants to leverage the dollars on hand. The following table provides a breakout of expenditures:

	TBD Project Funding	TBD Debt	TBD Maintenance	Street or REET Funds	Grant or PWTF Loan	Total
2011	$ 50,380		$16,936			$ 67,316
2012	$195,000			$ (97,977)	$1,650,692	$1,747,715
2013	$129,447			$ 13,361	$ 269,264	$ 412,072
2014	$200,806	$62,973	$ 6,464	$ 67,441	$ 473,511	$ 811,195
2015	$187,810		$ 1,829	$119,771	$1,160,661	$1,470,071
	$763,443					**$4,508.369**

Included within the table above are the following completed projects:

- Double Shot Sealcoating Ash & Summit—2011
- Reconstruction of Front Street (Division—14th)—2011
- Double Shot Sealcoating River, Prospect, Cedar Streets—2012
- Ski Hill Drive Overlay—2013
- Alley way Improvements—2013
- West Street Asphalt and Sidewalk Improvements—2014
- Intersection Improvements (Evans & Benton)—2014
- Highway 2 Pedestrian Crossing—2014
- Commercial Street Reconstruction (3rd—8th)—2015

Future transportation improvements include three projects under design at this time: the addition of lighted crosswalks on Hwy. 2, one at the LINK Park & Ride, the other at the Gustav's Intersection, and an asphalt grind and overlay project for Whitman (Ski Hill Drive to Woodward) and Commercial Street (3rd to Joseph). Construction of these projects is scheduled for 2017; projects are funded with a mix of grant funding (Transportation Improvement Board funds and State Transportation Funding) along with City match dollars from the TBD.

Don't Give Mosquitoes a Chance!

Only female mosquitoes bite people. Both male and female feed mainly on fruit and plant nectar, but the female also needs the protein in blood to help her eggs develop. Once she's had her fill of blood, she'll rest a couple of days before laying eggs.

Female mosquitoes can lay up to 300 eggs at a time. Usually, the eggs are deposited in clusters—called rafts— on the surface of stagnant water, or they are laid in areas that flood regularly. Eggs can hatch in as little as an inch of standing water. Females will lay eggs up to three times before they die.

Season Pool Passes on Sale Now!

Family Pass
PRSA $140 / Non $170

Individual Pass
PRSA $80 / Non $100

Senior Pass
PRSA $50 / Non $60

Day Use
PRSA $3.50 / Non $5.50

Day Use Senior
PRSA $2.50 / Non $4.50

Day Use Lap Swim
PRSA $3.50 / Non $5.50

New Rules for More Housing

By Mia Bretz
Leavenworth City Council

The City Council and the Planning Commission are working together this year to increase residential development opportunities. Residents are well aware how home prices are climbing and we simply do not have enough houses, rentals, or diversity of housing types.

In March the Council took a first step at improving this situation by approving the Planning Commission's "low hanging fruit" recommendation. This change reduces restrictions on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's). ADU's are separate dwelling spaces from the main house on a property that may be attached or detached to the house, as in an "in-law apartment." The allowed rental use for an ADU is for a time period greater than 30 days.

The major changes to the ADU code include:

- ⇒ Providing more area for living and storage space (increase to 1,200 sq ft)
- ⇒ Allowing parking from an alley
- ⇒ Removal of the requirement for the owner to occupy one of the units

The City Council is focused on increasing residential development flexibility so we can maintain our vibrant community. We look forward to seeing the new, smaller homes!

If you're ready to develop an ADU on your property call our Development Services Manager Nathan Pate, at 548-5275, for more clarification on the new laws.

Howard Hopkins Memorial Pool

Summer Pool Season is set to begin on May 28th!

Spring has sprung! These sunny, warm days have us all eager to begin our summer and enjoy all that our pool has to offer. Opening day is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 2016. The official schedule will be released as we get closer to the opening date and will be available at City Hall as well as our website; www.cityofleavenworth.com.

Be ready for opening day and purchase your season passes early to avoid the crowds. Passes will go on sale in May at City Hall during normal operating hours. City of Leavenworth staff has been working vigorously to make sure that the pool is ready for all to enjoy. You may have noticed over the past few weeks that the pool has been drained and our utility crew has been making all necessary repairs and improvements. It is not an easy task to prepare the pool for the season, the pool must be scrubbed and tiles have to be repaired or replaced every spring.

Parking just got a little easier for Farmers Market. There are now 4 spaces reserved for Market customers in the P4 lot next to City Hall. Remember that there is no charge to park in the P4 lot Thursday—Sunday, 5:00 PM until closing.

2016 Maibaum

Work has begun on the new Bike Pump Track located in Enchantment Park. The project is scheduled to be completed in mid May.

Remember, your pets must always be on a leash and it is the owner's responsibility to clean up fecal material from pets being walked in the parks. The City provides bags and receptacles throughout the parks specifically to help in keeping them clean for everyone to enjoy.

Pool simple steps save lives **SAFELY**

Swimming is the most popular summer activity. The best thing you can do to help your family stay safe is to enroll in age-appropriate swim lessons. Contact the city pool at 548-4142 to learn more.

Make Water Safety Your Priority

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!
- Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.
- Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear US Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Establish rules for you family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.
- Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.
- Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.
- Actively supervise children whenever around the water-even if lifeguards are present. Do not just drop your kids off at the public pool or leave them at the beach—designate a responsible adult to supervise.

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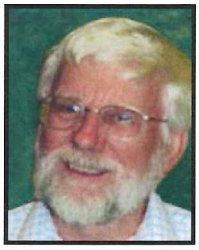
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City Project Update...

You know spring is upon us when you see the hanging baskets arrive and the Parks crew seeding, planting and mowing; Street crews striping, patching and sweeping. Maifest is soon to follow!

On the major project side, several are taking shape. The Chumstick Multipurpose Trail Water / Sewer Project bid has been awarded to Advantage Dirt Contractors, Inc., with construction scheduled to begin this spring. This project includes a ten foot wide trail from the high school to North Road as well as extension of sewer and water mains, including a lift station across from North Road.

In addition, you may have noticed a lot of surveying taking place along SR2 and in the downtown area. This is being done in preparation of several projects which include: the new City installed crosswalks at Gustav's and the Park and Ride scheduled for 2017; WSDOT crosswalk ADA compliance construction scheduled for 2017 – 2018; and design of the newly proposed downtown plaza area.

Nothing like a vibrant, growing community!