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"A Minute with the Mayor"

Your Personal Safety



Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar

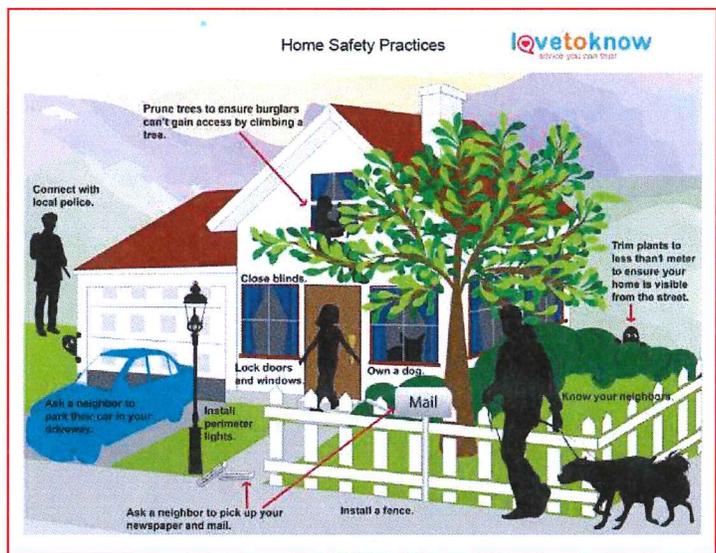
Isn't it great to live in a place with such a small town atmosphere and a low crime rate? Well, I have had to examine my opinion about personal safety for myself, and I think you should too.

I had a very unfortunate experience a couple of weeks ago. My purse was stolen from my car while it was parked inside my closed garage. Actually, one garage door was fully closed but the other was open about 18" to allow my dog in. Best guess is that the perpetrator crawled or rolled under the door and snatched my purse from the passenger seat of my car as I slept. Pretty scary to think someone was in my garage and could have come into the house, but I guess my purse was all he wanted.

I was awakened about 7 AM Sunday morning by the Fraud Protection Unit of my bank telling me that there was some unusual activity on my debit card. I thought it was a crank call or telemarketer, but he convinced me by asking me to go and get my purse, and it was gone! Along with it my driver's license, cell phone, about \$75 cash, a pair of gold earrings and all of the other important stuff I carry with me. What a shock! Fortunately, the Fraud Unit closed down my debit and credit card accounts on the spot. Still, in the early morning Sunday hours, the thief managed to charge a few hundred dollars to my cards before they were closed.

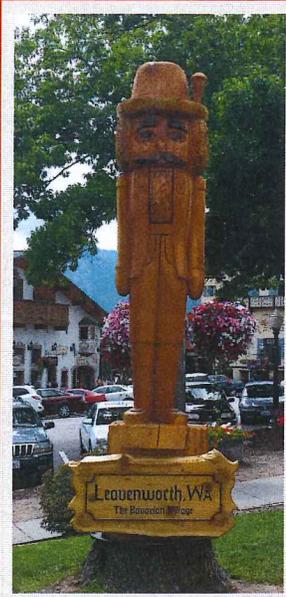
So I called the Sherriff's office and Deputy Jeremy Mannin arrived only minutes later. He was wonderful, very understanding and helpful. He also told me that because we are a small

town, we tend to be a little complacent here, thinking that burglaries and break-ins are not an issue in Leavenworth. He also told me that he recently drove around town one night on patrol and counted around 30 invitations to crime. Things like wide open front and/or back doors at 2 AM, several unlocked cars with keys in the ignition parked in easy access locations, like driveways and on the street, cars with windows open and valuables in plain sight, wide open garage doors, and several other easy invitations to thieves! He advised that there are easy ways to deter thieves including simply closing and locking your doors and locking up your car. It's pretty easy to install motion detector lights and even an inexpensive dummy camera can be effective. And don't post on social media that you are on vacation or out of town.



I know we're still a small town, but we do have a lot of people visiting here especially in the summer months and obviously some of them are not just here to enjoy the Bavarian Village experience. Let's start taking our personal safety seriously. I certainly am! The best defense against crime is to be aware of your risk, and reduce it!

Leavenworth's Famous Nut Cracker



The famous nut cracker has been relocated to his permanent home along Front Street, next to Front Street Park.

Chainsaw artist Jacob Lucas created the likeness of Woody Goomsba during the 2015 Christmas Lighting Festival.



Performance at the Leavenworth Festhalle:

Sunday September 4

Doors open at 3:30 pm, show starts at 4:00 pm. The general public will be admitted at 3:50 pm.

Admission is Free!

Tickets are available at Leavenworth City Hall and Chamber of Commerce.

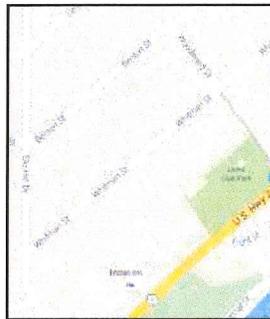
Residential Street Repaving

The City was awarded \$477,000 of TIB Funding for the 2015 grant applications which were submitted last year. The City submitted 6 individual grants for TIB funding in the Small City's Pavement Preservation Program; TIB selected three of the overlay projects for funding:

- ◆ Commercial Street (1st to 3rd)
- ◆ Commercial Street (1st to Joseph)
- ◆ Whitman Street (Ski Hill to Woodward)

These projects include a reclaim (grinding of existing asphalt) and asphalt overlay (approximately 2.5 inches); a similar process which was completed on West Street in 2014. The process will provide a new drive surface, improved drainage, reset of man-holes, and catch basins to proper height.

Mr. Steven Marsh, with TD&H Engineering will be handling the project for the City. He has estimated that the project will go out to bid late winter 2016 or early spring 2017, with construction to follow in the summer of 2017.

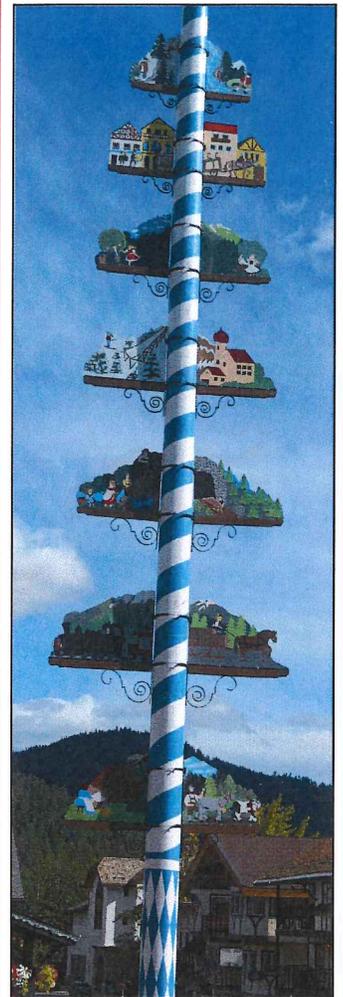


New Crosswalks: Gustav's and Link Locations



This project is the enhancement of two crosswalk locations on Hwy. 2; the crosswalk located at Gustav's and the crosswalk located at the LINK Bus Stop. The scope of the project includes the addition of rapid flash pedestrian flashing units, new striping, new pedestrian lighting, curb cuts and ADA updates and consideration of pedestrian islands. Mr. Steve Marsh, PE, TD&H Engineering is the City's engineering consultant on this project. Funding is provided through the Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Program which is considered State Funding. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has just obligated funding for the design work on this project so this is just underway, although a fairly straight forward project. Because of the Hwy. 2 involvement, the DOT will have considerable oversight on the project design.

2016 Maibaum



The City of Leavenworth Maibaum was replaced this year and dedicated at the 2016 Maifest Festival on May 14th. The 95' pole was delivered, designed by Mr. Robert Smith, and hand painted by local community members. The artwork has since been created and attached to the Maibaum. A special thank you to the talented art, wood and metal shop students at Cascade High School for creating the stunning symbols that now adorn and complete the City's Maibaum. Thank you Projekt Bayern for providing the funding, materials, and donations to the local High School.

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Fall Festivals and Events

Leavenworth Oktoberfest

Mark your calendars for the 2016 Leavenworth Oktoberfest! The dates are 9/30-10/1, 10/7-10/8 and 10/14-10/15.

Start making plans now to attend! Make sure to book your hotel early. The shuttle service does work some of the hotels for a small fee. Tickets will go on sale around the end of August or you can always purchase them at the gate!



The 2016 Autumn Leaf Festival takes place over the weekend of September 23—25.

Autumn Leaf Festival and Parade

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 same 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 the Autumn Leaves.

Residential Alley Maintenance

LMC 21.90.014 Alley: "Alley" means a public thoroughfare or right-of-way used primarily for utility installation, service or delivery access, or for a secondary means of vehicular access for abutting properties that are adjacent to a street.

[Ord. 1223 § 2, 2004.]



The City of Leavenworth requests that all residents maintain the alley directly behind their homes. Please do not use an alley as a place to empty yard waste, dispose of building materials, and/or store clutter. By keeping the alleys looking clean and well-kept, illegal dumping and other illegal activities may be deterred, City and Emergency vehicles can safely maneuver through, and children, pets and passersby will be able to safely walk through without worry of harm. At this time of year it is especially important to keep the alleys clear of weeds, leaves, lawn clippings, overgrown shrubs, and general garbage as those items pose a high risk for fire ignition.

Leavenworth Fall Clean-up 2016

Leavenworth's annual fall clean-up for **Single-Family residents** is coming soon. Watch the City's website for exact dates.

We are asking all residents on corner lots with street intersections to prune trees for better visibility. Leaves, pine needles, and other yard debris is to be put in the required **recyclable paper bags**, not to exceed 35 pounds, and no more than 4 bags on any regularly scheduled garbage day. Limbs must be cut into 4 foot or shorter in length and tied in bundles. The yard debris should be out next to your regular garbage and will be picked up at the same time. There will be no extra charge for the pickup of the first 4 bags of yard waste; additional bags will be charged \$3.50 per bag. Please remember outside burning is no longer allowed.

No furniture, appliances, dirt, rocks, or building debris will be picked up.

Plastic bags will not be picked up. The required recyclable bags are currently available at Marson and Marson Lumber, Dan's Food Market, Cascade Auto Parts, and Simply Living Farm. They are also available at larger chain stores in Wenatchee. The City has moved to using recyclable paper bags in effort to keep the plastic bags out of the landfill; the recyclable paper bags are compostable along with its contents.

The Leavenworth recycling center that is located at 216 14th Street is also available. The hours of operation are Wednesdays from 4:30 PM—6:30 PM and Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This service is reserved for residents living inside the city limits only.



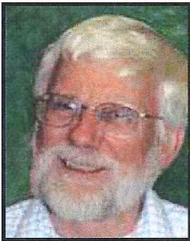


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City Project Update...

Chumstick Trail Water & Sewer project :

Work is underway on the City's Chumstick Trail Water and Sewer Project after minor delays stemming from the moving of a PUD power pole and utilities.

Work began Monday, July 18th with initial grubbing and clearing and a completion date of September is still the goal. You may experience minor traffic delays on the Chumstick during this time frame and we appreciate your patience throughout the construction process.

