

# Pride in Serving



The City of Banks and Your Sheriff's Office



## From Mayor Pete Edison



Hello Residents of Banks,



Here is the latest good news from City Hall –

At the July 8 City Council meeting, Teri Branstitre was appointed to the vacant council position. Teri brings a wealth of knowledge to this position. She previously served several terms on the City Council, a term as Mayor, and most recently as Chair of the Library Board. Welcome back, Teri!

Banks was awarded a Bike and Pedestrian Grant from the Oregon State Department of Transportation and Growth Management. This fall, we will begin working with a consultant on a master plan for a bike and pedestrian pathway through town.

The City has received 2 annexation applications. These applications will be discussed at upcoming Planning Commission and City Council Meetings. These annexations could go out to voters on the November 2014 election ballot.

It's hard to believe we are already planning for fall maintenance projects and for school to start again!

Sincerely, Mayor Pete



**Leaf Recycling this Fall**  
More info in your water bills

## Backflow Testing

Residents and businesses with backflow devices are required to submit their annual test report to the City Water Department by Wednesday, October 1.



If test results are not received by October 1, the City will schedule the test for you and add the charge to your water billing.

Backflow devices are often part of an underground sprinkler, swimming pool, or other automated water system. Properly working backflow devices keep contaminants from entering the public water system. To confirm whether you need to file a report, call (503) 324-5112.

## Pay Your Water Bill Your Way

You have many options for paying your city water bill. Choose the one that works best for you:

- Online at [www.cityofbanks.org](http://www.cityofbanks.org)  
Visa, Mastercard, Discover Card, Check, or monthly auto pay with one of the above
- In the office by cash, check, card or money order
- ACH – auto transfer from your checking account
- Mail a check or money order
- City Hall Drop Box - Check, money order, cash

## Your Emergency Contact Info

If water repairs or other city service emergencies happen on your property, we will try to call you about it.

Please make sure we have your current phone number on file. It only takes a quick call to (503) 324-5112. Call today!



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POLICE - FIRE - MEDICAL

9-1-1

Non-Emergency 503-629-0111

## Talk With Your Kids!

By Deputy Todd Hanlon

Parents are the most influential people in a child's life. Even when you think they are not listening, they hear you and think about your words.

The weeks before the rush of the school year are perfect for talking with your kids (of all ages) about personal safety.

Take a short walk, chat over dinner or - my favorite - go for a drive. The idea is to start the new school year by setting expectations and being open to talking about them.



Consider sharing a few of your goals as parents with your kids. Maybe yours include:

- Knowing where your kids are, what they are doing, and who they are with at all times.
- Encouraging communication by talking about school daily.
- Being familiar with school rules and supporting them.
- Communicating clearly about violence and weapons - you will not accept nor tolerate violent behavior.



Whatever your rules are, talk about them with your kids and be consistent about following them. The same rules that make for good parenting often translate to better personal safety.

## Parents, please remind your kids:

Bike riders under the age of 16 must wear helmets . . . even on their way to school. This also applies to scooters and skateboards!

## Back to School Updates!

With just weeks left of summer, you are probably already shopping for school clothes, supplies, and some type of a planner.

Let us help you get started with some important scheduling information:

Tuesday, September 2 will be the first day of school for students in grades 1-7, 9, and students new to the district.

Wednesday, September 3 will be the first day of school for students in grade 8 and grades 10-12.

Monday, September 8 will be the first day for kindergartners.

Beginning September 10, school will start at 9:15 on Wednesdays and busses will run 45 minutes later than usual. Late start Wednesdays will continue through the school year, except as noted on the 2014-15 school calendar.



## IT'S TRACTOR PULL WEEKEND!

**August 16-17** Join in the Tractor Pull at the Speedway, enjoy BBQ, and check out the Car Show and Demolition Derby!

