

# Pride in Serving



*The City of Banks and Your Sheriff's Office*



## From Mayor Pete Edison

Happy New Year!

Great things happened for Banks in 2014, and 2015 is looking even better! I extend my sincere thanks to our City Staff, many volunteers, and our residents. Together, we are building a wonderful community.



Our City Council reappointed Mark Gregg and Dan Keller for another term and welcomes the newest member, Mark Walsh. I would like to thank Rob Fowler for his past service on the City Council.

In November 2014, Banks voters passed Measures 34-232 and 34-233. The passing of these measures led to the annexation of two parcels of land into the Banks City limits (Quail Valley Golf Course - 172.93 acres and the VanDyke Family Land, LLC - 27.5 acres). This doubled the acreage inside the City limits.



Social media is one more way we keep you updated on city meetings, community

events, and the general "happenings" around Banks. Like us on Facebook today!

## Budget Committee Members Needed!

The City has two openings on our Budget Committee. Please contact City Recorder Angie Lanter, for more information: [alanter@cityofbanks.org](mailto:alanter@cityofbanks.org) or (503) 324-5112.

## Fix-a-Leak Week, March 16-22

The Environmental Protection Agency is sponsoring the annual Fix-a-Leak event again in Banks. During the week of March 16-22, two local plumbing companies, Malmedal Plumbing and Five Star Plumbers, are offering 30 minutes of free labor when you schedule an appointment to fix a leak. See your February water bill for more information.



City Hall also has the blue tablets that stain the water and help you track plumbing leaks. Stop by or call our office if you need a supply.

## City Meetings are Open to the Public, Please Join Us!

Have you ever wondered what happens at a City Council Meeting? Would you like to become more involved and informed about our Banks community? Please consider joining one of the following meetings. We promise you'll learn something new!

All meetings are held monthly at the City of Banks Council Chambers, unless noted:

- City Council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
- Library Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
- Park, Recreation and Tree Board - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday
- Planning Commission - Last Tuesday
- Budget Committee meets 2-4 times during the spring (March-May)

Our vibrant community depends on the participation of a knowledgeable and involved citizenry.

## Banks Contracts with Washington County for Police Services

In 2006, voters in the City of Banks approved a levy to pay for a police services contract with Washington County.

Under the contract, deputies dedicated to the City of Banks patrol in the city. These assigned deputies provide direct coverage for 50 hours per week. These services replace the need for a stand-alone city police department.



### What Police Services Are Provided?

- Patrol services by deputies dedicated to the City of Banks
- More rapid responses to 911 calls
- Thorough investigations of crimes, such as ID theft, property theft, child abuse, and domestic violence
- Access to national crime databases
- Enforcement of school safety zones
- Participation in school and community events
- City ordinance enforcement (noise and parking)
- Crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch programs

### What Happens When the Deputy is Off Duty?

Banks, like all cities in the county, is also covered by countywide law enforcement services. Deputies on county patrols are assigned to larger geographic patrol districts that surround cities, including Banks.

When a Banks Deputy is not on duty or requests back-up, the District Deputy responds to emergency and some non-emergency calls for the city. The dedicated Banks deputies are on duty in the city during the busiest days and hours.

## Reporting Suspicious Activity

Do you know when to call police for help? Most of us know we should call 911 in emergencies or to report a crime in progress, but what about other situations?

Your Sheriff's Office is kicking off a new campaign called "**See Something? Say Something!**" Our goal is to educate residents on when and how to call police for *non-emergency reasons*. We want to encourage you to report behaviors and activities that may be related to crime.

Residents should call non-emergency dispatch to report issues such as graffiti, property damage, neighborhood issues, and incidents that can cause community degradation.

Start today – save the non-emergency dispatch number in your phone, to be sure you have it handy.



## Report Every Crime to Police

If items are stolen from your car or property, call the non-emergency line right away! Please call even if you left a door unlocked and even if you don't want your items back.

At a point in January, deputies received 3 reports of items stolen from vehicles in Banks. However, for the same time and area, 12 thefts were *discussed on Facebook*.