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The City of Banks and Your Sheriff's Office



All Trails Lead to Banks!

From Mayor Pete Edison



Banks is perfectly located for many outdoor hiking and walking trails. We already have the popular **Banks/Vernonia Linear Trail**, and soon the **Council Creek Trail** will run from Hillsboro to Forest Grove and north to Banks.

The planned **Salmonberry Trail** will begin in Banks and lead over the Coast Range to Wheeler and eventually down to Tillamook.

We are also working on **The City of Banks Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan** for a network of trails in our town. The City is embracing the opportunity to be a part of the planning effort.

These trails will bring more visitors to Banks to patronize our businesses, and offer incredible recreation opportunities for our families near home. If we choose not to be involved in planning, these regional projects will happen without our input.

We invite you to join the Economic Development Commission, comprised of members of our City Council, Planning Commission, the Washington County Visitors Association, and the Banks Business Community. Help us explore the various trail options and develop Banks as a great place to visit, work, and play.

We want to hear feedback from the community. Please talk with me or a council member or join a city meeting so many people will hear your ideas!

Fix-a-Leak Week - March 14-20



The Environmental Protection Agency is sponsoring our annual Fix-a-Leak event again. During the week of March 14-20, Five Star Plumbers will be offering 30 minutes of free labor when you schedule an appointment to fix a leak. See your February water bill for details.

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.

Greenville City Park Survey

The City is conducting a survey regarding current amenities at Greenville City Park. Please



complete the survey in your February water bill or online at www.cityofbanks.org.

Banks Citizenship Award

Mark Ward is the recipient of the 2015 Banks Citizenship Award. The official award presentation will take place at the March 8 City Council Meeting. Congratulations Mark!



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POLICE - FIRE - MEDICAL
9-1-1
Non-Emergency 503-629-0111

Emergency Communications System Bond Measure on the Ballot May 17



When a person calls 911 for help, Washington County's emergency communications system is used to dispatch first responders to the scene as quickly as possible. The

system is used by all law enforcement, fire and rescue and ambulance service providers countywide. The system has worked for decades, but now manufacturers no longer make key parts, the technology is outdated, and the buildings and towers are not designed to withstand a major earthquake.

For these reasons, Washington County voters will be asked to consider a funding measure to replace and upgrade the emergency communications system. With voter approval this May 17, Washington County would issue general obligation bonds to pay for \$77 million in capital costs for emergency and 9-1-1 equipment and facilities, including:

- Converting the existing system to current technology
- Improving countywide coverage by installing more towers
- Strengthening facilities for earthquakes, storms and other emergencies
- Providing for efficient expansion of the 9-1-1 center and emergency response facilities
- Replacing approximately 3,000 analog radios currently used by first responders countywide

The projected levy rate is not expected to exceed 8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The actual rate may vary depending on changes in bond interest rates and assessed values. This rate would be levied over less than 21 years. A typical homeowner would pay about \$20 in 2016. This assumes an average assessed value (not market value) of \$255,408.

For more information, call 503-846-8685 or visit:
<http://wcemergencycommunications.blogspot.com>

Your Sheriff's Community Public Safety Academy Starts Soon!

The Community Public Safety Academy provides over 55 hours of training with your Sheriff's Office that consists of classroom and hands-on instruction. Students are actively involved in many interesting activities such as using police



equipment, participating in jail activities, and several role-play scenarios.

Classes begin March 1.

To learn more about the Community Public Safety Academy and your Sheriff's Office, visit www.WCSheriff-OR.com.

Now Hiring Jail and Patrol Deputies



Your Sheriff's Office is seeking great candidates (either entry level or transfers from other agencies) to work as deputies for your Sheriff's Office. Jail deputies have the opportunity to work in the only jail in Washington County, and deputies on patrol get to work in the second largest county in the state.

Visit www.WCSheriff-OR.com and see if you, or someone you know, would make a great fit!

Coming Soon . . . Spring Break!

It may be gray and rainy now, but Spring Break is just around the corner.



Students in the Banks School District will be on vacation March 21-25.