



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On July 15th, there was a fire a couple miles outside of town, thankfully there were no casualties and the Banks Fire District with the assistance of multiple agencies was able to stop the fire. For the City of Banks this was a true test of our water system. If this had happened before our new transmission line was finished, there is a large chance that it would have triggered curtailment. Instead, this showed that the city has the water for our current population as well as an emergency. As the firefighters filled their water tenders, they were drawing approximately 400 gallons a minute, and we had the supply. For those who are North of Hwy 26, the boil water notice was triggered because the state rules require 200 minutes of disinfection before the water reaches consumers. When the firefighters were using the closest hydrant, it drew directly from the reservoir at the water treatment plant faster than disinfection could happen. When it was safe to do so firefighters switched to using hydrants inside the city which are fed from the reservoirs on Banks Road.

Thank you to all the firefighters and support personnel who kept us all safe.  
Mayor Stephanie Jones

### CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

- City Council  
2nd Tuesday (monthly)
- Park, Recreation & Tree Board  
3rd Monday (Quarterly - Feb/May/Aug/Nov)
- Library Board  
3rd Tuesday (monthly)
- Planning Commission  
Last Tuesday (monthly)
- Economic Development  
1st Wednesday (monthly)

City meetings are open meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend.

### SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL OUTREACH LISTS!



The City of Banks has established email outreach lists to deliver information to community members, community organizations, and businesses.

#### City Meeting Agendas Email List

As a subscriber, you will receive emails with information about public notices, City Council Meetings, Planning Commission Meetings, Economic Development Commission Meetings, Library Board Meetings, Park Recreation and Tree Board Meetings, and other City meetings. **Sign up at [www.cityofbanks.org/government](http://www.cityofbanks.org/government)**

#### Business Outreach Email List

As a subscriber, you will receive emails with information about public notices, City and community events, City news, and Economic Development Commission information. Sign up at [www.cityofbanks.org/businessoutreach](http://www.cityofbanks.org/businessoutreach)

#### Community Outreach Email List

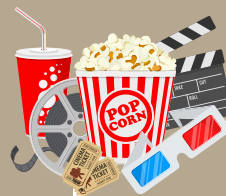
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**Just a friendly reminder that school will soon be back in session. Please drive carefully through the school zones, and watch for increased pedestrian traffic.**



### MOVIE IN THE PARK

**When:** Friday, August 11, 2023 at dusk  
**Where:** Greenville City Park - 12700 NW Arbor Park Loop  
Bring the family, snacks and a blanket and join us to watch *The Goonies!*



### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City of Banks Administrative Offices, Public Works Department, and Banks Public Library will be closed:

September 4th - Labor Day



There is lots of information to be found on the City of Banks website. Check it out at [www.cityofbanks.org](http://www.cityofbanks.org).

# CITY MEETING RECAP FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

A brief recap on the items discussed & actions taken at City Meetings.

## City Council Work Session

- Washington County update – Washington County Commissioner Jerry Willey
- Intersection Project update – Charlie Sterns, PE, Senior Project Manager with Washington County

## City Council Meeting

- Mayor Jones presented Certificates of Appreciation to Lynda Goovaerts, and Ann Witkowski for their years of service on the Library Board.
- Mayor Jones read the 2023 National Night Out Proclamation into the record.
- Presentations of: Police Monthly Briefing, Library Director Report, Public Works Supervisor Report, City Recorder/Assistant City Manager Report & City Manager Report, and a presentation of a plaque to Washington County Lt. Bob Ray, for his years of service and support to the City of Banks.
- City Council adopted the minutes of the June 13, 2023, City Council Meeting.
- City Council authorized staff to proceed with the purchase and installation of a new sound system in the City Council Chambers at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- A Public Hearing was held for Ordinance No's. 2023-07-01, 2023-07-02, and 2023-07-03.
- City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No.2023-07-01, an Ordinance Amending the City of Banks' Zoning Map to Rezone Certain Real Property along Main Street from Commercial to Downtown Commercial, Consistent with the Property's Commercial Comprehensive Plan designation.
- City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07-02, an Ordinance Amending the City of Banks' Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map to Replan and Rezone the Banks Elementary School Property from Commercial to Public Facilities.
- City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-07-03, an Ordinance Amending Title XV (Land Usage), Chapter 151 (Zoning Code), Section 355 (Nonconforming Situations – Purpose and Applicability) of the Banks Development Code by allowing newly designated Downtown Commercial zone properties to expand as nonconforming uses.
- City Council conducted a second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2023-05-01, an Ordinance Amending Title V (Public Works), Chapter 50 (Water), Section 50.04 (Description of Service) of the Banks Municipal Code to Revise the City's Bulk Water Sales Authority.
- City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-14, a Resolution Declaring a City Council Vacancy Consistent with Sections 31 & 32 of the Banks City Charter.
- City Council reviewed and updated the Council Committee Assignments.
- City Council approved the purchase of a new Vac-Trailer in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

## Economic Development Commission

- No meeting held in July

## Park, Recreation & Tree Board

- No meeting held in July.

## Planning Commission

- No meeting held in July

## Library Board

- The Library Board held a retreat in July, welcoming two new members, and celebrating the two whose terms have ended. An overview of library history, finances, and policies, board responsibilities and upcoming projects was shared.

## NEWS FROM THE BANKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Messy Art was a big hit as the Summer Reading Program nears the end. What better way to enjoy painting on a hot day than to end by rinsing in a pool? Award books are available at the library and the Summer Reading Wrap Up Party will be Saturday, August 5 at 10 am in Greenville Park. Come see BJ the Clown!



Backflow testing starts August 1st.

Please watch for Public Works staff and drive carefully in the area. If you have any questions, please call the City at 503-324-5112.



## **BANKS CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

The nomination period is now open. Nomination forms are due by September 30, 2023. The winning candidate will be notified by phone after October 31, 2023. A presentation of the award will be made at the November 14, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Banks Citizenship Award Recipients

- 2012 - Jim Hough
- 2013 - Kathie Jackson & Jim Lucas
- 2014 - Raymond Deeth
- 2015 - Mark Ward
- 2016 - Marion Steinbach
- 2017 - Mel & Becky Clark
- 2018 - Shirley Javorsky
- 2019 - David Duyck
- 2020 - Leslee Sipp
- 2021 - Josh & Melissa Merritt
- 2022 - Margaret Holland



2022 Banks Citizenship Award Recipient Margaret Holland

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE CITY OF BANKS**

Interested in serving on a City of Banks Board, Commission or Committee? We are currently seeking volunteers. Please contact City Recorder, Angie Lanter at [alanter@cityofbanks.org](mailto:alanter@cityofbanks.org) or 503-324-5112 for more information.



Visit [www.cityofbanks.org/citizenshipaward](http://www.cityofbanks.org/citizenshipaward) for more information & nomination forms