

# CITY OF STANFIELD

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Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2017

## CITY HALL

160 S. Main Street  
P.O. Box 369  
Stanfield, Oregon  
97875  
Phone: 541-449-3831  
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## PUBLIC WORKS

515 Old Hinkle Road  
Water and Sewer Emer-  
gencies: 541-561-4587

## LIBRARY

180 W. Coe  
541-449-1828

## POLICE

105 W. Wood Avenue  
Emergencies: Dial 911  
Non-Emergencies (Police  
Dispatch): 541-567-2346

## ODOR CONTROL EFFORTS AT 405 HOOSIER LANE

While odors from the 3D Corporate Solutions starch plant on Hoosier Road have improved, they have not yet been eliminated. The City is not satisfied with any offensive odors, and is continuing to work with 3D to eliminate the problem. 3D has changed the raw material that they use to a less stinky variety, and has begun blowing an odor-neutralizing agent over their receiving area. Other improvements planned for the site are:

- Site grading to eliminate any standing water and improve dust control will be complete by September 15th.
- The raw material receiving area will be entirely enclosed by October 15th.
- A new air scrubber system specifically designed for the site will be installed by November 30th.

3D has also offered to close down the plant on days when public events take place. They will be closed for Stanfield High School's home football games. If you know of other public events that will bring in visitors from out of town that would appreciate similar action, please contact City Hall.

3D has also offered tours of the plant for anyone who is interested. Please contact City Hall if you would like to be a part of a scheduled tour.

See page 3 for additional information on this problem.

## STAGE GULCH TRAIL

The City of Stanfield will be receiving a grant from the State of Oregon for the construction of a walking and biking trail along Stage Gulch, from Sherman Street, through Bard Park, and ending at Edwards Road. Stage Gulch was once the source of destruction from floods. Now that our flood control levees are in place, we have the perfect place for a trail that will allow walkers and bikers to enjoy the open space and beauty of this waterway, without the danger of motorized vehicles nearby.

We expect to get a notice to proceed from Oregon Parks and Recreation by early September. We will then begin the process of selecting firms to complete the work. We don't yet have a timeline for completion.



### MAYOR:

Thomas McCann

### CITY COUNCIL:

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### LIBRARIAN

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & 2017 NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR

The Stanfield Police Department hosted National Night Out on August 1, 2017. National Night Out is an annual event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This year's event was a huge success with over 300 people enjoying the community evening at Bard Park. The bicycle rodeo and water balloon toss were fun and entertaining. Daniel Barton was selected as the 2017 Neighbor of the Year for Stanfield. Congratulations to Daniel for everything you do for our community! The night ended with a family movie.

A HUGE THANKS to everyone who donated supplies, and their time to help out with the event which made this night so spectacular. This event was made possible by community donations, and the Police Department is already looking ahead to next year's event. We hope to see you there!

## ELEPHANT'S TRUNK AUCTION

The Elephant's Trunk (105 S. Main, also known as the Watts Building) and its contents and the Burke Building (165 W. Coe) are scheduled to be sold at auction on September 24th at 2:00 pm, with a preview (open house) scheduled for earlier that day starting at 12 noon, and on September 17th, from 12 noon to 2:30 pm. An auction was previously scheduled for April 30th, but was postponed. If you or someone you know are interested in acquiring one of these historic properties, contact Stuart Realty Group at 503-263-7253 for more information.

In addition, the auctioneers are interested in making other properties available at the same auction. Contact Stuart Realty Group if you would like your property auctioned alongside these buildings.

## STANFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME!

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a story and activity.

### FUN FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

Fridays at 1 pm, join us the first Friday of each month for games or a craft. For kids 1st grade and up. Stop by the library for more information



### DID YOU KNOW?

Stanfield public library hosts a paperback book exchange. Bring your gently used books and trade them

### INTERESTED IN BOOKS DELIVERED?

Do you or someone you know need library items delivered or picked up? Let us know! We are looking for more information on what services our community can use.

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

- **Burning of yard waste or trash is prohibited** in the City of Stanfield.
- **Permits are required for all yard sales**, and no more than two yard sales per year are permitted.
- Occupying a **Recreational Vehicle (RV)** is prohibited within the City of Stanfield unless it is within an RV Park or you have a temporary RV occupancy permit. Occupied RV permits are only good for two weeks.
- **Dog Licenses:** A license is required for all dogs in Stanfield, regardless of size.

### STANFIELD LIBRARY ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION:

180 W. Coe Avenue  
Stanfield, OR 97875

Phone: 541-449-1254

Fax: 541-449-3264

[www.stanfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.stanfieldpubliclibrary.com)  
[library@cityofstanfield.com](mailto:library@cityofstanfield.com)

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday-Thursday:

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday:

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### LIBRARY SERVICES:

- Free Wi-Fi
- Free Interlibrary Loans
- EBSCO Online Auto Repair Manuals
- Ancestry.com Genealogy
- Copies and Faxes
- Notarizations

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

- A permit is required for keeping any livestock within the City. **Live-stock permits** can be obtained at City Hall.
- **Reporting a Crime:** In an emergency, dial 911. If it is not an emergency, crimes or information related to crimes can be reported to the **County Dispatch Center at 541-567-2346.**
- **Residents are prohibited from accessing water meters.** If you need your water meter turned off or on, please contact City Hall. The City encourages all residents to install shut-off valves in their homes. **Water meters and meter boxes are the property of the City of Stanfield.**
- **Dogs must be kept on a leash** or in a fenced yard. **Dogs running at large will be impounded with a \$25 daily fee.**
- **House Numbers** need to be present and visible on the front of each home. This is the responsibility of each resident.
- **Water Leaks:** a leaky pipe or broken sprinkler head can result in the waste of thousands of gallons of water and a much higher utility bill. Don't let leaks drain your wallet! Fix broken pipes as soon as possible!

## ODOR CONTROL EFFORTS

### **Question: Why was the plant allowed to locate in Stanfield in the first place?**

**Answer:** A company called Idaho Dehydration and Processing (which was later purchased by the current owners) bought the plant in 2016 and began putting it into operation. They came to the City for a Development Permit, which gives them planning and zoning approval. Under the City's Development Code, the operations and equipment they described in their permit are allowed in the General Industrial Zone without a public hearing or the involvement of the Planning Commission. The plant is located in a General Industrial Zone.

### **Q.: Didn't they realize their operation would create a stink? Why didn't they prepare for it?**

**A.:** The Company was aware that they needed to be prepared for odors, and initially, they were. They had two air scrubbers that seemed to be adequate for the job, however, both of those scrubbers were destroyed in a fire in February, 2017. In their haste to get back up and running, 3D purchased and installed an undersized air scrubber that was not custom designed for their operation. This air scrubber proved to be inadequate.

### **Q.: Why doesn't 3D Corporate Solutions shut down until everything is installed and fixed?**

**A.:** Unfortunately, if they don't have the revenue from continued operations, they don't have the funding required to pay for the needed upgrades.

### **Q.: What is 3D Corporate Solutions doing about the problem?**

**A.:** 3D has changed the raw product that they use to a type that causes fewer odors. They also have begun spraying an odor neutralizing agent over their raw material receiving area. They have hired J4 Engineering out of Boise, Idaho, a firm specializing in odor mitigation from similar plants, to design and build a new air scrubber that is adequately sized and custom made for the plant. They are making site modifications, such as grading and graveling, to eliminate any standing water and blowing dust. A project to fully enclose their raw material receiving area is also in the works. This is their timeline for improvements:

- Site work to eliminate any standing water and improve dust control will be complete by September 15th.
- The receiving area will be entirely enclosed by October 15th.
- The new air scrubber system will be installed by November 30th.

While all this work is being done, 3D has made arrangements to shut down for public events, such as Stanfield High School football games. They are also working to train their staff to operate the plant in a manner that decreases any odors.

### **Q.: Why doesn't the City or DEQ shut them down?**

**A.:** Since the plant is located in an industrial zone, the City's authority is limited to our nuisance ordinance, which outlines a process of warnings and fines designed to encourage property owners to clean up their properties and dangerous, unsightly, and unhealthy conditions. The only way the City could shut the plant down is to file a lawsuit and get a judge to agree that the plant needs to be shut down.

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This would be a long and expensive process. Since the company is making good faith efforts to improve the situation, the City is reluctant to take that step. If that changes, and 3D refuses to work with the City to improve things, legal action is still an option.

DEQ has its own regulations and processes for dealing with businesses and their emissions. 3D Corporate Solutions is working with DEQ and following their instructions. DEQ sets deadlines that are based on the time required to make necessary modifications, and so their deadlines are rather far out.

### **Q.: Why isn't the City fining 3D for the smell?**

**A.:** The City's preference is to first work with violators to correct the problem before levying a fine. As long as violators are making good faith efforts, we would prefer that they use their money to fix the problem rather than pay a fine. Unfortunately, we have also discovered that our nuisance ordinance is not sufficient in this case. The City has investigated other cities and found that when a City's ordinance is not specific enough, it does not hold up in court. Essentially, if we applied our current ordinance to this situation and levied fines, it is likely that we would lose the resulting lawsuit. The City is currently working to identify and make the necessary modifications to our ordinance that will give us the power to levy appropriate fines.

### **Q.: What is the chemical that they are spraying over their raw material receiving area? Is it dangerous?**

**A.:** The City has received the materials safety and data sheet from DEQ for the chemical that is being used. It is called QuickSoil 2600, but is also marketed as GOC 506 or QuickSoil 506. It is completely non-toxic, and DEQ is satisfied that it is completely safe for this application.

### **Q.: What can citizens do?**

**A.:** Complaints do help! However, they must be good and informative complaints. We are trying to keep a record of when and where odors occur. This is useful both for the City's nuisance abatement purposes, but also helps 3D Corporate Solutions to know whether their modifications are helping or not. If they have information on when and where offensive odors occur, they can use that data to adjust their system. They also can track where odors occur most, and send their own staff to those locations in order to test new changes.

Please continue to send complaints to City Hall, either in person, by phone to 541-449-3831, or by email to [citymanager@cityofstanfield.com](mailto:citymanager@cityofstanfield.com). When you make a complaint, please be sure to mention the day and time that you noticed the offensive smell, the location where you smelled it, and a brief description of the smell. You do not have to leave your name, but it is helpful to know who you are so that we can make sure that complaints are not duplicated.

3D Corporate Solutions is also very concerned about educating the public on their operations, and they have offered to conduct tours of their facility to educate the public on their operations and product. Please contact City Hall if you would like to be scheduled for a tour.

If you have any questions at all about the situation, please don't hesitate to contact the City Manager about it.

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

- **Past-Due Utility Accounts:** Utility Bills are mailed on the 1st of each month, and are due by the 20th. A \$15 late fee is charged after the 20th. Any accounts that are not paid by the 10th of the following month will be shut off, after which a \$50 on/off fee must be paid before utilities are turned back on.

## STANFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

225 W. Roosevelt Avenue  
541-449-1332

**Community Breakfast:**  
First Saturday of the month,  
7:00-10:00 a.m.

**Community Lunch:**  
Every Wednesday,  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
\$3.50 for those over 60  
\$6.00 for all others

**Monthly Pie Sales:**  
Order by 2nd Wednesday  
Pick-up on 3rd Wednesday

**Contact:**  
Lorraine Newman:  
541-449-3255  
Ben Houk: 541-720-3445  
Doug Alvarez: 541-969-8327