



WINTER 2014

CITY OF STANFIELD

NEWSLETTER

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City Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7PM in the City Council building at 150 W. Coe Ave.

Municipal Court is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM in City Hall at 160 S. Main St.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Holiday Greetings to each and every one of you. Santa will be coming soon! I want to express my sincere appreciation to all our volunteers who work to provide all our holiday festivities.

Just remember that every cold, foggy day brings us one day closer to spring.

I want to thank the City Council and City Staff for the progress that's been accomplished during the past year.

People ask me how the citizens and City make its slow, measured progress. I always reply that we are like a serene white swan on a pond, but underneath we paddle as fast as we can.

Again, I wish all Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

Mayor Thomas McCann

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

You have probably noticed the large new water reservoir near the I-84 interchange on the south side of the City. It is the most visible aspect of our Water System Improvements Project. The new reservoir is approximately 40 feet tall and holds one million gallons of water. This reservoir is already in use, providing water pressure and capacity for the downtown area and existing and future development near I-84.



The transmission line leading from this new reservoir to "Old Town" Stanfield has already been completed. Crews are also at work repainting and refurbishing the older water reservoir on Locust Street. While that reservoir will not have an attractive logo like the new one, it will be cleaned and repainted inside and out to enable it to provide many more years of service.

The final part of the project is a booster pump station that will be erected right next to the new reservoir. Workers are already hard at work on this final piece of the puzzle. The entire project is expected to be complete in February.

Once completed, these improvements will provide additional capacity and redundancy that will ensure all residents and businesses an adequate and steady supply of water. The project also extends the City's water infrastructure to I-84, paving the way for future development.

There's never been a better time to make your home more energy efficient. Energy Trust of Oregon is offering additional cash back on select energy-saving projects installed by December 31, 2013. That's on top of the regular cash incentives Energy Trust already offers. To learn more, visit www.energytrust.org/cozy or call 1.866.368.7878.

Dog Licenses: A license is required on all dogs in Stanfield, regardless of size. To obtain a license, you must show proof of rabies vaccine. There is a \$5 fee for each spayed/neutered dog and \$20 for each unspayed/un-neutered dog. Licenses must be renewed each year on or before July 1. Collar-bearing licenses must be kept on dogs for identification at all times. At no time is a dog allowed to roam freely throughout the City. Dogs must be kept on a leash or in a fenced yard. Dogs running at large will be impounded with a \$25 daily fee. If they are taken to Pet Rescue the fee is \$50 daily. These are only impound fees, there is an additional citation amount.

ROADWAYS: Please keep Basketball hoops out of roadways when not in use. They become a road hazard when left out unattended.

“DO I NEED A PERMIT?”

Are you thinking about putting a shed in your back yard? Do you have plans to build a workshop, or an addition to your home? If so, you will probably need a permit. State law requires a building permit for structural improvements or repairs. These may include:

- Adding a room.
- Building, demolishing or moving a carport, garage or shed of more than 200 square feet.
- Finishing an attic, garage or basement to make additional living space.
- Cutting a new window or door opening or widening existing openings.
- Adding, moving or removing walls.
- Building, installing, altering or repairing a stairway, a retaining wall more than four feet high, a deck more than 30 inches above grade, or a fence more than six feet high

If you are thinking about making improvements to your home and you are unsure if you need a permit, contact the City Manager for guidance.

WATER PRESSURE PROBLEMS

Some residents may have experienced a change in their water pressure. This is due to a switch from artificially-boosted pressure to the more-efficient gravity-driven pressure provided by our new water reservoir. While improvements may be made in the future to provide additional pressure, it is unclear at this point when such improvements will be made or how much they may cost. In the meantime, there are steps that you can take to improve pressure in your own home.

First, try cleaning your shower heads and the aerators in your faucets. Shower heads and aerators may become clogged with use, which can reduce the pressure of the water coming out of your tap.

Second, check the condition of the water line to your home. Just like your aerator may become clogged, corrosion may build up in these pipes, which can drastically reduce pressure. This is especially a problem in older homes with galvanized service line pipes.

CITY COMPOST YARD

The City of Stanfield has a composting site for the citizens of Stanfield located on Hoosier Road. Only leaves and grass clippings can be dumped in the compost pits. Tree limbs and brush must be left in the adjacent brush pile. **NO GARBAGE, LUMBER, or METAL** are accepted.

The finished compost may be used by all for gardens, flowerbeds, and lawns. Anyone desiring a load of compost may load it themselves or call City Hall and make arrangements with the Public Works Department to have it loaded. Sorry, no assistance loading compost is available after 3 pm. You may take as much as you like.

The site is generally open from 7 AM to 7 PM. Be aware: the gate locks automatically at closing time.

YARDS OF THE MONTH

Do you have one of Stanfield's most beautiful yards? Do you think that your neighbor needs to be recognized for his or her long hours of yard work? The Stanfield Yard of the Month program will be returning, starting in April, so get ready to spruce up your yards! If you wish to nominate a yard, contact the City Manager.



CITY OF STANFIELD BUDGET COMMITTEE

The City of Stanfield currently has a few vacancies on its Budget Committee. The Budget Committee is comprised of the Mayor and City Councilors along with 7 other Stanfield citizens. The Budget Committee, working with City Staff, recommends changes and approves the annual City budget. The Budget Committee then provides a recommendation to the City Council for budget adoption. The City will begin holding budget workshops in February or March before then holding Budget Committee Meetings in May. If you are interested in serving, please contact Blair Larsen or Jerry Carlson at City Hall (160 South Main), by phone at 541-449-3831, or by email citymanager@cityofstanfield.com.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Let's Make Our Community Livable, One Neighbor At A Time

The Following Issues are Citable Offenses:

- No inoperable, unlicensed vehicles on private property or City right-of-way
 - No Burning
 - No Dogs running at large
 - No noxious vegetation (tall weeds or grass or dead tree limbs)
 - No piles of trash, weeds, grass, building materials, appliances, tires, or scrap iron
 - Curfew for minors is 10PM Sunday-Thursday, 12PM Friday and Saturday
- Report any violations to SPD at 449-3245 or City Hall at 449-3831

STANFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Breakfast: 7-10am, First Saturday of each month.
Senior Lunch: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Every Wednesday (except Christmas and New Year's Day)

Pie Sales: Monthly, Order by 2nd Wednesday, Pick-up on 3rd Wednesday.
Contact: Benn 541-720-3445, Doug 541-969-8327, Jeri 541-567-2717

REMINDER: 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.

Past Due Utility Accounts: A reminder that Utility bills (Water, Sewer, Garbage) go out on the 1st of each month and are due by the 20th. If they are not paid by the 20th there is a \$15.00 late fee. Accounts that are past due must be paid by the 10th of the following month in order to not get shut off. If you make special arrangements to pay after the 10th you will need to pay the past and current amounts due. Also, if you do get shut off, there is a \$50 on/off fee that will need to be paid along with past and current amounts due before you can be turned back on. Please do not call the water emergency number at night or on the weekends to be turned back on if you have been shut off. All accounts that are turned off must be cleared through the office to be turned back on.

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