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# City of Wood Village May 2012

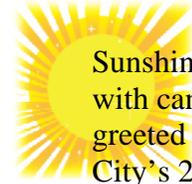
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# 24th Annual Wood Village Easter Egg Hunt



Sunshine and 15,000 eggs filled with candy and prize tickets greeted over 2,000 children at the City's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt. For the fifth year in a row, Wal-Mart was the main sponsor with a generous donation of 15,000 eggs, candy, Easter baskets and egg dying kits.



Additional sponsors included: Advanced Metal and Wire, Brasher's Auto Body and Repair, Wood Village 76 Station, Treehill Day School, Beararino's and The Chapel. Over 60 volunteers helped make this event possible, including

members of the City Council, Wal-Mart, the Reynolds High School National Honor Society, The Chapel, Cub Scout Troop 717 and several Wood Village residents. The event kicked off at 9:20 AM with a welcoming speech by Mayor Patricia Smith, followed by the arrival of the Easter Bunny in a helicopter. Channel 6 news reporter Jessica Morkert, the event's emcee, kept the crowd entertained and informed of the event's features throughout the morning. It was a great event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who supported, volunteered, and attended this great event. We hope to see you all again next year!

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## *Public Works Director Randy Jones Retires*

Five years ago, the City of Wood Village selected a candidate for the position of Public Works Director, Randy Jones. Randy brought with him a great deal of experience, and a very willing attitude. The skills it took to be the driving force behind a series of public improvements that changed the face of Wood Village.



While the Mayor and City Council make decisions about what projects will go forward, it was Randy that was the driving force behind making those ideas realities. Work Randy has had a hand in includes:

- Reservoir size increase and lining
- City Hall remodel
- Arata Rd sewer improvement project to avert continuing problems with leakage and to assure capacity



- Completion of Well 4, new system connections and update in production facilities for water

- Storm Water Vaults to improve water quality
- New 207<sup>th</sup> Lift station and the solution to the capacity issues limiting Wood Village's ability to achieve the planned build out and enabling redevelopment of the community

- Wetland Improvement project in Don Robertson Park
- Acquisition of new Public Works building and demolition of the old pole barn facility facing Halsey

The ability to take an idea to reality, make sure it is designed right, and complete within budget and on time is a real skill. Randy combined all the resources it takes to be successful. No one person ever completes this sort of work alone. Credit must be



shared with elected officials, administrative and finance personnel, engineering firms, operating staff members, citizens, contractors, and

other governmental agencies. There are many individuals that have a role in completing projects. The key is to have the kind of individual that can combine all these resources and make sure a project becomes a reality; Randy has been that person in Wood Village.

Randy will be retiring June 1, 2012. We hope all residents join us in thanking Randy for a job well done for all Wood Village residents!

## SOLV Tree Planting

The City celebrated Earth Day this year by planting 15 Red Sunset Maple Trees at City Hall. This project was coordinated with the help of Carol Brill from Arata Creek School as part of a senior project.

With some help from City staff, Carol and 22 other students from Arata Creek School spent the morning planting the 14 foot tall,



100 pound trees. These trees will not only help enhance and beautify the northern gateway to the City and City Hall for years to come, but it was also a great learning opportunity for the students. Look for more trees to be planted in the

months ahead as the City puts the Forest back in Wood Village.

# THE FIRST 72 HOURS

The Pacific Northwest has the potential for numerous types of natural and man-made disasters. Recent disasters in Louisiana and Japan have illustrated to us how important it is to be prepared before the disaster strikes. Understanding that the local government's first responders and their families have been affected by the same disaster as you, and that the Government will be primarily focusing on restoring essential services, you quickly come to understand why we need to be self-sufficient for at least the first 72 hours after a disaster strikes. So, how do you prepare for the next "Big One"?

Emergency preparedness doesn't have to be expensive, and you don't have to buy special survival gear and supplies. It's quite easy to assemble a basic 72 hour Emergency/Survival Kit with a trip to the supermarket and the local sporting goods store.

Purchasing a hand crank or battery powered radio can keep you in the loop when all other forms of communications are off line. However, food and water are two of the most important items for your "kit", and your survival. Starting with the rule of "one gallon of water per person, per day" will start you in the right direction. Storing the water is a bit more difficult, and will vary greatly based on the location the water would be stored. We highly recommend using bottled water, or storing tap water in BPA free water containers. The advantage of BPA free



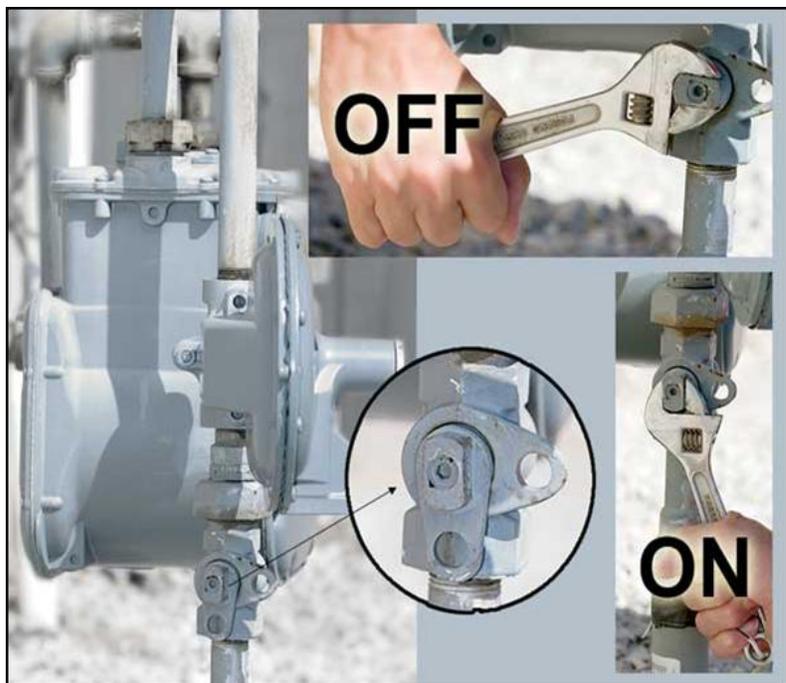
water containers is they do not leach chemicals into the water, making sure your water supply does not become contaminated. In addition, using containers that are made of light resistant

materials will help in preventing bacterial growth. You can also pick up water purification tablets at your local camping/sporting goods store. Food, on the other hand, will vary from person to person. However, we recommend that you store food items that have a long shelf life, are nutritional, and that you are familiar with. A disaster is not the time to be trying foods that you may not like to eat. Comfort foods are also important to put into your “kit”, especially if you are stocking food for children. Also, remember that many foods need to remain cool to prevent spoiling; this may be difficult if a power failure has occurred. Take a look at the food safety charts provided at [www.foodsafety.gov/keep/charts](http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/charts) for information on how to properly store different foods.



Being prepared for medical emergencies is as important as being able to eat. Serious infection can set in from even minor cuts if they are not cleaned and disinfected properly. Having a basic first aid kit will greatly decrease your chances of becoming ill in the event you are injured. Obtaining skills in first aid, disaster preparedness, and CPR are also very important as the paramedics will likely be unable to respond in a timely manner, if at all. Maintaining a minimum of 10 days of your medications is also highly recommended, as the pharmacy may not be open following a disaster.

When disaster strikes, it often affects one or more of the utilities in your home. It is important to know where the gas, water, and electrical controls are located, and when and how to turn them



off. Once located, it would be wise to stage any special tools required in turning off the utility next to valve. Once the utility has been turned off, leave it off until a trained professional can inspect and verify it is safe to turn the utility back on. Making sure that all occupants are aware of the turn off locations is also very important. Being able to identify the valves and electrical panel locations can mean the difference between being located in a disaster area, or being part of the disaster.

Being prepared prior to a disaster is the single biggest factor in surviving the first 72 hours. The government will be unable to come to the rescue until they have had time to take care of loved ones, restore critical

services, and identify areas and populations that were hit hardest by the disaster. Having a family plan in place, emergency supplies, emergency communications equipment, and knowing how to turn off your utilities are as easy as spending 30 minutes at the grocery store or taking a walk around your house. Making sure that you and your family can be self-sufficient until help arrives will be paramount during the first 72 hours.



## MOVING FORWARD

As a City, we have two big issues to solve, the funding of our roadway maintenance and the funding of storm water compliance. As each of you know, the issues facing Wood Village are not unique, but they are difficult. Funding the safety of our community is our first priority. We have to look at how we will sustain funding for

police and fire in the future, while having enough resource to protect your investment in both your private property and the public investments you have helped finance in the town.

Quality roads are critical to our local economy and the growth of area jobs, and if we can find ways to invest in streets while they are still “good”, we can save everyone money compared to trying to fix roads after they have fallen apart. Along with the roads, there is also the importance of conveying storm water safely away from our homes and businesses while not destroying the water shed, or impacting our clean water.



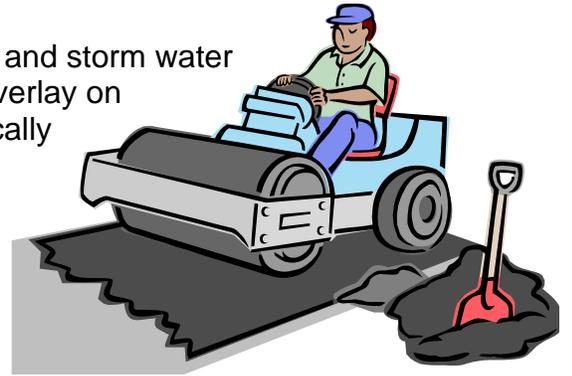
For the past several months, a Citizen Advisory Committee has been working with your local government officials and FCS Group, a consulting firm that specializes in evaluating funding alternatives and structures for local governments. The committee has completed their work evaluating ways to provide funding in Wood Village for roadways and storm drainage. During this process, the committee has:

- Evaluated the current status of roadway and storm water funding in Wood Village
  - Looked at the General Fund in the City and recognized that roadway and storm water funding will not be adequate to maintain the current system over time, and without funding storm and roadway costs, the public safety system and park system could be threatened
    - Looked at most of the potential funding methods available in Oregon to finance roadway maintenance and storm water compliance
    - Dealt with technical issues on how a potential funding source that included a fee for service on a utility bill from the City might be put together, and what kind of credits, costs, and measurement methods could potentially be used.
- Considered whether or not funding for County Roadways within the City could or should be included in the financing requirements for this system.
- Made a recommendation to the City Council to consider the creation of a utility fee that would be included in every water and sewer bill to pay for storm water and roadway funding



Our future depends on financing roadway maintenance and maintaining and improving storm drainage. To fund the needed maintenance cost, the committee selected a service level that would set fees at \$8.27 per month for a single family residence in the first year, \$12.40 in the second year, \$13.08 in the third year of the system. Fees for commercial establishments will be calculated based on average daily trips generated by the land use, with credits in place for pass by trips and similar issues.

The fees would fund regular prioritized roadway maintenance and storm water compliance. Unlike the status quo where the last structural overlay on a city road occurred in 2003; crack sealing was done sporadically in 2004 and 2008; slurry or other seal programs did not exist, and minor street patching through the county was completed only after potholes and failures appeared in 2005, 2007 and 2010. All work completed on the roadways was based on urgency, with no planned process to prevent roadway failures.



The new proposed service level will seal roadway cracks on portions of the City system every year and Slurry (or similar surface treatment) once each fifteen (15) years. Structural overlays with asphalt would be included with enough funding to provide for overlay of two miles of 1.5" overlay in a fifteen year period (Total System in 32 yrs). This is not the recommended level of maintenance for roadways, but it is dramatically improved from what we have been able to finance for the last five years.



The new utility fee will also be critical in funding annual cleaning and maintenance of the storm water system to protect property from flooding and to assure water quality.

As most residents of Wood Village know, the surrounding Cities all have storm water utilities in place that include a monthly charge on the utility billing. For a single family residence, the monthly storm water charge is \$8.78 in Fairview, \$3.78 in Troutdale and \$9.84 or more in Gresham depending on square footage of the residence. Each City also has fees for commercial customers based on differing criteria and methods. For these communities, the storm water utility fees have allowed them to comply with environmental standards and improve the quality of water in our region along with reducing flood damage and improving drainage systems.

The recommendations from the Citizen Advisory Committee will be presented to the City Council on May 8<sup>th</sup>. We urge all residents to participate in the discussion and help us shape our collective future.

## Help Stop



We have all seen it, and possibly been victims of it. The "it" we are speaking of is graffiti; that unwanted and often crudely written or painted scribbling on fences, signs and other surfaces. While it is unlikely that graffiti vandalism will ever stop, there is good news. The City has partnered



with Wal-Mart to provide graffiti removal kits to members of the community. These kits are stocked with items that can remove most types of graffiti from most surfaces. These kits were field tested by staff, and graffiti was easily removed from signs, mailboxes, railings and utility boxes with no damage to the original surface! The only

surface that these kits do not work well on is wood. That is because wood is porous, and the only effective removal of graffiti on wood is to pressure wash it, or paint over it. If you are a victim of graffiti vandalism, or would like to help clean up graffiti in the City, please consider checking out one of the graffiti removal kits. The kits can be checked out for up to a week, and all you need to do is stop by City Hall, fill out a brief form, and you will be on your way. Please call or check out our website for more information about these kits, and other graffiti removal techniques.



## Community Garden

The Wood Village Community Garden opens on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There are still a few plots

left, but hurry in to City Hall if you are interested in a plot as they are going fast. All plots are 10'x10' and rent is \$20 for the growing season.

## Community Pride Award Winner!

Congratulations to April's winner:

23200 NE Sandy Blvd. #48!

A resident nominated this property because of the constant care and maintenance of the yard area, and the Parks Commission agreed. If you know of a property in the City that consistently has a nice yard, or that has made substantial exterior improvements, please nominate them for the Community Pride award. We are still accepting nominations for June, so please get your nominations in soon!

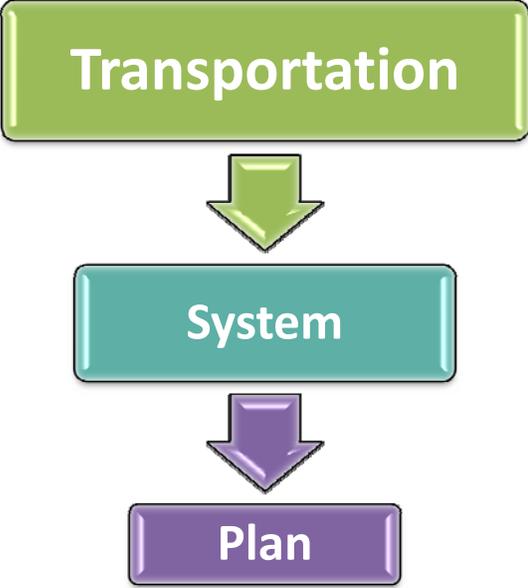


## Council Position Election

Starting May 30<sup>th</sup>, City Hall will be accepting applications for candidates to run for City Council in the November 6, 2012 General Election. There are three available positions, and each position is for a four-year term. Candidates must have lived within the City for at least one year as of November 6<sup>th</sup>, and Councilors serve on a volunteer basis without pay.

All completed forms must be turned into the City Hall on or before August 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information, or to obtain a Council Election Packet please stop by City Hall, or visit our website at [www.ci.wood-village.or.us](http://www.ci.wood-village.or.us).





Following six months of meetings for a technical advisory committee and a citizen advisory committee, hundreds of hours of consulting work, and the production of a report, the transportation system plan update is pending for adoption at the City Council meeting on May 8, 2012. The proposed transportation system plan adoption will begin with a public hearing for comment, followed by deliberation by the Council, and then consideration of whether or not to adopt the plan. Your comments are valuable, and we hope residents will consider either appearing at the hearing or sending written comment.

Transportation is so fundamental to our lifestyle that literally all phases of city planning are impacted by transportation. Land uses, permitted activities, utility planning, open space and gathering locations, every part of our long range vision is fundamentally shaped by the transportation system.

Transportation Planning used to be a process of talking about roads. It is now about every way our citizens use to get around the community. Walking, bicycling, transit use and motor vehicles combine with freight routes and delivery systems to become a network. This entire network is addressed in this plan.

In the long term, the ability for roadways to connect and provide alternatives for all different kinds of ways to travel will be the key to our future. Each citizen will make choices about how they wish to move around the region, and the network we plan now will need to accommodate that future and allow maximum flexibility to each of you to choose how you want to move from place to place.

This is not a competition between cars and bicycles, transit and walking, or any other possible mode. The need is to allow each of you to access the method you want to use to move about, and assure that public investments in facilities, and the required private investments when development is occurring, will support your choices in the future. Safe ability to move about the system, with adequate capacity, and reasonable facilities is the aim of the plan, and with your help and support, can be the adopted strategy for Wood Village.



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## BUDGET HEARING

The City Council will conduct a budget hearing on the budget for 2012-13 June 12, 2012, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Every part of how your local government functions, from our goals and events to how your streets are maintained and law enforcement service delivered to your home is controlled by the budget. Our budget is prepared by the Budget Officer and presented to the Budget Committee, a group that includes all five City Council members and an equivalent

number of citizen volunteers that help examine the budget. Following their deliberations a recommended budget is delivered to the City Council for the hearing slated in June.

The fiscal times in Oregon are very challenging for local governments. While about 30 percent of the properties in Wood Village saw a literal property tax decrease in this last year and will probably see one again in this next year, that decrease means things have to change in how the local government works. When revenue declines, something has to go.

You have seen the articles in all the local media recently about the Cities in the red. Cities in Oregon are failing and throughout the nation there are many that are now at or near bankruptcy. Wood Village is not among the communities in that sort of financial mess. The management and elected leadership in Wood Village exercised fiscal restraint. We can all thank the leadership of the elected and appointed officials in the past decade for giving to us the ability to survive this challenging time for Cities.

Wood Village will again reduce the total number of employees by one additional position, we will work with our employees to keep the total cost of employment as reasonable as possible, and we will ask all citizens to directly financially participate in the maintenance of the road system and drainage systems through a new utility. With your help, we will be able to make the budget in Wood Village work to protect your investment in our town.

As we write this article, the budget hearings are pending. No specific budget numbers can be included in this article, but we will provide a summary when the budget is reviewed by all parties and adopted by the City Council.

PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY  
IMPROVEMENTS  
230<sup>TH</sup> AND 231<sup>ST</sup> COURTS

When the Coreander Subdivision was recorded it included a ten foot wide walkway between 230<sup>th</sup> and 231<sup>st</sup> Courts (tract A).



The walkway has been used by pedestrians visiting neighbors, shopping and connecting with other modes of transportation for more than three decades. Forward thinking by the Developer and the City at that time provided

a connection that in today's world of transportation planning is seen as essential.

The City of Wood Village has requested a Community Development Block Grant to fund the reconstruction of the deteriorated walkway. Using the full ten foot width of Tract "A", the proposed project includes a new six foot wide sidewalk, installation of new fencing, plantings between the sidewalk and the fences and low impact lighting. Concrete will be stamped and of a color that will make it appear to be made of stones, bricks or similar material. The scope also includes the option of extending the sidewalk to Halsey Street.

**Update to Water/Sewer  
Monthly Billing Changes**

The change from bi-monthly billing to monthly billing that was planned to start on May 1<sup>st</sup> has been rescheduled to begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. The bi-monthly bill for May and June will

be mailed out as usual on June 30<sup>th</sup> (July 2<sup>nd</sup> because of the weekend) and payment will be due July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The bill for the month of July will be mailed about the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and will be due mid-August. More specific information about changes to dates of late fees and shut off times will be included in your July newsletter and will be posted on our website once they are finalized.

### Water/Sewer Rate Increase Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Council approved a 2% rate increase to both water and sewer. This will show up as a 46 cent per month increase in water (35 cents for the senior rate) and 94 cents per month increase for sewer (71 cents for the senior rate).

## STORM WATER MASTER PLAN ADOPTED

The Mayor and City Council reviewed the work completed by Keller and Associates and the Wood Village staff in creating a new master plan for storm water. In their meeting of March 26, 2012, the Council adopted the new plan.

Protecting the property in Wood Village is a critical role for the drainage system as well as protecting the water quality that is released into Fairview Creek, Arata Creek, and downstream into the Columbia Slough and eventually to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. While we are not a major player, we do have a critical role in protecting the water resource.

Wood Village has 19,536 feet of pipeline, 2,915 feet of open channel, 82 manholes and 103 catch basins along with two detention facilities (short term water storage during storms) and culverts. All of these facilities need maintenance, and more importantly, some twelve (12) separate locations in the community have a reasonably high probability of flood damage in a storm that delivers four (4) or more inches of rain in 24 hours. The plan identifies these areas, and makes recommendations for changes to reduce flooding impacts.



New storm line facilities are needed in Cedar Lane and on 236<sup>th</sup> street with an estimated first cost of \$516,900. Pipeline systems must be replaced over their 50 year lives, and a program to begin such replacements would have an annual cost of \$38,100. Annual cleaning (not currently done),

active monitoring of private facilities and the reporting requirements on storm water add an additional \$21,400 to this total, bringing the total cost of this plan to an annual equivalent, assuming a loan to build storm water lines at Cedar and 236<sup>th</sup>, of \$104,200.

Should the City Council move forward with a utility system to fund storm water and roadway maintenance, the revenues would enable regular cleaning and maintenance of the system. The proposed utility revenues will not be sufficient to finance capital improvements. The City will continue to look for alternative funding and finance methods to build the major facilities needed to protect residents over the years ahead.

# Water Quality

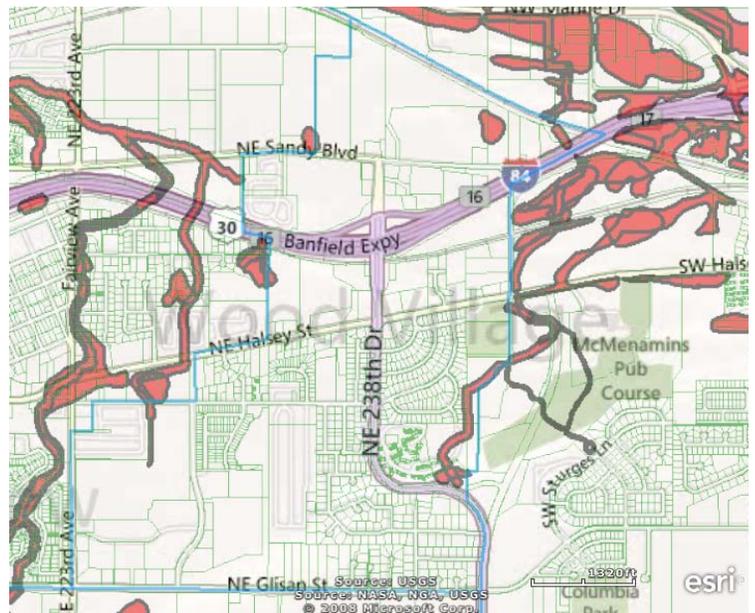
The City of Wood Village is within the Urban Metropolitan Boundary. For many purposes, this is a wonderful advantage to our residents. For water quality and storm water, it means that we have to meet the highest standards that normally are reserved for very large cities.

Our permit to discharge storm water is regulated under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and we are identified as requiring a permit as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Part of the requirements for this system is to produce an annual report to the Department of Environmental Quality about what we are actively doing to protect the watershed and storm water pathways in Wood Village. In our last report, the DEQ noted that we had to significantly change our water quality ordinance to assure that activities cannot take place within 100 feet of a designated water resource without significant limitations.

The great news is that there are few properties affected by this regulation. The not so good news for the property owners on Birch and in Tree Hill is that you can no longer take actions within the 100 foot corridor without checking on the regulations. Some things are exempted, including any disturbance or change that consumes 500 square feet or less, but some things are not possible, including removing trees or other significant vegetation, or eliminating the riparian vegetation immediately adjacent to the stream. The map shows in red the few areas in Wood Village that are identified as impacted by this law.

We all want to protect the water in Oregon, and for those of you that live next to a stream or significant water feature, the fact that it is a clean flow of water significantly adds value to your property. We will work to make the impact of this regulatory change as small as possible, but it will affect your property and your ability to take actions on your property.

The planning commission has reviewed the law, and the City Council will act. We do not have many choices about whether or not we comply; we can only let you know that we will make sure we work with you, not against you. If you have any questions, or if we can help, please drop by the City Hall or give us a call.



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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Planning Commission, Parks Commission, and Budget Committee**  
 Call 503-667-6211 for more information

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