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# The Mill City Messenger



# CITY OF MILL CITY

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#### SCSD 12TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

The 12th Annual Santiam Canyon School District Scholarship Banquet will be held Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 4:00 PM. The Banquet will once again be held at the Salem Elks Lodge No. 336-2336 Turner Road SE, Salem.

Mill City Mayor Tim Kirsch will be acting as your Ringmaster as we go "Under the Big Top"!

The evening will begin with a social hour including fun games! Throughout the evening attendees will be able to bid on silent and oral auction items as well as participate in raffles and interactive games.

Dinner Tickets are \$35 each. RSVP must be made by October 4, 2013!

Dinner includes your choice of Prime Rib or Baked Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Salad, Texas Garlic Toast, Seasoned Vegetables, Dessert and Beverage.

Raffle Tickets can be purchased at the "Early Bird" rate of \$50 worth for \$35 or \$100 worth for \$65 if purchased PRIOR to the banquet.

Sponsorships are still available! - \$250 (includes raffle tickets and drawing for additional prize) and donations are still being accepted! Donations are tax deductible.

This is a great event benefitting Santiam Jr/Sr High School graduates. All graduating seniors that apply for a scholarship will receive funding, which can be used for anything from a 4-Year University to a trade school

For more information contact Scholarship Committee members or Santiam Canyon School District at 503-897-2321.

#### Сомміттее Positions 4 T H 0 F JULY OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 11, 2013

The *Mill City Fourth of July Com-* for organization, scheduling, and 2010 as a 5-7 member standing Fourth of July Celebration. committee. The committee meets on a monthly basis, with the first meeting of the 2013/2014 Committee being in November, and is responsible

mittee was formed in December facilitation of the Annual Mill City

Citizens interested in serving on the Mill City Fourth of July Committee must submit a letter of interest to Mayor Tim Kirsch. For more information contact City

Recorder Stacie Cook at City Hall (897-2302). All letters of interest should be turned in at City Hall by October 11, 2013. The committee appointments will be made at the regular city council meeting of October 22, 2013.

### NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY WATCH MEETINGS SET

The City of Mill City has set two Neighborhood/ Community Watch meetings for citizens to come and learn about how to start a "Watch" in your neighborhood.

Meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 23 and Monday, October 28 at 7:00 PM at Mill City City Hall, 444 S 1st Avenue.

Linn County Sheriff Neighborhood Watch Liaison Jim Lepin will be present to discuss neighborhood watch options in Mill City.

Topics will include: Overall Neighborhood Watch training; Recognizing and reporting suspicious activities; Using the Crime Map on LCSO web page

(www.linnsheriff.com); Linn-Benton Alert system; Prevention of thefts and burglaries. Reviewing organizational needs; need, time and date for meetings; need for Neighborhood Watch signs or window stickers. Handouts will be available to review and take home on many of



these subjects.

# Díd you know:

can't make it to City Hall between 9AM and 4PM? We may be able to help! Give us a call at (503) 897-2302. to schedule a special payment drop-off or assistance with other City business.

# CITY PROCESS

In need of a permit; building, around two weeks to proc- As winter approaches and plumbing, mechanical? Or, ess. do you have questions about All commercial permits must ing work done to your home, what requires a permit? We go through plan review with please plan accordingly. We have the answer!

Residential plumbing and Electrical permits can not be mechanical permits can be obtained at City Hall. All issued over the counter at electrical permits and ques-City Hall. Structural permits, tions should be directed to Question? Call City Hall at including roof replacements, Linn County Planning and will require plan review by Building Department at 541- 444 S 1st Avenue. Linn County and can take 967-3816.

Linn County.

you are thinking about havwill do our best to process your application in the most time efficient manner possi-

503-897-2302 or visit us at

#### $H \circ W$ T O CLEAN OUR WATER TEN SIMPLE WAYS REDUCE POLLUTION ТО

(SOURCE-NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL)

Everyday household activities contribute to water pollution. When it rains, fertilizer from lawns, oil from walls and decks and even pet waste are all washed into storm sewers or nearby lakes, rivers and streams we rely on for drinking water supply, boating, swimming and fishing. Here are some ways you can help reduce your impact on waterways.

1. Decrease impervious surfaces

around your home. Having fewer hard surfaces of concrete and asphalt will reduce runoff from your property. Landscape with vegetation, gravel or other porous materials instead of cement.

2. Use native plants and natural fertilizers. Native plants need less water and are more tolerant of drought conditions. Apply natural fertilizers and conditioners, such as compost,

peat, rotted manure, and bone meal to stimulate plant growth and retain soil moisture.

3. Don't over-water lawns and gardens. According to the EPA, "nationwide, landscape irrigation is estimated to account for almost one-third of all residential water use, totaling more than 7 billion gallons per day."

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# HOW TO CLEAN UP OUR WATER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

- 4. Recycle and dispose of all trash property. Never flush non-degradable products, such as disposable diapers or plastic tampon applicators, down the toilet. They can damage sewage treatment process and end up littering beaches and waters. And make sure to properly dispose of all pet waste from your property to keep it out of storm drains and water supplies.
- 5.Correctly dispose of hazardous household products. Keep paints, used oil, cleaning solvents, polishes, pool chemicals, insecticides, and other hazardous household chemicals

out of drains, sinks, and toilets.

- 6. Use nontoxic household products whenever possible. Discarding harmful products correctly is important, but not buying them in the first place is even better.
- 7. Recycle used motor oil. Don't pour it into gutters or down storm drains.
- 8. Be "green" when washing your car. Skip the home carwash. Take your car to a professional, which are required to drain their wastewater into sewer systems.
- 9. Help identify, report and stop pollut-

ers. Join a local clean water or environmental group that monitors industries and sewage treatment plants that are discharging wastes.

10. Be an activist. Educate yourself about water issues in your community. Find out where and how decisions are made about investments in projects and programs to protect your water. Contact your public officials and attend hearings about laws and programs to protect our water.

For the full article on "Ten Simple Ways to Reduce Pollution" visit;

www.nrdc.org/water/pollution/gsteps.asp.

# WHAT'S NEW IN PLANNING

The Mill City Planning Commission held a public hearing to review a Site Plan Review for placement of a Duplex on SE Hazel Street at their August 9, 2013 meeting.

The applicant proposed construction of a new 1824 square foot duplex in the 200 block of SE Grove Street in Mill City. The property is located between

211 SE Grove and 289 SE Grove Street. The front of the duplex will face SE Grove Street and the rear of the duplex will abut SE Fairview Street.

After deliberation and full review of the proposal, the Planning Commission AP-PROVED the Duplex Site Plan.

For more information on

this application or other land use processes and procedures, contact City Hall at 503-897-2302 or visit us at 444 S 1st Avenue.

Information on the Planning Commission, including minutes of Planning Commission meetings is available on the City's website; www.ci.mill-city.or.us.

# Planning Commission Members:

Nancy Kelle, Chair Gay Stuntzner, VC Dennis Chamberlin David Leach Frances Villwock Cheryl Lundquist Ann Carey

# COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE MEETING - OCTOBER 18, 2013

The next Community Roundtable meeting has been set for Friday, October 18, 2013 at 8:00 AM. Meetings are held at City Hall, 444 S 1st Avenue.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to learn more about community

groups and organizations within the Canyon, share information about your own and be a part of making our community thrive!

Topics range from how to encourage volunteerism within the community to Neighborhood Watch to economic growth. Please plan to attend and

bring a friend or two. Everyone is a leader and can make a difference in our community!



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MILL CITY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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Office Hours: M-F 9AM to 4PM

Council Meetings, Second and Fourth Tuesday of

Each Month, 6:30PM

Planning Meetings, Second Friday of Each Month, 9AM

4th of July Meetings, First Wednesday of Each Month, 7PM, Beginning November

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# COUNCILOR'S CORNER PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

# **Proposed Street Vacation**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the City Council on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 as part of the Council's regularly scheduled meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 444 S 1st Avenue, Mill City. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a proposal to vacate the portions of a street in Block 3, Riverview Addition to Mill City in the 900 block on the south side of Spring Street. The legal description of proposed street vacation follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 3, Block 3, RIVERVIEW ADDITION TO MILL CITY, OREGON, as platted and recorded in Volume 10, Page 22, Book of Town Plats for Linn County, Oregon, said point being on the south right of way line

of SW Spring Street; and running thence:

North 61°26'00" East 26.36 feet along said south right of way to the east line of the aforementioned Block 3:

thence South 0°23'32" West 148.43 feet along said east line to the north line of Lot 4 in said Block 3;

thence South 89°50'34" West 21.98 feet along said north line to the most Northerly southesast corner of the aforementioned Lot 3:

thence North 0°03'45" West 135.89 feet along the east line of said Lot 3 to the Point of Beginning, containing 3205 square feet of land, more or less.

The City Council will consider public testimony regarding the proposed vacation and then decide whether or not the street should be vacated. The vacation proceedings will be conducted pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 271.080 to 271.160. If vacated the ownership of the property will be transferred to the adjacent property owners in accordance with ORS 271.140.

Further information on the proposed street vacation is available at City Hall. Any person may submit testimony, either written or oral prior to or during the public hearing. If you have questions related to the application, call City Hall at 897-2302.