

# DECEMBER 2007



## THE LOCKS TENDER

Newsletter of the City of Cascade Locks

City Hall, PO Box 308, Cascade Locks, OR 97014



### CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT BY BERNARD SEEGER

*Happy Holidays to  
the citizens of  
Cascade Locks!*

As I write this a cold rain is falling and I'm thrilled that winter is here bringing glorious snow to the mountains and recharging our verdant green landscape.

Let me start by noting that I continue to be inspired by the magnificent place we get to call home.

A few weeks ago on one of those crisp beautiful fall days I participated in a SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) litter clean up led by our own Debora

Lorang. In our duties, we explored much of the shoreline of Cascade Locks picking up litter and in one particular area just west of Government Rock we "bumped" into what must have been hundreds of birds resting in the quiet body of water there that serves as a little cove. While watching this site one of the birds decided to fly and in an awesome display of nature, the others followed. The fluttering sound they made was as magnificent as the site.

Once again, it truly is amazing how lucky we are to live in this special place.

With this column I'd like to dedicate the section after my intro to acknowledging the many great projects and efforts being led and energized by our tremendous citizens. If I miss some of you I apologize and I'll try to get you in the next go around.

1. Jean McLean and JoAnn Wittenberg for the excellent work at creating Cascade Locks one stop shop for the many people in need in our community. Through their hard persistence the City now has the Food Bank, Veteran's Affairs Assistance, Providence Mobile

Medical Unit, Job Retraining with Mid-Columbia Council of Governments, Probation and Parole Services, Driving permit written exams, and several other programs all coordinated to be at City Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 2-4 pm. Making these coordination's and putting this together did not come easy and it really is a great achievement for our community.

2. Allyson Pate and Sandra Kelley spent many hours trying to first save and then bring alive the historical Camp Wyeth US Forest Service facility.

In this project the structure will be preserved and then opened up as a center to provide housing, work, education and wrap-around services for at-risk 18-23 year old young men from Hood River and Wasco Counties. This program gives these gentlemen a second chance in a supportive, well supervised, disciplined environment. It's very exciting to see this structure saved and this new program come to life and we have Ms. Pate and Ms. Kelley to thank for all their hard work. For more information please visit [www.getwings.net](http://www.getwings.net).

3. Donna Logue, Shirley & Pete Carr, Don & Gyda Haight, Scot & Darlene Sullenger, Carl & Florence Parduhn, Tim & Joeinne Caldwell, Dawn Benson, Gary Munkhoff, and Angela Coe and I'm sure many others I missed, put on probably the best Halloween party this community has ever seen since witches were flying over Salem.

Indeed, October 31<sup>st</sup> the Marine Park and Thunder Island came alive with spooky and fun games that the whole family could enjoy. There were many hours of work for this project and I think any person who attended would agree it was hit on par with few events this fall season. Thank you very much.

4. The Columbia Gorge Lioness led by JoAnn Wittenberg, Darla Davis, Karen Peck, Jean McLean, Sandy Place, Darrell Driver, and many other community members have done a wonderful job with this year's Festival of Lights. It's expected to be better than ever.

The event will take place at the City Hall Gym at 4:30 pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is their 5<sup>th</sup> year for this event and like all these efforts they don't happen without a lot of planning and hard work, and 5 years running is nothing to sneeze at. We are very grateful and it's a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season.

So thanks again for all your tremendous work and dedication. All these activities strengthen the fabric of our community and make this City a place of warmth and fun.

If you have any questions about any of these events please don't hesitate to call or stop by City Hall at 374-8484.

Now let's move to the business of the City.

**Bridge of the Gods Resort and Casino.** The progress of

this project continues to be delayed by a reluctance in the Department of Interior (DOI) to release the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Staff and your elected officials continue to lobby this agency for movement but it's proving to be a long hill.

Our latest effort is to invite Carl Artman, the undersecretary to the Department of Interior who actually signs the DEIS for release, to visit Cascade Locks and the Hood River Trust lands owned by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Once again we feel we have a compelling case for this project especially when one considers the alternative that Warm Springs could build something on their Hood River land. The tentative time for this visit is in December and we will continue to push other angles to dislodge our project from this road block.

Thank you for your patience and we'll keep you posted as new developments arise.

### **Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation (CCHC) Project**

After review of its options, CCHC has verbally decided on re-applying to construct a new 20 unit work force housing project on the McCoy Meadows it purchased in 2006.

While nothing is official until they have actually submitted an application, they have communicated that they intend to do so.

Of course, they plan on addressing all the discrepancies identified in the LUBA (Land Use Board of Appeals) appeal and the public will have many opportunities to comment as this project moves forward.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call CCHC directly at (541) 296-5462 or City Hall at 374-8484.

### **Emergency Services Center (Fire hall) Project**

This project continues to move along steadily and since the last newsletter several key milestones have been met.

The City completed the Environmental Review with the State and has been authorized for full use of CDBG funding.

The plans and specifications for the project are almost done and will soon be making their way to the bid process.

The City and Council held one community meeting and three public hearing sessions to discuss the parameters for selling the existing fire hall property.

Finally the logging contract is almost complete that is required before construction may start.

Under the latest time line we hope to go to bid in December and bring a bid award recommendation to the Council in Jan '08.

I know this has been a long road but we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. It's very exciting to finally have this decision before the City and the Council. Please stay tuned for the Council meeting to advertise for the construction of this project.

### **Southbank Undergrounding Project**

As many of you are aware the City provides power along I-84 outside its city limits and maintains the electric utility lines for about 18 miles beginning about 1 mile from our western city limits.

Because all this infrastructure is overhead and in a well forested, power outage rich environment the cost of maintaining these lines is substantial.

Furthermore the revenue generated from this infrastructure is very limited due to the significant development restrictions in the National Scenic Area. While the City is not able to address the development restrictions we can significantly address the maintenance requirements by undergrounding this infrastructure.

With this goal in mind, over the past few years the City has successfully lobbied the federal and state government for funding to do this work and in October the City completed its first 2.1 miles of Undergrounding along Southbank for a total cost of about \$280,000. The majority of that money came from Federal sources.

The next undergrounding project is titled Segment A and will span four miles east of Multnomah Falls .

The City has about \$1.5 million to do this work and will be partnering with the Oregon Department of Transportation for its execution, a requirement with these types of federal funds. The next 12 months will be spent conducting numerous biological and environmental assessments, obtaining easements, Right of Way permits, and drafting the designs, specifications, and plans for the actual work.

If all this work is completed in a timely manner, we could begin under-grounding this next four miles in December '08 - another significant milestone in reducing the City's maintenance costs and increasing its reliability along this portion of our infrastructure.

### **ODOT East Gateway Entrance Project**

This project was completed October 31<sup>st</sup> per its contract and is now ready to receive visitors traveling along the Historical Columbia River Highway.

As a review this was one portion of a larger ODOT Signs and Signs project along the entire Historic Columbia River Highway. Cascade Lock's portion of this project was 100% funded with Federal funds to an amount of \$466,000.

The project's improvements included new sidewalks, streetlights, landscaping including several dozen trees, two interpretative signs, one way pavement and traffic

flow and the creation of 23 parking spots, two RV spots, two disabled persons spots, and a bike rack.

This portion of the project serves as Phase 1 for this part of town and Phase 2 will be the establishment of restroom facilities, possibly a visitor's center, picnic tables and a few other amenities. Finally, the City and the State plan to formally celebrate this project with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm on sight, rain or shine. The event will include warm beverages and light refreshments and all are welcome to attend.

Thanks again for all your support and I look forward to an exciting winter both inside and outside City Hall.

Kind regards,

Bernard

## **CASCADE LOCKS TOURISM BY PHYLLIS THIEMANN**

"Communication is key" is not just a phrase, it is the truth. It also seems to be one of the biggest challenges.

Rumors and or gossip seems to have no problem in spreading like wild fire no matter where you are.

However, try to get information out to a large group or community with the facts and details and see a totally different outcome.

The Tourism Committee is conducting a survey on the events and marketing for Cascade Locks. Surveys have been sent out to the businesses who have direct connection to the public and tourists in our area. A compilation of information received from the survey will be released once the completed surveys have been received. We are looking for this to help in our marketing strategies for 2008.

An information update form was also sent out to all the businesses and civic groups to insure the most current information for both the Tourism website as well as the City's website.

If you have received either or both of these and have not completed and returned them please do so as soon as possible and return them in either the envelope provided or drop them off at City Hall.

The Tourism Committee is also looking for help in distributing information from the local civic groups to the public for their activities which are open to the public. If you have suggestions for the Committee or have information you would like to have distributed in a press release, please drop it off at City Hall or send it to [eventcoordinator@comcast.net](mailto:eventcoordinator@comcast.net)

**WILDFIRE REDUCTION  
PLAN & GRANT  
BY JIM HULBERT**

It's been slightly more than four years since the major wildfire which affected the City in September of 2003 occurred.

Since that time the City has taken an active role to reduce the potential for another such event, and to prepare residents for one, if it were to occur. Since the wildfire happened, the City has completed a Community Wildfire Protection Plan which identifies high risk areas in the community. The plan further displays several mitigation measures that, if implemented, would help reduce the potential for another such fire.

Last year the City applied for, and received, a grant from the Forest Service to help residents reduce wildfire hazard fuels around their homes. Money from this grant has been used to treat more than 40 residential properties in the City with the objective of reducing hazard fuels and making the properties safer from the threat of wildfires. The grant can be used to pay for up to 90 percent of the cost of hazard fuel treatment. In most cases the treatment consists of brush removal or the pruning of trees around the residential lot. The program is ongoing and anyone can apply for assistance under it. To be eligible, it must be determined that the property could benefit from a wildfire hazard reduction standpoint.

To be considered for assistance under the grant program, please contact Darla Davis at City Hall, (541) 374-8484. If you do apply for assistance your property will be evaluated to see if it meets the criteria for the program. If it does, a City representative will identify what needs to be done to reduce the wildfire risk. Once an agreement is signed outlining project requirements, you will hire a contractor to complete the work, or agree to do the work yourself. When the work is complete and approved by a City representative, the City will reimburse you for the agreed upon amount.

The grant to the City is available until July of 2008. Owners of larger tracts of land without homes on it may also apply for assistance under a similar program administered by the Oregon Department of Forestry. You may find out about this program by calling the Oregon Department of Forestry in The Dalles at (541) 296-4626.



**PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS  
REPORT  
BY CHUCK DAUGHTRY**

Hopefully by now you have received your copy of the new Port of Cascade Locks newsletter, The Port Report. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the Port Office.

Fall is here and the Port of Cascade Locks is getting ready for the Winter season. Winter time brings closures in the Marine Park:

All restrooms/showers will be closed for the winter except the visitor center restroom, which will be open during daylight hours only.

RV Park is open all winter, but no water or dump station is available. \$10.00 per night; pay box on site.

Visitor Center and the Locks Café is closed for the winter. Christmas is just around the corner; purchase Bridge of the Gods ticket books, they make great stocking stuffers. Also, the Bridge of the Gods Annual pass is on sale now \$300 for an auto. Pass provides unlimited crossings for the 2008 calendar year. If you want more information, ask at the Bridge, Administrative office or on the website at [www.portofcascadelocks.org](http://www.portofcascadelocks.org).

Planning a Christmas or Winter time party! The Pavilion and Community Center are available for rent. Call the Port for details 541-374-8619.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS  
SPONSORED BY COLUMBIA GORGE LIONESS  
BY JOANN WITTENBERG**

The 5th Annual Cascade Locks Festival of Lights will take place on Sunday evening, December 2. The doors of the City Hall gym will be open at 4:30 PM and the lighting will take place about 6:00 PM. This is "Free Family Night Event" of activities to kick off the Holiday Season.

One of the three trees in the front of City Hall is lit in memory of Dorothy Wilson. One Free Picture with Santa (sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee) will be in the Council Chambers from 4:30—5:30 PM. A small charge for extra pictures.

There will be a kid's Arts and Crafts area in the Small Meeting room downstairs following the picture taking as well as music and a community sing in the gym. The 4-Hers will be helping with the arts & crafts decorations the children will make to put on the indoor Christmas tree.

Cookie makers for the event are the 4-Hers, Col. Gorge Lioness, Comm. Church Women's Fellowship, Col. Gorge Lions & other community members.

The Port of Cascade Locks is furnishing coffee, hot cocoa, hot spiced cider as well as the cups, napkins, cream & sugar.

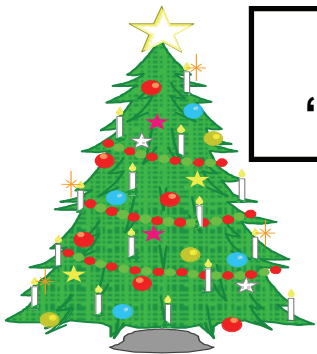
Music will be provided by individual performers, AWANA & Good News Clubs, and the Heart of the Gorge Ensemble (community choir) under the direction of Darrell Driver.

Santa will be in attendance as well as the Cinnamon Bear, compliments of the Portland Spirit.

The Lioness Scholarship Quilt winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the evening.

Bob Guerrant will be the MC for the evening. Greg Hauer will manage the sound system and sing along words.

CL Community School will have the Elementary Students complete Art Pictures which they will hang in the CL Business windows by the High School Student Council.



## CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE"

The 2007 Christmas "GIVING TREE" project, sponsored by the City Staff, is underway at City Hall!

**If you know of any children (new-born through high school) whose Christmas might be lacking presents this year, please provide in writing the name, address and age of that child to the City Hall office as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting names is Friday, December 14th, at 5:00 PM.**

Santa's helpers like to get an early start so don't wait. There will be a can to put names in on the counter in the lobby of the City Hall office. If you know of a special request for that child, please provide that too.

All names will be kept strictly confidential -- only the tag coordinator and the delivery person will have that info.

A Christmas gift tag will give the age and sex of a child, and possibly an idea of what that child might want.

Citizens are encouraged to come into City Hall, pick a tag and then buy a present for that tag. Please bring your gifts with the tag attached to City Hall. City Staff will wrap the presents.

**We must have all the gifts at City Hall by 5:00 PM on Monday, December 17th, so that they can be wrapped and delivered by Christmas!**

Help City Staff spread holiday cheer to Cascade Locks' children again this Christmas.

**Share in the "GIVING TREE"!**

## METER ACCESSIBILITY REQUIRED

The electric meters are read each month, usually starting on the 19th (or the next working day if the 19th falls on a weekend or holiday) and lasting four days. Normally the service area west of town (Warrendale, Dodson and Bridal Veil, and the east end of the service area (Wyeth) are read the first day. The second day, will cover the industrial area and begin the eastern residential area. The third day will include the residential districts near the west end of Forest Lane and behind the old Texaco station. The fourth day will include the area south of City Hall, the business district and residential sections to the Bridge of the Gods. The areas being read on a certain day can change due to weather or other variables. If you want to know which day your meter is usually read, please call City Hall.

Problems arise when the meter reader isn't able to get to the meter. New fences and brush or debris piled in front of the meter have caused problems in the past, but by far the biggest problem has been dogs. Animals should never be chained to or within reach of the meter base. In these cases, the dog does not necessarily have to act in a threatening manner to be a deterrent. A dog doesn't have to be large to be a threat either. Small dogs can be just as determined to protect their property as large dogs and can inflict painful bites. Even an overly friendly dog can be cause for alarm if one is not familiar with it. If the meter reader is at all unsure of the dog for any reason, he will not attempt to read the meter at that time.

According to City Council policy that was established on September 14, 1987, if a dog, or any other obstacle, prevents the reading of the meter at the scheduled time, a certified letter will be sent to the owner to make an appointment for a time when the owner will be home to control the dog and the City employee can return to read the meter safely. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed in this situation.

Please remember that Hood River County Ordinance No. 123, which the City has adopted, prohibits dogs from being "at large" and provides penalties for such behavior. If your dog is loose, and prevents the reading of your meter or anyone else's meter, you will be subject to penalties of both the City's meter accessibility requirements and the County's animal at large penalties.

People and their pets enjoy special relationships and, while Rover or Lassie would never bite or maul you, he/she may not have the same perspective about the meter reader. Please be aware of your pet's whereabouts and activities at all times, but particularly during meter reading time each month.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR BY KERRY OSBOURN

We are trying to bring back an old tradition to Cascade Locks. The community calendar. Years ago the Fire Department sold calendars that listed birthdays and anniversaries. We would like to get this going again.

I will be working on the calendar over the next few months. I hope to get the calendar done by the end of this year, so that we will get them back sometime in March of 2008. To get your family's birthdates and anniversary on the calendar, \$12.00 will need to be prepaid. Please send information with payment to Kerry Jo Osbourn, P.O. Box 86, Cascade Locks, OR 97014, or email to [kosbourn@clbb.net](mailto:kosbourn@clbb.net).

The proceeds of the calendars will go to the Fire Department.

If you would like to purchase an ad please get in touch with me. I do already have a list of businesses that I plan to visit, but just in case I might miss someone please feel free to get in touch with me.

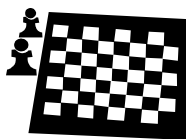
## GOOD NEWS IN RECYCLING! BY LISA SUTTON

Hood River Garbage is now accepting containers and tubs!

We are currently accepting into the recycling sort plastic tubs/containers that are 6 oz to 5 gallons! Including yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese, butter, margarine and salsa containers. But, no lids please. Also, potted plant containers that have been rinsed free of contaminants (food residue) are recyclable. We do not accept clamshells i.e. clear hard plastic containers. Please contact one of our friendly, courteous and knowledgeable Customer Service Representatives at 541-386-2272 with any questions or concerns on how you and your family can participate in our exciting recycling program.

## YOUTH NIGHTS AT CITY HALL BY KAREN PECK

City Hall is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights for youth 6<sup>th</sup>. thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Video and board games, basket ball, pool and other activities are available for the cost of 25 cents an evening. Pam, Rachel and Karen will be there to visit with you on a long, wet, winter night. Hey, Cascade Locks Youth, come to City Hall and brighten our evenings!



## WINTER WEATHERIZATION TIPS BY BRUCE BILODEAU

Making homes more energy-efficient is a way to save on your energy bills. The investment of an hour with a caulking gun and some extra insulation will pay off for you, as a homeowner.

### Some easy ways to save:

Add weather stripping and caulking to doors and windows. As much as 30 to 40 percent of a home's energy load is attributed to outside air penetrating the house.

- Add weather stripping tapes that adhere directly to door or window frames for a tight seal.
- Fit foam or rubber weather stripping into the gaps around your doors or windows.
- Install rubber or foam bottom seals under doors.
- Add a door sweep to seal the gap at the bottom of a door from drafts.
- Change disposable air filters in your furnace two or three times a year.
- Have your furnace inspected by a professional at least once a year.
- Check for appropriate insulation around the pipes, walls, attic and floor. Choose the right R-value, which is a measure of insulating power. Higher R-values mean greater insulating power, which provides greater household energy savings and cost savings.
- Turn down the water heater's thermostat setting about 120 degrees and switch to "vacation" setting when you'll be away for a few days.
- When washing clothes, use warm or cold water - not hot - and rinse with cold water.
- Install a low flow showerhead.
- Showers use less hot water than baths.
- Use a programmable thermostat. Set at 68° during the day, 65° at night and 55° when no one is home.
- Close off unoccupied rooms and close heating vents.
- Use exterior doors farthest from the thermostat.
- Use the sunlight to warm rooms. Close drapes and blinds at night to retain heat.
- Wear more layers of clothing and warmer, insulated clothing while indoors.
- Put extra blankets or a down comforter on the bed.
- Make sure that dishwashers, washing machines and dryers are fully loaded before running.
- When it's time to replace appliances, choose those with high-energy efficiency ratings.
- Install storm or thermal windows and doors.

## Cascade Locks Library By Rachael Fox

"Libraries are not made; they grow."  
- Augustine Birrell

Over the years the Hood River County Library System has thoroughly enjoyed serving your dynamic information needs. As our community rapidly changes and grows we will continue to inform you of all the great library services available in the area. We would like to highlight a wonderful library who offers their superb services to you as well, The Oregon State Library.

### **Oregon State Library (Talking Books and Braille Services)**

Do you or someone you know have difficulty reading print? The Oregon State Library administers a program called Talking Book and Braille Services (TBABS). The program offers unabridged audio books, newspaper services, Web-Braille books, and descriptive videos. TBABS now offers downloadable audio books, which are downloaded to your computer via the Internet. To avail yourself of this service you must have a compatible computer with an Internet connection.

TBABS offers free talking newspaper subscriptions. By placing a toll free telephone call you will have access to over 230 newspapers (including several in the Spanish language). Of local interest are the Oregonian, the Statesman Journal, and the Oregon Associated Press newswire. Web-Braille books are available to library users with Braille embossers, refreshable Braille displays, and other Braille-aware devices. Web-Braille is an Internet, web-based service that provides, in an electronic format, many Braille books, some music scores, and all the Braille magazines produced by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. TBABS has over 400 Descriptive Video titles. Descriptive videos play in any VCR, but they have a special soundtrack that describes the visual elements of the movie.

Please visit the TBABS website for more information at [www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org) or the Hood River County Library. You can sign up directly with a TBABS representative at 1-800-452-0292.

### **Wireless Internet**

The Cascade Locks Branch Library now has wireless Internet, in addition to our five public Internet computers. Please bring your laptop in and enjoy the Internet for free.

### **Storytime**

Join us the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon for an interactive story time for children and their parent or adult guardian. Share stories, songs, and finger plays.

### **Cascade Locks Book Group**

The Cascade Locks Book Group meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. Books can be checked out at the library. Please watch channel 23 or call the library for details.

### **Sunday Hours at the Hood River County Library**

The Hood River County library will now be open for you and your family Sundays, November-March, from 1-5pm. The service is made possible through funding provided by the Hood River County Library Foundation. The Hood River County Library is open Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-8:30pm, Fri-Sat 8:30am-5:00pm, and Sun 1:00pm-5:00pm. You can renew or order library materials online at [www.co.hood-river.or.us/library/](http://www.co.hood-river.or.us/library/).

### **Cascade Locks Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall**

**Mon, Wed, Fri 2:00-5:00pm,  
Tues 10:00-3:00pm, Thurs 2:00-7:00pm  
374-9317**

## **ONE STOP SERVICE SHOPPING COMES TO CASCADE LOCKS**

### **2ND Wednesday of the Month at City Hall**

**2:00—4:00 PM or as Otherwise Noted**

**Food Bank:** Food Stamps do not disqualify you from the food bank.

**Mid Columbia Council of Governments:** Mike Scroggs an advisor from Hood River will be available every Wed. from 2:00—4:00 PM in the Library to provide employment and training services, including Job Search Strategies, Career Counseling, Resume Writing. He can also provide information and referrals to other services including GED/Basic Skills Development, Community Mediation, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Veterans Affairs Assistance:** Patrick Scranton will assist you in accessing information and programs.

**Providence Mobile Medical Unit:** Will be at the East Parking Lot at City Hall from Noon to 6:00 PM. Services are available to everyone even if you have insurance. Blood Pressure Monitoring. Look for the Unit in the parking lot at Columbia Market on the other Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Probation and Parole:** A parole officer will be at the Justice Court Building from 10:00—Noon to assist you.

**DHS Self-Sufficiency:** Sharon Smiley will be in the Library to give assistance with Food Stamps and other programs.

**Written Driving Permit:** Exams will be given periodically at CL School

**Library:** Will be open from 12:00 noon—5:00 PM.

**Mediation Services:** Available at no charge. If you find yourself in an argument with someone and can't seem to work it out mediation might be the right choice.

Available to individuals, groups, businesses and cities!

**Child Day Care Program and GED Program coming soon!**

Whether these services will remain in Cascade Locks depends on people using them, so please **PASS THE WORD**. If you have any questions or suggestions call: Jean McLean 374-8219 or JoAnn 374-8492.

**CASCADE LOCKS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
BY JEAN MCLEAN**

The Cascade Locks Alumni Association awarded scholarships to Brittany Litschewski and Kayla Canada in the amount of \$1000 and \$500 respectively this past June and they are not attending Mt. Hood Community College. This is the 6th year we have been able to help two students from CL continue their education. They are the 10th & 11th students to have received our scholarship money so far and our goal is to have a self-sustaining fund of \$40,000 within a few years so there will always be scholarships for our students. Our fund now stands at about \$26,000 and we have done this entirely through donations from former students. We have no fund-raising activities!!! Remarkable!

Our 6th Annual Alumni Dinner was held the Saturday, before the Sunday, before Labor-Day, easy to remember. This year 76 former students and spouses had a great dinner prepared by former teacher and now Chef Bernie Danylchuk. We always have a nearly-everyone-wins drawing and an old picture display along with a silent auction to raise operating funds for next year.

Three new board members were elected to serve a 3 year term. They are Don Haight, Joeinne Caldwell and Ralph Hesgard.

Remember, if you graduated from CLHS or even just attended a few months, you are automatically a member of the CASCADE LOCKS ALUMNI ASSN. (We would love to have a donation from you, too.)

**COLUMBIA GORGE LIONESSE  
BY JOANN WITTENBERG**

The Columbia Gorge Lioness Club has been busy, busy, busy!

The 5th Annual Festival of Lights is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 2.

The Annual Christmas Party and Auction is scheduled for December 8 at the Charburger.

The Cascade Locks Welcome Basket project will see action beginning in the new year.

This group of active members join together the second Tuesday evening of each month at Johnny's Ice Cream and Deli. 6:00 PM No-Host Dinner, 7:00 PM Meeting. We always welcome new members and for more information please call:

President Jo Ann Wittenberg at 374-8492.

WE SERVE!

**PIONEER POTLATCH  
BY NOLA NOLIN**

It seems as though I just did the newsletter and it is time to do it again.

Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 20 and it will be a potluck. The meat hasn't been decided but, it is time to show off and share your special holiday items that are good to eat.

There will be a gift exchange for those that want to participate. Each man is to bring a man's gift and each lady a lady's gift. Around \$5.00 should buy something useful and fair. Of course homemade goodies are relished by many.

A couple of LEAP reps have gone out of their way to set up some useful services for us and others in town. One we are to be getting is a regular monthly visit to the meal site by a county Health Nurse who is to offer blood pressure readings, health news and some consulting.

They have also set up several other services at City Hall on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of every month from 2:00—4:00 PM. On that day the Providence Mobile Medical Unit will be at City Hall also. Even if you are not ill take the time to stop by and get acquainted with them as they can cover a lot of illness before they become an emergency. They are very nice people.

When you see Jean McLean and JoAnn Wittenberg around town, stop them and say "Thank you" for bringing these much needed services to town.

Please call Marge on Thursdays before 10:00 am at 374-8391 to let her know if you are going to be at the meal site for lunch. If you have any questions or suggestions call Barbara at 374-8406.

**PLAY GROUP  
BY TAMI RUSSELL, COORDINATOR**

Come and join us for an opportunity to play with your child and share with other parents. It is a great chance to meet other parents and develop your child's playmates and friendships.

We meet every Tuesday, 10:30—12:30, City Hall Gym. Each month on the first Tuesday we have a Story time with our Librarian. Books are read out loud and are geared to interest our young children in reading. We also have arts and crafts, music and dancing. Please plan on joining with us as we love to make new friends. For more info call: Tami 490-0525.

For Mom's and Dad's of infants, toddlers, and pre-school age children. A light snack is provided.



**THANKSGIVING**  
**BY FATHER PATRICK STUART**  
**St. Patrick Church**

What do I have to be thankful for? My life is a train wreck waiting to happen. All of my dreams have been dashed against the rocks. Those who I have followed, trusted and given my best to have betrayed me. They used my goodness against me. Life has gone into the abyss. It seems so very hopeless.

Have you ever felt like that? I have. There are times in our lives when we really cannot reach down and pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps and make things better. We need others to help us, to come along side of us and show us the way.

Someone once said, "The choices we make determine the life that we will live." Human choice is powerful. A friend of my wife once visited Costa Rica. She was an educator in our public school system. She saw something there that forever changed her life.

My wife's friend was visiting a public school. She observed everything she could about the teachers, children and staff one day. At the close of the day, the children all went throughout the school and cleaned it from top to bottom. They did it with pride, zeal and smiles on their faces. It was their choice. You see, they were so appreciative of receiving an education that they wanted to give back something tangible showing their thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving can be best demonstrated and known by the selfless acts we perform in the lives of others, particularly in the lives of those who are not in a position to repay us. Find someone that you can be a blessing to this season and give to them of your time, talent or finances a selfless blessing. Your life will be forever changed.

**CASCADE LOCKS**  
**INTERESTED IN KIDS (CLIK)**  
**BY KAREN PECK**

The CLIK meetings are held at City Call at noon, on the second Thursday of each month. A light lunch is provided. Cascade Locks Interested in Kids {CLIK} is a Coalition of Community members interested in good health and safety for our youth. They meet to discuss current issues of alcohol, tobacco and drug use in our community. CLIK offers information and activities to help guide our young people into safe areas of recreation and good, productive, lives.

OSSOM will be starting soon at our school. Lauren Fein will be the OSSOM advisor. She will be working with our kids to promote healthy choices

CLIK works with the school, parents and the Parks and Recreation Program to help keep our youth safe and well. Come to a meeting and join up for CLIK sponsored activities and bring your good ideas to help out in our fine Community.

**BRIDGE OF THE GODS**  
**QUILTERS**  
**BY JOANN WITTENBERG**

The Bridge of Gods Quilters meet the second Saturday of every month as well as most Wednesday evenings. Do YOU quilt? Would you like to join these ladies at the Bible Fellowship Church on Forest Lane?

The Quilters have completed projects for the local community and the world, as well as their own families and friends. The Kindergarten students each receive their own special quilt with their name on it for the school year and can then take it home. The Christmas Child Shoebox Program for children in far away countries received twenty-five garments, sleeveless dresses for the girls and shorts for boys. Mid Columbia Community College has received blocks for an "Opportunity Quilt" as well as Christmas stockings that ETC in Hood River collected for the US Marines, and of course best of all, the Columbia Gorge Lioness Club has a SCHOLARSHIP QUILT that the winning ticket will be drawn at the Festival of Lights on December 2.

If you would like more information about joining our quilting group or help with one of our many service oriented creative endeavors please contact: Pat 374-8534 or Darla at 490-9146.

We would love to have you join us as we learn from each other and contribute to the great community we live in.

*Please Remember to practice*  
*Water Conservation*  
*As Winter Sewer Rates are*  
*now in Effect!*

**COLUMBIA GORGE LIONS CLUB  
BY LION PAT HESGARD, PRESIDENT**

The last time we had Bingo the Progressive Bingo was over \$800. Our next Bingo is December 7, 2007. Wouldn't it be great to win that before Christmas! Also, we still have the \$250 Jackpot every time we play on the First, Third and Fifth Friday of every month. Early Birds is at 6:00 PM and Regular Bingo starts at 7:00 PM, in the City Hall Gym.

Our first project of the season was the Old Timer's Picnic. A successful venture for the last 40 years. It is a good time to meet with friends for reunions. There were 350 attending with the Irving Family having the most members. They donated their winnings to the school Football team.

The drawing for prizes was very well attended with prizes donated by local businesses and individuals.

Lion Kerry Bennett transported donated eyes to the Lions Eye Bank in Portland. Someone will be very appreciative to receive sight or the research that improves their sight because of his efforts. I myself have benefited from this research.

This year our club has helped four people to get glasses and presently two people are being helped to get hearing aides.

When the Oregon Lions Multiple Screening Unit was at Cascade Locks Community School in October, we tested students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Eleven students were found to need further examinations. Parents should notify a Lions Club member if help is needed to purchase glasses. The boxes for used glasses and hearing aides can be found at River City Hardware, Columbia Market, US Post Office and City Hall. The glasses and hearing aides that are collected are given to people in third world countries.

The second meeting in October was planned as a Town Hall meeting with Hood River Garbage representatives Erwin Swetnam, District Manager and Lisa Sutton, a Customer Service Rep for the parent company Waste Management. They explained that new items have been added to the recycling program. Although attendance was small, the question and answer period was very informative. It was really interesting to learn that it now takes eight hours to collect the recyclables in town, when it used to only take four hours. Keep up the great effort!

The club contributed to Parks and Recreation, as we have for many years, to help pay for the film to take the pictures of the children in their costumes at the Halloween Party. This year as everyone knows, the party was organized by volunteers and held in the Marine Park and Pavilion. A very big success.

A contribution has also been made to the CL Community

Christmas Shoe Box Project.

The planning for the Sternwheeler/Portage Days is looking very good. It has been rescheduled back to the original dates, the last weekend in June. We have contracted for a Bar-B-Q Cook-off, sponsored by the National Bar-B-Q Association. The Sternwheeler Portland will venture up the river to race the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler that weekend. It should be good publicity for the City. Notices have been sent to vendors and we have had responses. With the publicity planned we should have our pick of vendors, also in the planning is to have sponsors for the event.

Refurbishing the Bus Shelters will probably have to wait until spring. Some have been badly vandalized and are in need of extensive repairs. We may be asking for volunteers to help.

Have a joyous Holiday season. Remember the Christmas Food Drive and the Giving Tree at City Hall.

“WE SERVE”

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE TIME**

The Mid Columbia Action (CAP) office serving Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties will be making appointments for this winter's heating assistance starting December 3, 2007. You need to contact the office nearest to you to set up an appointment. The Hood River Office is located at 205 Oak Street #4 and the telephone number is 541-386-4027.

Energy Assistance Program eligibility is based on household size and income:

# in Household	Maximum Annual
1.....	\$19,327.00
2.....	\$25,274.00
3.....	\$31,220.00
4.....	\$37,167.00
5.....	\$43,114.00

At the time of your appointment you will need to bring the following items:

- Income verification for the past 30 days, if you do not receive food stamps.
- Your last heating bill.

NOTE: If anyone in the house is 60 years or older, or disabled, you may apply for assistance now.



## HAVE IT YOUR WAY! CATV & BROADBAND

Now you can get the City's CATV and Broadband services in any combination you want. If you want BB without the full CATV, we can do that, and we're going to throw in CH 23 (local info) for free!

You can get special reduced rates for Broadband (BB) connects if you sign up before December 16th. For instance, service connections for BB with CH 23, or CH 23 alone, to the first CATV jack and the first computer service at new locations will be only \$50.00 (normally \$100.00). At locations where wiring for those services already exist, the connect fee will be only \$25.00 (normally \$35.00).

Since there are so many variables that may affect connections, please call City Hall for information about connect rates for your specific situation. We will schedule the connections to be done on a couple of different days. So call early to get on the schedule.

**The deadline for the special connect rates  
is 5:00 PM, Friday, December 14th.**

**Monthly Service Fees:** CATV only = \$ 24.00 CATV + HBO = 33.75 CH 23 alone = 3.99 CATV + BB = 60.00 CATV + HBO + BB = 69.75 BB + Free CH 23 = 40.00

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR ELECTRIC OUTAGES!

If you experience an electrical outage when the City Hall office is not open, please call our

**EMERGENCY OUTAGE NUMBER  
374-8911**

This local number transfers to our paging service and you will be asked to leave a brief message.

If there is no response to your call within a half hour, please call 503-790-0922 (the direct paging number) and leave another message.

These numbers are for  
**Electrical Outages ONLY.**

## RE-OCCURRING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BY OEO SHOWN OSBOURN

City council has changed the ordinance enforcement violation action from "Complaint Driven Only", to both Action Driven and Complaint Driven.

I have taken the top 5 re-occurring ordinance violations and split the City into 4 zones:

Zone 1 Bridge of the Gods to School Rd

Zone 2 School Rd to Hammond St.

Zone 3 Hammond St. to Herman Creek Lane

Zone 4 Herman Creek Lane to Government Island

Each week I will patrol a different zone focusing on 1 of the 5 most re-occurring violations.

Each month I will focus on a different violation or any non-compliance violations from the previous month.

Written complaints will take first priority over my daily patrols. The top re-occurring violations are Abandoned Vehicles, Obstructing Right of Way, Unlawful Parking, Public Nuisance (Junk) and Public Nuisance (Vegetation).

Any Questions email me at [oeo@clbb.net](mailto:oeo@clbb.net) or call the City at 374-8484 ext. 24.

## GET IN TO THE "SWIM" OF THINGS BY PHYLLIS THIEMANN

Something new and exciting to our region is the newly renovated Mount Hood Community College Aquatic Center. The College renovated their pool facility for almost 1.5 million dollars and already the results are paying off.

They deepened the pool and changed the gutters on the pool which resulted in one of the fastest pools in the United States and the word is out. There have been several articles written about the pool and more and more events are being booked as a result. The events are anywhere from 1500 participants to 3000 participants. It has become such an overnight success that they are hoping they can keep up with the pace.

They are hoping to land the location for the 2012 Olympic Team Trials! Just think, our region may one day have all the big events for Swimming and Sailing in our own backyard.

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### **Mission Not-So-Impossible!! Code Name: "Giving Tree"**

Mission Headquarters (City Hall) is sending out an SOS to all dormant special agents. If you chose to accept this mission, come to Mission Headquarters to receive your assignment (details on page 5). If you or any member of your team are discovered during your gathering mission, take no responsibility — blame Santa! Your assignment will be to seek out and purchase your item and return it unwrapped (with your mission assignment tag attached ) to City Hall by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 18, 2007**. This is a matter of Christmas security. If every Cascade Locks child does not receive a present from Santa, the security of Christmas could be jeopardized. It is **your responsibility** to make sure that doesn't happen!

**WARNING:** If you are a double agent working for the Grinch, Mission Headquarters will issue an order to have you de-Grinched and re-programmed for a Santa Mission.

## **CASCADE LOCKS TOURISM COMMITTEE 2007 CHRISTMAS HOME LIGHTING CONTEST**

### **ENTRY FORM**

**PRIZES: 1st = \$250 2nd = \$150 3rd = \$100**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**RULES:** Entry forms must be returned to City Hall by 5:00 PM, Thursday, December 13th. Lighting displays must be on from 7:00 to 9:00 PM (minimum) each night and judging will be done between the 13th and 21st. Prizes will be awarded by mail before Christmas. Judging based on originality, use of lights, effort, and overall effect.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 5:00 PM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**