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City Council
1st and 3rd
Thursday each month.
Public welcome.
7 pm, Council Room
City Hall

January

Wendell City Mayor & Councilmembers

Mayor Lori Swainston

Council President Don Dunn

Councilman Jason Houser

Councilman Herb Allred

Councilwoman BJ Marshall

Councilman Don Dunn and Councilwoman BJ Marshall will take the Oath of Office at City Council on January 7, 2016. They were both re-elected November 3rd, 2015, to four year terms.

A big thanks to City Employees Rick Boss and Ray Torres.

On Thanksgiving Day 2015, when we had so much snow coming down, they both went above and beyond the scope of their duties and plowed the city roadways. Many citizens have commented to City Hall employees that they really did appreciate the good job they did. Isn't it nice to know that they were looking out for all of Wendell's citizens on such a cold snowy holiday!!!



Thank you Rick and Ray!



With that being said, please remember that we are all responsible to keep our sidewalks clean and free of snow or debris. Lots of citizens enjoy walking and a clean sidewalk makes it easier and keeps the streets safer for vehicle traffic. If you have a neighbor that you know can't clean their sidewalk, please take a little extra time and help keep their walks clean too.

Update: I am finishing up the January newsletter and it is Christmas Eve day.

Big snow storm and Rick and Ray are both out plowing the streets. We do appreciate them!

Wendell Senior Center is going to start having lunches on Mondays and Fridays, beginning this month, January 2016! The Senior Center said the turnout has been wonderful. They want to THANK everyone who is coming out and supporting their new facility. Thanks to the great cooks also!

Irrigation Assessments will be figured during January and February, then sometime during late February or early March a notice will be in the Times-News to let people know when the Irrigation Hearing will be held. Wendell City Council will then finalize the amounts for the 2016 irrigation season and after that is done, a citizen cannot ask for changes to their assessments.

This meeting is for you, the Wendell Citizen, to come and give your input. If you are wanting to opt out of irrigation you MUST come to this meeting. Opting out is only if you are receiving irrigation water, you can not opt out of the maintenance fee. Please watch for Date and Time. Notices will be in the paper and also posted at City Hall.

Don't forget: Dog licenses and Business licenses are due by the end of this month. Dog licenses carry a \$5.00 late fee if not paid by then and city business licenses can get a \$100 fine. Stop in at City Hall for these licenses. Please bring a proof of up to date rabies shots for your pet. Thank you.



Need a little help with heating your home this winter. LIHEAP, (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is designed to assist eligible low income households pay for winter energy services. LIHEAP provides a one time benefit to be used for energy bills. The amount of payment is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and geographic location. LIHEAP is funded by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services. Call South Central Community Action Partnership at 208-736-0676, for further information. Applications are taken Nov.1-March 31, each year.

The Wendell Food Bank has a new facebook page and a new name.

The new name is

Wendell Food Pantry

Information on their facebook page should keep you current as to when they are open and other pertinent information. The people who help at the food pantry are awesome volunteers!!! The City of Wendell is happy to have such caring people in our community.

Watch for the Wendell Animal Shelter to open sometime this month.

This facility will allow the City to take stray or wandering pets and put them in a safe, dry, warm shelter while they are waiting for their owners to take them back home.

Thanks to Mary Holley and Anythings Pawsable for "staying the course" to get this facility in Wendell.

What are your New Year's Resolutions?

Here is a suggestion. Pay your water bill each month before the 20th. When the water bill isn't paid by the 20th of the month a 10% late fee is then added to your bill. Just suppose that your bill is \$80.00 every month. If it incurs the late fee each month, you have then paid a late fee of \$8.00 a month times 12 months which equals \$96.00 a year in late fees alone.

Not getting a late fee each month would be like getting a month of free water and a little extra money for gas or groceries, etc.

We do recognize that many Wendell Citizens have arranged their budgets so that the water bill is paid on or before the 20th and we at City Hall really do appreciate that! Thank you.

Informal poll:

How many Wendell Citizens would like to be able to pay their water bill with a debit or credit card. Using a debit or credit card would mean an additional fee to those who pay with a card. Please come into City Hall or call (536-5161) and tell us if you would prefer to use a debit or credit card to pay your city utility bill.

The Wendell Library Raffle was very successful in their efforts to raise money towards the future library building. The City owns the old ag building on the corner of the parking lot next to City Hall. Plans are to remodel this into a bigger and better library when the funds can be raised to do so. Library Volunteers spent many hours asking for donations for "gift baskets" to be raffled off to raise money. They raised \$880.06 from the sale of raffle tickets. The winners of the gift baskets were:

Ladies Basket, Kristina Peck

Men's Basket, Stevia Webb

Valley Wide Co-op, Paula Simerly

NAPA Auto, Clayton Clifton

Cactus Pete's, Norma Castrill

Valley Steam Cleaning, Judy Erdman

Convection Oven and Toaster, Stephanie Hendrix

Thanks to all the Library Volunteers, all of you who purchased tickets for the raffle and especially to all of the merchants who so generously donated the items in the baskets.