

*“The City of Bonney Lake’s mission is to protect the community’s livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.”*

# BONNEY Lake REPORTER

City of Bonney Lake

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Newsletter

## TOWN TIDBITS

- Target has applied for a building permit for a \$750,000 remodel of the interior of their store, in part to accommodate expansion of the grocery section.
- City contractors have begun replacing water mains for the North Lake Debra Jane Water Main Replacement Project. This work is on McGee Drive and 188th Ave. Roads remain open.
- Contractors are working on the Angeline Road Sewer Force Main Replacement project. The section of Angeline Road in the work area is very narrow; therefore, no thru traffic has been allowed during the work shift except for local residents, school busses, mail service, deliveries and emergency vehicles. Motorists north and south of the work area must detour around the work area via Sky Island Drive, Sumner-Buckley Highway and SR 410. The detour will be in effect for another week or so.
- Mark Your Calendars for the 2011 Bonney Lake Spring Clean Up (for BL Residents Only). This years clean-up will be held April 11th through April 15th. Guidelines: Curbside pick-up only (no alley access); One appliance per household; Up to 3 extra cans or bags of garbage or yard waste placed by April 14th.
- The City Council is considering Ordinance D11-04. This Ordinance would amend the City Code relating to Alarm Systems and False Alarms. To view the draft ordinance visit the City’s web page and view the Council agenda packet - [http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section\\_government/city\\_council/council\\_action/minutes\\_2011.shtml](http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section_government/city_council/council_action/minutes_2011.shtml)

## MAYOR SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Mayor Neil Johnson is seeking applicants for the City’s boards and commissions. In April, there will be several openings for positions on the City’s various boards and commission. The Park Board, Design Commission, and Planning Commission all have positions which are expiring. While several of the members may seek reappointment, the City invites any resident who is willing to serve to submit an application. The Park Board serves as an advisory board to the mayor and council on City parks. The Design Commission reviews the proposed designs of all new commercial

buildings and multi-family dwelling projects. The Planning Commission recommends changes to the City’s comprehensive plan and development regulations. All boards except the Planning Commission are nonpaid volunteer positions. All Board and Commission members serve three (3) year terms, except the Civil Service Commission, which is a 6 year term. For more information about the City’s boards and commissions, please visit [http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section\\_government/committees/index.shtml](http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section_government/committees/index.shtml). For an application for a board or commission position, visit [http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/UserFiles/File/Forms/AdminServicesExecutive/Application\\_for\\_Membership.pdf](http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/UserFiles/File/Forms/AdminServicesExecutive/Application_for_Membership.pdf) or email [morrisondon@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us](mailto:morrisondon@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us). ■

## Bonney Lake First!

## SHOP BONNEY LAKE INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

As a part of its overall economic development strategy, the City of Bonney Lake has launched a new initiative called Shop Bonney Lake to promote local businesses to area residents and visitors. The service provides all local businesses in the City with a link on the City’s website that directs residents and visitors to new webpages designed and updated by each local business.



By offering businesses the ability to display information, such as new merchandise or services, current coupon offerings, available job openings and other topical news, the City can help make the business community more accessible and vibrant. With Shop Bonney Lake, individuals can go to one central location on the City website to search for local businesses. Residents and visitors have the ability to print out coupons, see menus, ask questions, determine store hours, join mailing lists and find business locations, and a host of other capabilities.

Shop Bonney Lake provides local businesses with a customizable website if they do not have one,

or the page can link to any existing business website or social media network giving the community a direct platform to communicate with businesses.

The end goal is to support the success of City businesses. Shop Bonney Lake will help consolidate and link the many existing online avenues to learn about and conduct activity with Bonney Lake businesses.

Businesses that are located within Bonney Lake City Limits with a current City business license can register for a Shop Bonney Lake account at no cost. Shop Bonney Lake can be accessed via the City’s website [www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us](http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us), which currently receives 9,000 unique visitors each month. Once on the homepage, click the shopping cart logo and then click on “Register My Business.” Businesses will be notified by email once registration is complete. They can then go online and customize their business page. Call Executive Assistant Brian Hartsell with any questions at 253-447-3102 or e-mail [shoplocal@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us](mailto:shoplocal@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us). Shop Bonney Lake is powered by ShopsQA.

### WEBSITE: WWW.CI.BONNEY-LAKE.WA.US

General Business Hours	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Location	19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.
City Mailing Address	P.O. Box 7380, Bonney Lake, WA 98391
Phone	(253) 862-8602
Fax	(253) 862-8538
City Hall Annex	8720 Main Street
Public Safety Building	18421 Old Sumner Buckley Hwy.
Senior Center	19304 Bonney Lake Blvd.

## WHAT DOES THE FAILED TRANSIT VOTE MEAN FOR BONNEY LAKE?



With the failure of the February 8th vote to increase the sales tax to replace reduced Pierce Transit revenues, what should Pierce Transit do now, and how will that affect Bonney Lake? Mayor Neil Johnson, who currently represents the smaller cities on the Pierce Transit board, is seeking input on what citizens on the plateau want from their transit system. As the small cities representative, the mayor is working to find other solutions / alternatives for residents on the plateau to help shape the future of a "more useful" transit system. Some of the ideas that have been submitted include maintaining traditional transit services commensurate with the community's financial contributions to the transit system, accepting reduced service levels, advocating for District service boundary contraction (cutting back the Pierce Transit boundary, including the tax boundary, to the more urbanized areas), or opting out of Pierce Transit entirely and seeking to transfer current transit funding to a locally developed system more suitable to local needs. If you have any thoughts on where we go from here, please email the mayor at [neiljohnsonjr@comcast.net](mailto:neiljohnsonjr@comcast.net)

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE



City staff and a Council representative joined Summer School District staff and local citizens to help the Bicycle Alliance of Washington and Feet First to do walking and biking audits at six local schools: Bonney Lake High School, Mountain View Middle School, Victor Falls Elementary School, Bonney Lake Elementary School, Emerald Hills Elementary School, and Liberty Ridge Elementary School. Final reports will be available soon. This is the last part of the education portion of this grant project. A mile of sidewalk has been constructed. A mile of paved trail is still yet to be built. The education program also included school assemblies hosted by Willie Weir, a poster contest, walk and bike to school events, bike rodeos, a community open house, and field trips to Fennel Creek. A final report on the education program will be presented to Sumner School District staff later this year.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE

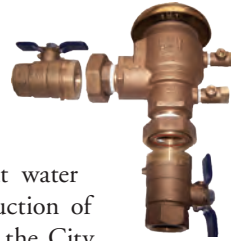


The City plans to sponsor a community garden again this summer. Last summer nearly 40 residents joined the Bonney Lake Food Bank to create the first ever community garden in Bonney Lake. The Food Bank helped administer the garden last summer and has agreed to do so again this summer. The garden is located off Main and 89th Street, in the Downtown. Interested persons can submit an application form that is available online on the City of Bonney Lake website, or call Community Services Director Gary Leaf at (253) 447-4334. There is no cost to participate other than seeds and your own hand tools. For more information, visit [http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section\\_community/community\\_resources/garden.shtml](http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/section_community/community_resources/garden.shtml)



## WHAT ARE WATER CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL & BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAMS?

The City of Bonney Lake, as the water purveyor, is held responsible for compliance to the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act. To help insure that water quality is not compromised by an introduction of non-potable sources into the water system the City Public Works Utility Department has a program of Cross-Connection Control & Backflow Prevention has been set by Public Works Water Department. A cross connection is a connection between drinking water pipe and a polluted source. Backflow can happen if the water is shut off or the water pressure suddenly drops. Here is a common example. You are going to spray weed killer or fertilizer on your lawn or shrubs. You hook up your hose to the sprayer that contains the weed killer. If the water pressure drops at the same time you turn on the hose (say people in the house turn on the shower and the washer at the same time) the chemical in the sprayer may be sucked back



into the drinking water pipes through the hose. This could pollute the potable water system and make you sick. This can be prevented by using an attachment on your hose call a backflow-prevention device. This device will not allow the chemical to back feed into the hose.

The City currently monitors over 1200 backflow devises throughout the City. Some of the more typical types of backflow systems are located in the commercial areas, City parks, any irrigation system both commercial and private, medical buildings and at schools. To help the City comply we work closely with consumers, architects, contractors and engineers to insure that all those who are required to comply with cross-connection control and/or backflow prevention meet the requirements. Currently, those with backflow prevention systems are required to obtain and document an annual inspection of the system. If you have questions or concerns please contacted the Bonney Lake Public Works Utility Organization at (253) 862-8602 or visit the City Web site for information, <http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us>

Council, Board or Commission	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
City Council Workshop	5:30 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.
City Council Meeting	7:00 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Voucher Review	4:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Council Finance Committee	5:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Council Community Development Committee	5:00 pm - 1st & 3rd Mondays	City Hall Annex 8720 Main Street
Council Public Safety Committee	5:00 pm - 1st Monday; 3rd as needed	Public Safety Building 18421 Old Sumner Buckley Hwy.
Planning Commission	5:30 pm - 1st & 3rd Wednesday	City Hall Council Chambers
Park Board	6:00 pm - 2nd Monday	City Hall Council Chambers
Design Commission	6 pm - 2nd & 4th Thursdays	City Hall Council Chambers
Civil Service Commission	5:30 pm - 4th Monday	City Hall Council Chambers

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