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Our history has been written up in several different publications.

**HISTORY**

Bonney Lake sits along what was used to be known as the Naches Trail. A trail that followed a path made by Native American tribes on their east-west crossings, a route that closely parallels the Old Summer-Buckley Highway. In 1853 Sherwood Bonney traveled this route by covered wagon and made his homestead on the lake named for him in 1853. The Naches Trail became the military road for soldiers traveling from Fort Steilacoom to Fort Walla Walla.

Early residents were landgrant homesteaders and life was primitive. Most of the industry in the area was logging, farming, and coal mining. Bonney Lake was established in 1856 when Kenneth and Bertha Simmons purchased a 1,000 acre parcel. Until 1946 there was no electricity or water available. The Simmons family was the driving force for development and incorporation, with Kenneth Simmons serving as Mayor for three terms.

The City incorporated in 1949 under the mayor-council form of government with a population of just 327. In 1955 the City changed to a council-manager form of government, then again in 1973 voters opted to return to the mayor-council form of government.

The first City government headquarters for both police and fire, as well as a community club, was a concrete building located on Locust Avenue near 82nd Street East, on the site of the current parking lot of the Bonney Lake Community Church. By 1950 the town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, refuse disposal, a blood bank and a community club sponsored booth at the Puyallup Fair. By 1957 there were 12 businesses in Bonney Lake.

Lake Tapps was originally four separate lakes and when they were merged, the four lakes were renamed for the largest of the original four. The Lake Tapps Development Company planned recreational lakefront sites and offered them for sale on west Lake Tapps in 1954. In 1972 the City Hall building was dedicated and has been added to many times since to accommodate the increased demand for City services and the personnel needed to maintain and provide those services.

Bonney Lake is the fifth largest City in Pierce County with a growing population of 9,350. Before the incorporation of Lakewood and University Place in 1994, Bonney Lake was the third largest City in the County.

**Looking Back On Bonney Lake**

In 1864 William Barton Kelly traveled from Illinois to the banks of Puyallup Creek where he established "Kelly Farms." He worked as a logger, school teacher, farmer, and politician. He was a founding member of the Tacoma Chapter of the Union, and served 3 terms as Pierce County Auditor. Kelly Farm was located on the Naches Trail, later known as the Military Road, which Summer-Buckley Highway roughly follows today. Kelly would have likely been pleased that his old homestead serves as the site for the 2013 Washington Midsummer Renaissance Faire.

**Bonney Lake's History**

**From covered wagons to bustling city...**

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In 1853 the Naches Trail became the military road for soldiers traveling from Fort Steilacoom to Fort Walla Walla. On October 22, 1855, Indians lying in ambush killed Lt. McCullish and Michael Connell at Connell's Prairie and on October 31, 1855 Colonel Miles A. Moore were killed - events called the "Connell's Prairie Massacres."

Descendants of several of the landgrant homesteaders and pioneers still live in this area, including the Vandermarkers, Kelleys, Peoples, Fodas, and Argelliers. Their stories of the spartan lifestyles of the homesteaders illustrate the hardships and trials common to the western settlers of that era.

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In the late 1800's the area halfway between Bonney Lake and Buckley was known as Finland, named for the many Finnish settlers who either established dairy farms or worked in the Willowon coal mines or logged the virgin timber along the White River. Another 100 families of Swiss extraction lived on the plateau and in the valley. Olo E. Gauer's Swiss father worked at the Riverside Lumbermill (referred to as the "Poor Farm") for 27 years.

The Angeline family settled here in 1909. Both Irene and Lawrence attended the early Victor Fall School near Rhodes Lake. Here eight grades were taught in one room. Published accounts of Kelley Lake school teacher Dorothy Ryan, written when she was 16, tell of her keeping a hatchet on her school desk for protection against Indians, coyotes and other wildlife. The account also tells of her concern about the caterpillars which slithered through the cracks in the walls and piled into her lunch pail.

James and Amanda Vandermark, Dutch pioneers who came west by covered wagon, homesteaded on Lake Tapps until it was flooded during the construction of the White River Dam. Their house, built in 1865, was moved before the flood to its present site on 214th Avenue East. Members of the Vandermark family still live on the site.

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Incorporation was finally accomplished in 1946, when the city population reached 327. By 1950 the town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, refuse disposal, a blood bank and a community club-sponsored booth at the Puyallup Fair. By 1957 there were 12 businesses in Bonney Lake, with several new shopping developments under way. Today, the population of Bonney Lake is over 6,500 and there are more than 200 licensed businesses.
Bonney Lake History

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That same year, the Naches Trail became a military road for soldiers traveling from Fort Steilacoom to Fort Walla. Two years later, in 1855, four soldiers were killed by Indians. They were ambushed near Collins' Prairie, first Colonel Miles and Moses on October 13, then Lt. McCallister and Michael J. Connel eight days later. Today, these events are known as the Connel's Prairie Massacre, and a monument at Connel's Prairie commemorates the incident.

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By 1965, the population had increased to 1,280. Between 1949 and 1972, there were a number of attempts to dis-incorporate the community and go back to being part of unincorporated Pierce County. The last such attempt was in 1972.

In the mid-1960s, there had also been a ballot proposition to change from a mayor-council to a council-manager form of government. The election was successful, and in 1966 Evan Peterson was hired as the first city manager. He was followed by John Jessop and then Thomas Manusault. However, in the general election of 1973, the voters chose to return to the Mayor-Council form of government. Allan Yorke was chosen as the new mayor. Once in the 1990s, and again in 2003, a proposition was put on the ballot to switch back to a council-manager form of government. The proposition was defeated both times.
Early Washington State History within the Bonney Lake & Buckley Communities
Compiled by Jennifer Whitley

1833
August-October
The Diller emigrant wagon train travelled to the Bonney Lake area via the Oregon Trail and the Naches Pass. This party consisted of 20 men, women and children. Two unique items stand out regarding this pioneer wagon train:

- Families in the area helped the train from Steilacoom to Greenwater. They followed the well-used Klickitat Indian path that is now part of highway 410 and the Old Buckley highway.
- Chief Leschi donated 12 horses and offered his brother, Quinault, as a guide to help blaze the emigrant road. Leschi said, "If whites were working without pay and were giving provisions it was as little as he could do to let his horses gather." The locals gathered $1,220.00 for construction of this pioneer wagon train.

- Because there was no road over the pass the emigrants nearly died of exposure. Near the summit the wagon had to be hauled down a sheer 30-foot cliff. No ropes were available so two oxen were hitched to the spot. Remnants of this road can be seen today off of Hwy 410.
- Once the emigrants crossed the pass they were in their own grace in the area now known as Connell's Prairie.
- December 12, 1833 Michael Connell claimed 220 acres in what is now known as Connell's Prairie.

1854
Gov. Isaac Stevens meets with 700 Indians to negotiate the Medicine Creek Treaty. Chief Leschi refuses to sign. His tribe prefers living and hunting along the main rivers, Green, White, and Payette—they will not be restricted to a small parcel of land along the main near Olympia.

1855
- September—troops of men from Ft. Vancouver travel via the Naches Pass over to the Yakima area to help with the recent uprisings/kilings. Tensions mount with local Indians.
  - September 27th, Allen Porter, a neighbor to Connell has his cabin surrounded by Indians—he escapes to the nearby homesteads along the White/Skookum (Lake Tapps-Auburn)
  - October 23rd—Acting Gov. C.H. Maion convinces Capt. Eaton to lead a militia group, the "Puget Sound Rangers"
  - October 28th "The White River Massacre"—three families are attacked and killed.
  - October 29th Lt. James McAllister & Michael Connell were killed at Connell's Prairie. According to O.L. Clayton, as recorded in a History of Pierce County, Michael Connell was buried on his claim. In addition, there were twenty-one Indian graves in the northeast corner of the claim.

- October 30th, an express unit of six soldiers is to deliver a message from Capt. Maloney to leaders at Fort Vancouver. The regiment (positioned along the Naches Pass) fears they are vastly outnumbered by the Indians, have few supplies, and snow is starting to fall. The captain requests permission to return back to Ft. Steilacoom.

- October 31st—The express soldiers meet up with Indians at the swamp near Connell's Prairie. Shots between both parties are fired. Miles and Moses are killed. Moses' horse runs off with his corpse still attached. The surviving soldiers are able to recover his body behind a large log. Three days later it is discovered and given a military burial. The other men take off on their horses. "At the crossing of the creek west of the Kelly place the express was again fired upon, but no one hurt."

- November 2nd—After following Camp Creek, South Prairie Creek, and snaking onto Military Road the surviving express soldiers make it to Ft. Steilacoom.

- November 3rd Capt. Maloney discovers a group of Indians at Connell's Prairie.

- November 4th Capt. Hays & Lieutenant Slaughter and 100 soldiers face off with 100 Indians along the White River near Connell's Prairie. Thirty Indians and two soldiers were killed.

- November—Chief Leschi is captured and imprisoned at Ft. Steilacoom. Capt. Maloney charges Leschi with the murder of A.B. Moser.

1857
- Chief Leschi goes to trial, first jury trial is unable to come to a verdict. A second trial conviction and he was hanged on February 19, 1858.

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More Bonney Lake History. . .
Lake Tapps was originally four separate lakes and when they were merged, the four lakes were renamed for the largest one. The Lake Tapps Development Company planned recreational lakefront sites and offered them for sale on west Lake Tapps in 1954. In the early 1960's, company heads sensed the potential need for homesites at Lake Tapps and abandoned their marketing plan for strict recreational sites. They donated 20 acres for Alan Yorke Park, of which only six acres have been developed by the city thus far.

Since 1960, six schools have been built, a city hall, police department building, several fire stations, a library and post office. The majority of the housing stock is new by comparison to neighboring cities.
Rhodes Lake School at Victor Falls

SCHOOLS:

In 1961 the Summer School District #320 opened Bonney Lake Elementary School for classes for the first time. It was the first public school “on the hill” since the Rhodes Lake School. The first principal was Wayne Bettenger. The original backfield (present playground) was made of clay. All kindergartners used to go to Wade Calvin Elementary (district office) and rode a bus up the hill with high school students. In 1967-68 all first graders went to Wade Calvin Elementary, riding the bus with the high school students. 1968 began an addition to the Bonney Lake Elementary, to add eight more classrooms (rooms 13-20). The additions were necessary due to a 14% increase in student population. Portables were added in 1957, 1969, 1990, and 1992. There was also a remodel in 1987 that resulted in the backfield being planted in grass, installation of television set in classrooms and other improvements. The present bus loop used to be the playground for three years while the grass grew (or failed to grow!) on the new playfield. VCR’s were installed in each classroom in 1989 and new Big Toys were purchased from B.E.S.T. in 1995 to replace the 20 year old Big Toys. Corfiss Concrete donated concrete and gravel used to install the big toys. There was a real log cabin adjacent to the back field, which was built by students in the mid-1970’s and was dismantled in the late 1970’s.

Six former teachers have gone on to become principals at Bonney Lake Elementary: Mike Kerst, Dennis Hammermaster, Paul Chaplik, Dave Sollars, Nancy Stephens and John Bartkowski. Of those five, one became a superintendent (Paul Chaplik). Jane Queen student-taught under Mike Kerst and has since become a principal and curriculum director. One former principal became a superintendent (John Sullivan).

The Bonney Lake Choir represented the Bonney Lake Elementary School at the Vancouver Expo in British Columbia in 1986.

The building booms and constant growth in the Bonney Lake area resulted in additional schools being built to accommodate the increasing student enrollments. In 1982 Victor Falls Elementary school was built and in 1987 two new schools were opened: Lakerridge Junior High School at 5909 Myers Road and Emerald Hills Elementary at 19515 S. Tapps Drive. They were followed by more schools as the population continued to increase. The school district built a Transportation facility (Bus Garage) on 104th Street East in 1994. Crestwood Elementary on West Tapps Drive was built in 1993 followed by Mountain View Junior High in 1997, built not far from the bus garage. Others were built on the fringe of Bonney Lake, including Liberty Ridge Elementary.

There are at least three day care/pre-schools in the area, including KinderCare Learning Center (1991) and Kid’s Country, with Pony Trails located just off 214th Ave East.
Dear Wendy,

What a pleasure it was to meet you, and talk about Summer and the lakes—Bonney and Tapps.

My recent memories are especially clear, but my old ones never fade. As a boy of 8 or 9 years ago, I spent a summer at my great-grandfather Bonney's farm in Summer. He raised raspberries and my mother was one of his pickers. We lived in Olympia at the time. My memories of the nearby lakes are a little hazy, but not too bad.

Tapps was a real lake, a body of water for fishing and swimming. Bonney Lake wasn't much more like a ready-made pond. My son and I flew over it a couple of years ago in my plane. I was astonished at the present day development and size that it had undergone. I would like to know more about the house. To the best of my knowledge, the “Bonney Lake” was named after my great-grandfather Sherwood Bonney, who had a farm nearby.

For your interest, I've enclosed a couple of Sherwood's personal belongings, plus a picture of the family at the family home in Sumner. I hope you like it. I hope we can meet again in the future.

With best wishes,

Fred

P.S. My father was Leonard Bonney, a great-great-grandson of Fred Wright Bonney, a great-great-great-grandfather—Sherwood

A letter received from Fred Bonney. He describes the family history and his recollection of his family coming to Bonney Lake.

Sherwood Bonney with son Fred Wright Bonney and family—Bonney, Washington
SHERWOOD BONNEY LOCATES AT NORTH END OF AMERICAN LAKE

Sherwood Bonney was born February 28, 1812, in Cornwall, Conn. The following year the family moved to Ohio, and settled in Portage County, where the father died in 1816. On March 5, 1837 Sherwood married Elizabeth Byrnes, and in May of 1839 he moved to Iowa. In 1852 Sherwood Bonney and his wife decided to come west, in later years Mr. Bonney described their trip in the following words.

"I sacrificed my last for $1,000, bought two waggons, six yokes of oxen, two cows and provisions for the journey. My wife favored the plan, thinking that in the future we could have plenty of land for our children, six in number, and so saw nothing but success. We were in good health, and with high hopes we started on that circuitous journey for the far west, on the 4th of April, 1852. My brother Timothy Bonney, had preceded us, and we overtook him and his wife, Lydia Ann Wright Bonney, with their family, about seventy miles on the road.

"Our route lay on the north side of the Platte River, through a level country entirely unsettled, mostly without timber, and sometimes making it difficult to get a few sticks with which to build a fire at night. The Indians did not molest us, but often appeared in camp by day for food, and we killed all that we left on the ground. We saw to buffalo or animals larger than coyotes or prairie dogs. We encountered one severe storm of rain and wind which blew down our tents during the night and scattered our cattle, which were found with difficulty next day several miles away from camp. We found the journey very uncomfortable in so long a train. We were barely able to drive, and steered an almost straight line. We started out upon a slight gradient. Gradually the country became more rugged, and we began to ascend hills before we reached Fort Laramie, where we saw Sioux Indians and a few squaws. We went over to the fort on the opposite side of the river from our camp, where we stayed only one night. Next morning we drove out alone with only our cow and corduroy blanket for company, leaving the dusky train for a time behind us.

"On the Fourth of July we camped on the summit of the Rocky Mountains at South Pass, keeping the night to divert ourselves toward the Green River, a beautiful stream on the banks of which we camped in the morning. It was a beautiful day, and we found ourselves in the midst of the mountains by the time we had crossed the Snake River. We found John Stopen with his oxen crossed the river, and we joined him. We took our waggons together again, and proceeded up the river. The next afternoon, when my little son, Alvin, was taken violently sick with cholera. No medicines existed, and we did not have any, but he died the next morning. It was sad, indeed, to lay him down for his last sleep in this wild place, but we had no alternative. The Indians gave us no chance to stop us, we must push on to keep out of their way.

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"The others became sick, my brother Timothy Bonney, and his little daughter, aged two years. We did all we could for them, but after a few days of suffering they died on the 9th of August, and were buried near our path, as many others, who were on the same road. We had neither food nor water, and it was not possible for my dear wife, and I went to the land of the living. We could not stop, and some were welcome to the disease, and the Indians did not molest us. We crossed the Snake River on the second day, and had a hard time reaching the next camp after dinner. We had to work hard to get water as I watched dear wife, the companion of my early years, fighting disease and receiving help from none. She lingered on through many trials. She expired about noon the same day, August 14th, when she breathed her last, and left an absent soul to perform the sad duties of burial. Most of the company had foundered on. Mr. Fitch and August Lewis were, with their wives, left behind to stop on the road. We buried her in a little mound beneath a tree, and mourned it as well as we could, but the Indians might disturb the grave.

"The children were improving slowly and we were obliged to move on and stop at Three Rivers. The country there was fit only for cattle, and we found the water in the morning. And at evening camped at Powder River, where I first saw the tree. The Indians, still impeded the road, and we were forced to follow the same route. We started on the 12th of August, and were buried near our path, as many others, who were on the same road. We had neither food nor water, and it was not possible for my dear wife, and I went to the land of the living. We could not stop, and some were welcome to the disease, and the Indians did not molest us. We crossed the Snake River on the second day, and had a hard time reaching the next camp after dinner. We had to work hard to get water as I watched dear wife, the companion of my early years, fighting disease and receiving help from none. She lingered on through many trials. She expired about noon the same day, August 14th, when she breathed her last, and left an absent soul to perform the sad duties of burial. Most of the company had foundered on. Mr. Fitch and August Lewis were, with their wives, left behind to stop on the road. We buried her in a little mound beneath a tree, and mourned it as well as we could, but the Indians might disturb the grave.

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Sherwood Bonney

Wherein I was born
Emigration to Ohio
Emigration to Iowa
From Iowa to Oregon
From Oregon to Puget Sound

The writer of this sketch was born in Litchfield Co., town of Cornwall, Connecticut, in the year of our Lord 1812, the 28th day of February.

My father and mother with seven children emigrated to Ohio in the summer of 1813 and settled in the township of Nelson, Portage County. Had one son born unto them in 1814, T. S. Bonney. My father died in the fall of 1814 which my mother with 8 children to battle through life.

When I was 14 years old I went to live with my oldest brother, lived with him until twenty-one. I then commenced the battle of life on my own hook; I bought my brother T. S. Bonney's share of land that fell to him from father's estate which together with my share made fifty-eight acres. I then went to clearing land for myself and other people. I took jobs of chopping timber, heavy beach and made for four dollars per acre, cut it up logging length, piled the brush. In the spring of 1837, on Tuesday the 9th of March, I was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Byrnes. I built a log house on my land and lived there until the spring of 1839. I sold my land for seven hundred dollars, took one span of horses and wagon, the balance in dry goods and money, about the first of May we left our home in Ohio and started for Iowa with our one year old boy. We had a very pleasant journey to Iowa - stopped 14 miles this side of Burlington at my brother's house, T. S. Bonney, while he went back to Ohio for a wife. He was gone I rented a farm of S. S. White, brother-in-law to Gen. McCarver, Proprietor of Old Tacoma. I lived fifteen years in Iowa. I then sold my land and other property which amounted to about $1000.00 for cash (The Oregon fever was raging very high). I bought my outfit for crossing the plains which was 2 wagons, 5 yoke of oxen, 2 cows and provisions for the trip; my brother had gone ahead a few days before I started. My wife and I and 6 boys started for the west on the 7th day of April. My oldest son was 14 years old - the youngest, 2. We were all in good health and spirits. We overtook our brother and family in Wapio Co., Iowa, about 60 miles on the road. We went into camp on Grays Creek and bought corn as much as we could conveniently carry, but to our great surprise we found plenty of corn on the road - so much for people not speaking the truth. However, we got to Missouri River all right on the 20th of May. We crossed the river, which took four days to cross, the whole company consisting of 26 wagons, cattle, horses, men, women and children; then we began to see Indians but they did not trouble us much. Our Capt. name of Ogier, he was father to Ogier who owns the Nursery at Payzallou. We corralled cattle nights - one night we had a hard wind storm and rain - blew down tents and stampeded our cattle which took nearly all the next day to find them. My oldest son found them about 3 miles away, nothing of any importance happening, we arrived at Fort Laramie; there we saw a few soldiers and a few Sioux Indians. My brother and I started with our three teams from the Fort and traveled alone for awhile. On the fourth day of July we camped at the South Pass on the summit of the Rocky Mountain at night. We went on and came to Green River where we found a ferry kept by white men; the next morning we crossed on our wagon on a boat - cost us 8 dollars. Before we came to the Snake River, my brother Timothy's team had failed so that he had to leave his wagon and take one of mine. We took his things and family into one of my wagons. When we came to the first crossing of Snake River we found Bro. John Rigden with rope stretched across the river and with a wagon box for a ferry boat. We asked him if we could join his company. We were permitted to join his company. We then brought up our teams and the next day we all got across safely. The following day was the 4th of August - we got our wagons put together and went on until four o'clock in the afternoon, here our worst trouble commenced. My little son Alvin, five years old, was taken with cholera and died; the next morning we put him in a chest, not being long enough we had to knock one end off which left his feet sticking out. There were several persons buried there that day. Still we had to keep on the move. Then my brother was taken with cholera and died on the 8th - also his youngest child. My dear wife and taken the same disease - also my second and third boys, David and Lyman, but they got well again. My wife lingered along until we crossed the river again and then we had a hard drive to the next camp which we did not reach until after dark; that dreary night I did not sleep. The next day, about noon, my dear companions breathed her last breath in this life. We were left almost alone - A Mr. Fisk and wife, and August Lewis was kind enough to stop with us until we got through burying, then we went on over to Burnt River and camped for the night - in the morning over to Powder River - there I lost one. Then we arrived at the Grande Ronde Valley where there were quite a troupe of Indians to escort us across the Valley. When we arrived at the foot of the Blue Mountains we found a man by the name of Gabriel - he had one yoke of oxen, and cart, and wife. He could not have been an angel for he swore like a pirate at his own because his poor old soul could not pull his almost empty cart up the mountain. I told him to quit and I would help him up - we put one yoke of my own on the lead of his and went up without any further trouble. My fourth son Samuel A. took the mountain fever, was nigh unto death's door, but when we arrived at The Dalles he began to mend. We arrived at The Dalles my brother's widow had a chance to go down to Portland in a small row boat with her three children, but I camped for 3 weeks - sent my oldest son down the trail with two hired men to drive the cattle to the Cascade Landing. We embarked on a large log boat called the Sea Serpent. We had to take our wagons all apart and put them on the boat. Fifteen wagons was our load with all their belongings. When we arrived The Cascades I carried my wagons off the boat, put them together, hitched on our teams, went down the river 5 miles then took them apart again, put them on a flume - went as fast as the mouth of the Sandy River - from there to French Prairie where we stayed through the winter - threshed wheat with a flail, made 20,000 shingles - sent our children to school. I hired a distance to Salem, sold them for $5.00 per thousand. Married my brother's widow in February, took a trip up the valley - moved to Salem, rented a house on the opposite side of the street from T. Mercier and Dyer Hackett - worked at carpentering some, took a job of cutting and threshing 25 acres of wheat on shares, hired Mercier and Hackett to help me some. Mercier and Hackett went over to the Sound - came back with good reports of the country. Wife and I concluded we would go over in the fall. We started about the 1st of October with 8
children, 5 yoke of oxen, 4 cows, King Perkins accompanying us as far as Olympia. We came through Portland over to St. Helen. There we stayed one week waiting a conveyance down the Columbia River. Shipped our stock across the river in a sloop. Mr. Perkins and my three oldest boys went down the trail with our stock. After staying about a week we were very glad to get aboard a large boat. Myself, wife and five children, Mr. Sanders, wife and two children - eleven souls besides Captain of the boat. We had two wagons besides our bedding and other things. was two and a half days in getting down to Mistiello, a little above the mouth of the Cowitz River - there we had to wait another week before we could get conveyance up the river. I chartered two canoes, Sanders one - put wagons on one, families on other two - we had two Indians to each canoe. Gave the proprietor fifty dollars gold slug - fifty dollars for my part of conveyance. We were two days going up to Landing - the water was low, a good part of the way we had to walk - the Indians used paddles where the water was deep, and poles where it was shallow. We found the boys with the cattle all right. We hitched up our teams and went on to Olympia - bought some provisions and struck out for Chambers Prairie - there we made a halt and camped close by T. Chambers. Sanders and I rode his horses down to Steilacoom - we found the place quite lively, went back for our families and moved to the city. Turned my stock out on the prairies by American Lake - went to work at carpenter work, worked about three weeks and then went to loading lumber from Bird's sawmill. In the fall of 1854 we had our first election in Pierce County. The writer of this was the first Justice of the Peace elected by the people of the county - the first marriage ceremony was performed by the writer at old Thomas Chambers house near Steilacoom - Charles Hopper and a Miss Klubak - the next party, Mr. J. R. Meeker to Mrs. Nancy Burr, at Pt. Steilacoom - the next marriage was at the old sawmill at the head of Commencement Bay in the fall of 1854 - Mr. Andrew Delia to a Miss (German girl) (?). and the first marriage in Puyallup Valley was at the How. Robt. Moore's house on the South side of the river - Mr. J. W. McCurry to Miss Arch Kincaid. 1855

In the spring of 1855, I took up a donation claim near American Lake, built a house on it - moved my family to it, in the summer there began to be rumors of war with the Indians. My oldest son had gone in company with some 5 or 10 others, east of the mountains to the Colvile mines. When they got in the Columbia Valley and camped for the night they heard quite a noise not far away. My son told the other men they thought the Indians were having a war dance and "I think I will go up and see what they are doing." The men said, "We don't think it will be safe for you." He had been there before with the Indian Agent Andrew Bolen and knew some of the Indians. He went to their camp and looked at them awhile - soon they all stopped dancing and one of the chiefs came up to him and said, "How dare you come here - are we having a war dance and are going to kill all of your company?" (when asleep). When my son told him that would not be true and talked to them awhile, they agreed not to molest them but they said the next ones that came along they would kill. The next one that went along was Lesley, who used to own the Wintermute place, and they did kill him - then they smoked the pipe of peace and gave my son all the bee he wanted, and they went on their way rejoicing.

The writer had rented a double log house and moved into it. The people of the town thought if I was willing they would make a fort of it where they could sleep nights,
In 1949 the Town of Bonney Lake filed for incorporation.
RESOLUTION NO. 342
Incorporation
Town of Bonney Lake

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of February, 1949, a special election was held to determine whether or not a corporation to be known as the Town of Bonney Lake, Washington should be established embracing the territory hereinafter described, the holding of said election being evidenced by a Certificate of Election of the Pierce County Election Board dated February 28th, 1949; and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the boundaries of said town are contained within the limits of Bonney Lake Precinct, a rural precinct of Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, by a canvass of the votes made pursuant to law it appears that 109 persons voted at said special election, and that the proposition for the establishment of the corporation carried by the vote hereinafter set forth, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
Formation of a corporation to be known as the "Town of Bonney Lake, Washington"

For -- 62 Votes

Against -- 47 Votes

That the following persons received the vote set opposite their respective names, as listed below, for the various elective municipal offices prescribed by law for cities of the fourth class, to-wit:

MAYOR
Kenneth Simmons 69

TREASURER
Gret Roberts 67

COUNCILMEN
Thurleod Haddox 63
Robert Wheeler 65
Lyle Simmit 60
Alma Hiles 60
Clarence Roberts 60
Paul Madden 2

That the following listed candidates having received the required number of votes for the office set opposite their respective names were elected to said offices and that certificates of election have been issued to said successful candidates, to-wit:

MAYOR
Kenneth Simmons

TREASURER
Gret Roberts

COUNCILMEN
Thurleod Haddox
Robert Wheeler
Lyle Simmit
Alma Hiles
Clarence Roberts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, Washington, that the territory included within the following described boundaries in Pierce County, Washington, to-wit:

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along said east line to the point of the NW 1/4 of
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be and the same is hereby declared as a corporation of the Fourth Class under the name and style of the "Town of Bonney Lake", Pierce County, Washington, and that the following persons are hereby declared as the officers of said corporation, to-wit:

Mayor
Kenneth Simmons

Treasurer
Gret Roberts

Councillors
Thurleod Haddox
Robert Wheeler
Lyle Simmit
Alma Hiles
Clarence Roberts

Passed, at Tacoma, Washington, this 28th day of February, A.D., 1949.

[Signature]
Chairman

[Signature]
Secretary

[Seal]
Board of County Commissioners
Pierce County, Washington

Copy of Proceedings had in the Matter of the
Incorporation of the Town
of Bonney Lake

[Signature]
Secretary

[Seal]
Board of County Commissioners
Pierce County, Washington

Filed in the office of the Secretary of
State February 28, 1949
at Seattle, Washington

Filed at the request of
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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
County of Pierce.  

I, JOSEPH R. SCHMIDT, County Auditor and Clerk of the  
Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, Washington, do  
hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a full, true  
and correct copy of RESOLUTION 40, 1949  

of the Board of County Commissioners, dated Feb. 28, 1949,  
and can be found of record in Volume 22, page 37,  
of the Commissioners’ Records.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed the official seal of Pierce County, Washington, this  
28th day of February, 1949.

JOSEPH R. SCHMIDT  
County Auditor and Clerk of the  
Board of County Commissioners  

Vandermark Farm 1893

The City Has Come A Long Way Since Its Incorporation in 1949.....

This building served as the first Bonney Lake Town Hall and was also used on Sundays for church services. The building was located near the current Public Safety Building on Veterans Memorial Drive E.

Built in 2011 the current 21,000 square foot Justice & Municipal Center was constructed as an interim municipal building until a new civic center campus can be constructed as envisioned in the adopted downtown plan of the City.
Fun Random Tidbits!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (the early years)

The Award was first presented in 1954 by the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce. It was given in recognition of outstanding service or accomplishment. The list of winners is as follows:

1950  Clarence Roberts, Robert Wheeler, Alva Simms, Elsie Hilles, Thelma Mathers, and Gertrude Watters for Civic Affairs (water system)
1951  Robert Martin – Sports – Football
1952  John Saviotti – Civic Affairs – Civil Defense
1953  Eulalita Burton – Sports – Fire Club
1954  Ronald Simmons, Duane Kough – Sports Community Building
1955  Mrs. Karl Hall – Community Affairs – Garden Club
1956  Sheriff Frank – All American Button Champion
1957  Rev. Fred Werth – Religious Field – New Church
1958  Albert Shepherd – Sports – Soap Box Derby
1959  Tom Walker – Civic Affairs – Fire Dept.
1960  Lois Ann Kough – Journalism – Reporting & Lakeview Secretary
1962  Bertha Simmons – Community Affairs & Harry Collet – Community Interest
1963  Al Kennedy – Civic Affairs
1964  Arnold Turner – Community Services
1965  Aiden Dobson – Fire Dept.
1966  Lois McCarr – Dufan Neighborhood 1966
1968  Cyril Greenwood – Community Service
1969  Tom Tafford – Community Service

BONNEY LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber was organized to promote business growth in Bonney Lake. It is an organization of business and civic leaders active in community events and business leadership. The Chamber created and sponsored the yearly Bonney Lake Days event and, from 1985 to 1987, the Mud Flat Golf Tournament. The Golf tournament took place on the mud flats (hence its name) of Church Lake, before the water level rose. The muddy, stump-filled area was bravely navigated by the participants, who usually wore themed costumes and got real muddy but had a lot of fun. The winners of the competition for the years it was held were: 1985 – The Clean Team (Perry Erichsen, Rusty Doering); 1986 – The Dirty Sheiks (Jim Roundtree, Carl Wagenblast); 1987 – The Most Difficult Team (Carl McKenzie, Maette Harvey).


Through its example, the Chamber of Commerce continues to promote community spirit and civic pride.

City Hall...

The Bonney Lake City Hall was built in 1973 and houses the Water Department and Street Department, as well as offices for the Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, City Engineer and the City Council Chambers. Bonney Lake City Council meetings are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Board of Adjustments meets the 1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Park Board meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Phone 863-8662

Police Department...

The Bonney Lake Police Department will move into the new $30,000 square foot Public Safety Building in the fall of 1993. The department is made up of 14 Commissioned Officers, 6 Communications Officers and an Animal Control Officer. Specialized services within the Department include: The Cyclone Patrol, Marine Patrol, K-9, D.A.R.E., Reserve Officers and Communications Officers program.

Phone 863-2213

Library...

The Bonney Lake Library originally was built in 1976 on the Old Buckley Hwy and moved into a new building on 90th Street in 1986. The new library building of 8,000 square feet won an award for building design and houses 15,000 books, with films, records and videos also available.

Phone 863-5867

Fire Department...

The Bonney Lake Fire Department was built in 1985 and remodeled an enlarged by 1970 to house the chief and nine full-time firefighters. The department also has 35 volunteers. As part of Pierce County's District 24, The Bonney Lake Fire Department has three stations. One is located on 214th Ave. E., another on Inlet Island and the main station is on Bonney Lake Boulevard and Lewis Avenue. The main station is equipped with a fire boat that pumps 2,500 gallons of water per minute, two medical aid vehicles and six pumper trucks. CPR and First Aid classes are given at the main station, along with booklets of all emergency medical programs.

Phone 863-1600
Senior Center...

Opened April 91', the new Bonney Lake Senior Center marks the first time the city's seniors have a place to call home. The new facility accommodates 267 people in approximately 3,500 square feet of space, which includes meeting rooms and a full-sized kitchen. The Senior Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. The active senior members meet for a noon pot luck on the second Thursday of the month.

Phone 883-7658

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 1996

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT
Mayor - Council 1989-1993
Council-Manager 1986-1979
Mayor - Council 1973-present

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE
Legislative 1
Executive 1
Administrative 1
Department Directors

CORPORATE INFORMATION
The City of Bonney Lake is a Nondeductible Optional Code City. It was incorporated in 1943 with a population of 287.

LOCATION AND AREA
Bonney Lake is located in the SE portion of Pierce County on the edge of Mt. Rainier with major access from State Route 410. These lakes are located within the City and are used for recreation purposes. Lake Bonney, Bonney Lake, and Lake Lon. The latter is the lower (northeast) portion of Lake Tapps. The City encompasses an area of approximately 6.31 square miles. The City is located outside the major urban area and has a mainly rural atmosphere, but also enough to enjoy urban amenities and a rural lifestyle despite recent commercial development. The City lies along State Route 410, which links between Vasser and Buckley. The local lakes are popular recreational areas during the summer and the State Highway allows quick access to a wide variety of recreational opportunities and nearby year round.

POPULATION, REGISTERED VOTERS AND EMPLOYMENT WITHIN CITY LIMITS
The population of Bonney Lake is 9,316 of which 4,617 are registered voters. The City is the eighth largest in Pierce County.

NUMBER OF CITY EMPLOYEES
- Full and part-time employees - full-time employees represented by the Washington State Council of County and City Employees - Local 120
- Law Enforcement officers - represented by Bonney Lake Police Guild
- Communications Officers - represented by Bonney Lake Police Guild
- Firefighters - represented by the International Association of Firefighters - Local 2370
- Volunteer firefighters

POPULATION GROWTH IN THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE
1970-1996

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Official Route of State Highways thru Bonney Lake Dated March 30, 1958

And More Random Tidbits

Businesses come, go, and change, but the longest, continually operating business has been the Bonney Lake Tavern, popularly known as the BLT. People have been quenching their thirst since about 1950.

Just six weeks after incorporating as a town on February 28, 1949, the residents were eager to show their new status by entering a float in the 16th annual Daffodil Parade.
1966

Council-Manager Special Election

Certificate of Election

Town of Bonney Lake

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County canvassing board of election officers, do hereby certify that we did meet at the office of the county commissioners of Pierce County, State of Washington, on the 25th day of June, 1966, to canvass the votes cast at the special election held in the Town of Bonney Lake on the 25th day of June, 1966.

The proposition was submitted to the qualified electors of the Town of Bonney Lake for their approval or adoption or rejection. The proposition submitted and the votes cast for and against the proposition are as follows:

PROPOSITION No. 1

"Shall the Town of Bonney Lake adopt a Council-Manager Plan of Government?"

FOR Organization as a Council-Manager City or Town

AGAINST Organization as a Council-Manager City or Town

The result of said canvass shows that more than 50% of the votes cast at said Special Election were in favor of Proposition No. 1.

Dated at Tacoma, Washington, this 25th day of June, 1966.

[Signature]

ABSENT VOTER

OFFICIAL BALLOT

TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Special Election June 26, 1966

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote for or against a proposition place X in appropriate bracket following the proposition.

PROPOSITION No. 1

Change of Municipal Government

"Shall the Town of Bonney Lake adopt a Council-Manager Plan of Municipal Government?"

FOR Organization as a Council-Manager City or Town

AGAINST Organization as a Council-Manager City or Town
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL-MANAGER PLAN OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION No. 187

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bonney Lake has completed a study of the council-manager form of municipal government as defined in RCW 35.21.18, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bonney Lake has determined it is for the best interests of the Town of Bonney Lake that the proposition of council-manager form of municipal government be submitted to the voters of the Town of Bonney Lake at a special election, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Mayor of the Town of Bonney Lake, by proclamation, call a special election to submit the proposition of council-manager form of municipal government to the voters of the Town of Bonney Lake, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. The following proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the Town of Bonney Lake at a special election:

PROPOSITION:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE ADOPT A COUNCIL-MANAGER PLAN OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT?"

"FOR ORGANIZATION AS A COUNCIL-MANAGER CITY OR TOWN ________

"AGAINST ORGANIZATION AS A COUNCIL-MANAGER CITY OR TOWN ________

SECTION 2. The Mayor of the Town of Bonney Lake is authorized and directed, by proclamation issued within ten days hereafter, to submit

Random Tidbits!

From the oldest known building in Bonney Lake (the Kelley Farm icedhouse).

...to one of the city’s newest businesses, Bonney Lake continues to grow and evolve.
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

Pierce County, State of Washington

We, the undersigned members of the Pierce County Canvassing Board of Election Returns, do hereby certify that we did meet at the office of the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, State of Washington on the 17th day of November, 1966, for the purpose of canvassing the vote cast at the Special Election held on the 9th day of November, 1966, in the City of Tacoma, Washington.

We find, after making said canvass, there was a total of 399 persons voting at said election on the above mentioned date and the following candidates received the votes set opposite their names for the offices indicated:

President

Albert Allen 340
Louis W. Hall 377

Vice-President

Dr. A. Daniels 176

Secretary

Earl S. Walker 313

Treasurer

Charles E. Holle 370

The result of said canvass shows that the first five of the above listed candidates received the required votes to elect them to the office of Councilman, City of Tacoma, Washington for a term of one year.

We further certify that certificates of election have been issued to the above named successful candidates.

DATED at Tacoma, Washington, this 17th day of November, 1966.

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Juror, Pierce County

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Prosecuting Attorney, Pierce County

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Councilman - Position No. 1

Vote for

Robert B. Barnett 300

Councilman - Position No. 2

Vote for

George B. Stevens 300

Councilman - Position No. 3

Vote for

Louis W. Hall 300

Councilman - Position No. 4

Vote for

Hernando E. Allen 300

Councilman - Position No. 5

Vote for

Henry E. Allen 300

Councilman - Position No. 6

Vote for

Charles E. Holle 300

Councilman - Position No. 7

Vote for

George B. Stevens 300

The result of said canvass shows that Thomas E. Hammond received the required number of votes to elect him to the office of Councilman, City of Tacoma, Washington, for a term of one year.

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Dated at Tacoma, Washington, this 17th day of November, 1967

Harry Spencer
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Russel H. Maddox
Presenting Attorney, Pierce County

Auditor, Pierce County

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION OFFICERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON

ABSENT VOTER

OFFICIAL BALLOT

TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Special Election, November 8, 1966

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote for or against a proposition place X in
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Proposition No. 1
TOWN ADVANCEMENT
SHALL THE TOWN OF BONNEY LAKE ADVANCE TO A CITY
OF THE THIRD CLASS?

FOR ADVANCEMENT □

AGAINST ADVANCEMENT □

COUNCILMAN
(Vote For Five)

Robert Atkin □
Louise W. Cawl □
Vera H. Daniels, Jr. □
Audrey E. Douglas □
Earl W. Froelker □
James L. Gurnell □
Richard E. Prussard □
George Rowson □
Don Sonneman □
Carl R. Walker □

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Legal Description for Bonney Lake

COUNTY OF PIERCE
STATE OF WASHINGTON
TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST
TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST

Beginning at corner corners to Sections 32 and 33, Township 20 North, Range 5 East, and sections 4 and 5, Township 19 North, Range 5 East, thence north along the east line of Section 33 (west line of Cedar Heights) to the NE corner of the 32nd and thence west along the north line of said subdivision to the NW corner of the 32nd and thence north along the west line of said subdivision to the NW corner of the 32nd and thence west along the south line of said subdivision to the SW corner thereof, thence north along the west line of said subdivision to the NW corner thereof, thence east along the NW corner of Section 27, thence south along said east line to the NE corner of Lot 6, Debra Jane Division No. 1, thence east along the north line of Lots 6 and 5 of said plat to the west line of Debra Jane, thence north along the west line of Debra Jane to the NW corner thereof, thence east along the north line of Debra Jane and Debra Jane Division No. 2 to the west line of Interlake Island Addition No. 1, thence northerly, easterly, and southeasterly along the boundary of Interlake Island Addition No. 1, to an intersection with the westerly line of Inlet Island, thence northerly, easterly, northerly along the westerly line of Inlet Island to the northerly line of Maple Point Addition extended, thence easterly along said northerly line to the east line of said plat (east line of Section 28), thence south along the east line to the SE corner of Maple Point Addition, thence west along the south line of said plat to the west line of 207th Avenue East, thence south along said west line to the north line of Van Dusen Road, thence southerly along Van Dusen Road to the north line of Lot 6, Lake Tapea.
Mayor Ken Simmons was thrilled to offer Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson a drink of water from the brand new water lines that had been installed. It was one of the first orders of business for the new town.
Bonney Lake Police Chief George Webb, leaning on crutches to protect an injured left knee, is directing construction of an addition to his police station in the background. After a $50,000 bond issue for the project failed twice, Chief Webb convinced the City Council the job could be done with volunteer labor for $8,000. Started Jan. 2, the addition will be completed by city residents later this year.

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Bonney Lake Police volunteers help expand police station, jail

By BOB BOXBERGER

TNT Staff Writer

BONNEY LAKE — The people of this community are building an addition to their police headquarters and jail even though they twice turned down a $50,000 bond issue for the project.

And they're doing it with a mere $8,000 provided by the City Council from the general fund.

Construction began Jan. 2 after Police Chief George Webb persuaded the council he could get the job done with volunteer labor if the city would provide money for materials.

So now, every weekend you can find volunteers as different as businessmen and airline pilots turning their hand to a variety of construction tasks. And the backbone of the do-it-yourself project is a trio of retired men that donates its skills to the effort all week long; it includes Dean Cooper, Glen Ayuyan and Roy Yorke.

Under the retirees' and Webb's guidance, the structure has grown to the point where only a small records center remains to be framed.

The addition will include three offices and a large training/meeting room on the upper level, and three cells, a booking room, evidence and property rooms, a small darkroom and a kitchen on the daylight basement level.

A majority of Bonney Lake voters favored the new structure at bond elections in September and November, Webb said. But the issue failed by one vote to get the necessary two-thirds majority in the first election, and by 19 votes in the second.

When completed later this year, the entire police structure will have a white stucco exterior and landscaping.

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Clean up week successful

THRU THE COORDINATED EFFORTS of the City of Bonney Lake, the Bonney Lake Elementary School, the service Clubs and Tri- Lakes Woman's Club, Bonney Lake is a cleaner city by 257 bags of litter. Competition between classes for picking up the most litter was stiff with the winning class picking up 47 bags of litter and the runner up picking up 39 bags. A plaque donated by the City of Bonney Lake was presented to Miss Cheryl Kaelhi's 5th grade class by City Commissioner Louis Dahl. The coordinators were: Tom Rhoads, City Manager; John Sullivan, Principal; Veda Conotton, Service Club; Lea Knippe, Tri-Lakes Woman's Club.

On Saturday, the Pierce County Sanitary Co. will haul away the two week accumulation and the Firemen's Assn. will be picking up trash and other litter put out by various homeowners in complete cleaning week.

The evolution of City Hall since 1949.

Bonney Lake gets sign

THOSE ENTERING Bonney Lake from Highway 410 will discover a new bold sign decrying entrance into the City of Bonney Lake. Beginning Clifford furnished shrubbery surrounding the sign. Company's Rhododendrons and Shagbark offered there at a 10% discount and created two new shrubs. This new addition to Bonney Lake has been gratefully received by its citizens.
Environmental board meeting to improve BL neighborhoods

Bonney Lake's new environmental board has initiated actions against five properties and has initiated a hearing against five more, Chairman Rob Weberg has reported.

The board, formed approximately six weeks ago, is looking to refrain from complaints from property owners against other property owners who allow their homes and yards to deteriorate.

In one case, Weberg reported, a couple reported that they were able to buy their home at a lower price because a nearby residence was so poorly kept it depressed the value of the property the couple bought.

However, once they moved into the neighborhood and realized how high the real estate prices were, they filed a complaint.

Weberg explained:

The property in question — one of the first two properties to be examined — had five or six junk cars in the yard, two of them without motors in them, Weberg said.

The other property was adjacent and consisted of a house with half the siding and a roof missing. Trash and garbage were in the yard, he reported.

The board initiated a hearing against both properties, and Weberg was the first to act.

Weberg said people may file complaints with the board by letter, by attending meetings, or by calling Weberg at the city hall.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis, and the board is not likely to act unless it is unanimously agreed that a property is in need of improvement.

Complaints are made to the city attorney and planner.

Resting on His Laurels is past president of the Bonney Lake Garden Club, Helen Siler, as some of the new officers get to work in taking care of the landscaped mini-park at the "gateway" to Bonney Lake. The garden club did the work; the benches were donated by Bonney Lake's city manager, Tom Whitworth. The welcome sign Bill Peterson donated the rocks... or "fossil," in this case. The entire project was a civic endeavor and gives a new look to Bonney Lake. Workmen are garden club vice-president Sue Ellis (left) and treasurer Leah Klepko, while the incoming president of the club, Del Brown, stands in the supervisor's seat. An interneeship in the project, Clifford donated $100 for the sign, but after it was made by the city manager, the money was changed to the Bonney Lake Library by Clifford.
Bonney Lake’s sewer might generate power

The alternative sewer addition would generate hydraulic power from the treated sewage which would then be sold to the city for use in generating electricity.

Bonney Lake Mayor John Pederson met stiff opposition from several members Monday, Nov. 23, when he announced plans to build a new sewer line from the city’s existing treatment plant to the base of Elvi Hill, near Round Hill.

The project would cost approximately $9,000,000 and would generate an estimated $1,000,000 in revenue per year.

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COUNCILMAN YOUNG back at work

Young had missed several meetings while recuperating from major surgery. Coupled with Young’s extra vote, Nina Sedlik rewrote the

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Explosion fizzes as tax levy passed

A potentially explosive disagreement over the tax levy ordinance for Bonney Lake was defused during a special meeting of the city council Monday night.

The special Monday night session was called to consider the tax levy ordinance for the city’s 1982 budget.

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**City sewage plant seen costing less**

The City of Bonney Lake would proceed with the construction of an new sewage treatment plant, a special study by engineers Phillip A. Bacher and Associates recommended last week.

The study compared the costs of a Bonney Lake treatment plant with two other similar-size plants, both of which would have expanded the existing sewer system.

The Bonney Lake alternatives would not only be less than the other cities' alternatives, but also provide at least 50 percent more capacity, the study concluded.

The study recommended placing a treatment plant at one of two sites located near the city's industrial area and the city's planned future industrial area.

The study showed, however, that installing a treatment plant at the city's existing sewage treatment plant would be more cost-effective, with a lower cost for electricity.

Bonney Lake Mayor Jim Peterson and the Bonney Lake sewer department agreed to proceed with the study's recommendations.

The study's findings show that the new sewer plant will cost about $12,000 per year to operate, compared to $20,000 per year for the existing plant.

**County planners leave sewer pact intact**

The County of Pierce has been working on another sewer improvement project for several years, and has made progress in negotiating a sewer agreement with the city of Bonney Lake.

The agreement has been rejected by the Bonney Lake City Council, who have expressed concerns about the terms of the agreement, including the location of the new sewer plant and the cost of the project.

The County has agreed to make some concessions, but the City has held firm on its position.

All of the concerns expressed about the terms of the original agreement, including the location of the new sewer plant, have been addressed.

The new sewer plant will be constructed near the existing plant, and the City will be responsible for the cost of the project.

The County has agreed to pay for the project in installments, with the City paying for the first year of operation.
Bonney Lake sewers are rejected by voters

Voters rejected the $1,525 million general obligation bond issue in Bonney Lake yesterday by a 150 to 135 vote. The bond issue would have provided for the construction of a new sewer line from Rockland Avenue to the Lake Tapps area.

The vote, which was taken by mail, was announced by the city clerk, who said that the results had been tabulated and that the election had been held as scheduled.

The bond issue was opposed by a majority of the voters in the area where the sewer line would be built. They argued that the cost of the project was too high and that the benefits of the sewer line would not outweigh the cost.

The city council had approved the bond issue, but the voters had rejected it by a narrow margin.

The city council has now decided to pursue other options for providing sewer service to the area. They are considering alternative methods of financing the project, such as a combination of grants and loans.

They were not persuaded

Greg Betch, consulting engineer for the City of Bonney Lake, helped explain the need and costs of sewer line installation.

The city council's decision to not proceed with the sewer line project has been met with criticism from some residents. They argue that the lack of sewer service will make it difficult to sell homes in the area.

The city council has been working to address these concerns, and they are expected to announce a new plan for providing sewer service in the near future.

Water bill relief voted by city

High water usage on the City of Bonney Lake's water system will receive credits on customer's bills, the Bonney Lake City Council voted unanimously Monday night.

The council action—Ordinance No. 4646—marked the third time the water rate structure has been changed since Jan. 1, 1969, when the council first changed it.

Those customers using more than 1,000 cubic feet of water for a two-month period will receive credits on their bills, city engineer Paul Askey told the council.

As many as 50 percent of the city's customers could receive credit for payments they have already made, according to the figures in a study prepared by Askey.

Mayor John Peterson said the new ordinance was necessary because the city's current rate structure was too high.

That water rate—approved April 19 and in effect from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31—was $2 per 100 cubic feet of water for the first 1,000 cubic feet used above the 3,000 cubic feet level in any two-month period.

The rate also assessed $2 per 100 cubic feet of water used above the 4,000 cubic foot level in any one billing period. Peterson said those higher positive rates were "far in excess" of what the city needed to run the water department at a break-even point.

Councilman Leonard Moore, who sponsored the August 2 motion to grant interstate rate reductions, hailed Monday night's vote.

"I think this is wonderful," Moore told the council.

Moore noted his previous effort on Aug. 9 and said the council's action "is doing the job at a lower rate, when it should have been done before.

Mayor Peterson said the council could not act on Moore's August motion because of legal complications. Peterson also told the council and more than 50 percent attending Monday night's meeting that the water department showed a net $600 deficit on June 30.

No figures were released Monday night showing the amount of money collected under the rate structure which was repealed.

The new water rates authorized by Ord. 4646 will assess $1 per 100 cubic feet of water used above the 2,000 cubic foot minimum allowed for two months.

"They were reduced," Peterson said. The new rates will be effective Sept. 1 and the city will take a look at them after six months to see how well they are working.

The mayor also said the city will continue to work with the state Attorney General's office on the city's move to reduce water rates retroactively.

The new rates are expected to save the city about $600 per month.
**Dog joins police; salaries unleashed**

The City of Bonney Lake gained a K-9 unit for its police department but failed to put a leash on city officials' salaries—its two regular editors during Monday night's meeting of the city council.

The police dog, an eight-month-old German Shepherd named Pepper, will be under the guidance of Deputy Police Officer Tom Jenkins, who has been caring for the dog since it was given to the Bonney Lake Police Department.

Police Chief Don Froster told the council the dog would receive free food and veterinary care from local veterinarians who have since donated to the police.

The initial cost to the city was $400—"muzzled," said Froster.

From the cost of a complete kennel has been provided by donations.

Chief Froster also cited the ongoing property tax rate 201-20 in other cities.

and he said the success of other programs helped him get a new police dog.

and he said police in other agencies have been improved because it was designed to raise more money than it took to run the water system.

**Group in Bonney Lake starts recall against mayor, council**

By EMMET PIERCE

BONNEY LAKE — A group calling itself the Recall Committee for a Competent Government has started a recall drive against Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedrosa and City Council members John Anderson, Victor Gould, Nina Sedlak, Vern Strong and James Young.

"I'm not surprised," Pedrosa said today. "It's really no news to me."

He noted that Gerald Ford, chairman of the recall committee, placed a sign saying "recall the mayor" in his front yard last summer.

Ford filed a petition for recall with city Clerk Mildred Berend yesterday afternoon. The petition alleges that city officials broke the law last summer when they increased water rates.

Ford claimed the rate increase was improper because it was designed to raise more money than it took to run the water system.

Pedrosa said he has been in hot water since new water rates were adopted in June. Miscalculated penalty fees for high-volume users sent bills soaring throughout the city of 5,700 persons. Under the old rate structure, fees averaged about $40 per two-month billing period, said city officials. Under new rates, bills climbed as high as $600, said the mayor.

Ford said his own water bill went from about $24 to $108 in a single billing period.

Water rates were reduced in September. The state attorney general's office said the city had credit accounts that were overcharged because it was illegal for the city to increase rates beyond the cost of running the system.

The mayor and other city officials blamed anger over increased rates for sinking a $3.2 million sewer bond proposal in the Sept. 14 primary election. The $29 to $178 defeat left the city with $6.5 million worth of sewer pipes in the ground, but no place to put the sewage. The bonds would have funded construction of a treatment plant.

Leonard Moore and Dan Scarborough, the only city councilmen who voted against the water rate increase and opposed the sewer bond election, are not on the recall petition.

"If I'm not doing my duty as city councilman, then I deserve recall," said Moore. "I'm writing to do that." Anderson agreed.

And they said any candidates might win because only those city's rate regulations are not by an act of the council.
Past Councilmember

Gerald Ford is fed up with Bonney Lake city government. That's why he first put up these signs and why later he started a drive to recall six city officials. City officials, meanwhile, have reacted many ways, from expressing surprise to expressing sarcasm and scorn.

Recalling better days

Bonney Lake's mayor and five council members should be recalled from office for their roles in setting the city's summer water rates, one Bonney Lake citizen has charged.

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City to buy property next to fire station

Firescrews cracked and flared again during the Bonney Lake City Council Monday night when officials wrangled over the purchase of land for a public safety building.

The council finally voted 5-2 to spend $20,000 for the 90-foot by 150-foot parcel of land near the city's fire department on Lucas Avenue.

Mayor John Pedrosa hailed the purchase as a chance to consolidate the city's fire and police departments. And he said the city could have a 24-hours dispatch if the two departments were housed under one roof.

The best-case expenditure would be to place the (public safety) facility on the present fire hall site,” Pedrosa argued.

Councilmen Leonard Moos and Dan Scofield, however, both questioned the wisdom of the proposed public safety building.

The councilmen said the police department should be close to the city's commercial districts as it is now.

Police chief Dan Frazier contested their objections by saying the location of the building would not harm service to the community.

The (police) cars are going to be in the business district a good deal of the time,” Frazier said.

Pedrosa then said the city could sell its current police station site and recover its original investment on that land.

But Moore questioned the land purchase price which was set without an independent appraisal. He also questioned the purchase of the property from Clyde Greenwood Jr., whose son Clyde Greenwood Jr. works for the city. Moore said he would investigate to see if there was any wrongdoing.

Mayor John Pedrosa, stragglng in control his temper, later responded to Moore.

"I find the comment out of line—absolutely unfounded," the mayor said, taking a long pause. "And dozed with malice."

Pedrosa said he bought Greenwood's property because of its location and long before he knew who owned it. He also said he bought the lowest price Greenwood would accept.

"The minimum amount was $20,000. That is fair, simple and the honest truth," Pedrosa added.

A vote was taken, and both Moore and Scofield opposed the payment of $15,000 this year and $5,000 next year to Greenwood.

"If the council wanted to be vindictive—would probably say the 5-2 vote too is nature," Pedrosa added after the vote.

The council later agreed to spend $8,000 of water department funds for a "hold hog." City Engineer Paul Amsley said the pornography-powered tool would allow the water department to drill holes under streets without cutting through the pavement. He also said county regulations forbid "open cuts" on busy roads such as 25th Avenue East or South Tapton Highway.

"We feel that we would be able to pay for this machine probably within six months to a year with the savings of rental costs," Amsley said. He indicated the city might pay 800 for each hold hog, with a rental "one-fifth.

The council voted 6-1 to let Amsley go out for bids on a new "hold hog."

The council attended to other city matters Monday night.

The council held a public hearing to discuss how the city will spend $47,189 in federal revenue sharing measures next year.

Suggestions ranged from improving city streets and building sidewalks to spending it on an library service.

The revenue sharing funds traditionally have been spent on the Pierce County Library Service contract. Pedrosa said. He also said the cost for the service has increased more than $15,000 to about $25,000 this year.

With the vote over in city attorney George Kelley a request for a water connection fee fire fund.

We heard Joe W. Schwartz request a change in the deed for property he owns along Old Buckley Highway.

Aren't Kelley will look into the issue which could involve the city and Schwartz trading a right of way for property.

Bonney Lake citizens wanting to recall their mayor, John Pedrosa along with five of the city's councilmen could begin circulating their recall petitions as soon as November 24. Bonney Lake City Clerk Melinda Berend backed yesterday.

The changes against the six city officials were filed with Berend October 25 by Bonney Lake resident Gerald Ford. Ford is president of a group he called the Committee for Competent Government.

Berend has forwarded those changes to the Pierce County Prosecutor who in turn must determine their constitutionality.

The prosecutor has until November 9 to make whether the recall petition meets the guidelines set out in the Washington State Constitution which guarantees citizens the right to recall.

A member of the group, until November 24 to turn in 577 signatures. If he delivers the recall is valid. Candidates then will be able to gain their postions and begin circulating.

Berend Mayor Pedrosa, council members James Young, Nisa Seif, and Harvey Strong. Victor Gudat and John Anderson have been charged with malfeasance and maladministration in office. The charges stem from a recall vote to change the city water rates this past summer.

To start the recall on a ballot, petition gatherers will need signatures from at least 25 percent of the voters who cast ballots when each of the six officials were elected to office.

Assuming Ford and his committee gather enough signatures to put a recall ballot, voters then would decide for themselves if the official has committed any wrongs in office. The voters will act as a jury, according to Tacoma lawyer John Kramer, who is representing Ford's "Committee for Competent Government."

Councilman James Young, who ran unopposed for his Ward 3 position in 1979, could find his name on a recall ballot if at least 35 registered voters from his ward sign a petition to recall him. Only 64 persons voted on Young's seat in the 1979 election, according to city clerk Berend.

John Anderson, by contrast, will find his name on a recall ballot only if 377 voters sign recall petitions. In his 1981 race against Ray Johnson, Anderson won by 487 votes.

Mayor Pedrosa was opposed in 1981, when 515 votes were cast. He will later sign on to a council ballot.

Jeff Seiler ran against the late David Larson in 1981, and a total of 779 votes were cast in his race.

Victor Gudat's 1981 race against Leopold Mate for the Ward 2 position attracted 177 total votes.

Vern Strong, chairman of the city's water committee, ran unopposed in 1981 when 140 votes were cast. Signatures from about 50 Ward 3 voters could put Strong's name on the recall ballot.

Chief Deputy Mayor Wagner said he will handle the recall for Pierce County. He refused to comment on the matter yesterday.

Unlocking business

Keys were handed out this week to owners of five businesses in Bonney Lake Village, although construction continues at the site. Above, developer Gus Raam handed keys to Kendra Pugh and Janice Swan, far right, while Raam's partner Harold Hill looked on. Swan owns Swans and Daughter, a gift shop and Pugh will manage the Bonney Lake store.
Recall skirmish ends, but war may continue

by Bruce Blizzard

The Pierce County Prosecutors's office has determined the charges against Ronny Lake Mayor John Pedersen and five members of the Ronny Lake City Council in a recall petition filed by Gerald Ford are insufficient to warrant further action on the recall issue against the six officials.

Despite the prosecutors' assessment of the recall petition — an assessment required by state law before the recall could proceed — Ford remains determined to remove Pedersen and the five members of the council (John Anderson, Victor Gesell, Vern Strong, Norm Seifert and James Young) will continue.

Ford's intention is to file a recall petition against Pedersen and the five members of the council (John Anderson, Victor Gesell, Vern Strong, Norm Seifert and James Young) will continue.

Despite the prosecutor's investigation of the recall petition — an assessment required by state law before the recall could proceed — Ford remains determined to remove Pedersen and the five members of the council (John Anderson, Victor Gesell, Vern Strong, Norm Seifert and James Young).

Ford apparently has the backing of at least one member of the council not named in the recall petition — Vice Mayor Leonard Moore — an outspoken critic of Pedersen and what he calls the "right wing" of the council.

As expected, Moore remained silent when informed of the prosecutor's office refusal to rule against his petition, but added he would discuss the matter with his attorney.

"I'm going to pass this on to my attorney," Ford said. "If I think we have any chance, we'll pursue it. This isn't going to end here. I didn't expect this to be quick and easy."

According to Moore, the county prosecutor's chief civil deputy, the decision by his office only stops the recall petition at a currently existing level, and his Recall Committee for a Competent Government group is free to challenge the prosecutor's assessment of the charges specified in the recall petition in court or file another recall petition against a new or a new prosecutor or office if the decision is not reversed.

In a letter to Ronny Lake City Clerk Mildred Berndt, Moore explained the reasoning behind the decision. There was a problem in the wording of the recall petition which "introduces an element of ambiguity which forces one to offer the state law requirement that a recall charge be considered specific.

An observation made by Moore in his letter to Pedersen could become a key issue in future recall efforts. Ford's chief complainant against Pedersen was the council was that they illegally raised water rates in a town the level beyond which was needed to operate the water system.

Opponents of the mayor argued it was illegal for the city to raise water rates to such a level. But as Moore noted in his letter to Pedersen, the lawsuit clearly states that the lawsuit rates may be raised in excess of cost of operation of the water system and offers alternative legal avenues of action for the city to follow should that occur. The recall petition thus states an erroneous conclusion of law.

Specifically, state law says water rates may be increased, which the city council did or that excess money may be transferred to city's general expense fund.

Moore and Ford agreed, however, that the water rate controversy was only one of a dozen possible grounds for recalling the mayor and the five council members Pedersen and his committee, in fact, comprised a list of 15 other actions that Mayor and the council have taken which they say are illegal.

"There is no serious feeling in the town against what's going on," Moore said. "It's been building for a long time. There's just the need to get rid of the illegal acts. They have no thought for complying with the law at all."

Pedersen was obviously frustrated by the recall drive that has been turned aside by the prosecutors' office. But like Ford and his own council, the Ronny Lake Mayor expects the battle against him to continue for some time.

"It's something that's gone on for many years," a visibly distressed Pedersen said following Monday night's city council meeting. "When you consider the sequence you have to expect the problem is going to go on until there is a solution exists."

Pedersen admitted his effectiveness as mayor and the council's ability to run the affairs of the city is affected by the recall drive. It's become extremely hard," he said. "It's like trying to fight your way uphill. We've got to address ourselves to resolving our problems so that people will continue to live in the city.

Pedersen is listed as the mayor and the five council members charged in the recall petition have the backing of the people of Ronny Lake.
Water for Bonney Lake

It was a hard-fought resource

The following is the first of two articles dealing with the history of water in Bonney Lake—and the Lake Tapps area. It has been written by Bonney Lake Councilmember Nina Sedlak, who writes a weekly column for the Lakes Observer and News Review.

I wrote this article because many people who live here seem to think that water just comes out of every rock and cistern. They don’t know that the top of this hill is of a very different composition than that at the river bottom down in the valley, or they choose to overlook it. I will write one more article after this explaining the growth of the system as the city grew—and the addition of springs, other wells, work that’s been done over the last 30 years—briefly noting what a water system is all about.

BY NINA SEDLAK

Water has always been a hard-fought resource for the people living at the top of Edith Hill. In fact, back in the 30s and 40s the people here dug wells to get water.

“In the summertime the wells went dry,” one long-time resident said, “and we had to go to the town well for water. This was on a hill near the Old Bonney Lake.”

Nearly everyone used it or one or two other wells farther away. Some hauled water from Bonney Lake, but they had to bring water in every day in truckloads.

The July 13, 1850, issue of the News Index refers to the town being established as a community in 1846 with a well for water system. The people pledged themselves to contribute to the system’s well or pump.

Property owners pledged to contribute by holding shares to support the cost of the system.

The people petitioned for a Bonney Lake Water District. This was established in 1936. A step was the formation of a Board of Bonney Lake Water District by a vote of the people. At this time, a comprehensive plan for a water system was approved along with a $100,000 grant from the state.

Robert Wheeler and Keith Olson were the first elected water commissioners. Their job was to oversee the system and bring it to reality.

Months later a new road, now known as Locust, was built. After this, the first lot from Bonney Lake was entered in the Dufault’s parcel, but there was still no water system. The community then learned that a water system could operate under Water District laws to serve everyone at a reasonable rate and still not have to pay. On February 20, 1949, the Town of Bonney Lake was incorporated as a fourth-class municipality in the Secretary of State Bert Cole’s office.

Voters then approved a water system and revenue bonds to support it. A few months later, when bids were called, there were no bids made. However, three water rights were obtained. The mayor and the council proceeded to spend $4,000 that they did not have to drill a well.

The whole community watched and waited as they worked on and off, drilling day after day for water.

Mayor Simmons said in an interview for an article published in the TNT in 1967 that the council authorized the mayor to issue revenue bonds to build a well, install a reservoir and a pump. They drilled down 300 feet and had a dry hole. They were almost out of funds, but the people voted to KEEP DRILLING and the day after water was discovered covered at 400 feet. They became laying pipes.

Then the money ran out. Determined, the mayor and town council spent time digging water mains and making connections without pay.

When asked why they worked so hard on their own the mayor said, “It was all worthwhile the day we turned the water on to an elderly woman’s home, who had lived here for many years, caring for a family of 12 children. She live under the faucet as the water flowed and turned on her clothes to dry.”

There was a population count certified for public record in 1949. There were 12 children living in Bonney Lake. Today the most recent count stands at 12,000, and the cost to the city is $13,000 for water and sewer.

The Bonney Lake Water Department tested the Millot Spills this year in one of the city’s most recent efforts to expand its water supply. City Engineer Paul Anseth, far from satisfied, added to the water that had been spilling as waste into a swamp.

Recall charges are rejected

Recall charges against Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedrono and five city council members were judged “legally insufficient” by county prosecutor Monday.

But the drive to recall six elected officials is still alive, residents sponsored a bill Monday.

Chief Deputy Roger Minor, of the Pierce County Prosecutors office, cited his reasons for rejecting the initial recall bill in a letter dated Mon-

day and addresses to Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend. The recall charges, according to Minor’s letter, were not specific enough, not even they contain enough to meet legal requirements for recalls.

The recall charges were filed October 27 by Gerald Ford and Vinh Reilly Committee for Compre-

hensive Government. Those charges alleged that Mayor Pedrono and five council members had committed a malfeasance and misfeasance when they voted April 10 to borrow $5,000 to cover a deficit in the water system.

Throw Pedrono did not vote on the ordinance, which set water rates. “I voted for the ordinance,” said the mayor. The charges against the mayor were invalid.

As for the five accused council members—John Anderson, Victor Gould, Nina Sedlak, Vern Strong and James Young—Minor rejected charges against them on the grounds the votes were not enough to meet legal requirements for recalled charges.

Minor also disputed Ford’s claim that high water rates were “legitimate.” The person who voted the rate down, Pedrono said, was not a city council member. He also disputed Ford’s claim that the city council made a decision to cut rates and lower city water rates. “We do not forget about the dollars, he added.”

Ford, however, indicated he will not forget the legislation. He vowed to hire another attorney who will file a second round of recall charges.

“I think it just wasn’t properly prepared and submitted,” he said of the initial charges rejected by Minor.

Ford said a week may pass before the second round of recall charges is filed with Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend. Councilman Leonard Moore was the only council member on the recall committee.

Mayor Pedrono was an active member and a member of the recall committee. When asked if he would be willing to testify at a hearing, Pedrono said, “We’ve probably charge that we did and got out of more knowledge than was required.”

Ford also claimed he had been “translated” toward individual council members and said he would consider contesting any recall vote.

“Recall vote is easy when someone is inside the community to do it,” he said. “It’s not as easy when someone comes in and says ‘We want to make our government more accountable.’

Ford said the recall vote was a result of the city council’s failure to act as the city council should.

Mayor Pedrono replied to Minor’s ruling, saying “that’s all we want, too,” Ford said.

City engineer Paul Anseth had originally recommended a total of $128,000 for the feasibility study.
Past Mayors

Ken Simmons

Vera Strong

City employees back their mayor

"As city employees, we know that if a mistake is made we realize our responsibility is not to falter, but to correct the problem, carry on, and do the best job we can on behalf of the residents.

"You and the members of the council who work toward positive improvements for our city have our appreciation and our support," the letter concluded.

City clerk Mildred Berend said yesterday she and other department heads drafted the letter.

"The department heads got together and decided this. We felt we should let the mayor know he has our support," she added.

"The employees were more than happy to sign it," she added.

Berend also said employees from all the city's departments— Including office, water, streets, court, fire and police—signed the letter of support.

Bonny Lake’s first well, ‘Madrona,’ is still flowing

The following is the text of two articles dealing with the history of water in Bonny Lake—and the Lake Tapijacks. It has been written by Bonny Lake Councilman Nolin Sadak, who writes a weekly column for the Lakes Observer and News Review.

by NINA SEELAK

The first city water well, where water was discovered at about 400 feet below the surface, was built in 1936. In 1961, the total cost of pumping water was $8,000. In 1982, the cost was $10,000. The city has been working on new wells ever since, and success has been mixed with periods of success and failure. The city has been working on new wells ever since, and success has been mixed with periods of success and failure.

Bonny Lake’s post office nearer

Bonny Lake may yet win its own zip code and be its own full-service post office. City officials learned yesterday after a full-service post office will be built and the city will receive a 50% discount on postage for the next year.

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Council has new plan for sewers

New life was breathed into the Bonney Lake sewer project Monday night when the Bonney Lake City Council took the first step toward forming a local improvement district. The LID could pay for the project.

Voters rejected a $3.23 million general obligation bond issue for completing the sewers during the September primary vote this fall. About 75 percent of the voters opposed the bond issue which would have assessed every property owner in the city.

The new proposal, which is a preliminary 5-1 approval from the council, would assess certain property owners for the cost of completing the sewers. The costs would be paid equally by the owners of the two areas served by the partly built sewer project.

The proposal would also prevent an estimated $11 million grant offered by the State Department of Ecology (DOE) from being used. The 5-1 vote Monday night was the result of a decision to withdraw from consideration the $11 million grant last month, during its December 13 meeting.

Leonard Moses was the only council member to vote no on the resolution. In his vote, he said he felt that a resolution should be drawn up at the next meeting. Councilman Victor Goulet, Dan Scarborough, Vern Strong and Jim Young—a majority of council—were in favor.

Councilman Nick Ayres was absent.

Despite the whipping 75 percent negative vote against the sewer bond issue in September, Mayor John Pedersen told the council he believed residents would accept the proposal.

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Healing Bonney Lake

Dr. J. Juenke, Dr. R. H. Krueger and Nick Sullivan have opened The Lakes Clinic on a trailer in Bonney Lake. More doctors may join them after their permanent facility is built in January next year.

A journey of a thousand leagues begins with a single step. This is certainly true of the first step the Committee for a Bonney Lake Hospital is taking toward establishing a hospital. The step was taken Monday when the Bonney Lake Elementary School for a 7 p.m. public meeting Dec. 9, announced Leonard Moses said yesterday.

The purpose of the Dec. 9 meeting is to explain the recall action, what we're doing and answer questions—has no income of Bonney Lake.

The deadline on that offer falls on December 31, so the city must show its intent to accept the grant by then or it will be lost.

Chairman John Pedersen said Monday night that the city council plans to accept the grant and the city will be required to have a medical facility in Bonney Lake.

The city council said Dr. J. Juenke and Dr. R. H. Krueger are the only physicians in Bonney Lake, and they will be joined by Dr. J. Juenke and Dr. R. H. Krueger.

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By EMMETT PEARCE

BONNEY LAKE — A proposal to form a $2 million local improvement district to connect the city’s sewer system has revived a recall drive against Mayor John Parkinson and five city council members.

“We are stronger than ever,” said Councilman Leonard Moore, a vocal critic of the mayor and a member of the recall movement. “We are going to continue to fight to save the city’s sewer system.”

Mayor Alphonse Vanatta and three council members have been left off the recall ballot because they are not candidates in the city’s sewer rate election. The first recall drive fell short of its goal last month. The fire engine corporation’s office released a petition submitted by the recall committee for a county court to be held on the recall issue. The petition contained approximately 7,000 names, the minimum required for a successful recall effort.

The initial recall drive was sparked by widespread public anger over sewer rate hikes. City officials attribute the increase to the city’s aging sewer system, which has been in need of repair for several years. The city has been forced to raise rates to cover the costs of maintaining and upgrading the system.

Councilman Moore said the recall effort has gained momentum since the rate increase was announced. He said the city’s sewer system is outdated and in need of modernization.

“People are fed up with the city’s lack of planning and the high cost of living,” said Moore. “We need a new council that is committed to rebuilding the city.”

The recall effort is being led by a group of citizens who are concerned about the city’s future. They have been collecting signatures and holding public meetings to raise awareness about the need for a new council.

“The time is now,” said Moore. “We need to take action to save our city.”

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Kids bring Thanksgiving to the needy in Bonney Lake

Harriet and Harold E. Duren handed out turkey dinners to families in need last Thursday evening at Bonney Lake Elementary School. The students collected canned goods and delivered the food to the school, which then distributed it to families in need.

“Thank you for your generosity,” said one student. “This is the best Thanksgiving ever.”

The school provided the food and the students collected the canned goods. The food was then distributed to families in need.

“The kids did a great job,” said the principal. “They collected so much food that we had to donate some to other schools.”

The school plans to continue the food drive next year. They hope to collect even more food for families in need.

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Bonney Lake residents attending a recall rally said city officials are ignoring their opposition to sewer project.

Group rips Bonney Lake mayor

Feelings against sewage treatment plan overflow

By HARRIET PEDRUSI

BONNEY LAKE — Bonney Lake School was the site of a packed rally last night as opponents of a proposed sewage treatment plant called for the recall of Mayor John Pedruso and five Bonney Lake City Council members.

Pedruso and verify through the meeting as members of the Committee for a Competitive Government banded to defeat the recall.

The rally was called to garner support for a recall drive against Pedruso and council members John Anderson, Victor Gould, Mary Ford, Vera Thompson and Allen Young.

About 75 people attended as City Councilman Leonard Moore handed out leaflets.

The only way to defeat plans to complete the city’s sewer system is through recall, Moore told.

"It’s a long time until the next election," he said, "too long.

Moore noted that a $13 million general obligation bond levy to fund construction of a treatment plant was defeated by a 252-412 vote in the September election.

The committee is trying to defeat a 9-month improvement district be taxed and the project ignored the wishes of the people, he said.

"If the council was up for the LID now Monday, it’s going to be next to impossible to do anything about it," he said.

Moore has taken a passive role in the recall attempt, to recall Pedruso and two council members not now on recall.

But last night, he was introduced as a member of the recall committee. The first recall drive failed when the Bonney Lake City Council, in a 5-0 vote, rejected the proposal.

Moore referred to the recent newsworthy fact that city water rates Pedrosa and other city officials declined.

When water rates were last increased,Micrometers, potentially high-volume users increased usage rates for single-family residences to as high as $99.

Rates were reduced in September, but not at the same time as the sewer levy election.

City officials and their critics credited a factor over the unusually high water rates with helping defeat the sewer levy.

Frank Rogers, a member of Citizens Against Newseums (CAN), urged support for the recall movement. CAN is trying to repeat the council’s 4-1 vote to raise water rates.

Rogers said the Bonney Lake sewer project was designed to benefit developers and contractors, not the public.

"We need to tell the politicians that they work for you," Rogers said to people assembled.

Last week, Mayor John Pedruso of the Sewer Alarms District, said recall support for the recall drive.

Louis Gossez, a Bonney Lake property owner, was hooded and shined when he attempted to do

Mayor John Pedruso is a known opponent of the sewer project. The recall drive was designed to defeat the proposed improvement district. City officials have acknowledged that unusually high water rates were a factor in defeating the sewer levy election.
Recall charges seen in January

Proclaiming the Bonney Lake sewer project movement is "stronger than ever," city councilman Donald Moore yesterday hired a lawyer and said formal recall charges against several city officials should be ready by early January.

"We should start getting petitions out about the middle of January," Moore said. "It should be ready by the third week in March."

Moore, a councilman himself, is a member of the Committee for Responsible Government, a group which seems to attack Mayor Pete Pedrasso and as many as five city council members by recall.

"There is no question that the recall is still going on," he said, "and we are looking at the possibility of filing formal recall charges against several city officials."

Moore hopes to deliver another recall charge to prosecutors in early January.

"It looks like we are going to be able to make the filings," he said. "We have been working very hard on this, and we are making progress.

Moore also announced a public meeting will be held sometime in the month of January.

"We have some speakers coming in who have expertise on sewage in general," he said. "The public meeting, Moore said, would offer "lots of facts and figures on what exactly is entailed with the sewer system and what (citizens) can expect."

The mayor, John Pedrasso, asked a week earlier for a long speech to the city council. The mayor asked for "a fair, honest and truthful presentation" of their information.

The mayor's comments followed a December public meeting sponsored by Moore and the recall committee. Moore attacked the city's LID proposal at that time and warned a recall may be the only way residents can stop the LID sewer assessment.

"We are doing our best to work with the city council and the mayor," Moore said. "We have some concerns about the LID proposal and are ready to present our case at the public meeting.

The recall charge organizers have shown themselves to be target managers.

Pedrasso attended that public meeting and took the floor.
Recall revived against sewer supporters

The civil war over sewer line improvements in Bonney Lake turned ugly last weekend in the form of a sewer line charges. Mays and Mayville Mays were accused of charging too much for sewer line improvements.

The charges were filed with the Bonney Lake City Council last week and the city council is expected to vote on the charges at its next meeting. Mays and Mayville Mays argued the charges were unfounded and based on the false accounting of work done.

The charges also referred to a history of Mays and Mayville Mays' actions in the city as well as their involvement in the sewer line improvements. City Councilman John Anderson, who represents the Mays and Mayville Mays' district, said the charges were unfounded.

Anderson said the charges were based on the false accounting of work done and that the city council would vote on the charges at its next meeting. The city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the city hall. The meeting is open to the public and will be televised.

Recall targets steadfast

The second round of sewer line improvements in Bonney Lake targeted 10 city officials who have decided to move forward with the project despite the challenges. The city council has voted to approve the project and has set a deadline of January 31st for the completion of the project.

The project is expected to cost approximately $10 million and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The project will involve the installation of new sewer lines and the connection of existing lines to the new system.

The project is expected to be funded by a bond issue that will be voted on by the city's residents. The bond issue will be placed on the November general election ballot.

Fresh Bonney Lake recall filed

A recall petition was filed on Monday by a group of residents who are opposed to the sewer line improvements. The petitioners claim that the improvements are not necessary and that the city council is not representing the residents.

The petitioners claim that the city council is not representing the residents and that the improvements are not necessary. They claim that the improvements will result in higher water bills and that the city council is not listening to the residents.

The petitioners are expected to file a petition to the city council to schedule a recall election. The petitioners are expected to file the petition on Tuesday, January 31st.

The city council is expected to discuss the recall petition at its next meeting on Tuesday, February 7th. The city council is expected to decide whether to hold a recall election.

The city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the city hall. The meeting is open to the public and will be televised.
James Young calls it quits

Bonney Lake City Councilman James Young has quit his job. Young, 68, plagued by poor health recently, stepped down Monday night from the position he has held on the city council since 1973. He had entered the city government the year the city swept out its old officers and changed from a city manager to a mayor-council form of government.

He also, ironically, has been a strong supporter of the city's sewer system project. A council vote on a local improvement district (LID) to complete the system is slated for January 24, but Young will not be there to vote.

Young announced his resignation during the Monday night meeting of the city council, which was marred by continued squabbling between Mayor John Pedrozo and councilman Leonard Moore.

But the retiring councilman received a round of praise from several different council members.

In another matter Monday night, City Engineer Paul Anstey reported the monthly service charge for persons hooking up to the city's proposed sewer system could be as low as $6 per month.

But that figure was hotly contested by councilman Moore who cited a figure of at least $12.50 per month. Moore quoted a $31,000 study prepared recently by Phillip M. Botch and Associates, the city's consulting engineer on the sewer project.

A scrap between Pedrozo and Moore followed Moore's question about the sewer costs.

In other matters, the council: -
- Swore in Dennis Slavens as a new police officer. Slavens was hired early this month.

Sheriffs to be more prompt here

The long hours spent waiting for the sheriffs to arrive should be shortened soon in eastern Pierce County.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department Bonney Lake detachment has a new man on the staff and two new deputies sworn in on Monday night in the eastern part of the county who could be on the scene in 20 minutes.

The Bonney Lake detachment, headed up by the reinstatement of the Bonney Lake Police Department, now has one deputy, Sgt. Richard Rittala, and five deputies. The detachment opened January 3 at the old location serving the sheriff's district 30 area. That district extends from Sumner to Mt. Rainier.

The new man, who turned in his three-month report on Monday, said he expects the sheriffs to actually spend the county roads hours a day than than they have.

But the best improvement in service may come in the sorting of crimes, according to Sgt. Rittala. He said officers previously did their investigations whenever they found the "time" during their day hours. They now have 12 hours each day to devote exclusively to investigations.

More than 2,000 calls were handled by the Bonney Lake detachment last year. Of the 1,281 cases assigned to them, the Bonney Lake deputies cleared only 32% through their investigations. Rittala expects his department will clear many more of the cases with the new officer on duty.

District 10, in the longest of the 11 districts serviced by sheriffs, is considered the most difficult area. It spans an area of 1,500 square miles.

But need investigative processing and crime prevention, Rittala said that would not be enough to do a task of officers.

The Bonney Lake area is getting ready to go into the same type of growth that another of the 11 districts will undergo, but Rittala said, "It's the only time we've ever had to do a job like this."

The new man will work even more closely with officers, according to Rittala. "We will go into 24-hour coverage," he said.

Most of the sheriff's deputies' time will be spent on burglaries and car thefts. Domestic problems also crowd on the deputies' time but not as much as in metropolitan areas.

Since the sheriff's office also patrol the Washington State Park for traffic and accidents and the nearby local police departments when a backup unit is needed, the extra sheriff's unit will help the other departments.

That assistance, however, is paid whenever the sheriff's unit and backup help from the police department is reduced. Owning, Bonney Lake, Sumner and others.

"We have excellent cooperation with all of the local police departments," Rittala said.
Recall judgment due Friday

The validity of recall charges filed against Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedrero and three city council members will be judged this week by Pierce County Prosecutors.

City councilman Leonard Moore and resident Gerald Ford filed the charges January 6 on behalf of a group they call the Committee for Competent Government.

Prosecutors now are examining the recall charges for validity, and they will announce their decision by Friday.

Nominated in the recall were Pedrero and three councilmen, John Anderson, Vern Strong and Victor Gould.

All four men have been accused of violating their oaths of office and breaking state laws.

Five charges have been filed against Pedrero: his alleged failure to prepare and file the city's 1982 preliminary budget by November 1, 1981; his alleged failure to meet a similar deadline for the 1982 budget; his alleged failure to let the city council renegotiate the city's automatically renewed contract with consulting engineer Philip M. Botch and Associates; his alleged hiring of Botch to perform a $31,000 study not authorized by the city council; and his alleged failure to file the city treasurer, asking her not to share information with the city councilman.

Five other charges have been filed against Gould and Strong. Four have been filed against Anderson.

All three councilmen have been charged with violating state laws: by their votes November 22, 1982, which raised the city's utility tax on intrastate long distance phone calls; by their votes passing a final 1983 city budget which lacked complete revenue information; by their failure to halt Mayor Pedrero's alleged renegotiation of an engineering contract with Philip M. Botch and Associates; and by their votes approving the sale of $344,000 worth of downtown bonds for sewers. Gould and Strong were charged with violating state laws when they voted to pass the city's final 1982 budget.

All four recall targets have been on record in favor of completing the city's partially built sewer system.

Leonard Moore has called the recall as last minute chance to stop a local improvement district (LID) proposal for sewers.

The city council could vote on whether to adopt the LID next Monday, January 24, during its regular meeting.

A public hearing will precede any such vote. (We incorrectly reported last week that the hearing would be held January 25.)

Pierce County prosecutors hope to have the case on track before January 21, before they must determine the validity of the recall charges, according to Deputy Prosecutor Keith Black.

Cops close prolific $1 million pot plantation

Police dismantled a pot plantation worth as much as $1 million annually in a Bonney Lake drug bust last Wednesday night which followed a month long investigation.

It was the largest drug raid in the history of Bonney Lake and surrounding areas, police said.

Bonney Lake police investigator Skip Hinderick said 128 marijuana plants were confiscated from the raid. The plants, ready to harvest in a month, were worth an estimated $225,000-$300,000 at street value, Hinderick estimated.

The marijuana was of extremely high quality and growing in a two car garage at 700 Old Vandemark Road, Hinderick said.

Jerry Lee Larson, 23, and his wife Phyllis, both of Bonney Lake, turned themselves over to their attorney Friday in connection with the pot growing operation. They were then booked administrative charges.

Both Larsons later were released on their personal recognizance in an arrangement before a Pierce County Superior Court magistrate Friday.

The Larsons each were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to manufacture and/or deliver the drugs.

The felony charges could carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison. A trial date has been set for April 13 in Pierce County Superior Court.

Bonney Lake police worked together with Sgt. Richard Eichner of the Bonney Lake sheriff's department and the Kent Police Department in making the bust. Kent police initiated the investigations.

"This was not a mom-pop operation," Hinderick said of the Bonney Lake drug seizure. "This was a commercial operation connected to one in the Kent area."

He said the Kent operation was busted earlier in the day last Thursday. Police seized 56 mature plants and 128 seedlings from the Kent operation.

The Bonney Lake pot was growing in a well-equipped two car garage.

"It had at least $3,000 of electrical equipment—lights, transformer, fan, timers, and so forth," Hinderick said.

The operation was capable of producing more than $1 million of marijuana per year by harvesting and selling it in the area or shipping it out of state.

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Debate seen Monday over Bonney Lake’s $5 million sewer LID

By EMMETT FIERCE

BONNEY LAKE — The fate of a controversial $5 million local improvement district will be decided Monday by Bonney Lake City Council meeting.

The proposed LID, which would fund completion of the city’s sewer system, has a 75 percent approval rate among city residents.

A petition drive initiated by residents questions the need for the sewer system.

More than 2,500 signatures were collected, triggering a referendum on the issue.

The council must now decide whether to approve the sewer LID or seek a referendum to decide its fate.

DEBATE OVER $5 MILLION SEWER LID

The council argued over the sewer LID proposal, with some members questioning the need for the project.

Proponents of the sewer LID argue that the city needs the infrastructure to support growth.

Opponents say the sewer LID is unnecessary and too expensive.

Council members voted 4-1 in favor of the sewer LID.

The sewer LID will be put on the ballot in the November general election.

A councilman steps down

Young closes chapter in storybook life

BY BRAD SHANNON

For a man who once made a living out of book writing, Young closes chapter in storybook life.

James Young, 80, has lived in Bonney Lake for 50 years. He was the last mayor of the city before stepping down from his position.

Young was a newspaper photographer, journalist, and author. He has written several books on the history of Bonney Lake.

Young will be remembered for his contributions to the city and his work as a newspaper photographer.

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BONNEY LAKE council takes heat as it forms sewer LID


By EMMET PIERCE

BONNEY LAKE - Harsh words and threats of legal action didn't stop city officials last night from enacting a controversial $4.4 million local improvement district.

A public hearing before the council became a protest rally as city officials announced plans to enact a LID to pay for improvements to the city's sewer system.

The LID, which was proposed by the city's consultant, would affect 815 properties and would be paid for by a one-time assessment of property owners.

The vote was 4-1 in favor of the LID, with Councilor Don Stroeharl voting against it. Mayor John Pedersen was not present due to a family emergency.

The LID was enacted after months of debate and public hearings, during which residents expressed concerns about the cost and impact on the community.

The LID will cover an area of 1.5 square miles and will be financed through a special assessment on property owners. The assessment is expected to range from $3,000 to $17,000 per property, depending on the size of the property.

The LID action was a blow to those who had hoped to delay the project or find an alternative funding source. Many residents had threatened legal action, but the council's vote makes it unlikely that they will be able to stop the LID.

The LID is intended to pay for the cost of upgrading the city's sewer system, which is outdated and in need of significant repairs. The project is expected to take several years to complete.

The vote was a divided one, with Councilor Stroeharl voting against it and the other council members voting in favor. The council had been struggling to find a solution to the city's sewer problem for several years, and the LID was seen as the best option available.

The LID was enacted last night after a heated public hearing, during which residents expressed concerns about the cost and impact on the community. The council had been struggling to find a solution to the city's sewer problem for several years, and the LID was seen as the best option available.
**Past Councilmember**

Donn Lewis

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**Strong Quits Council Post**

January 28, 1983 NEWS REVIEW & LAKES OBSERVER

Vern Strong quit his Bonney Lake City Council position yesterday.

He was the second councilman to quit in the past two weeks.

James Young quit January 9.

Strong's resignation announcement yesterday came just one day after he cast the lone vote for the city's local improvement district (LID) for sewers.

The LID passed by a single vote.

And only last Thursday, recall efforts against Strong's former fellow councilman were ruled invalid by Pierce County prosecutors.

When he was appointed and subsequently elected to the Bonney Lake City Council there was a great deal of pride in being a part of the leadership of the city," Strong said yesterday in his resignation letter. "That pride is no longer present.

"Because of the great deal of recent issues, much of my time has been spent talking to and getting concerns of the people who elected me to my council position. Because of the consensus within the council, I no longer feel these people are being served as well as they deserve.

"I no longer want to be a part of the deteriorating image of the council because of what is happening to the entire community. Because of my convictions, I respectfully submit my resignation as of January 25, 1983," Strong concluded.

He declined to comment further on his reasons for quitting the Council position in which he was appointed in February, 1981.

Strong replaced John Pedersen, who last January 9, resigned to take the mayor's seat after defeating Steve Flecharty, who resigned then. Mayor Pedersen first heard about the resignation yesterday afternoon when he arrived at city hall from work.

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**Baseball registration set for Bonney Lake youths**

February 9, 1983 NEWS REVIEW & LAKES OBSERVER

The Bonney Lake Baseball Club will hold its first registration for spring and summer play on Saturday, February 12, at Bonney Lake City Hall.

The registration will run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Another registration will take place February 26, the registration deadline, at the same place during the same hours.

The baseball club will hold other registrations Wednesday, February 16, 4-9 p.m. at both the Lake Tapps Elementary School Library and the Bonney Lake Safeway lobby.

Cost is $15 per child for the season which begins with practice April 1. Insurance and caps are included in the fee. Practice begins April 1 with a jamboree April 23.

All boys and girls ages 7-12 can join the club to play baseball, softball and T-ball. Girls ages 13-14 also can play softball.

The club will need "coaches and lots of help" to field an anticipated 36 teams, according to club treasurer Carol Thompson.

Call Thompson at 862-1020 or Joann McLane at 862-1736 for more information.

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**Bonney Lake councilman hits colleague's appointment**


A Bonney Lake city councilman has taken a fellow councilman to court, saying his colleague was illegally appointed to office and that a sewer district, formed by the council, was thus invalid.

Councilman Leonard Moore has filed a petition in Pierce County Superior Court stating that the council appointed a sewer district without a majority vote from council members present.

Moore was elected to the council last Monday, with three councilmen voting for Roberts, two against and one abstaining. Moore contends four votes were needed to elect Roberts to the council according to state law.

The petition named Prosecutor William Griffesi and the state as defendants along with Roberts.

Presiding Court Judge W.L. Freeman Jr. ordered Griffesi to appear at 10 a.m. Feb. 10 to determine whether the court should order him to prosecute the alleged violation of state law.

In his petition, Moore contends that immediately after Roberts was elected, the council voted 3-2 to form a controversial local improvement district for sewers.

"Moore also said he was informed that another council member plans to resign around Feb. 14, and that would again raise the issue of whether a replacement must be appointed by a majority of those present.

The petition also contended that the council meeting at which Roberts was elected and the sewer district was formed was illegal because it was held outside city limits.

Council members had agreed to move Monday's meeting to the nearby Bonney Lake Elementary School as a crowd of about 300 showed up for the controversial meeting.

That meeting was held in a location that violated state law, Moore argued.
Bonney Lake children aided by Big Brothers

By NINA SKEEKL

First, Pat's husband disappeared. It was 1986—just a few days before Christmas, and baby Greg was just 18 months old. Pat stayed in the older room, and her husband, who was in prison, had no children. She decided to become a foster parent.

Pat Rees was a registered nurse in the Los Angeles General Hospital in England. She met her husband, who worked in the hospital in Tacoma, when she worked there as a hospital nurse. Later they were transferred to Bonney Lake.

Bonney Lake children aided by Big Brothers

A few years later, she and her husband bought a home in Bonney Lake.

Ronnie was always with the fourth child, and the oldest boy, Mike, was eight years old. She found a friend and her friend told her about the Big Brothers program.

"I called the Big Brothers in Tacoma, and they met with our family. We heard about the program, and we decided to participate. I wanted to make a difference in these children's lives," Pat said.

In October 1976 (since Mike), Rees became acquainted with his new Big Brother (Big Mike).

This was the beginning of a friendship between two families. Mike and Mike Rees met at a local park, and they spent time together. Pat said, "My Big Brother was so much fun. He showed me how to play baseball, and we went on many adventures together."
FACTS GAINED ON BONNEY LAKE'S LID

INTRODUCTION
The Bonney Lake City Council passed Ordinance No. 33 on January 31, 1983, creating a Local Improvement District (LID) for the purpose of completing the sewerage system within the city.

This project began eight years ago as the Lake Tapps Sewerage System. Inter-local agreements were completed with the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, and the South Hill Sewer District to study, design, and construct a system of sewers. With 90% Federal Water Pollution Control Act (WPCF) funding, a Sewerage Plan with Aedon Corp was completed in 1975. Design work began with the adoption of the Aedon plan as the treatment plant location. Due to a public protest, Aedon's project was withdrawn. In 1978, a Land Use Management Plan was subsequently written. After the Pierce County Commissions angrily denied the Use Permit for the Aedon site, Aedon 

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT?
Presently over $8 million has been invested in the system. Of this amount, $500,000 (10%) represents the City staff. An additional 50% of the estimated cost is to be covered by an additional 10% of the estimated cost.

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED?
The total estimated cost of the project has been approximately $8,000,000. This amount includes all costs associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of the system. In addition, the City will receive a grant from the State of Washington for 50% of the estimated cost.

WHAT IS THE APPROXIMATE DATE THE LID WILL BE COMPLETED?
The City of Bonney Lake is expected to complete the project in early 1985. The construction period is estimated to be approximately 18 months, with the final inspection and testing expected to be completed by September 1985.
1,000 letters seek opponents for LID

More than 1,000 letters were sent Monday to Bonney Lake property owners living outside the city and as far away as Thailand in a last ditch effort to persuade them to oppose the Bonney Lake local improvement district for sewers. LID opponent Monte Mecklenburg said Monday night.

The letters contained information about the proposed $5.4 million LID which the city did not include with its original mailing of LID assessments to property owners, Mecklenburg said.

Some new information contained in an advertisement the City of Bonney Lake paid for in the News Review and Lakes Observer last week.

The city originally claimed monthly sewer charges will run about $6 per month per lot, but in its paid advertisement claimed it might run $6.10 per month, Mecklenburg said.

Mecklenburg, his wife, resident Jeannine Matthews and a handful of others worked steadily for more than four days arranging the massive mailing to Hawaii, Arkansas, Florida, New York, and other areas around the world.

The group bought a sewer assessment roll for more than $60, scoured it for names and addresses, then corrected zip codes and other in accuracies before mailing out the 1,000 pamphlets, Mecklenburg said.

About 30-40 persons actively participating in the movement to stop the LID, Mecklenburg estimated, and they will be going door to door to solicit LID protests, he added.

Bonney Lake City Clerk Mildred Berend estimated yesterday that more than 300 protests had been filed at city hall by Monday, including the 78 Matthews turned in Monday afternoon.

"There’s going to be a hell of a lot more," Mecklenburg said.

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Sewers endangered by "test case" ruling

The entire Bonney Lake sewer system project may be killed in its tracks February 23 when Superior Court Judge Floyd Hicks decides the legality of appointing Mike Roberts to the Bonney Lake City Council.

Roberts was appointed to his council seat January 24 by controversial 3-2 vote, and Bonney Lake Councilman Leonard Moore has sued the city to "show cause" that the 3-2 vote was a sufficient majority.

Moore, through his attorney Geoffrey Cross, has claimed that four votes were needed to seat Roberts.

Roberts, shortly after being appointed, cast the deciding vote which established a controversial local improvement district (LID) for sewers.

Hicks said during a superior court hearing last Thursday that his "first impression" would be to rule in Moore’s favor.

By ruling in Moore’s favor, Hicks said he hopes to push the case into the state’s court of appeals.

Bonney Lake City Attorney George Kelley persuaded Hicks to wait until February 23 before making his decision.

Kelley also had argued that the three vote majority which placed Roberts on the council was a legal majority according to state law.

Lawyer Cross had argued otherwise.

Each lawyer used different state laws to present conflicting arguments.

Kelley later said the postponement of Hicks’ decision saved the city’s sewer system proposal at least until February 23.

A decision against Roberts’ appointment would have nullified the LID vote, Kelley said.

Such a decision also would have killed the sewer project outright.

That is because the city council will be unable to enact a second LID soon enough to save Bonney Lake Elementary School's money.

Kelley had agreed on the city council’s recent proposal to provide a $6.8 million grant offered by the Washington Department of Ecology. Bonney Lake City Engineer Paul Anstey said Thursday afternoon.

Ironically, February 23 is the same day the protest period for the sewer LID officially expires.

City attorney Kelley said after the hearing that he will argue against Hicks’ plan to make the Roberts appointment a test case. He said he will explain to Hicks during the February 23 court hearing that the test could be created by a decision in favor of Moore.

Kelley also said he is convinced the City of Bonney Lake will win its legal battle over the Roberts appointment.

Although Leonard Moore kept alive his hopes of defeating both the LID and the Roberts appointment, he did lose two legal battles last Thursday.

Judge Hicks ruled that Pierce County prosecutors should not use Moore’s case against the Roberts appointment, so Moore will have to pay his own legal fees.

Hicks also said the Bonney Lake City Council acted correctly when it moved its January 24 LID public hearing from the cramped city council chambers to the empty Bonney Lake Elementary School gym.

Moore had hoped Hicks would rule invalid all of the council’s actions during its January 24 meeting. He also claimed the city council needed to pass an ordinance and give advance public notice before moving the hearing.

More than 300 persons had attended that boisterous public hearing, but only 75-100 persons had been able to hear the council until the meeting was moved to the larger facility.
Bonney Lake council split down the middle on nominee

By BILL RIPPLE

BONNEY LAKE — This town’s divided and belligerent City Council split down the middle on a nomination for a city commissioner seat until March 24 unless one member of its five will agree to break a tie on a request for a reappointment and a recall change pending against Mayor John Pederson.

Mayor Dick Stover indicated that he would give council members three days of recess to resolve their differences and either accept or defeat nominee Carl Vinagre, a long-time planning commission member. The alternative developed earlier this week when the council voted 3-1 to decline Vinagre’s reappointment and a recall petition against Mayor John Pederson.

The mayor, who declined to cast a tie-breaking vote, indicated that he would give the council an opportunity to break the tie at the Feb. 20 and March 14 council meetings. If at the end of that time the tie remains, he will break the tie.

The split vote and abstention at this week’s meeting was first, five of the six on the council that led to Strong’s resignation last month.

The two-year councilman and former planning commission member said he was relieved of all his fighting.

"I got tired of fighting with Mr. Strong," Strong said this week. A longtime citizen of the city, he cited a sewer project, also active in the city, to vote against the mayor. The vote on the Recall Committee for Councilman was 4-1, Pederson said.

Stover called for a new councilman and councilperson to be selected from the group of residents who had not been involved in the council's decision-making. Stover said that he would be willing to accept a new councilman and councilperson from the group of residents who had not been involved in the council's decision-making.

City Attorney George Kelley said that he had no opinion on the matter, but that he would make a determination on whether or not to file a recall petition against Mayor John Pederson.

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**Recall set May 17 on Bonney Lake’s mayor**

The recall election of Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedrosa will be held May 17, according to Secretary of State Auditor Dick Greco, who announced the decision March 16, 1983.

Mayor Pedrosa, who has supported the recall through an organization calling itself the Committee for Responsible Government, filed the petition in January.

Greco said the petition was filed on the last day of February, as required by state law. The petition, which contains the signatures of 250 registered voters, must be verified by the King County Elections Director before it can proceed.

Greco said his office has not received any written objections to the petition. The petition was filed at the Bonney Lake City Hall.

**Pedroso’s vote appoints Vigna**

Bonney Lake voters now have a new mayor, according to a recent election. Mayor John Pedroso was appointed by the city council on Monday, May 17, 1983.

The vote was a result of Pedroso’s decision to resign from the council, after being accused of conflict of interest.

The council unanimously voted to appoint Pedroso as mayor, effective immediately.

**400 line up for food hand-outs**

**Growing lines of hunger**

About 400 people were served at the Bonney Lake Food Bank on May 17, 1983. The line stretched for several blocks, and people waited for hours to get their food.

Mayor Pedroso was present to help serve the community. He thanked everyone for their support and commitment to helping those in need.

Pedroso said the community has always been supportive, and he was grateful to be able to give back.

"We have a great group of people here," he said. "It's really heartwarming to see everyone come together to help those in need."
1996 Statistics

All full time employees participate in either the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) or the Law Enforcement Officers’ and Firefighters Retirement System (LEOFF). Both programs are state wide local government retirement systems and are administered by the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (City-owned):
1. Developed and semi-developed parks covering 23.1 acres
2. Semi-developed area, currently used as Boat Launch parking
3. Ballfields
4. Tennis court
5. Basketball Court

OTHER CITY-OWNED FACILITIES
1. City Hall
2. Public Safety Building providing joint 911/police/fire services
3. Fire Station (old) currently unused at 11610 Bonney Lake Blvd
4. Fire Station at 4524 Aspen Drive
5. Shop Building with Equipment yard
6. Office Building currently housing City Engineer/Building Dept
7. Annual pound - currently unused
8. Retail Building at 18409 Old Buckley Hwy
9. Professional Office Buildings @ 9904-184 Ave E and 8720-184 Ave E

PUBLIC EDUCATION
1. Elementary schools with enrollment of 1,104
2. Transportation/Maintenance Facilities Building and Yard

66. Full-time and part-time certified teachers and administrators
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Local Sales Tax ..............................................................1.0% (collected by state)

Utility Taxes:
Electric, Telephone, & Natural Gas ...................................6.0%
Water, Sewer & Solid Waste ..............................................8.0%
Cable TV ..............................................................................6.5%

Gambling:
Bingo & Raffles .................................................................10.0%
Pulltabs & Punchboards ......................................................5.0%
Leasehold Excise ...............................................................12.84%
Real Estate Excise Tax .......................................................0.25%

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Total 1996 Assessed Valuation (AV) ....................... $411,703,695
Total 1996 AV - Regular Levy for 1996 Taxes ............... $

Bond/Debt Information:
G. O. Bond Rating (Moody's) ........................... Baa

General Obligation Bonds: $7,619,455 $7,249,149 $6,987,457 $6,580,513 $6,160,439
Contracts: 195,832 192,867 203,166 249,246 213,389
PW Trust Fund Loan: 230,697 210,546 190,660 170,949 151,411
LID Bonds: 808,102 824,663 653,000 555,000 365,000
Revenue Bonds: 1,336,346 1,328,861 1,320,868 1,312,336 1,303,230

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (Not City-owned)
1 County Park/Boat Launch
7 Private Parks (3 with Boat Launch Facilities)
School Ballfields

FIRE AND EMS RESPONSES - 1990 TO 1996

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1985 Business Directory for the Community

Welcome to the City of Bonney Lake

Business Directory
Published by
Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce
Post Office Box 7133
Bonney Lake, Washington 98390

Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 7171
Bonney Lake, WA 98390

The purpose of our chamber is to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between members and the community in order to enrich the environment of our community by promoting business and to become actively involved in community affairs.

Monthly meetings — 3rd Thursday
7:45 A.M. — Village Deli

- January — Citizen of the Year Award
- February — Women's Golf Tournament
- April — Bonney Lake Days
- October — Halloween Trick or Treat
- December — Christmas Tree Lighting

OFFICERS
PRESIDENT
John Blans • 863-4444
VICE PRESIDENT
Andy Valley • 863-5425
SECRETARY
Margie Hindberg • 862-6500
TREASURER
Buck Allen • 863-6801

Please support your local chamber merchants.
EMERGENCIES

Emergency. Other Business

Police
Bonney Lake Police ................................................. 911 863-2218
18421 Old Buckley Hwy.
Pierce County Sheriff ................................................. 911 593-4721

Fire
Bonney Lake Fire Dept. ................................................. 911 863-1800
18410 Bonney Lake Blvd.
Bonney Lake Aid One ................................................. 911 863-8300
Lake Tapps Fire Dist. 22 ................................................. 911 863-8300

Other
Bonney Lake City Hall ................................................. 912 862-0602
3206 Bonney Lake Blvd.
Pugel Sound Power & Light Co. .......................... 845-8844
Dooringe Station ................................................. 863-4056
Poison Information Center ............................................. 872-1281
Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital
Tacoma

The Bonney Lake Fire Department is located at 18410 Bonney Lake Blvd. Its business phone number is 863-1800 and its emergency number is 911. The fire station was built in 1965 and remodeled and enlarged by 1970 to house its chief and full-time firemen. The department also has 35 volunteers. The Bonney Lake Fire Department is part of Pierce County's District No. 24 which has three stations. One is located on Hwy. 214 and a main station is on Inlet Island. It has a fire boat and pumps 2500 gallons of water a minute, two medical aid vehicles and three pumpers trucks. CPR and First Aid classes are given at the main station, along with booklets of all emergency medical programs.

The Bonney Lake Police Department at 18421 Old Buckley Hwy., was built in 1958. It was remodeled in 1981 and the department now has eight commissioned police officers, four full-time clerks-dispatchers, one patrol officer and one canine officer. Our K-9 unit was added in 1983. The police telephone number is: Emergency, 911 — Business, 863-2218.

WELCOME TO BONNEY LAKE

The city of Bonney Lake derived its name from the lake itself, which was named after a pioneer family traveling through in the early days.

In 1946, Bonney Lake was known as Washington's most rapidly developing community, largely due to efforts of Kenneth H. Simmons, who soon became the city's first mayor.

Bonney Lake became a city in 1948, with a population of 327. With determination and leadership and the cooperation of the residents, growth was remarkable. Within a year the new city had streets, a water system, electric lines, telephone lines, a refuse disposal, a blood bank and many community organizations.

By 1957, many beautiful homes had been built in the community and around the lake. The first commercial development was started and twelve businesses were formed.

Bonney Lake Elementary School was built in 1960. A combination fire station and town hall was built in 1965 with a new fire truck and volunteer fireman standing by for any emergency. A 1954 studebaker was the police chief's private car and the first police car.

Our city has made great progress since 1969. Population now is well over 6,000 and Bonney Lake is the core of a rapidly developing area. Recent growth has included two new shopping centers and many retail shops and professional buildings. There were 134 business licenses issued in 1984.

We hope you will take advantage of this Business Directory which is the third annual edition, published by the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce. Shop with these many fine merchants in our city on the hill, “Bonney Lake, Gateway to the Mountain”.

Please accept this Directory with our compliments.

The objective of the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce is to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between the Chamber members and the community. The Chamber is working to enrich the environment of our community by promoting commerce and by active involvement in community affairs.

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact: P.O. Box 7130 or telephone 863-4484.
Schools

Bonney Lake is a part of the Sumner School District No. 320. The Bonney Lake Elementary School is located on 80th St. E. and was built in 1969. Student population is 264 in the kindergarten through sixth grades. Nicknamed the Bonney Lake Vikings, the school has a staff of 44. Its telephone number is 863-4681.

Emerald Hills Elementary School on South Tapps Drive is under construction now, and scheduled to open in September of 1987. It is designed for a student population of 500 from Kindergarten through the sixth grade, and will be similar in design to Victor Falls Elementary School.

Vicer Falls Elementary School on Rhodes Lake Road was built in 1982. Its student population is 590 in the Kindergarten through sixth grades. Nicknamed the Victor Falls Falcons, the school has a staff of 45. Its telephone number is 862-1022.

Lake Ridge Junior High School on Meyers Road was built in 1980. It has 967 students in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. Nicknamed the Hawks, the school has a staff of 50. Its telephone number is 864-8164.

The school district's one senior high school is Sumner High School. Its telephone number is 863-4184. Its student population is 722 and it has a staff of 65. The school is nicknamed the Spartans.

The Dieringer School District also serves some of the area to the west of Bonney Lake. Its nickname is the Eagles. Its telephone number is 863-4454. Its student population is 450 and it has a staff of 19.

Lake Tapps Elementary, Dieringer Middle School has a staff of 10 and a student population of 242. Its nickname is the Shamrocks. Its telephone number is 863-6272.

Churches

Lake Tapps Community Church
18203 Chateau Rd. E.  
Pastor Kyle Burley  
863-3065

Lake Tapps Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
1519 176th St. E.  
862-7733

Creeker Lutheran Church at Lake Tapps
1605 S. Tapps Dr. E.  
862-7700

Bonney Lake Baptist Church  
19105 75th S. E.  
Pastor Dan Logen  
863-7733

Bonney Lake Seventh Day Adventist Church  
1503 214th Ave. E.  
Pastor Daniel McCoy  
862-8620

Lake Tapps Christian Church
P.O. Box 73  
Pastor Art Smith  
862-8686

Assembly of God Church  
Victor Falls Roads Lake Community Hall  
Pastor Gary Mitchell  
829-1234

Bonney Lake Community Church  
2901 Lecce Ave. E.  
Pastor Bruce Ebers  
863-3876

Elahill Baptist Church  
11715 214th E.  
862-1473

Parks

Allen Yorke Park is located at the east end of Bonney Lake Blvd. It was donated to the city by Ben Clifford in 1972 and was dedicated as Allen Yorke Park in 1977. Swimming, boat ramp, picnic tables, basketball and soccer fields, tennis courts and play grounds are all open for public use.

Bonney Lake Park is at the west end of Lake Bonney located on 74th St. E. There public fishing is provided by the State Department of Natural Resources. There are picnic areas and playground equipment for public use.

Private membership parks include Debra Jane Park, Inlet Island Park, Cedarview Park, Jenkins Park, Tapps Island and Snag Island.

Newspaper

The Lakes Observer  
863-8171

Service Clubs

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club was formed in 1963. All its founding members were firemen's wives, but the organization was changed later to a service club so that all women could take part. The club performs many civic services and promotes good will in the community. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact: P.O. Box 7106 or telephone 863-5905.
Service Clubs (continued)

The Bonney Lake Business & Professional Women's Club meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. It is a part of the Washington State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. of the United States of America. For information telephone 863-9134.

The Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1962 when 30 businesses and individuals joined to promote such projects as the annual Old Fashion 4th of July and the Christmas Tree Lighting in Bonney Lake. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact P.O. Box 7130 or telephone 863-4884.

The Bonney Lake Lions Club was chartered in 1982 with a membership of 20. It is an International organization working for civic projects. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays monthly. Contact P.O. Box 7300 or telephone 862-1642.
### Avon

Los Carlson, Representative
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For the Entire Family
- Jewelry • Cosmetics
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MISCELLANEOUS

### Prairie Market

18318 Highway 410
Bonney Lake
863-4090

### Pat's Styling Salon

In Bonney Lake
2527 Buckley Hwy.
Summer, WA 98390
Evenings by Appointment
Phone: 863-1207

### Bonney Lake Showcase Video and Pizza Plus

15410-184th St E
Bonney Lake, WA 98391
863-6300
Movie and VCR's
For Rent
Reservations taken over phone

### Lake Tapps Sales

6100 183rd Place NW
Bonney Lake, WA 98391
Home • Waterfront • Acreage • Building Sites • Mobile Home Sites
863-4406 • 838-6393

### The South Prairie Place Thrift Shop

Delaine & Betty Thomas
Used Furniture, Appliances, Inc.
203 186th Mtn. THRU CAT.
South Prairie, WA 98351
897-8449

### The Family Medical Clinic

In The
Bonney Lake Professional Center
18310 Highway 410
Bonney Lake
863-2288

### Bonney Lake Beauty Emporium

- Haircuts
- Perms
- Sculptured Nails
- Sun Beds
- Personal Color Analysis

### Bonney Lake Medical Clinic

Family Practice
HOURS:
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - Noon
863-0300

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Everything you want a bank to be.
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### 10 Good Reasons To Read

1. Local news coverage
2. Local sports
3. Local features
4. Local columns
5. Local photos
6. Local advertising
7. Local letters
8. Local records
9. County legal

### Buckley U-Fish

Hwy. 410 & Stegman Rd.
3 Miles East of Bonney Lake
No License Required.
Open 7 Days a Week 7 a.m. - Dark
Executive Accounting & Tax Service, Inc.
John Sarvis
204 Ryan Avenue
Bonney Lake
832-1990
832-9999

### Sea-T Construction

Side Sewer Contractor
SEWER • WATER • DRAINAGE
LIC# 9561C78NP
Commercial And Residential
862-6270

### Neighborhood Video 'N Pizza

862-9457

Movies 'N Pizza
“a Natural Combination”
- Open every day
- VCR & Movie Rentals and Sales
- Family reservations
- “Call ahead "We Make"
- Buy 3 Pizzas, get 1 FREE
- Senior memberships available

Bonney Lake Village Shopping Center
Highway 410 & 214th E.
Sculpture will mark city entrance

A sculpture symbolizing the natural beauty, man’s free spirit and the blossoming community of Bonney Lake will one day greet motorists on Highway 410 at the gateway to the city.

The 7-foot-high bronze casting -- a child whose upraised hands touch birds in flight – will take center stage in an entry park that is now on the drawing boards. It will be situated south of the eastbound lanes of Highway 410 just before the main intersection entering the city.

The idea was born at the Bonney Lake Community Summit sponsored by Puget Power in June of 1989.

A grant was secured from the Pierce County Arts Commission to match funds raised by the Bonney Lake Police Association. The Bonney Lake City Council has committed $7,000 to the project.

A citizens committee led by Elida Kirk Lathrop, Bonney Lake resident and member of the Pierce County Arts Commission, did much of the work securing funding for the project.

The committee also selected local resident Larry Anderson, an internationally recognized sculptor, and landscape architect Ed Chaffey to create the vision for their entry park.

The challenge now for the committee is to secure funding to complete the project by the end of 1991. Of the $70,000 total cost of the project, about $10,000 has been raised. A community fund-raising drive is being organized.

Art park sculpture  - Gary Bier photo

Residents and businesses can send their contributions to two funds:

* Puget Sound Bank Artpark Fund, 19610 Highway 410 East, Bonney Lake, WA 98390.
* Seafirst Bank Artpark Fund, 18328 Highway 410, Bonney Lake, WA 98390.

Donations of material is also accepted. For information call Lathrop at 862-8484.

Senior historian recognized

Kay Fisher, (right) historian for the Bonney Lake Senior Center, was given a certificate of appreciation at the March potluck for senior citizens. Awarding her the certificate is, left, Irene Van Meter, president of Bonney Lake Senior Citizens. Potlucks are held the second Thursday of the month at the new senior center next to Bonney Lake City Hall. All Bonney Lake seniors are invited to attend.
Police boat responds to Lake Tapps emergencies

Bonney Lake's police department this summer has had a police boat on duty on Lake Tapps, patrolling and responding to emergencies.

The city is leasing the boat from Officer Mike Jennings, who just joined the department last April. The boat is available for calls 24 hours a day.

The 17-foot Boston Whaler, powered by a 100 HP outboard, is equipped with emergency lights and a siren.

Jennings and other officers in the department's marine division patrol the portion of Lake Tapps within the Bonney Lake city limits during busy boating weekends and evenings. They respond to emergencies or illegal activities on the lake. (To report a lake emergency, call 911.)

Although the primary area of emphasis is the

Bonney Lake portion of Lake Tapps, the marine unit can respond to incidents on a mutual-aid basis with Pierce County police anywhere on the lake.

New public-safety building on ballot Sept. 17

Bonney Lake residents will be asked on Sept. 17 to vote on a bond issue to build a new public-safety building for the city of Bonney Lake.

The $2.5 million bond issue will provide the community with an attractive, centralized public-safety building that will house the police and fire departments and their emergency equipment. This building will replace the police department building at 18421 Old Buckley Hwy and the fire department building at 18610 Bonney Lake Blvd.

The current police building was constructed in the 1950s and re-modeled in 1975 to accommodate five officers. Thirteen officers and five public-safety dispatchers now work there for the city.

The fire station has existed since the early 1960s and was shared by Bonney Lake City Hall and the fire department until 1972 when the present City Hall was built.

The existing fire station currently houses 13 fire personnel, two engines, a medical aid car and a rescue boat. Also, 35 volunteer firefighters are trained and meet at this facility. Both departments now provide 24-hour emergency dispatch and services.

By combining the two departments into one public-safety building, money will be saved by utilizing common areas. The building will implement a joint communications/ dispatch center, training facility, emergency operations facility, and some common work areas.

The cost to city property owners, if the bond issue is approved, is estimated to be $1256 per $1,000 of assessed valuation over a 20-year period. With anticipated growth of the city, this cost could decrease. Initially, this would mean an $80,000 home would be taxed $101 per year; a $150,000 home would be taxed $183 per year.

The Sept. 17 bond issue needs 572 votes to pass, and 343 votes to pass.

The bond issue will provide an approximately 23,000 square-foot building, centrally located in the vicinity of the present police station. Building design will accommodate any necessary future expansion.

Look in your mailbox for additional information about the public-safety building bond issue.
Completion of the new senior center makes '91 a special year

1991 is already off to a great start for area senior citizens with completion of the new Bonney Lake Senior Center, next to City Hall.

Seniors held their first potluck luncheon in the new facility in December, and activities and special events are already being planned for 1991.

Formal dedication ceremonies for the new facility will be held in April.

The beautiful new building was funded through a $189,000 federal grant, although much of the finishing work was done by volunteers.

For instance, a group of seniors did all of the interior painting.

The new senior center has a large main room that can hold 160 people. There is also a large kitchen, an office, medical rooms and an upstairs meeting room. The center can be rented for wedding receptions and other community gatherings.

Completion of the center culminates seven years of work by Ray and Heca Fulton, who have led the effort to get a new facility for Bonney Lake seniors.

“We're very tired, but thrilled,” Heca said. “When we came in one day and saw how beautiful it looked with the Christmas tree, we just cried.”

Senior citizen potlucks are held the second Thursday of the month at the new center. All seniors are welcome.
Lions donation boosts bike patrol

Bonney Lake Police Department's bicycle patrol is now double in size thanks to a donation from the local Lions Club.

Officers from the bike patrol gave a presentation to the Lions Club and the service organization responded by donating funds, more than $900, to purchase a second mountain bike plus outfitting for the bike patrol.

The police department began its bike patrol last year. A team of two officers patrol shopping centers and residential neighborhoods on the bikes. They transport the bikes to different locations on the back of their patrol cars, park the vehicles and set out on the patrols.

"There's no place in the city we can't get to," says Sgt. Skip Hidenrick. "And often we can get to places a lot quicker."

Police officers on bicycles often are less noticeable than those in patrol cars, and that has its advantages, Hidenrick said recently they rode into the middle of a late-night, outdoor juvenile keg party without being noticed. Normally, the partiers would scatter at the sight of a patrol car.

One of the greatest benefits of the bike patrol, says Hidenrick, is that it allows officers to learn more about the community by talking with residents. "People may be out working in their yards or something and they'll stop and talk to us. People are more open and not as intimidated with a bike cop."

Hidenrick believes the bike patrol projects a positive image for the police department.

One area of special emphasis for the bike patrol this summer will be Allan Yorke Park.

"We won't allow the bad behavior," he says. "We're going to make the park safe and happy, a place for families to have picnics."

The police department would like to have expand the bike patrol by obtaining a third bike. Residents or businesses wishing to donate should call 863-2218.

Past Councilmember

Katrina Minton-Davis

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Work begins on public-safety building

Work has finally begun on the Bonney Lake Public Safety Building following a groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 3.

Dozens of city officials, community leaders and interested citizens showed up on the rainy Saturday morning to hear Mayor Vern Strong and Fire Chief Alden Dobson thank the community for supporting their police and fire departments and those whose hard work resulted in the new public safety building finally becoming reality.

Bonney Lake voters last fall approved a $3.5 million bond issue for construction of the new public safety building, which is being built next to the post office at 18421 Old Buckley Highway.

Work is expected to be completed by next September. General contractor for the project is Shinnston and Associates of Pay- allup.

The project represents the largest public building project and the largest bond issue in Bonney Lake history.

The 30,000 square-foot building will house both the city’s police and fire departments in an attractive, centrally located facility. The building will implement a joint communications/dispatch center, training facility, emergency operations facility and some common work areas.

The police department currently is housed temporarily in a small building next to the construction site, and in some second-story offices next door.

Curbside collection of yard waste offered

Many Bonney Lake residents may not realize that curbside pickup of yard waste and other vegetation is now available through Murray’s Disposal and the City of Bonney Lake.

The service began on Aug. 10 and is available to all residents served by Murray’s. The cost is $4.50 per month and includes use of a 90-gallon wheeled container, provided by Murray’s. Curbside pickup is biweekly, the same day as the scheduled pickup of recyclables. Residents can sign up for the service by phone or mail at Bonney Lake City Hall.

Accepted yard waste is any material which occurs naturally or from landscaping on a residential property. Excluded are rocks, sand or gravel, branches larger than 4 inches in diameter and stumps. Branches must fit in the container with its lid closed.

Persons with more debris than fits in the container can buy tags for additional yard waste bags at Bonney Lake City Hall. Each tag is $1.50.

Yard waste collected by Murray’s is taken to a county composting facility where it is turned into a beneficial soil enhancer.

The yard-waste program provides an alternative to outdoor burning of yard waste and other vegetation. Such outdoor burning in Bonney Lake has been permanently banned by a state air pollution agency. The outdoor burn ban is not to be confused with indoor burning in fireplaces, and wood stoves, which is still allowed.
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The Bonney Lake City Hall was built in 1972 and houses the Water Department and Street Department, as well as offices for the Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, City Engineer and the City Council Chambers. Bonney Lake City Council meetings are conducted on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Board of Adjustment meets the 1st Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room. The Park Board meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Phone 863-8602

Police Department...
The Bonney Lake Police Department will move into the new 30,000 square foot Police Station building in the fall of 1993. The Department is made up of 14 commissioned Officers, 6 Communications Officers and an Animal Control Officer. Specialized services within the Department include: The Bicycle Patrol, Marine Patrol, K-9, D.A.R.E., Reserve Officers and Communications Officers program.

Phone 863-2218

Quick Reference Guide
Emergency

Police
Bonney Lake Police 1801 N. 7th St. 863-2218
Pierce County Sheriff 863-4721

Fire
Bonney Lake Fire Dept. 1801 N. 7th St. 863-2100
Bonney Lake Fire Dept. N1 863-2100
Lake Tapps Fire Dist. 22 863-4721

Hospitals
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Auburn General Hospital, Auburn 863-7711

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Customer Service 838-0411
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Library...
The Bonney Lake Library originally was built in 1975 on the Old Buckley Hwy and moved into a new building on 90th Street in 1982. This new library building of 3,800 square feet won an award for building design and houses 16,000 books, with films, records and videos also available.

Phone 863-5867

Fire Department...
The Bonney Lake Fire Department was built in 1965 and remodelled in 1970 to house the chief and nine full-time firemen. The department also has 35 volunteers. As part of Pierce County's District No. 24, The Bonney Lake Fire Department has three stations. One is located on 21st Ave. E., another on Inlet Island and the main station is on Bonney Lake Boulevard and Locust Avenue. The main station is equipped with four fire boats that pumps 2,500 gallons of water per minute, two medic staff vehicles and four pumper trucks. CPR and First Aid classes are given at the main station, along with booklets of all emergency medical programs.

Phone 863-1800
Senior Center...
Opened April, 91, the new Bonney Lake Senior Center marks the first time the city’s seniors have a place to call home. The new facility accommodates 267 people in approximately 3,500 square feet of space, which includes meeting rooms and a full-sized kitchen. The Senior Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. The active senior members meet for a noon pot luck on the second Thursday of the month.

Phone 863-7659

Calendar of Events

Citizen of the Year Banquet........................................March
Mudli Flat Golf Tournament.....................................March or April
Daffodil Parade.....................................................March or April
Volksmarch..........................................................3rd Weekend in July
Bonney Lake Days..................................................3rd Weekend in August
Halloween Celebration............................................October 31st
Christmas Tree Lighting..........................................December

Newspapers

The Foothills Sun...................................................863-6075
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Bonney Lake’s History

From covered wagons to bustling city...

In 1850 the first white man arrived in the Bonney Lake area. He traveled across the Naches Trail, following the path made by Native American tribes on their east-west crossings, a route that closely parallels the old Sumner-Buckley Highway. Sharond Bonney traveled this same route by covered wagon and built the cabin on the lake named for him in 1853.

In 1853 the Naches Trail became the military road for soldiers traveling from Fort Steilacoom to Fort Walla Walla. On October 22, 1855, Indians lying in ambush killed Lt. McCallister and Michael Connell at Connell’s Prairie and on October 31, 1855 Colonel Miles an Moses were killed—events called the “Connell’s Prairie Massacres.”

Descendants of several of the land-grant homesteaders and pioneers still live in this area, including the Vandermarks, Kelleys, Peoples, Fabulas, and Angelines. Their stories of the spartan lifestyles of the homesteaders illustrate the hardships and fears common to the western settlers of that era.

William B. Kelley arrived from Tennessee in 1864 to clear his land in summer and teach school in winter. His three sons and one daughter were raised in a log cabin on Kelley Lake. He donated land for a one-room schoolhouse that was used until 1960.

In the late 1800’s the area halfway between Bonney Lake and Buckley was known as Finland, named for the many Finnish settlers who either established dairy farms there or worked in the Wilkeson coal mines or logged the timber along the White River. Another 100 families of Swiss extraction lived on the Plateau and in the valley. Olle Bauer’s Swiss father worked at the Riverside Infirmary (referred to as the “Poor Farm”). For 27 years.

More Bonney Lake History...

Lake Tappas was originally four separate lakes and when they were merged, the four lakes were renamed for the largest one. The Lake Tappas Company planned recreational lakefront sites and offered them for sale on west Lake Tappas in 1954. In the early 1960’s, company headquarters served as the potential need for homesteads at Lake Tappas and abandoned their marketing plan for free recreational sites. They donated 80 acres for Alan York Park, of which only six acres have been developed by the city thus far.

Since 1960, six schools have been built, a city hall, police department building, several fire stations, a library, and post office. The majority of the housing stock is new by comparison to neighboring cities.

This brief overview is intended to give the reader a sense of the people and the growth of the Bonney Lake Lake Tappas area - and the blast is yet to come!

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Schools in the Bonney Lake area are part of the Sumner School District which also includes the city of Sumner and parts of unincorporated Pierce County and encompass 38 square miles. The Sumner School District is one of the fastest growing in the state with seven elementary, two junior highs and one high school serving a student population of just over 6,000. The 700 employees include paraprofessionals, maintenance workers, teachers, specialists, food service workers, bus drivers and administrators.

In addition to the school buildings, the District boasts the Performing Arts Center, a competition swim pool, an athletic stadium, new track at the high school and large playgrounds at each school. The Daffodil Sports Complex, in downtown Sumner, is being built for area community use (including Bonney Lake) in the near future.

Transferring Students: Students transferring into the Sumner School District should report to their neighborhood school, accompanied by a parent. Bring immunization records, report cards from the last school attended and proof of residency, such as a parent's driver's license or tax statement.

Top-notch Programs: The District offers a wide variety of programs. Both junior highs and the high school are members of the South Puget Sound League and the Washington Interscholastic Athletics Association. Each school offers a wide variety of sports activities and events designed for boys and girls. The Parks and Recreation Program offers classes at a variety of sites including schools and community centers. A catalog of current offerings is available by calling 863-5385. Other school programs include:

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NEW CITY LOGO AND A CONTEST FOR A SLOGAN

The City of Bonney Lake's attractive new logo that appears at the top of this page was a joint effort on the part of City employees.

A representative from each department served on a committee which put together the design, then an artist was hired to complete it. The logo will appear on City vehicles, stationery and other official City publications.

A community-wide contest for kids is underway to come up with a slogan to go with the logo. The prize is $200 in savings bonds. Pick up an entry blank at City Hall or the Public Safety Building.

GERMAN SHEPHERD 'ELHI' JOINS POLICE K-9 UNIT

The Bonney Lake Police Department recently acquired a German Shepherd as the newest member of the K-9 Unit.

"Elhi" is a 14-month old black and tan sable and was purchased with money from the Police Department Drug Fund. He will dual trained as both a patrol dog and a narcotics detection dog.

His handler is Officer Greg Cantrell, who will soon take Elhi to an 18-week training school where they will learn basic obedience, handler protection, first-aid techniques, K-9 application, tracking narcotics and evidence searches.

Office Cantrell and Elhi will support the patrol force by assisting in locating suspects who have fled the scene of a crime, building searches and locating illegal narcotics. They will also keep busy by doing demonstrations for schools, community clubs and events.

NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING DEDICATED

A crowd of about 100 turned out for the March 19 dedication of the new Bonney Lake Public Safety Building.

Following the ceremony, guests were led to tours of the facility throughout the day. Officials estimated at least 200 citizens toured the attractive new building which houses the City's police and fire departments.

Fire Chief Alden Dobson was the moderator for the dedication program. Current and past mayors and council members were in attendance and recognized. Also recognized was the important role of volunteers and the other many contributors to the project.

Much of the landscaping, for instance, was done through volunteer labor. Barb Wigton, a dispatcher, worked on landscaping several hours each day for two weeks prior to the dedication. Cletis Johnson, owner of Church Lake nursery, donated landscaping design and materials including trees and shrubs.

The citizens and taxpayers of Bonney Lake were recognized as those who made dreams and aspirations for a new public safety facility a reality.

Bonney Lake voters approved a $3.5 million bond issue in 1991 to purchase necessary property and build the Public Safety Building. In addition, money from the bond issue was used to purchase a new aid car.

Groundbreaking took place in fall of 1992 at the site on Old Buckley Highway next to the post office. Construction was completed late in 1993.

The 31,000 square-foot building features three drive-through bays for fire engines, training facilities, residence accommodations for firefighters, and office and administrative areas. A medical aid room is situated near the entrance for walk-in emergencies.

The section for police has administrative offices, evidence and interrogation rooms and holding areas for prisoners.

Serving both departments are a large meeting room and 911 dispatch center.

The building was designed by Merritt & Pardini, Architects. The general contractor was Shintine Associates.
Police Dept. launches D.A.R.E. program at schools

Bonney Lake Police Department this year has a DARE officer visiting area elementary schools and teaching students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Dana Hubbard was hired last summer as a patrol officer but was later appointed D.A.R.E. officer after a $30,000 grant was received to fund a program. Hubbard was formerly an officer with the Tacoma Police Department.

After attending a two-week intensive session on being a D.A.R.E. instructor, Hubbard this fall began teaching fifth and sixth grade classes at all Bonney Lake schools, as well as Orting and Lake Tapps elementary schools.

The students go through 17 weeks of D.A.R.E. education and are awarded with a graduation certificate at the program’s conclusion. D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) is the most widely recognized anti-drug campaign to be instituted in the U.S.

During the 17-week program, many topics are covered, ranging from building self-esteem to learning stress management and identifying the consequences that may result from the use of drugs.

“The purpose is to let students know about gateway drugs (the first cigarette and first drink) but also to give them the knowledge on how to get along without drugs plus learning tools for every day life,” said Hubbard.

A new four-wheel drive truck was donated to the Bonney Lake D.A.R.E. program by Sunset Chevrolet in Sumner. Strauss Uniforms is donating an emergency light bar for the vehicle. Also, M.A.D.D and resident Stanley Smith made donations.

Since the $30,000 grant is for one year only, the D.A.R.E. program will need community support to continue in future years.

Get your new pet through ‘Adopt an Animal’ program

Dozens of Bonney Lake residents are receiving good pets for low costs, and numerous dogs and cats are finding safe homes under a unique “Adopt an Animal” program.

The program was started six months ago by Bonney Lake’s Animal Control Officer Bebe Frey. She reports that most dogs she has picked up have been adopted under the program, including 23 during the month of September.

The way the program works is simple: Residents wanting a particular pet can simply contact Bebe through the police department and get their name on a list. When a pet is picked up, the list is checked and Bebe will contact potential pet owners to see if a match can be made. Those receiving pets must agree to pay for neutering or spaying and shots, which can range from $50 to $75 depending on the size of the animal.

Bebe said she picks up all kinds of dogs, including purebreds, and many that make very good pets.

She started the program after inadvertently finding homes for a mother dog and her puppies after they had been abandoned following a house fire. When she saw how easy it was to find homes for the pets and how well the situation turned out, she decided to start publicizing the program. She and other volunteers displayed several dogs at Bonney Lake Days and found homes for them all.

Bebe said it’s a much better alternative than what can happen to abandoned or picked-up pets. Those taken to the Humane Society in Tacoma are euthanized after three days there.

“Fortunately, we’ve been able to place nearly all of our dogs,” she said. “People need to know that we have a lot of dogs available.”

For information or to sign up for a pet, call the Police Department at 863-2218.

Richard Silva
Ward 3

Richard Silva has served on the City Council for 10 years. He is a member of the Council’s Public Works Committee and the Council’s representative on the Joint Regional Policy Committee for Transportation. Silva is an account manager for a medical equipment firm and has lived in Bonney Lake for 22 years. He and his wife have two children.
Bonney Lake Officer Honored by Local Radio Station

Officer Mike Jennings was recently selected as “Police Officer of the Week” by a Seattle area radio station.

Country radio station KYCZ – “Young Country”, 96.5, selected Mike as their Police Officer of the Week because of his dedication to the department, the community and to his family.

Mike was nominated by his daughter and several Bonney Lake area residents. The radio ad states, “Officer Jennings gets to play Sonny Crockett on Lake Tapps during the summer months.”

The radio station sponsors the “Police Officer of the Week” and selects Puget Sound area Law Enforcement Officers who excel in their field.

Officer Jennings received a “Young Country” T-shirt, bumper stickers and on the air recognition during the week of October 24 - 20, 1994.

Congratulations Mike – Yee-ha!

Past Mayor

Robert Young

Robert L. “Bob” Young

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Great Job Guys!
Bonney Lake mayor says criticism is just politics

BY GUY BERGSTROM

“Bonney Lake—Three candidates for City Council were among a number of angry citizens who showed up at yesterday’s City Council meeting to take city officials to task on a variety of issues.”

Fire Chief Allen Debson was the primary target, but Mayor Ray Pully was also in the spotlight. Afterward, both suggested that the fireworks were little more than a campaign kickoff.

“It’s an election year,” Pully said.

Half of the dozens of people who spoke out at the meeting, three—Jim Criswell, Vitus Ballad, and Brady—were candidates for the council.

Among the complaints of those speaking at the Tuesday meeting was the fact that the city had destroyed complaints filed against Debson by Ballad and Corvallis Woodlin.

Criswell had been the only member of the City Council who had been denied the opportunity to speak on the issue.

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Ducks In Flight

The bronze sculpture in front of the Public Safety Building was officially dedicated on Sept. 14 as a memorial to fallen public safety officials. It is the creation of Larry Anderson who also sculpted its companion at the Ascent Park at the entrance to Bonney Lake on Highway 410.

Past Councilmembers’ Biographies for Elections

Richard Birkland
Ward 5
Richard Birkland has served on the City Council for four years. He is the chair of the Council’s Public Works Committee and a member of the Finance Committee. He is an electrician and has lived in Bonney Lake for 22 years. He has a son, 19, and is engaged to be married.

Robert Hawkins
Ward 2
Robert Hawkins has served on the City Council for seven years. He is chair of the Finance Committee, serves on the Public Safety Committee and currently is Mayor Pro Tem. He is a manufacturing engineer at Boeing and has lived in Bonney Lake for 12 years. He and his wife have two children.
City Celebrates 50th Birthday in 1999

Bonney Lake was incorporated as a City in the spring of 1949. We invite you to participate as we plan a celebration of the first 50 years of the City of Bonney Lake. Just as the City could not grow and prosper without you, nor can there be a proper celebration without you. We ask you to be a part of the planning, preparation and memory collection that will make this a first class event.

Residents who have lived in Bonney Lake for years and have a treasure of memorabilia can assist us in celebrating the rich history of our community. More recent arrivals to Bonney Lake can emphasize why you chose to make this community your home. We are in the preliminary planning stage of the celebration. If you would like to be involved, please contact Debbie Ridge, Deputy Clerk at City Hall (253) 862-8602.

ENHANCED 911 NOW ON-LINE

Residents of Bonney Lake now have the most advanced 911 communication center available. As of September 21, 1993, Bonney Lake Communications went on-line as a primary Enhanced 911 center. Previously, residents could dial 911 in an emergency. However, the call would go to Buckley before being transferred to Bonney Lake resulting in a delay in response time.

Included in the new equipment is an automatic number and location identification system which was purchased by Pierce County E-911 with the 50-cent excise tax for 911. This equipment enables communications officers to identify the phone number and location of a caller, even if the caller has hung up. This feature has proven to be life-saving in cases of domestic violence, medical-aid calls and emergencies involving small children who do not know their address.

Another life-saving new benefit to Bonney Lake residents is the ability to dial 911 and receive telephone CPR instruction. Communications officers have now been trained in emergency medical dispatch to assist you in a medical emergency.

In the unfortunate event that you are in an emergency and need to dial 911, try to remember these important tips:

1. The communications officer will always ask you to verify your name, address and phone number.
2. Be clear and concise about what the actual problem is and where it is occurring.
3. The communications officer will ask you a lot of questions to help the officers or firefighters that are responding. Stay calm and please be cooperative.

TO BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

City Introduces Voice Mail, Effective July 10

The City's new automated system is another way to provide better customer service for our community, allowing you to obtain information and leave messages at your convenience, even when City Hall is closed. Our "normal" office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City Hall's telephone number remains (253) 862-8602
Join the Fun at Bonney Lake’s 50th Anniversary Celebration on July 31

Bonney Lake citizens are invited to attend the City’s 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 31. The fun begins with a parade down Bonney Lake Boulevard at 11 a.m. and continues through the afternoon and evening at Allan Yorke Park with games, food and craft booths, and free entertainment.

PARADE
Begins at Intersection of Locust and Bonney Lake Boulevard and continues down Bonney Lake Boulevard to Allan Yorke Park.
- Sea Gulls and Seahawks mascot “Blitz”
- Summer Junior and High School Combined Marching Band
- Floats
- Dance teams
- Classic cars
- Fire trucks
- 4-H Club participants
- Cub Scouts

ENTERTAINMENT
Entertainment on the stage at Allan Yorke Park begins after the parade at 12:15 p.m.
12:15 p.m. Michelle’s Dance Studio presentation
1:15 p.m. Speeches, drawing for prizes
2:00 p.m. Michelle’s Dance Studio presentation
3:15 p.m. Covington Grass (Blue Grass)
4:15 p.m. Sundag (Scandinavian folk)
5:15 p.m. Brett (folk singer)
6:15 p.m. Gothic Poets (local rock band)
7:30 p.m. Peace Train (folk rock band)
9:00 p.m. Mirella Roppella (rock band)

OTHER ACTIVITIES
- Food court
- Carnival games
- Sack race
- Water balloon toss
- Commercial vendors
- Face painting

How Bonney Lake Became a City
The City of Bonney Lake was established 50 years ago, on February 28, 1949. The founder of Bonney Lake, Kenneth Simmons, formed the City so he could get water to develop his property and others. Until 1946, there was no water or electricity available. When incorporation was accomplished in 1949, the City’s population was 327. By 1950 the new town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, refuse disposal and a blood bank. By 1957, there were 12 licensed businesses in Bonney Lake with several new shopping developments underway.
A special booklet on the history of Bonney Lake will be available at the July 31 festival as well as a variety of commemorative items made especially for this occasion. Special 50th Anniversary throws are available at $40 plus tax.

City Computer Systems Tested for Y2K Bug
In the early days of computers, programmers created a two-digit year field for the date as a way to conserve the amount of memory space in the computer. Therefore, 1998 is read as 98. When the Year 2000 comes, some computer systems will think it is 1900. This may not affect some systems that do not use date and time functions in their system. However, this problem may dramatically impact any system that calculates, or schedules, whether it be calculating an age for retirement benefits, or reporting scheduled maintenance for equipment and vehicles.

All computer systems at City Hall and related City facilities have been tested for Y2K compliance and are expected to operate efficiently on Jan. 1, 2000. The Public Works Department has completed an upgrading of the computers that run water system and all are Y2K compliant. No problems are expected with the water and sewer system. However, these systems are dependent on electricity and if the power supply is disrupted, generators will need to be used. The City has ample generators at water supply sites, pump stations and lift stations as well as portable generators.
Nitrates in Bonney Lake water raise concern

B’Lake water is healthy, officials say

The sudden interest in the nitrate levels of Bonney Lake’s drinking water has city officials scratching their heads.

“We are doing well with our water,” Mayor Bob Young said this week. “People are getting excited for no reason.”

Excitement was heightened recently by a news report regarding a 1997 study in which nitrate levels in Victor Falls springs, one of Bonney Lake’s sources of drinking water, tested dangerously high for nitrates at 9.3 milligrams per liter.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that a level of 10 milligrams or more per liter can be harmful to children, because nitrates can deprive the brain of oxygen.

“The nitrate levels were high before or since,” Young said this week. “It was an anomaly caused by the mineral and the site equipment.”

The equipment was a rented device intended to provide a continuous reading of the nitrate level in one of the spring boxes at Victor Falls.

The device yielded data that “seemed erratic and lacked continuity,” said Greg Westra, the city’s engineer.

After three months, the device was removed. The data from that period showed a brief spike where the level of nitrates reached about 9.3 milligrams per liter, Westra said.

However, once the device was calibrated and re-installed, the nitrate level remained consistently around 2.5 milligrams per liter, which is well within the safe range.

The peak reading of 9.3 milligrams per liter is highly unlikely, said Westra.

Equipment blamed for high reading of nitrate levels

BY JAMIE SWIFT

How much is safe? According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, water containing less than 10 milligrams of nitrate per liter is safe to drink. One milligram per liter corresponds to about one ounce in two years or one penny in $10,000.

Westra said that during the 10-day period in which it occurred, the device tested nitrate levels that varied greatly from 1.5 to 9.3 milligrams per liter.

“Levels of constituents that are contained in groundwater sources simply do not change that rapidly,” he added.

Young said that in his review of the nitrate test results dating back to 1990, the levels of nitrate...

“We are doing well with our water.”

Mayor Bob Young, Bonney Lake

In the water had never been that high in the past. And since the temporary unit was replaced, he said, “there have been no other occurrences of this type.”

There is not a nitrate contamination problem, he said.

According to tests done by a certified laboratory and monitored by the Washington Department of Health, average nitrate levels over the last 10 years have been between 1.5 and 26 milligrams per liter. The 2.0 was registered this week.

“We just want to keep the water clean,” said Young. “We’re not attacking any particular problem.”

However, the state Department of Ecology has offered to loan the city $99,000 to continue its nitrate study and start a contamination-prevention program for residents.

The city, not certain of the necessity, has yet to accept the offer.

To prevent contamination of groundwater, the state Department of Ecology suggests the public reduce water usage, minimize the amount of fertilizer on lawns; stop disposing of motor oil and other contaminants in street drains; contain stormwater runoff on your property; maintain the buffers on your creaks; and take hazardous materials to a safe and proper disposal site.

To find out where to take hazardous materials, call 1-800-RECYCLE.
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Bonney Lake
Washington...
“Where Dreams Can Soar”
From Covered Wagons To Bustling City
An Early History of the Bonney Lake Area

In 1841 Lieutenant Robert E. Johnson led an overland survey party across the Puget Sound to the Yakima River. Under his direction, Captain Wilkes also conducted a survey of the region, mapping the Puget Sound area by land and sea. The route passed through the Bonney Lake area, which was then part of the Olympic Peninsula.

The Bonney Lake area was inhabited by the Puyallup tribes, who were later displaced by the Muckleshoot tribes when they moved into the area. The area was later named for the river that flows through it, the Bonney Lake.

In 1853 a series of events provoked conflicts between Native American tribes and the US government. The area was later named for the river that flows through it, the Bonney Lake.

In 1855-1856, the area was settled by pioneers from around the country and the area along the Puget Sound.

The most significant local industries were at Connel Prairie, where the early settlers lived. The area was later named for the river that flows through it, the Bonney Lake.

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Lake Tapps Created

In 1939, the Puget Sound Power & Light Company (Poulsbo) dredged water from the White (Bottle) River and raised the level of Lake Tapps to provide additional water storage. The project involved the existing Kittayuma Lake, Carnation Lake, and Church Lake into the consolidated Lake Tapps reservoir. The power company, now known as Puget Sound Energy, still controls the level of the lake. In the summer, the water level increases to provide a recreational water sports playground, for boating, fishing, water skiing, swimming and boating. On the lakeshore, the reflection of Mt. Rainier appears on the water once more.

Between the southern end of Lake Tapps, still called Church Lake after the original lake, and Lake Konney near Debra Lake Road, is a private, marina-like lake accessible only by those living within Debra Jane Estates.

A City Is Born

Kenneth Simmons, the founder of Bonney Lake, wanted to get water so he could create his property and others. He decided it was cheaper and easier to form a city than to form a PUD. Under the City of Kent, Bonney Lake was established in 1946 on 1,500 acres of land purchased from a "Kiddie Marn" named George Larsen. In 1946, there was no electricity or water available. The Simmons family was the driving force for development and incorporation, with Kenneth Simmons serving as Mayor of the new town. By 1960, the city had a population of 1,000 and an active City Council and police department. In 1960, the city annexed some land from the town of Kent. Today, Bonney Lake has a population of 50,000.

In 1953, Mrs. Yorkie and her husband bought property in Bonney Lake. They cleared their land of wild blackberries to build a cabin for use on weekends. In 1973, they moved to Bonney Lake permanently.

In 1947 Gladys Maddox and her husband Guyed moved to Konney Lake. They attended the early City Council meetings. A fire was believed to have started in the city, and the town was incorporated by Mayor Kenny Simmons so the town could be incorporated and apply for a water grant.

Growing Pains

As the city grew, the new town council went to work with the problems associated with growth. By 1965, the population had climbed to 1,400. Some of the early streets were grade-separated with turn lanes. The City Council worked hard to ensure that the streets were well-maintained.

In 1956, the city had a strong tradition of small business. The city had several small businesses located in the downtown area, including a hardware store, a pharmacy, and a bakery.

Bonney Lake Fire: Chief for Bonney Lake.

Retired Fire Chief Allen Dobson

In 1962, Chief Allen Dobson was appointed to the Bonney Lake Fire Department. He served as Chief from 1962 to 1968. In 1968, he retired as Chief and was replaced by Chief Vern Seabrook.

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Yorke Park:

Yorke Park was the first city park in the city of Bonney Lake. It was located on the north side of the city and was named after Yorke, a former mayor of Bonney Lake. The park was developed in the early 1960s and featured a swimming pool, playground, and picnic area.

In 1968, the park was renamed Yorke Park in honor of Yorke, who served as mayor from 1962 to 1968.

Bonney Lake High School:

Bonney Lake High School was built in 1962 and opened in 1963. The school was designed by the local architect, Ed Seabrook, and was built at a cost of $2 million.

In 1963, the school opened with 400 students and 16 teachers. The school was designed to accommodate up to 1,200 students.

By 1970, the school had grown to 1,000 students and 40 teachers. The school was expanded to accommodate the growing student population.

In 1975, the school had grown to 1,200 students and 60 teachers. The school was expanded further to accommodate the growing student population.

In 1980, the school had grown to 1,500 students and 80 teachers. The school was expanded again to accommodate the growing student population.

In 1990, the school had grown to 2,000 students and 100 teachers. The school was expanded again to accommodate the growing student population.

In 2000, the school had grown to 2,500 students and 150 teachers. The school was expanded again to accommodate the growing student population.

In 2010, the school had grown to 3,000 students and 200 teachers. The school was expanded again to accommodate the growing student population.

In 2020, the school had grown to 3,500 students and 250 teachers. The school was expanded again to accommodate the growing student population.
The Sewer Controversy

City government officials, as early as Mayor Robert A. Bowers, had recognized the need for a sewers system in Bonney Lake. Mayor Allen York, who was later to become a driving force behind the creation of the Bonney Lake Water Authority, advocated for the need of a sewers system. However, it was not until Mayor John Pedraro was elected in 1967 that the Council finally acted on this recommendation. The Chief Water Act required that all large bodies of water must be eliminated by the year 1980, since Lake Tapps was a large body of water. This was a concern to city officials. Mayor York pointed out that it was necessary to spend large amounts of money on repairing roads that would have to be torn up while installing sewer lines in the near future.

However, a portion of the population felt sewers were unnecessary and too costly to install. By 1976, the City of Bonney Lake had a population of 4,317, and building permits showed indications of continued construction of many new houses and mobile homes. Government sponsored building projects for low income families had sparked a building boom. As a result, many people in the city had moved to Bonney Lake.

The City Council, by an 8-2 vote, began Monday, November 30, 1970, on 18th Avenue North to 183rd Place North, a four-lane, divided highway. Construction of a treatment plant and financing for the City Council continued to make headlines in the local press. In 1980, Mayor John Pedraro, who was mayor at the time, oversaw the controversial LID (Local Improvement District) to fund the balance of the project. One Council meeting in January 1983 was so packed, 600 plus residents showed up that the meeting had to be moved from the City Hall to the auditorium at the Bonney Lake Elementary School.

In May of 1983, Bonney Lake Mayor John Pedraro was recalled, and the Council effectively killed the proposed LID. The city's property owners opposed it. The Mayor was not the only casualty of the recall, as City Clerk Mildred Brown, the only voice of the city, resigned, citing stress and health problems. Mayor Pedraro, who had previously held office as Mayor in 1979.

In 1983, the sewer system went online. Installation of the sewer system has not only protected the water quality of the lake and rivers, but also allowed more development of the Bonney Lake area, both residential and commercial.

Streets

State Highway 191 in June 1949 was renamed as the Old Summer Sedro-Woolley Highway, a name which would continue to be used until the completion of the new highway. Construction of the new highway was completed in 1956, and the road was named Old Sumner Road.

In May of 1950, the North End of Highway had been completed, and the new road was opened to traffic. The road was named Old Sedro-Woolley Highway, and the new road was named Highway 191. The new highway was a four-lane, divided highway, and the old highway was still in use as a two-lane, undivided road.

In 1961, the new highway was completed, and the old highway was still in use as a two-lane, undivided road. Traffic increased on Highway 191, and the state decided to improve the road.

In 1966, the Highway 191 project was finished, and the road was named Highway 191. The old highway was then closed, and the new road was named Highway 191.

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Animal Control

It's had to be the pet control officer a dog catcher in any city. No one likes to pick up stray dogs and show them to the dog pound. But the officer could do just that. In 1951, Paul Stone moved to Bonney Lake and worked as a pet control officer. He remembers the first day a dog was picked up.

Francis McCoy Pickering has lived in Bonney Lake for the past 65 years. She states that in the early days everyone in Bonney Lake was one acre of land. She feels "the area has grown, not always for the good, but that's progress."

Garbage Collection

Duane Tidball was one of the first garbage collectors in Bonney Lake. He was paid $5.00 per day and all they could eat. They used a small truck that was in bad shape and picked up on Saturday, checking mailboxes. They collected garbage for $1.50 per load. In 1979, the City of Bonney Lake purchased a new truck and hired Duane Tidball. Since then, the company has been contracted out to Waste Management. Tidball got the contract for close to 26 years now.
Bonny Lake Library

One of the dreams of the City was to have its own library. It was the dream which led through the doors to form the Library. One of the main components of the dream was to have a building, which would serve as a center for the community. On May 7, 1972, the first step in making that dream a reality was accomplished when the Bonny Lake Library was dedicated. The library was dedicated to serve the citizens of the area.

Public Safety

Police ..... In the early days of the City, circa 1949 to 1961, Fred Cusai was the first Marshal. He had no car, but he did have a great sense of humor. He was known to wear a white suit and tie while on duty. His nickname was "The White Knight." In 1961, he was succeeded by Albert Leach, who served as the second Marshal. In 1963, the position was taken by Robert "Bob" Young, who continued to serve until 1969.

Police Chief George Wells, the first Chief to have a police car, was appointed in 1973. He had a background in law enforcement and was well respected by the community. His tenure was marked by innovative ideas and a commitment to keeping the community safe.

Fire Department

In 1970, the Volunteer Fire Department was established, with the help of Chief George Wells. The department was formed to provide emergency services to the community.

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...and Fire

In 1949 the Maddox family had a fire at their home but there was no fire department to respond or water to fight it with. In February of 1959, the town council began working on forming a Volunteer Fire Department. From 1952 to 1957, Donald Black was the Fire Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department. In 1967, the first fire station was built, and the department continued to serve the community.

A Monument To Public Safety

On September 13, 1986, a dedication ceremony was held for a monument dedicated to the public safety personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. The monument was located at the entrance to the new Public Safety Building at 16401 Old Garlic Highway.
City Hall

In the early days of the Town, the people of Bonney Lake worked hard to create a Town Hall. The first city hall was a small, concrete building located on Locust Avenue near 82nd Street East. Prior to the construction of the building, town meetings were held at the home of John and Rebecca Wilson, located at 821 Locust Avenue. In 1967, the city moved government to the old Buckeye Elementary School, which had been converted into a City Hall building. In 1985, the City Hall moved to its current location at 17500 4th Street East, to accommodate the growing needs of the community. Since then, the City Hall has continued to expand and improve, providing necessary services to the residents of Bonney Lake.

Senior Center

After years of planning and fundraising by the Bonney Lake Senior Citizens, their dream was made reality with the opening of the Senior Center on Locust Avenue at 19500 4th Street East. The Center opened in 1987, and has been a hub for community events and services for senior citizens. The Center offers a variety of programs and services, including meals, social events, and access to information and resources.

Teen Center

In 1997, the City Council voted to donate 1/2 acre of land adjacent to the Bonney Lake High School to the Youth Association. The preliminary site plan is for a 20,300 square foot facility to be constructed on the site after about two years of study and planning. The Association Chairman, Jack Johnson, was a frequent visitor to the new facility before it was built.

Parks

Work began in the 1960s on developing a Park for the community. The original park was created in the 1960s at the base of the mountain. The park was later expanded, and a new facility was built in the 1990s. The park continues to be a popular destination for residents and visitors.

Other Public Services

Schools

In 1961, the Sumner School District #30 opened the Bonney Lake Elementary School for classes. The school was named after the baseball field, which was used by the students. The school was later renamed the Robert Allen School in honor of the late Mayor Allen.

Commercial Development

An increase in population means an increase in the need for community services. In the case of Bonney Lake, this has meant a need for additional businesses and services. The city has been working to accommodate this growth, with new businesses and services being added to the area.

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Further east, the Highway Grocery operated (and continues to do so). For 24 years, shoppers could make the trek to either Summer or Buckley. The Union 76 gas station at SR 410 and Old Buckley Highway was in operation (now also turned down, with the 'closed' sign, but it's still there).

In the late 1960s, the Skyline Restaurant, the Jefferson Park Tennis Center, and the old Tidball's Drug Store (which was later turned into a gas station) were located near the intersection of SR 410 and Old Buckley Highway.

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Minutes From Past City Council Meetings

May 19, 1949 - Torsorn City limit signs were received from the State Highway Dept.

June 10, 1949 - State Highway Engineers were notified that Old Sumner to Buckley Highway is a major arterial and that South Washington and Myers Rd. is a secondary arterial.

Oct. 24, 1949 - 4 population signs were ordered, 2 at road entrance and 2 on Main Highway. A motion was made to purchase a pair of handbells for the Marshall. The Street Committee was asked to prepare sign for the streets in town now that the streets have names.

June 20, 1951 - A motion to place a sign on the Town Hall reading "TOWN HALL" was also authorized by the planning and zoning of the City of Bremerton.

Feb. 28, 1952 - The formation of a Volunteer Fire Brigade was discussed and a meeting with the Sumner Fire Chief was arranged.

March 24, 1952 - A motion was made to drop the service of the Bookmobile in 1953 as it was voted down by the people, and the librarian motion was passed.

Sept. 6, 1952 - A motion was made to enter into a contract for weekly garbage collection by a private collector. Also that the garbage contractor will pay the town $100.00 for the present garbage truck. On May 4, 1954 the then Mayor Mr. Simmons announced the appointment to Orville Greenwood as the garbage collector.

Aug. 4, 1952 - Patent Sound Power Light was contracted to install street lights on the Old Buckley Highway.

Nov. 2, 1952 - A motion was made to pay the Town Marshall $2.00 for five hours of extra service on Halloween Night.

Nov. 2, 1954 - A motion was made in regards to Ordinance No. 42, which sorters at the termination of the Board of City Light and Water. D. Simons in their valuation and ordinance and enforcing them that they must comply with Ordinance No. 42 immediately.

Aug. 3, 1955 - City Council requested the town attorney to write a letter to the Pacific Gas & Electric Company about arising from existing and uncollectible for the next three years. On Aug. 15, 1955 it would be necessary to take legal action.

Jan. 28, 1957 - City Attorney was requested to place an ad in the Western Cities Magazine to sell out for 30 years to the public. The proposed rate for the ad was 15.00.

The first Borney Lake City Council Meeting 1949. Bob Wheeler, Curly Maddox, Fred Heilman, Ken Simmons, Orville Simmons, Clarence Roberts, and Gertrude Wheeler attended.

March 11, 1957 - A Fire Dept. Sling Fund was established.

April 8, 1957 - Ordinance 391 was introduced and passed, and declared an emergency. This ordinance pertains to the New Fire Hall to be located on the 20th St. of the No. 90 of Block No. 3 and the Fire Truck. Mayor entertained the question of building a new quarters for the fire department, and that the New Fire Hall must not be too close to the fire station.

June 10, 1957 - Mr. Jolly of the Town Marshall requested $50.00 for the repair of his car. The reverse gear of the car went out, while he was in pursuit of someone on the street.

July 31, 1957 - A Special Meeting of the Town Council was called to order by the Mayor Robert Wheeler. Ordinance No. 21 was read in the purchase of power from the City of Bremerton. The ordinance was passed and signed by the Mayor.

July 10, 1957 - Street lights for Myers Road were ordered.

The Minutes of Council were handwritten until July 6, 1957.
In 1999 Bonney Lake Celebrates 50 Years...

SPECIAL THANKS...

To Everyone Who Participated
On The 50th Anniversary
Committee, And To Those
Who Helped In Planning
Anniversary Events.

Ascent Part

Dedicated in 1992, this bronze sculpture The Ascent graces the Highway as you enter Bonney Lake and has been emblematic in the creation of Bonney Lake's motto, "Where Dreams Can Soar".

Created by local resident and nationally acclaimed artist, Larry Anderson, it was selected from 12 designs submitted by major national artists. The work of art required one and one half years, from design to completion.
1999 Legal Description of Bonney Lake

REvised 3 August 1999

That portion of Township 20 North, Range 5 East, W.M., and Township 19 North, Range 6 East, W.M., Pierce County, Washington, described as follows:

in said Township 20 North, Range 5 East, W.M., beginning at the intersection of the west right-of-way line of 214th Avenue East with the South line of Section 29; thence North along said right-of-way line to the northeast corner of Pierce County School District No. 15; thence East along said School District line to the west right-of-way line of Vandelous Road as shown on the plat of Church Lake Waterfront Estates Division No. 2 as recorded in Volume 2 of Plats at Page 16; records of Pierce County Auditor; thence North along said right-of-way line to the northeast corner of Lot 1; thence Northwesterly crossing the inlet arm of Lake Tapps to the southwest corner of Lot 1, plat of Maple Point Addition as recorded in Volume 24 of Plats at Page 66; records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northwesterly along the north right-of-way line of Vandelous Rd (64th Street East) to the west right-of-way line of 213th Avenue East; thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to the south line of Section 22; thence easterly along said south line to the cemetery of YMCA County Road; thence Northwesterly along the center line of YMCA County Road to the east-west boundary of said plat of Maple Point Addition; thence East along said east-west line to the east line of said plat at the east line of Lot 44; said East line; thence Northwesterly and Westerly along said East and Northernly line of said plat to the most northerly point of Lot 21; thence West to a point on the east line of the plat of Interlake Island as recorded in Volume 23 of Plats at Page 10; records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northwesterly along said East line to the most northerly point of said plat; thence West to the east line of the plat of Interlake Island Addition No. 1 as recorded in Volume 23 of Plats at Page 19; records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northwesterly along said east line to the northeast corner of Lot 50; said plat; thence Southwesterly, Southwesterly and Westerly along said plat boundary to the center line of Lot 60; said plat; thence Northwesterly and Southwesterly along said plat boundary to the northwest corner of Lot 66; said plat; thence Southwesterly along the westerly boundary of said plat of Interlake Island Addition No. 1 to intersect the south line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21; Township 20 North, Range 5 East, W.M.; thence West along said south line to the southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of Section 21; thence North along the west line of said Southeast Quarter to the northeast corner of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 21; thence West along the north line of said South Half to the west line of said Section 21; thence South along said west line to the northwest corner of the plat of Bonney Lake as recorded in Volume 16 of Plats at Page 13; records of Pierce County Auditor; thence South along the west line of said plat to the north line of the plat of Debra Jane Lake Division No. 3 as recorded in Volume 21 of Plats at Page 55; records of Pierce County Auditor; thence West along the north line of said plat to the east line of Section 29; thence along said east line to the southeast corner of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29; thence West along the south line of said subdivision to
the northwest corner of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 29; thence South along the west line of said East Half and along the west line of the East Half of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 29 to the south line of said Section 29; thence West along the north line of said Section 30 to the north line of said Northeast Quarter to the southwest corner thereof; thence West along said south line to the southeast corner of said D.L.C.; thence East on an extension of said south line to the southeast corner of the A.H. Perham D.L.C.; thence East along said east line to the north line of said child subdivision 575 feet, thence East 549 feet, thence Northwesterly 702 feet to a point on the north line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter which lies 341 feet of the northwest corner thereof, thence East along said north line to the southwest corner of the plat of Elly Creek as recorded in Volume 22 of Plats at Page 28, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence Northwesterly along the west line of said plat to the northwest corner thereof; thence East along the north line of said plat to intersect the southwest rights-of-way line of State Highway No. 410; thence Southwesterly along said right-of-way to the west line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 33; thence South along said west line or the southwest corner of said Section 33, thence East along said south line of said Section 33 to the northwest corner of the plat of Kelly Creek Heights as recorded in Volume 23 of Plats at Page 8, records of Pierce County Auditor; thence South into Section 4, said Township 19 North, Range 5 East, W.M., along the west line of said plat to the southwest corner thereof; thence Southwesterly along the southerly line of said plat to the west line of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 4; thence South along said west line and the east line of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 4 to the south line of said said subdivision; thence West along said south line to the east line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 4; thence North along said east line to the southeast corner of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4; thence West along the south line of said subdivision to the south line of said plat thereof; thence West along said line and an extension thereof, of the North Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4 to the west right-of-way line of Pernel Angelina County Road; thence North along said west right-of-way line to intersect a line that is parallel with and 100 feet south of the north line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5; thence West along said parallel line to intersect a line that is parallel with and 400 feet West of the east line of said Southeast Quarter of Section 5; thence North along said parallel line to said north line of said Southwest Quarter of said Section 5; thence West along said north line and the north line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5 to the northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5; thence South along the west line of said subdivision to the southwest corner thereof; thence West along the north line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5 to the west line of said Section; thence South along said west line to the southwest corner of said Section 5; thence East along the north line of Section 8 to the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence South along the west line of said Northeast Quarter to the southwest corner of the North 208 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence East along the south line of said Northwest Quarter to the southwest corner of the East 208 feet of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence South along said west line to the southeast corner of Pierce County Short Plat No. 90022040; thence West along the south line of said Short Plat to the northeasterly right-of-way line of Bisset-Scott County Road; thence Southwesterly along said right-of-way to intersect the south line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8; thence East along said south line to the southwest corner of said subdivision; thence North along the east line of said subdivision to the southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8; thence North along the west line of said subdivision to the southwest corner of the North Half of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8; thence East along the north line of said South Half to the northwest corner thereof; thence East along the north line of said South Half to the Southeast Quarter of the South Half of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8; thence East along the north line of said Short Plat to the south line of said South Quarter of the southwest corner of the plat of Boatley Lake Manor as recorded under Pierce County Auditor File No. 9207010522; thence South along the West line of said plat to the southwest corner of Lots 5, 4, and 3; thence South along the south line of said plat of said Highway No. 410; thence South along the south line of said plat of the Wooded Waters Addition as recorded under Pierce County Auditor File No. 9108011048.
Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 34; thence West along said south line to the southwest corner of said subdivision; thence North along the west line of said
Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 34 to the northwest corner of said subdivision; thence East along the north line of said subdivision to said southwest right-of-way line of 214th Avenue East; thence North along said west line and the east line of Lots 33A, 90 through 95, inclusive, plat of Cedarview No. 2 as recorded in Volume 30 of Plats at Page 50, records of Pierce County Auditor to the north-right-of-way line of Sumner Buckeye Highway; thence West and Southwesterly along said right-of-way line to the west line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 34; thence South along said west line to the northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 34; thence West along the northeast line of said subdivision to the northwest corner thereof; thence South along the west line of said subdivision to the southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 34; thence West along the south line of said subdivision to the northeasterly right-of-way line of State Highway 410; thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to the northeast corner of the line of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of said Southwest Quarter of Section 33; thence East along said south line to the east line of said Southwest Quarter of said Section 33; thence North along said east line to the southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of said Section 33; thence North along the west line of said subdivision to the southerly line of Church Lake County Road East; thence Northwesterly along said southerly line to the south line of the Northwest Quarter of said Northeast Quarter; thence East along said south line to the southeast corner of said subdivision; thence North along the east line of said subdivision to the Southerly line of Church Lake Road East; thence Northwesterly along said line 112.90 feet; thence Northwesterly perpendicular to said southerly line, 106.55 feet to the east line of said subdivision; thence North along the east line of said subdivision to the northeast corner thereof; thence East along the north line of the Southwest Quarter of said Northeast Quarter of Section 33 to the northeast corner of said subdivision; thence North along the west line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27 to the northwest corner of said subdivision; thence West along the north line of said subdivision; thence South parallel with the east line of said Tract B, Church Lake Waterfront Tracts Division No. 1 as recorded in Volume 22 of Plats at Page 1, records of the Pierce County Auditor; thence North along said east line to an angle point in said line; thence East 100 feet along the south line of said Tract B to an angle point in said line; thence North along the east line of said Tract B to the southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the

Southwest Quarter of Section 27 and the south line of Tract 'C', said plat of Church Lake Waterfront Tracts Division No. 1; thence East along the south line of said Tract C and the south line of City of Bountiful Lake Short Plat 79-397 as recorded in Volume 34 of Short Plats at Page 85, records of Pierce County Auditor to the southeast corner of said Short Plat; thence North along the east line of said Short Plat to the northeast corner thereof; thence West along the north line of said Short Plat to a line parallel with said 68.8 feet east of the west line of the northeast corner of said Southwest Quarter of Section 27; thence North along said parallel line 106.38 feet to the north line of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence West 68.8 feet along said north line to the northwest corner of said subdivision; thence North along the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence East along said south line to a line which is parallel with said 445 feet west of the east line of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 792 feet along said parallel line; thence East to the east line of said subdivision; thence South along said subdivision; thence East along the south line of said subdivision to the north line of said subdivision; thence South along said north line to the northeast corner of said subdivision; thence North along said south line to the southwest corner of the North Half of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 27; thence East along said south line to the east line of said subdivision; thence South along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34 to the east right-of-way line of 214th Avenue East; thence South along said east right-of-way line to the north-right-of-way line of Kellie Lake Road; thence East along said north right-of-way line to west right-of-way line of 214th Avenue East; thence North along said right-of-way line to the north line of said Section 34 and the Point of Beginning. 

AND, Lots 1 through 35 inclusive, and the abutting public roads in the plat of Kelly Creek Vista as recorded under Pierce County Auditor Number 8410160215.

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BL Councilmember resigns

Vigna resigns after serving through three administrations

BY BEKKI VAN BENTHEIJEN
of The Peninsula Herald

Bonney Lake Councilmember Carl Vigna officially resigned Monday from his position as representa-
tive for Ward 1 after serving nearly 13 years.

"It has always been satisfying to me, personally, knowing I was giving something back to the com-

munity," Vigna stated in his resigna-
tion letter to the Mayor. "And

happily I've made a difference."

Bonney Lake Mayor Bob Young

received the letter Monday morn-
ing. The letter stated Vigna's resigna-
tion was effective immediately.

Young responded to the letter with understanding, but said Vigna will
definitely be missed.

"I'm sorry to see Carl go," Young said. "He brought a lot of experience and years to the coun-
cil, but I understand his feelings. If I was in the same place I would make the same decision."

Although several issues resulted in his decision to leave, Vigna said the main reason was it was time to

let others gain the experience he has been able to have and for him to

"get back into retirement mode."

"I've tried to be a stabilizing factor on the council and I've done that," Vigna said of his resignation.

"Now it is time to move on."

He has been volunteering part time as a forman for the con-

struction of the new St. Andrew's

Church along with dedicating his time to the council. Along with being a council member, Vigna

served for several years on the Bonney Lake Planning Commission.

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"I still plan on being active as much as I can as an outsider and participate in issues where public participation is requested."

Carl Vigna, Former Bonney Lake City Councilman

So, with the church in its final stages of completion and nearly two decades of government serv-

ice behind him, Vigna said retire-

ment will be nice, but he will still be involved.

"I still plan to be active as much as I can as an outsider and participate in issues where public participation is requested," he said. "I hope to still be involved in the issues of Downtown and growth problems."

Young said the council is accepting applications for the position. Ward 1 covers the area around Lake

Jade and up to Indian Lake. Application forms can be picked up at Bonney Lake City Hall, 19306

Bonney Lake Blvd.

He added the council hopes to make a formal declaration of rules for appointing a new council mem-

ber at the next Bonney Lake City Council Meeting Feb. 8.

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE NEWSLETTER

Citizens Now Can Apply for Passports at Bonney Lake City Hall

The Municipal Court and City Clerk's Office staff has

been approved to accept, examine and submit applica-
tions for passports. Applications for first time pass-

port, passport by mail, renewal of passport, passport amend-

ment and various addendums are now available at the

Bonney Lake City Hall.

The cost for first time applicants is $45 for ages 15 or older, and $25 for ages 15 or younger plus an additional agents

fee of $15 to be paid separately by cash, money order, or
cashier's check. It takes approximately 10-12 weeks for the

application process to be completed after submitting to the

passport agent. If a passport is needed within 10 to 12 days, a required expedite fee of $35 will be applied to the costs.

Applicants must provide the following when submitting an application:

- Evidence of U.S. Citizenship by means of an acceptable certified birth certificate. California birth certificates must

be in the long form as well as certain counties in Texas. For more information contact a passport agent.

- Evidence of identity by means of a valid driver’s license, Boeing ID Card, or state ID. Please note that state IDs may

not be used by itself to prove identity.

- Two identical photographs 2.25” square with a white or off-white background. Headgear may be worn in

photographs if required by one’s religion, but it must not cover any facial features.

Persons interested in more infor-
mation or who have any questions regarding passports are welcome to call the City Clerk's Office at

253-882-8602 or the Municipal Court at 253-882-8606.

You may call the National Passport Information Center at 1-900-874-6138 or 1-888-221-7778. For credit card calls (VISA, Mastercharge, American Express) 1-888-362-8668.

Rates:

- Automated 900 service $3.35 per minute
- Live operator 900 service $1.05 per minute
- Credit Card calls $4.95 flat rate per call
- All rates are subject to change
Change the Form of Government?

At the City Council meeting on Nov. 14, the Bonney Lake City Council approved a vote next May to ask the citizens to change the form of city government.

Currently we have a Mayor-Council, or “Strong-Mayor” form of government. The duties of the Mayor and of the City Council are set forth in the RCW’s (Revised Code of Washington, our state laws) and are very clear and direct. The Mayor is elected by the community to be “the chief executive and administrative officer of the City, in charge of all departments and employees, with authority to designate assistants and department heads.” He also “shall have general supervision of the administration of the City government and all City interests.” The Mayor also “presides over all meetings of the City Council – and shall report to the Council concerning the affairs of the city and its financial and other needs, and shall make recommendations for Council consideration and action.” The Mayor is also to “prepare and submit to the council a proposed budget – and the Mayor has the power to veto ordinances passed by the council (who may override the veto). The Mayor shall be the official and ceremonial head of the City, and shall represent the City on ceremonial occasions.”

(Chapter 35A.12 in the RCW)

There is another form of government, the “Council-Manager” form, which this Council desires. In this form, found in Chapter 35A.13, the Council members are the only elected officers in the City. The Council is thus directed to “appoint an officer whose title shall be ‘City Manager’ who shall be the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of the City government.” The City Manager is thus “responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City.”

This form of government does provide for a Mayor, but they are chosen from among the Council members. Every two years the Council has to choose a “chairman from among their number – who shall have the title of Mayor and shall preside at meetings of the Council.” This person continues to be a member of the Council and does not have veto powers over Council actions, nor any “regular administrative duties.”

The Council is asking you to vote on whether you want to change your current form of government. The basic change would be that the Mayor would no longer be elected by the people, and the City Manager would be hired by the City Council and work directly for them. Now it is up to you to decide whether you want to change the current form of government in our City, and you have four months to ponder your decision.

Hopefully, we will have healthy, open discussions as to the benefits of both sides, so that you, the citizen, can wisely make your choice.
Citizens to Decide
Form of Government
in Election on May 15

The City Council has called for a special election on May 15 to ask citizens to change the form of government for the City of Bonney Lake.

Currently Bonney Lake has a Mayor-Council form of government, with a Mayor elected by the citizens of the City. If this ballot passes, it will change the form of government to Council-Manager, thus eliminating the office of the Elected Mayor.

Currently the Mayor is elected by the community to be the chief executive and administrative officer of the city, in charge of all departments and employees, with authority to appoint assistants and department heads. He also is responsible for general supervision of the administration of the city government. The Mayor also presides over all meetings of the City Council and represents the City Council to the public.

Under the change requested by the City Council, the Council members are the only elected officers in the City. They would then be required to appoint a City Manager who would be the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of the City government. This person would answer directly to the City Council. The Council would also choose from among themselves a chairman who would act as the ceremonial Mayor for a term of two years.

Since Bonney Lake is a “Code City,” if a change in government were made, that change would have to be in effect a minimum of six years.

It is up to you, the citizens, to decide whether you want to change the current form of government in our City or not. Citizens are encouraged to thoughtfully consider this decision and then vote.

BONNEY LAKE
Reporter
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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The City has recently hired a full-time Code Enforcement Officer to manage municipal code compliance. The City’s municipal code provides guidelines that assure community well-being and protecting the pristine atmosphere offered by the City of Bonney Lake. The Code Enforcement Officer will handle all residential, business and building/land use complaints. If there is a code issue you are concerned about, please contact City Hall (253) 862-8602 X643. To manage complaints/concerns you will be requested to fill-out a Request for Action form.

GOODBYE CHIEF, SERGEANT

Police Chief Don Frazier retired from the Bonney Lake Police Department on March 1, 2001. Chief Frazier dedicated 30 years of his life to protecting and serving the Bonney Lake community. His dedication to the citizens and the police department will be sorely missed. Chief Frazier was awarded a Civic Award from the Association of Washington Cities for his dedicated service to the community. The search for his replacement is underway.

Sergeant Mark Kessner has also retired from the Bonney Lake Police Department effective June 2001. Sgt. Kessner served the citizens of Bonney Lake for 24 years. Prior to Bonney Lake, Sgt. Kessner worked for the cities of Yelm & Roy. Sgt. Kessner’s professional, caring attitude will be missed by all that he came in contact with during his career. A search is also underway to fill Sgt. Kessner’s position.

We wish both officers the best in their retirements!
City Building Skate Park at Allan Yorke

As part of the 2002 City budget, the City Council approved funding for the construction of a new skate park. The location is within the Allan Yorke Park directly west of the tennis courts. The design and construction of the skate park is proceeding as quickly as possible. The preliminary project schedule for the skate park is below. If you would like more information, contact Denney Bryan at City Hall, 253-862-8602 ext. 643 or dbryan@citybonneymkładke.org.

Bonney Lake Skate Park

![Map of Allan Yorke Park and skate park]

**PROJECTED SKATE PARK SCHEDULE**

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City of Bonney Lake Web Site

The City’s web site is up and running! The site was developed with cooperative support from the Mayor, Councilmembers, City Board and Commission members, and staff. We are very proud of the outcome, which has resulted in the Gold- en Web Award for 2002-2003.
City Hall Permit Center is Up And Running

The City of Bonney Lake Permit Center is now established and beginning operation. Quicker, more efficient and accurate public assistance is now available to Bonney Lake residents and the business & development community.

The Mayor and City Council directed staff in the spring of 2002 to move ahead with establishment of a Permit Center to expedite the review and approval process for a wide array of permits under the control of the City. The goal of the center is to expedite the permitting process and to achieve economies in processing, tracking and follow-up work for building permits, business licensing, platting and planning actions and a variety of other development-related activities.

The Mayor and City Council challenged staff with significantly reducing the time required for review, processing and approval/issuance of the wide array of regulatory permits. Instead of having to go from one City department or office to another, the developers, builders and residents of the City can now have all but the most complex issues and questions resolved at the permit counter. As with any new process and procedure, smoothing out the rough edges of the Center operation will continue for several months.

The Permit Center is part of the Department of Planning & Community Development and operates as a section of the Building Division. The Center works closely with staff of the Public Works, Finance and City Clerk's Departments. Personnel operating the Center include Permit Coordinator Nancy Packard, Interim Technician Kristy Gerwig, and Department Assistant Christy McQuillen.

New Skate Park At Allan Yorke Park Starting to Take Shape

Groundbreaking for the new Bonney Lake skate park was held on November 26, 2002, at Allan Yorke Park, and construction began on December 1, 2002. Land-clearing took only about a week, storm drainage facilities have been installed and excavation is largely complete. Unfortunately, vandalism occurred on the contractor's equipment which delayed the project. The contractor is offering a $100.00 reward to catch those responsible for the damage. Please contact the Bonney Lake Police Department at (253) 863-2218 if you have any information.

The skate park is scheduled to open no later than March 30, 2003.
Bonney Lake Commences
First Major Comprehensive Plan Update

The City’s Comprehensive Plan guides decisions about zoning, subdivisions, development regulations, city facilities, and annexations. It sets forth goals, policies, and strategies for maintaining a high quality of life.

The Growth Management Act requires that Bonney Lake begin updating its comprehensive plan. This is the first major review of the plan since its adoption in 1996. This update is important because Bonney Lake is growing rapidly. Growth affects city facilities and transportation routes, and changes the nature of neighborhoods.

The City is currently updating the following four Comprehensive Plan Elements: Community Character, Natural Environment, Land Use, and Housing. These changes include a revised Future Land Use Map. These land use designations are not the same as zoning; rather, they represent the City’s vision for the next 20 years.

The remaining Elements (Transportation, Utilities, Parks, and Capital Facilities) will be updated in 2004. Below is the schedule for the update of the first four elements. Written comments are always encouraged, and testimony may be given at public hearings.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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ALL MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

You can read more about the Comprehensive Plan update by visiting the City’s website at www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us. Navigate to departments/planning & community development/long-range planning/comprehensive plan and amendments. Or monitor the City Council and Planning Commission agendas on the City’s website.

For more information, or to view a copy of the proposed Comprehensive Plan elements, contact the Planning and Community Development Department at 862-8602.
City Moves Its Web Site to New Address
www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us

Information Technology Department — Greetings. We have been very busy the last few months. We have moved our web site from www.citybonneylake.org to our new address www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us. If you have our old web site address bookmarked, you will be automatically redirected to our new address. If you have signed up for our electronic newsletter in coming weeks you will begin receiving e-mails informing you of Council alerts, emergency alerts, and critical information, public safety announcements as well as upcoming events. If you wish to stop receiving these e-mails at any time, you can request to be removed from our distribution list on the front page of our web site. Our web site has been honored to receive the Golden Web Award for 2003-2004, our second year winning this award.

City Acquires Cedarview Park

It was a good deal for both parties when the Cedarview Homeowner’s Association donated their park located at 208th Avenue and 93rd Street, to the City. The Association had a park they couldn’t afford to maintain, and the City had a serious shortage of park land. This worked!

The first order of business for the Public Works Department was to clean up the park. This included weeding and tearing down a number of old play structures which were considered a liability and safety hazard.

The City is meeting with Cedarview residents to get their input and support on potential redevelopment of the park land. Preliminary plans and drawings show two t-ball fields, which will double as modified soccer fields. Other features being considered are new playground equipment, basketball court, and improvements to the picnic shelter area.

The City is currently replacing the old play equipment. Other improvements will depend on the City’s fall Park Bond Measure. In November, the City will ask residents to approve a $5 million bond to be used for park land acquisition and development. If the bond passes, Cedarview may get the funds to complete the planned improvements within a year. Without the bond it will take a number of years to get this in place. Preliminary estimates indicate the bond would cost an estimated $4 per month for a homeowner with a $200,000 house.
New Recycling Program Coming March 1st

Effective March 1st, curbside recycling will be easier and more convenient than ever with the new single-cart program. Instead of sorting recyclables into three separate bins, you now will use a lightweight 96-gallon covered, wheeled, weatherproof cart that conveniently holds all recyclables, except glass. You will not need to sort any of the materials. Your new cart will be delivered by DM Disposal prior to March 1st, and will include a brochure with instructions. You may keep the current bins and reuse them as you wish. Unwanted bins can be turned in at staffed recycling stations. With the new cart, all recyclables must be in the cart to be collected. The automated trucks have a mechanical arm that picks up the cart, so items left outside the cart will not be collected. Extra recyclables and glass can be taken to the S. Prairie Road Recycling Station at the corner of Prairie Ridge and S. Prairie Road.

For the first time ever, the curbside program will accept plastic bottles (but not the bottle caps) and paper milk-style cartons. If you have a particular problem transporting your cart because of long steep driveways, or you have limited storage space, your hauler has other options to help you. Please call DM Disposal directly at 253-414-0347. Curbside recycling costs are included in your garbage service. As a result of this new mandatory county-wide recycling program, the cost will go up $1.67 per month as a result of the new program. With the extra capacity of the 96-gallon cart, you might be able to recycle more and reduce the number or size of garbage cans you need—an extra savings on your bimonthly bill. Call DM Disposal about smaller-size can options. Note: In accordance with the City’s contract with DM Disposal, your refuse bill will also increase slightly in March as a result of increased landfill disposal fee increases, and a CPI adjustment for increased hauling costs. For more information about recycling or your refuse service, contact DM Disposal at 253-414-0347. For general information about the new recycling program, or go online: www.piercecounty-wa.org/recycle, visit the City’s website at www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us, or call the county at (253) 798-2179, E-mail: pcsolidwaste@co.pierce.wa.us
A purr-fect addition
City Hall's newest member wins over staff despite fish breath

BY BRIAN BECKLEY
of The Herald

The newest member of Bonney Lake’s city hall staff spends much of her day laying in her chair or sitting on her desk to disrupt the other staff members by meowing across their desks, keyboard or wherever they are working on.

No one seems to mind, however, since Bonney — a gray, short-haired cat that has been the city’s unofficial pet for about six months — isn’t exactly an employee unless she is.

If that happens, staff either moves her or the entire notebook on which she is laying, which is sometimes easier, according to Cathy Hartnell-Torrel.

“She helps” counters Finance Department Assistant Patt Pederson, adding that she’ll even help you type — by walking across your keyboard.

“She kind of thinks she runs the place now,” agrees Lauren Silveo of Accounts Payable. “She doesn’t hesitate to make herself at home.

Silveo has been one of Bonney’s main handlers, setting up food and water dishes by her desk and even devoting one of her drawers to toys and kitty treats. Silveo has even set up an extra chair for Bonney to try and prevent her from stealing someone else’s.”

Bonney first found her way into the hearts of the city’s public works employees several months ago. Maintenance Worker Pete Spain was the first to start feeding Bonney, a stray from the neighborhood. Because of her color, the public works employees started calling her Smokey and the cat quickly became a regular around the shop, often climbing onto Spain’s shoulders.

“She’s tamed everybody,” Spain said, “and now she has the run of city hall.”

Spain also installed a cat door at the shop and comes in over weekends to make sure she is fed.

“Well sure, she’s got to eat,” he explained.

From the public works building, Smokey made her way into city hall where she was recognized by Bonney. Most of the staff at city hall is taken with her, even those who are not traditionally “cat people.”

“There’s a whole lot of people here who don’t like cats,” Pederson said, “but everybody loves Bonney.”

Her fans include Finance Director John Weidendorf, who employees describe as a “softy” for Bonney. “I like that cat,” Weidendorf said.

“I don’t like cats.”

Weidendorf was even seen feeding her leftover shrimp, though he says she prefers canned tuna or salmon.

“I think that cat eats better than anyone here,” Pederson said with a laugh. Bonney also makes her way down to the city’s senior center, where the cooks call her Smokey, because of her coloring. The employees all agree that having Bonney around helps lighten the mood around the office and her demands for attention force the workers to take small breaks and exchange.

“It makes a difference having an animal around,” Weidendorf said. “It’s a sense of security. “Silence agreed. “She does lighten up the office.”

With the public works employees enjoying Bonney’s antics.

“Animals are always good,” Spain said. “They’re rewarding.”

At night, employees make sure Bonney is inside before they leave and every morning, she is waiting for them at the door when they arrive.

“It’s not our cat, she adopted us,” Silveo said. “We just happen to be a part of her life.”
Water Tank Comes Down

Earlier in May the Madrona Water Tank on 184th came down. Unused for many years, we finally had it literally "torn apart." These machines made quick work of the tower.

City of Character In Action
Dana Fugere and Steve Willadson

Kudos to Dana Fugere and Steve Willadson for helping return valuable lost property. They received this letter from a grateful father.

"In the week leading up to the day my son, Ben Miller (21 yrs), met first Steve and then Dana, he had suffered some significant personal disappointments. On the day in question Ben was going to try to work out some of the stress through some physical exercise in the form of Snow Boarding. He did not realize that the tailgate to his pickup was not secured. As he was driving in the area of Bonney Lake the tail gate came open and his new $600.00+ snowboard fell out. Of course he did not know where and where the board fell out.

As he was trying to backtrack his route he saw some of your employees working along the roadway. He stopped and made contact with Steve Willadson, asking if they had seen a snowboard. At that time the snowboard was not, however, Steve took the time to write down Ben’s phone number.

Later that same day Dana, who had located and taken custody of the snow board was mentioning his find to other workers. Apparently at the time Dana spotted the snow board on the side of the road and was picking it up, a car load of kids who had also seen it stopped and tried to convince him it was theirs. The number of people in the car, the lack of equipment to carry a snow board, etc. did not match their claim. Dana maintained custody of the snow board with the intent of turning it in. Steve passed onto Dana my son’s phone number. Dana contacted Ben and the snow board was returned.

The way that both Steve and Dana handled this situation did so much more than just recovering a piece of property to its rightful owner. It turned all of the negative experiences my son had recently had and his distrust and disappointment in people in general around, with a demonstration of caring, concern and honesty.

Please let them know how much Ben and I appreciate that they took the time to listen to a young guy suffering disappointment and had luck by having enough to coordinate efforts in this matter.” — Jeff Miller, Captain, Kent PD

The purpose of life is a life of purpose.” — Robert Byrne
Ball Park Well Water Treatment Facility Completed

Next to Emerald Hills Elementary School sits a new building filled with plumbing, technology, and a lot of work. Here resides well #2, commonly known as the “Ball Park Well” and with this well, we can now pump up to capacity from this aquifer.

Until now the water produced from this well had high iron and manganese content, and looked “dirty” even though it was safe to drink. Thanks to a new water treatment plant at the well site, the City has an additional source of clean, clear water for our system. Totally computer controlled, the system can be operated by telemetry from the Public Work’s office at City Hall.

The 15,000-gallon filter tank project was completed on time, and on budget...it now provides water to our customers. We will be pushing this system to see how the aquifer responds to being pumped at higher rates, something we’ve never been able to do before.

A ribbon-cutting was held June 3rd for the new Ball Park Well water treatment facility. Among the officials assisting Mayor Young at the ribbon-cutting were Council members Cheryl Noble and Dan Sweatman, State Senator Pam Roach, Emerald Hills Principal Kevin Webber, and Fire District 22 Chief Dan Packer.

Mayor Bob Young cuts the ribbon at the new water treatment facility. From left are Chuck Persons, onsite superintendent and Mike Peterson, project manager, both of Prospect Construction Inc.; Dan Mulhern, design engineer, and Geoff Wiedl, project manager, both of RH2.

Eastside Water Main Work

The City has begun installation of a water main on the east side of Lake Tapps. The eastside waterline is heading up 214th Avenue East. A goal is to have a looped water system that surrounds the entire lake.

Water Storage Reservoir

Clearing and grading progresses for the at-grade, 15-million gallon water storage tank in the vicinity of 96th Street East and 216th Avenue East.
Adopt-A-Street

The City has initiated an Adopt-A-Street Program to help keep Bonney Lake cleaner. Adapting a street requires litter pickup on your designated street segment (usually a minimum of a 1-mile stretch) at least quarterly over a two-year period. The City will provide a safety vest, trash bags and trash pickup for the designated clean-up days. For complete information about the program, visit the City’s website at www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us. For more information, call Tris Weber at (253) 447-4320.

Thanks to the employees who donated to the Ingles family who recently relocated to Bonney Lake as Hurricane Katrina refugees. Employees donated more than $100.00 which was matched by the Grocery Outlet.

You are cordially invited to a gathering to say
Thank You
and
Best Wishes

to
Mayor Bob Young

December 24, 2005
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
City of Bonney Lake - Senior Center
19504 Bonney Lake Boulevard, Bonney Lake, Washington
2006 Citizen Service Guide
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19306 Bonney Lake Blvd.
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Bonney Lake History
In 1850, the first settlers arrived in the Bonney Lake area. They traveled along the Naches Trail, following paths made by Native American tribes on their east-west crossing, routes that closely paralleled today's Old Sumner-Bonney Highway. One of the settlers, Shawnee Money, traveled here on this path by ox-drawn wagon, then stopped in 1853 and built the house on the lake named for him.

That same year, the Naches Trail became a military trail for soldiers traveling from Fort Vancouver to Fort Walla Walla. Two years later, in 1855, two soldiers were killed by Indians - Fbi Fox in ambush at Castle Creek. The people of Bonney Lake celebrated this event known as the Castle Creek Massacre, and a monument at Bonney Lake commemorates the occasion.

Descendants of several of the earliest homesteaders and ancestors still live in this area, including the Kellises, Angelines, Vanderarks, Porches, and Paddocks. Their stories are part of the spirit of the homesteaders whom the backroads and heirloom bake sales are common in the western setting of the area.

William B. Kelley arrived from Tennessee in 1864, and married his three children and one daughter in a log cabin on Kelley Lake. He cleared his land and taught school in the winter. Kelley dammed and the river dam and school off the school, where the school is a national historic landmark.

Bonney Lake was established as a town in 1894, and a 1,000 vote petition was signed by 160 signatures. The town was named for George Logan. In 1906, there was no electricity or water available. The town's population was 2,000 by 1910 and 5,000 by 1920. The town grew to over 6,000 by 1930. The town is now a part of the city of Bonney Lake.

By 1950, the town had streets, a water system, electric and telephone lines, electric disconnection, a community center, and a library. The town was also served by a fire station, police department, and a post office. The town has continued to grow and develop since then, and it is now a vibrant community with a rich history.

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The Police Department is comprised of several elements dedicated to the safety of the city residents.

Responsibilities: The Police Department is responsible for maintaining public order and safety in the city. They also provide services to residents such as traffic control, crime prevention, and emergency response.

Officers: There are currently 25 sworn officers, including 20 patrol officers and 5 detectives.

Support Staff: The department also includes 12 non-sworn employees, such as dispatchers and administrative support personnel.

Community Involvement: The department actively engages with the community through various events, such as National Night Out and other public safety initiatives.

In conclusion, the Police Department plays a critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of the city residents.
provided on a weekly basis. Yard waste and recycling are collected on a bi-weekly basis. The refuse and recycling service is mandatory, while yard waste collection is optional.

The single cart curbside recycling program allows customers to put all recyclables into a single cart, which is collected once a week. Extra recyclables can be taken to the South Pine Road Recycling Station, 911 South Pine Road, which is also open to the public. The Parkview Supermarket on the Prairie Ridge Trail is a drop-off site for cans and glass.

The Solid Waste Utility Bill is sent on a bi-monthly basis. For more information, please contact DMA Disposal, 1515 1st Street S.W., Suite 100, (515) 284-5457. Information about the recycling program, go online: www.escambia.wa.gov/Recycle, visit the City's website at www.cityofbonnyleakewa.org, or call the city at (205) 284-7727.

Eros. The City of Bonnyleake operates a modest public water system. The public water source is Allan Veale Park, which includes well fields, a skateboard park, and a boat launch onto Lake Tappah. The city parks department is part of the city's utilities department. Gray Leaf (513) 434-4034 is the head of the department. Data for the Lodge Water.

Recreation. The City is the only city in the state that has a public park. The city parks department is part of the city's utilities department. Gray Leaf (513) 434-4034 is the head of the department. Data for the Lodge Water.

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Public Health. By state law, the City has to provide basic public health services, such as water quality and food inspections. The City's public health department is responsible for inspecting and enforcing public health standards in the city. The City also provides services to the local community, such as food inspections, water quality testing, and environmental health programs.

Air Pollution Control. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) is the air pollution control agency for the Puget Sound region. The PSCAA is responsible for setting air quality standards and enforcing them. The City of Bonnyleake is subject to the air quality standards set by the PSCAA.
JUDGE HELBLING REAPPOINTED

Judge Helbling was recognized December 13, 2005, for 25 years of service with the Bonney Lake Municipal Court. He was reappointed on November 22, 2005, to another four-year term that begins January 1, 2006. When Judge Helbling started at Bonney Lake there was only one court session a month that was approximately two hours long. There was only a part-time court clerk and Judge Helbling would receive a call from the court clerk maybe two times a month. Today court is held every Wednesday and on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month all day with additional time scheduled on Monday and Fridays as needed. There are four full-time court employees and Judge Helbling has numerous correspondences with court staff on a daily basis.

NEIL JOHNSON TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Neil Johnson took the oath of office as Bonney Lake’s next Mayor at the December 13th City Council meeting. Johnson will not begin serving as Mayor, however, until January 1st. At the January 16th Council meeting, there will be another ceremonial swearing-in before family, friends and citizens. The public is invited to attend.

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

By proclamation, Mayor Neil Johnson has declared April 12 as Arbor Day in our city.

Bonney Lake is designated a tree city. Dig in and plant a tree in your yard or just take a moment to enjoy the trees around you. Join Mayor Johnson on Wednesday, April 12, at noon at Cedarview Park, as he plants a walnut tree in honor of Arbor Day. The tree was donated by Bonney Lake City Councilmember David Bowen.

Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance that encourages tree-plating and care. Trees can reduce the emission of our precious carbon dioxide by wind and water. Our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires. They beautify our community, increase property values, and enhance the economic vitality of business areas. Trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.
CEedarview Park Renovation

Cedarview Park is getting a new lease on life thanks to funding from the City and the help of community volunteers. The five-acre park is located at 208th Avenue South and 93rd Street East, just 12 blocks north of the Fred Meyer store on Highway 410. The park formerly belonged to the Cedarview Homeowners Association and was donated to the City two years ago, with the understanding that the City would make needed improvements.

With help from community volunteers, the City replaced all of the playground equipment at a cost of $60,000. The City installed ADA accessible sidewalks, repaired the fence around the park, removed a dilapidated restroom and cleaned up the grounds. Fill material was trucked in to fill low areas and storm drainage was installed. Wood chips were added to the playground area.

Future improvements depend on the availability of funding, including replacement of the basketball court and installation of a bike rack that will connect with the new sidewalk. The feasibility of upgading the grass fields used for 4-H activities is being explored.

CONSTRUCTION OF SENIOR CENTER ADDITION IN PROGRESS

Construction of a two-story addition to the Bonney Lake Senior Center currently underway.

The addition in the back of the Senior Center will be used primarily for storage. The Center has been forced to store food and other items in possible buildings due to lack of storage inside the center. An emergency backup generator also is being added.

Construction of the addition will take about three months to complete. One-third of the $500,000 project is being funded through a grant, while the City is funding the balance.

BEAUTIFY BONNEY LAKE
NOW A TAX-EXEMPT NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Beautify Bonney Lake is a new tax-exempt non-profit corporation now that a determination letter has been received from the Internal Revenue Service granting an effective date of Sept. 27, 2005. That is the date that the group incorporated in the state of Washington as a non-profit corporation.

Contributions made to Beautify Bonney Lake are now deductible under Section 170 of the IRS code.

With this status the group can seek grants from large companies such as Tegex, Wal-Mart and Starbucks. They can also receive private money from individuals and have it be tax deductible for the donor. The group's annual Bonney Lake Clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16th.
Domestic Violence Kiosk Installed in City Hall

Bonney Lake Municipal Court now offers computer access for victims of domestic violence who need to file a temporary protection order. Councilmember Cheryl Noble and Court Administrator Kathy Seymour have been working on this project for some time to allow domestic violence victims in Pierce County to be able to access help without having to go to the Tacoma Pierce County Courthouse.

An individual will be able to fill out the form or request a protection order via a Domestic Violence Kiosk system. The court clerk contacts the Domestic Violence Unit in Tacoma upon completion of data entry, and the County Clerk's office completes the filing and provides it to a commissioner or judge for signature. Once approved, the individual returns to Bonney Lake City Hall, enters the confirmation code, and prints the signed order in duplicate along with an Affidavit of Service. The local law enforcement or sheriff's office then serves the order depending on whether the respondent lives inside or outside the city limits.

The signed order becomes a valid temporary protection order for 14 days from the date of issuance. Those orders also provide a court date and time for the victim and respondent to appear in court to determine if it will become a permanent order.

Until the order is served, there is no violation if there is contact between the parties during the 14-day temporary period. For information, contact the municipal court at 253-862-9600. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed every October across the country. Nearly 5.3 million incidents of domestic violence occur each year nationwide, 6.5 million incidents of dating violence, and 3.2 million occur among men (CDC 2006).

Domestic violence results in nearly 2 million injuries and 1,200 deaths nationwide every year (CDC 2005). The U.S. Department of Justice reported that 37% of all women who sought care at hospital emergency rooms for violence-related injuries were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend.

Domestic violence affects everyone in the community and certain myths need to be dispelled. People often say that they were raised in a "good" or "normal" family and believe domestic violence happens only to "bad" families. Statistics show myths such as this not to be true. Batterers and victims come from all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, economic backgrounds, religious affiliations, occupations, and educational backgrounds.

Domestic violence and its victims still bear an undeserved stigma in our society, and until we all understand its nature, the batterers and the victims, the cycle will continue. No one is immune, but with education and awareness, people can prevent tragedy from delaying more lives.

Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects children living in the home, and who may become victims themselves. Seniors (men can be at risk for elder abuse, by in-home caregivers). Batterers use violence or threats to obtain and maintain control. They blame the victim for the violence and don't take responsibility for their actions. They blame their abusive behavior on stress, anger, jealousy, and the victim. There are three phases, or cycle of violence:

- Phase 1: Increased tension, anger, blaming, and arguing.
- Phase 2: Hitting, Slapping, Throwing, And Verbal Threats.
- Phase 3: Calm stage when the perpetrator may deny violence, say it was because of alcohol or drug abuse, or promise it will never happen again. There are five simple things you can say to someone who is living with domestic violence:
  1. You do not deserve to be abused.
  2. I am afraid for your safety.
  3. I am afraid for the safety of your children.
  4. The violence will only get worse.
  5. There are people to help when you are ready.

Domestic Violence Kiosk has come to Bonney Lake. The domestic violence kiosk is set up at Bonney Lake City Hall. Individuals can apply there for a temporary restraining order.
Volunteers worked on the Ascent Gateway during Beautify Bonney Lake Day Sept. 16.

Nearly 200 citizen volunteers from all parts of the community joined forces on September 16 to make improvements to public places around Bonney Lake. Improvements were made to Ascent Gateway, Lake Bonney, Forest Creek, several public buildings, and Allan Yurke, Madonna, and Cinderella parks. In addition, a number of senior citizens with limited means were helped with minor tasks around their homes.

Citizens came out to put a better face on the community, meet neighbors and enjoy lunch after the work party. All participants received a shirt with the Beautify Bonney Lake logo and a list of sponsors. Local businesses and individuals donated thousands of dollars.

Citizens volunteers spread beauty back at a Bonney Lake park. Nearly 200 volunteers worked to help beautify their community on Sept. 16.

CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS 2007-2008 BIENNIAL BUDGET

With projected increases in revenues, the City will be working toward the following Council priorities:

- Initial implementation of the mass-transit and transportation plan;
- Implementation of the street lighting plan;
- Initial implementation of the Fenali Creek Trail plan (assuming grant funding is received);
- Funding for land acquisition toward implementing a downtown civic center;
- Planning and engineering for a new public works maintenance facility;
- Moving forward on implementation of the Eastown Plan;
- Redeveloping Lake Bonney Park;
- Increasing park and recreation programs and services.

The City Council began its final budget hearings on November 14. Citizens will have a final opportunity for public comment at the Council meeting of December 12, when it is anticipated the Council will adopt the 2007-2008 Biennial Fiscal Budget.

NEW GATEWAY SIGN

A new and larger welcome sign was installed at the western gateway entrance to Bonney Lake. The sign was constructed by T.I. Northwest of Puyallup and installed by Heller Construction with assistance from City staff. The old sign will be moved to the eastern entrance to town after the City determines the exact location.

The new welcome sign is at the western entrance to Bonney Lake on SR 410.
Our Successes!
City Employees Donate
Thousands of Items to the Local Food Bank and Area Families

The first inter-city competition to fill the food bank produced stellar results! City employees answered the call to fill the food bank and either donated or solicited donations. Over six thousand items were donated. So many, in fact, that the food bank cannot pick the items up until after the first of the year, as their building is full. The two leading groups were the Assm. with 3,070 items and the Police Department with 2,972 items.

Many items have already been donated to local families in need during the holiday season and we those that were hit by the storm. The Senior Center was open 24 hours a day and many people were able to use some of the donated food to provide their families with meals for a week.

We hope to organize more “drives” this year and anticipate great results. If you have any idea for the next drive or would like to volunteer to help, please let Jenna know.

NEW!!!
SENIOR CENTER SIGN
Shane Crump of Bonney Lake Boy Scout Troop #532 organized volunteers to help him build a sign for the Bonney Lake Senior Center for his Eagle Scout Project. Volunteers spent many hours building the sign’s main pieces in his family’s garage. On Saturday Feb. 10 volunteers met to help him dig the holes for the sign posts and secure in cement. On Saturday Feb. 17th Shane organized volunteers at the senior center to attach the roof and the doors to the sign and add the lettering. The rear doors of the sign open up so announcements and other information can be posted.
NACHES TRAIL SIGN DEDICATION

The Bonney Lake Historical Society invites the public to attend the Naches Trail Sign dedication ceremony to be held at the Kelley Farm site (199th and Old Buckley Hwy) Sat. June 23rd at 11:00am.

NEW COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARIES

The Council Ward Boundaries in Bonney Lake have been revised. As a result of new construction and recent annexations, changes in the boundaries were needed to balance citizen representation between the Wards. The City Council held a public hearing in February 2007, and changes were approved the following month.

To determine if your Council Ward has changed, please see the map on the City Website at http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/Legislative/general_information.shtml. A large-scale version of the revised map is available for viewing in City Hall.

NEW BOLLARDS AND PAY STATION AT BOAT LAUNCH

The City has installed a bollard boat launch system at the Allan Yorke Park Lake. Tapps boat launch, which will operate from 5am until 11 pm daily. Non-residents will be able to launch using a debit or credit card (Visa or MC) only, no coins or cash. The fee is $8.50 per use, or $17.00 for a combined launch/retrieval. Parking will continue to be free. City residents may purchase a card for unlimited access to the launch through the season. To get your pass, bring your boat registration into City Hall and pay the $25 annual fee. The system is easy to use, and instructions are posted at the boat launch.

15 MILLION GALLON WATER STORAGE TANK COMPLETED

Construction of the long awaited $9,450,000 96th Street Peaking Storage Water Tank has been completed. The City has filled the tank with water and found it to be water tight. Construction of the booster pump station next to the tank is nearing completion. By late July, water from this tank will be available to supplement other water sources and to help offset the demand for water during peak use periods in the summer. Thanks to the Public Works Department, and King Cooper, Project Manager, for completing this project on schedule and within budget.

CITY WEBSITE MAKEOVER

The City has launched a new version of its website. The updated City site has a streamlined look and feel. Information is organized into 4 basic categories: Government, Community, Business, and How Do I. There is still considerable updating to do and new information to add, but it is a great improvement over the prior site. The website was redesigned by a committee of City Employees and may be accessed at either www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us or www.citybonneylake.org.
CITY RECEIVES ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AWARD

For the third straight year, the City of Bonney Lake has been designated as a "TreeCity USA" recipient. The Washington State Community Forester presented the award to Mayor Johnson at the City's annual Arbor Day celebration. Requirements for TreeCity designation include a community tree ordinance, oversight board or department, an active community forestry program, an annual work plan, an arbor day observance and proclamation, and community tree-related expenditures of at least $200 per capita per year.

PETITION SUBMITTED TO CREATE A CITY CHARTER

Daniel Decker, Ward 5 Bonney Lake Councilmember, filed an initiative petition with the City Clerk to make Bonney Lake a charter code city pursuant to the Revised Codes of Washington (RCW) Chapter 35A.08. The initiative was filed under Bonney Lake Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 264.010 which governs the City's initiative and referendum process. The County has certified the petition as to the required number of valid signatures. If the City Attorney determines the petition itself to be sufficient and valid, the City Council must provide for an election to determine whether the city shall become a charter code city and be governed in accordance with a charter to be adopted by the voters. More information about this issue will be provided in the future. More information is available on the City's website.

CITY OF BONNEY LAKE RECEIVES WELL CITY AWARD

The City of Bonney Lake was honored as a "WellCity" by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). This is the first year Bonney Lake has received the award. Bonney Lake was one of several Washington cities and towns that received recognition for its workplace wellness program at the Association’s Annual Conference. The AWC WellCity Award recognizes cities and towns that achieve a standard of excellence in employee health promotion. Photo Caption: Joel Thompson, representing the Bonney Lake Wellness Committee, accepts the WellCity award from AWC.

“OLD MOSSEY” Has a New Image!

The City's 800,000 gallon steel water tank near the Lakeside Middle School recently received a new coat on 13 March 2008 to accomplish this task. Hopefully, the tank will be good for another 45 years of service.
Atta Crew!
The following note was sent to Rick Shannon regarding some work the Public Works crew recently completed and I thought we should share:

The City of Bonney Lake just completed a rework of the road gutters and drainage system at my property. This project was much needed and will eliminate the continuous flooding of my and my neighbors property as well as the local park. Thank you for completing this project!

I would like to complement the crew that completed this work. They were very professional and made a special effort to do a good job. Their efforts in coordinating with the property owners was especially noteworthy.

I personally talked with Steve and Jim. They explained what they were doing and listened to suggestions and complied whenever possible. I appreciated their efforts. They, and the entire work crew, are to be complimented. Sincerely, Bob Walter

“... 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.”

New Downtown Regional Storm Pond

The City is constructing a new regional storm drainage pond off Ehli Road and 410 to handle the storm water from the downtown area. This will make it possible for the downtown section of Bonney Lake to redevelop and share an “out of sight” stormwater detention basin. The excavation portion of the project is nearly complete.
Bonney Lake Interim Justice Center Groundbreaking Ceremony
October 6, 2009
5:30 pm
9002 Main Street East

Welcome and Council Introductions
Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Opening Remarks and Acknowledgements
Don Morrison, City Administrator

Groundbreaking and Photographs
Mayor and City Council Members
City of Bonney Lake Interim Justice Center
Project Information Sheet

The City of Bonney Lake Interim Justice Center will be a 20,915 square foot mixed use three-story building located at 9002 Main Street. The building is being constructed as a retail/office building, and will serve as an interim court house until a new civic center is constructed, after which it will be sold and the revenue applied to the financing of the new civic center.

The project will include improvements to 90th Street East (curb, gutter, and sidewalk) and paving, landscaping and lighting improvements to the joint use parking lot shared with the Bonney Lake Branch of the Pierce County Library System.

Initial building occupants will include the municipal court, City Council chambers, and selected City administrative offices. A portion of the new building will be leased for retail and non-City office uses.

Construction is anticipated to begin in early October 2009, and expected to be completed in July 2010.

The project is estimated to cost $3.9 million dollars, inclusive of off-site improvements, but exclusive of tenant improvements.

Group Mackenzie is the architect for the project and M.J. Takasaki, Incorporated is the general contractor.

Special Thanks to:
The Citizens of Bonney Lake
Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.
David Bowen, Bonney Lake Councilmember
Laurie Carter, Bonney Lake Councilmember
Dan Decker, Bonney Lake Councilmember
Mark Hamilton, Bonney Lake Councilmember
David King, Bonney Lake Councilmember
James Rackley, Bonney Lake Councilmember

Interim Justice Center Core Team:
Deputy Mayor Dan Swaim
Don Morrison, City Administrator
Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director
John Vodopich, Community Development Director
David Wells, Bonney Lake Events Coordinator
Group Mackenzie
Richard Mitchell
Megan Tremain
M.J. Takasaki, Inc.
City Receives Prestigious National Award

The City of Bonney Lake has received the prestigious Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and is the first time the City has ever achieved this national award. Less than 5% of local governments nationally achieve the award. In accepting this award, Mayor Neil Johnson thanked the Council, City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, and Accounting Manager Cassandra Raymond and the rest of the City staff for their contributions and excellent work in putting together an award winning budget for the City.
For the fourth straight year, the City of Bonney Lake has been designated as a “TreeCity USA” recipient. The Washington State Community Forester presented the award to the City at its annual Arbor Day celebration. The City was also awarded with a Arbor Day Foundation “Growth Award” in recognition of the City’s environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care.

It’s been a long time since the City built a new building. That is all about to change with the groundbreaking ceremony held October 6th. About 30 people attended the groundbreaking for the City’s new Interim Justice Center. Mayor Neil Johnson welcomed the participants. City Administrator Don Morrison gave a brief history of the downtown plan and how the Interim Justice Center fits into that. The architect on the project is Group McKenzie, and the prime contractor is MJ Takasaki, Inc.

The new building will be located at 9602 Main Street (in front of the BL Library). The 20,915 sf building will house the municipal court and selected administrative offices. Some of the space will be leased out. Estimated completion date is August, 2010. It is anticipated that when a new civic center is constructed in 5-10 years, that the building will be sold for retail/office uses and the proceeds applied to the financing of the new civic center.
City breaks ground on Interim Justice Center

BY DANNE OLIVEAUX
The Courier-Herald

Bonney Lake officials and staff hosted a workshop Oct. 6 — but it wasn’t an ordinary meeting.

Mayor Neil Johnson, along with current and some former council members, broke ground during a ceremony at the site of the Interim Justice Center on Main Street.

“We figured it would be a perfect time to get everyone together to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Bonney Lake Interim Justice Center which has been a long time coming,” Johnson said.

The Interim Justice Center will be a 20,215 square-foot, three-story, mixed-use facility. It is being constructed as a retail/office building and will serve as the interim courthouse until the new civic center is constructed.

City Administrator Don Morrison said city officials and citizens have “long envisioned a downtown where they can meet and shop.”

Morrison noted that Bonney Lake was still a “fairly new city” as the city marked its 60th anniversary. He said Bonney Lake is a result of Pierce County’s urban sprawl.

“The city has grown rapidly over the last several years,” Morrison said. “We have never had a traditional downtown like many older cities have. Until the early 1970s, there wasn’t a shopping market here.”

Morrison said the city’s original downtown plan was called part of the Strategic Commercial District Plan with a proposed civic center district — a larger area than the current Downtown Plan.

He said it was initiated in the late 1990s by the Planning Commission and the final draft was prepared in 2001. Morrison stated the city re-created the plan in 2004 and in 2005 interim zoning was adopted.

Over the past six years, the city has spent $3.5 million on downtown and the civic center. Morrison said, mostly on land acquisition.

Morrison said the addition of retail centers along state Route 410 has brought shopping opportunities.

“Downtown Bonney Lake is envisioned to be the center of community life and local government services within easy access,” Morrison said. “We hope downtown will also become a place with shops, offices, restaurants and a vibrant pedestrian-oriented and friendly retail core.”

Morrison said City Hall was last remodeled in the 1970s when the population was 4,000 residents and the city had 40 employees. Today, there are 18,500 residents and 140 city employees.

Morrison said there is no room to expand or add another annex to City Hall.

The post office, Public Safety Building and library currently make up the downtown area.

When completed in July 2010, the IJC will house municipal court, City Council chambers and selected city administration offices. Morrison said a portion of the building will be leased for retail and non-city office use.

The project is estimated to cost $3.5 million inclusive of off-site improvements, but exclusive of tenant improvements. Group Mackenzie is the architect for the project and N.J. Takisaki is the general contractor.

After the civic center is built, the IJC will be sold and revenue from the sale will be applied to the financing of the civic center. Morrison said.

He said the civic center could be built in five to 10 years.

Former council members Phil Delcu and Cheryl Noble were on hand for the groundbreaking along with some of the city staff.

“They played a large part in making this happen as part of the vision for the downtown plan and the needs of the court,” Johnson said.

To comment on this story, view it online at www.theournerald.com. Reach Danne Oliveira at dollivesea@ courierherald.com or 360-802-8209.

Past Councilmembers

Richard Silva
Richard Birkland
Stephen Bricker
Diane Marshall
Past Councilmembers’ Biographies for Elections

Councilmember Phil DeLeo is a 12-year Bonney Lake resident and is entering his 6th year of service to the City. He is elected to the At-Large Position 1, is the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and serves as a member of the Finance Committee. Councilmember DeLeo also represents the City in local organizations, such as Communities for Families, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Youth Center Committee, and in the County-wide organizations of the Pierce Transit Board and Rainier Communications Commission. Phil and his wife Julie Ann enjoy 4 children.

Education: Issaquah High School; Two years Business Administration Green River Community College; Teaching Certificate Everett Community College
Occupation: Program Manager – Pacific Senior Center
Professional Qualifications: Fourteen Years city councilmember; Two years city planning commission; Two years board member – Pierce Transit Board of Directors; Six years commissioner – Rainier Communications Commission; Two years president – Inlet Island homeowners’ association; two years president – Bonney Lake Kiwanis; two leadership certificates – Association of Washington Cities.
Personal Information: Washington state native. Born/raised in Renton. Moved to Bonney Lake with wife and kids in 1987. Youngest son is among the first graduating class of Bonney Lake High School. For 20 years have remained publicly active, especially involved in youth activities. However, due to recent involvement with both the Bonney Lake and Pacific Senior Centers, I see the need for more community support for the elderly, the fastest growing segment of our population.
Community Involvement: While on the city council, I chair the Public Safety Committee, serve on the Pierce County Juvenile Justice Diversion Panel for Sumner/Bonney Lake, am president of Bonney Lake Kiwanis, am treasurer of the Lake Tapps Area Community Theater, and am a board member of Inlet Island homeowners’ association.
Personal Views: I will continue to work for an accountable, fiscally responsible city government.

Sharon Boekelman
At Large
Sharon Boekelman is the newest member of the City Council, just starting her first term in January. She serves on the Public Works Committee and, prior to joining the Council has served as the chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and on the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Committee. She works in Auburn as a Special Projects Coordinator for the Department of the Navy. She and her husband have lived in the City for two years.

Chalmers Brittain Jr.
Ward 4
Chalmers Brittain has served on the City council for three years and is a member of the Public Safety Committee.
He is a Boeing engineer and has lived in the City 27 years. He and his wife have five daughters.
Past Councilmembers

Randy McKibbin

Dave King

Past Mayors’ Biographies for Elections

Vern Strong
Mayor

Vern Strong has served as the City’s mayor since 1990. He served on the City Council in the early 1980s, including three years as Mayor Pro Tem. They have lived in the City for 16 years.

Robert Young

Mayor Bob Young is a 16 year resident of Bonney Lake. He was a member of the Planning Commission before being appointed to the City Council in 1997. Bob and his wife, Connie, have been married 30 years, have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Prior to coming to Bonney Lake, Bob served 5 years on a rural fire department as 1st Lt and Medical Officer, serving as an EMT in both Montana and Washington, and taught State Industrial First Aid. Bob has been a minister for 31 years, and served for 15 years as a Police Chaplain in Pierce County. He is committed to responsible growth, and wants to see our city as a place where “dreams can soar.” He enjoys working with people, and seeks to bring a positive approach to all areas of city government.

Education: Graduate, Summit Pacific College
Occupation: Mayor and City Administrator, Business Owner, Minister, Insurance Agent
Professional Qualifications: Business owner; Municipal Leadership Certification; FEMA Earthquake Disaster trained; Leadership Training Institute, UW Pacific Institute; Police Chaplain, City Planning Commissioner, City Council member
Personal Information: Married 37 years to Connie; three children; four grandchildren
Community Involvement: Rotary, 22 years; Puget Sound Regional Council; Lake Tapto Task Force; First Aid Instructor, EMT, Fireman; President, Pierce County Cities/Towns Association; Board Member, Pierce County Economic Development Corporation; member Community Action Board
Personal Views: With a proven eight-year record of taxpayer-responsive leadership, it’s been a privilege working with my professional, responsive, user-friendly staff. Responsible spending has put us in one of the best financial positions of any city in the state... while protecting and upgrading our water system, strengthening our police department, and improving our service to Seniors and our transportation system. Plans? More sidewalks, parks and trails, better streets, protecting our creeks and lakes, managing growth with a steady hand; also providing city-wide broadband wireless high-speed internet. As your Mayor, I continue to pledge an ethical, accountable, responsive, City government at the least possible cost. Choose a leader that cares for future generations, building a quality, livable, secure city with frugal, accountable, effective government. Re-elect Mayor Young.
CITY’S NEW INTERIM JUSTICE CENTER

It’s been nearly 20 years since the City constructed a new building. City Hall was constructed in the early 1970s when the City had 4,000 residents and 40 employees. Today we have nearly 17,000 residents and 132 employees. As part of the downtown plan, the City is constructing the Interim Justice Center (IJC). It’s called the Interim Justice Center because the building is being constructed as a spec retail/office building that will serve primarily as a temporary municipal court and council/executive chambers until the regular new civic center can be constructed in accordance with the downtown plan. When will the new civic center be constructed? That’s not known and will depend on the economy and future growth of the City. Current estimates are 7 to 12 years. Once the new civic center is constructed, the IJC will be sold and proceeds applied to the financing of the new civic center project.
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS RIBBON CUTTING

On April 27th the City held a ribbon cutting celebrating all the downtown improvements that have been completed over the past several months. While 90th Street improvements remain, this largely culminates a variety of storm drainage, curb, gutter, sidewalk, streetlight, signalization, and street improvements in the downtown. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a reality and to our residents for their patience during construction.

NEW LAKE TAPPS POLICE BOAT

The Bonney Lake Police Department has acquired a badly needed new patrol vessel. No local tax dollars were expended on the boat as the City was able to use seized drug funds for the purchase. There has been one swimming fatality early this 2010 season and the police were able assist Pierce County and East Pierce Fire and Rescue on the call. The new vessel worked great transporting and working with the rescue divers. We will once again work Lake Tapps to enforce marine laws, hand out ice cream coupons for boaters wearing life preservers, check for boater safety cards and do our best to ensure everyone has a safe and fun summer. For questions regarding laws that apply to Lake Tapps contact the Bonney Lake Police Department or visit the City website for more information.
Past Councilmembers’ Biographies for Elections

Ginger Moore
Ward 1
Ginger Moore has served on the City Council for three years. She chairs the Public Safety Committee and serves on the Finance Committee and Growth Management Act steering committee. She and her husband have two sons and have lived in the City for five years.

Gary Bietz
At Large
Gary Bietz has served on the City Council for two years. He is self-employed in marketing and runs the firm B.J. Enterprises. He is married and has lived in Bonney Lake for 19 years.
NEW JUSTICE CENTER
A KEY PART OF DOWNTOWN
BONNEY LAKE

Bonney Lake officials and citizens have long envisioned a Downtown where its residents can meet, shop, conduct the business of the community, and gather for celebrations. As a relatively new city that is largely the result of suburban sprawl, Bonney Lake has never had a traditional downtown. Until the early 1970s, there weren't even any supermarkets in Bonney Lake. A dream of early residents was to have a post office located in the city with its own zip code. The development of strip commercial shopping centers along SR-410 has provided for commerce in the city, but it has not provided an identifiable downtown.

Downtown Bonney Lake is envisioned to be a center of community life and local governmental services, with a civic center, public safety building, post office, library, and related community services all within easy access. Some day, Downtown will be full of restaurants, shops, offices, and streets that are pedestrian friendly. It will contain a Main Street and a Civic Center. Its Central Plaza will be Bonney Lake’s most public place. The retail core will be ringed with commercial, residential office, and mixed-use buildings.

The City’s original Downtown Plan was part of the Strategic Commercial District Plan. It was initiated in the late 90s, and the final draft was prepared in June 2001. In 2004 the City adopted a Downtown Plan. In 2006, after adopting interim zoning to implement the Downtown Plan, the City received a state grant to reevaluate the plan based on stakeholders involvement, economic analysis, and updated urban design. This work was completed in 2006-07. The result is the current downtown plan and accompanying design standards.

Over the past 7 years, the City has spent roughly $18 Million on various downtown and civic center improvements. This includes improvements to Main Street, Summer-Buckley Highway, 9th Street, a regional stormwater system, the City’s new Justice Center, and a new part of the North Downtown Greenwood Development, land that is part of South Downtown’s future condo and multi-family development, and land that will become the civic center of the City.

The new Justice Center, which is scheduled to open in May, is a significant part of an overall long range plan to build a viable Downtown and a Civic Center. The City has grown rapidly over the past several years. City Hall was last remodeled in the early 70s. When we had 4,000 residents and 40 employees, today we have 17,000 residents and 132 employees. There was literally no place to put people. Every nook and cranny in city hall had a desk. There was no extra space in the public safety building. And a number of positions were not filled or were contracted out because there was no space for the employees to work. The City Council knew a new civic center would be several years away. It took time to assemble the land, plan, and build a new civic center. So, in the interim, the Mayor and Council resolved to build an interim City Building to provide a facility to bridge the building needs between today and the future civic center. Thus, the new Justice Center will provide space for a growing municipal court as well as space relief for an over-crowded city hall.

When a new civic center is completed, the City will sell this building, which is being built not as a government building but as a commercial building, is anticipated to be sold and the proceeds applied to the construction of the civic center. Because of the building climate at the timing of the bid awards, the City saved hundreds of thousands of dollars on building costs, and created dozens of temporary construction jobs during a time when hundreds of local construction workers needed work.
ACADEMY AWARD WINNING COUPLE FROM BONNEY LAKE

In 1959, Al and Elma Mielke moved to Bonney Lake. They purchased and built a home on the property currently known as “Sky Island.” On Sky Island they operated a tree farm and wrote three books: “The Story of the Pterys,” “The Story of the Hippos, Komasa,” and “The Story of an Alaskan Grizzly Bear.” They also filmed a screenplay for Alfred Hitchcock’s “The Birds.” Elma Mielke died on April 15, 1989, and Al Mielke followed her five days later. Eleven years earlier, in 1948, Walt Disney had viewed a short wildlife film by Alfred and Elma, inspired by what he saw, Walt hired them to film on location in the Alaska wilderness. The result was the first of Disney’s celebrated True-Life Adventure films, “Seal Island,” which won an Academy Award®. The success of “Seal Island,” the Mielkes continued to travel the globe for Disney. During their Disney career, the Mielkes’ films won a total of six Oscars®, When they weren’t tree farming or filming, Elma taught at Orting High School, and Alfred taught at UPS.

LOOKING BACK ON BONNEY LAKE

JUSTICE CENTER RIBBON CUTTING

On May 19th, Mayor Neil Johnson officially opened the City's new Justice Center. Area dignitaries, City officials, employees, residents and Bonney Lake supporters gathered on the sidewalk outside the Justice Center at 9002 Main Street for the ceremonial ribbon cutting. City leaders and planners have long envisioned a Downtown where residents can meet, shop, conduct the business of the community, and gather for celebrations. Downtown Bonney Lake is envisioned to be a center of community life and local governmental services, with a civic center (city hall), public safety building, post office, library, and related community services all within easy access. The Downtown will eventually be full of restaurants, shops, offices, and streets that are pedestrian friendly.

The new Justice Center is a significant part of an overall longrange plan to build a viable Downtown and a Civic Center. The City has grown rapidly over the past several years. City Hall was last remodeled in the early 70s when we the City had 4,000 residents and 40 employees. Today Bonney Lake has 17,340 residents and 132 employees. The City literally had no place to put people. Every nook and cranny in city hall had a desk. There is no extra space in the PSB and the City delayed hiring some positions because there was no room to put them. Officials knew a new civic center would be several years away. It takes time to assemble the land, plan, and build a new civic center. So, in the interim, the City Council resolved to build an interim City Building to provide a facility to bridge facility needs between today and the future civic center. Thus, the new Justice Center will provide space for the growing municipal court as well as space relief for an overcrowded city hall. When a new civic center is completed in 10-15 years, the new building is intended to be sold and the proceeds applied to the construction of the civic center.
CITY OF BONNEY LAKE LAUNCHES OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE

The City of Bonney Lake announced the launch of its official Facebook page earlier this month. The launch follows an extensive review of issues and options related to social media, open government, public access, and social dialogue.

The City of Bonney Lake Facebook page provides citizens with a new route to interact with their City government. The page includes information on upcoming events, public notices, and newsletters. The Facebook page will be another means to drive visitors to the City’s website which will remain the principle source of City information. “Social media sites like Facebook offer citizens exciting new ways to deliver information and provide customer service,” Mayor Neil Johnson said. “We hope residents will keep an eye on the City’s Facebook page and enjoy getting updates.”

Find the City on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/cityofbonneylake, or go to the City’s official website at https://www.citybonneylake.org and click the link on the home page. Once there, be sure to bookmark the page for future reference, or, if you have a Facebook account, ‘Like’ the page to receive Facebook updates from the City.

CITY RECEIVES GOLD LEED CERTIFICATION FOR THE JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT

The City of Bonney Lake has received confirmation from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) that the new Justice Center building on Main Street has been awarded a LEED Gold Certification. Upon hearing of this achievement, Mayor Johnson said, “We are very pleased to have achieved this level of certification for the Justice Center. The Justice Center building will serve as an example of how the Bonney Lake downtown can develop in a sustainable manner.”

Leadership in Environmental Engineering and Design (LEED) is recognized in the United States and in a number of other countries around the world as the standard for measuring building sustainability. Achieving LEED certification is the best way one can demonstrate that a building project is truly "green." The LEED green building rating system is developed and administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, which is a nonprofit coalition of building industry leaders.

LEED certification involves a rigorous third-party commissioning process. The LEED rating system offers four certification levels for new construction: Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. The Gold certification is the second highest LEED certification available and few newly constructed buildings achieve a Gold rating.

The energy savings strategies alone built into the new building should reduce energy demand by 35% over a conventional office building. The end result is an attractive new municipal building for the community of Bonney Lake that will deliver reduced energy costs while enhancing comfort and productivity for occupants and visitors alike.
Well City Award For Excellence 2010

The City of Bonney Lake’s Wellness Program received an Excellence designation from the Association of Washington Cities. The award was presented at the AWC Conference in June were City officials (Back Row L-R Community Development Director John Vodopich, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Mayor Neil Johnson, Front Row L-R City Administrator Don Morrison, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Donn Lewis) received the award. Special thanks to the Wellness Committee (Jenna Richardson, Lauren Hines, Carol Paul, Jen Francis, Jaime Amsbaugh, Susan Duis, Lance Johnson, and John Vodopich) for their hard work and to all City employees who participate in the Wellness Programs.

BONNEY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT BLOCK WATCH

The Bonney Lake Police Department is now online with our Block Watch Program. Bonney Lake Community Service Officers are gathering e-mail addresses from Bonney Lake residents interested in receiving crime prevention information and bulletins via e-mail. We will provide both general crime prevention tips and neighborhood-specific information to help prevent residents from becoming crime victims. We realize that most of you are busy with work, family, and school and don’t always have the extra time to spend going to Block Watch meetings. We hope that by communicating via email and the internet we can help you to prevent a crime and avoid becoming a victim. It is easy and free to sign up. Just send an e-mail to blockwatch@cl.bonney-lake.wa.us or visit www.citybonneylake.org/newsletter and sign up for the ‘Police Block Watch’ newsletter.
New Bonney Lake Justice Center

The City held a ribbon cutting for the Justice Center in May with the Mayor and council members (current and former) participating in the ceremony. The existing City Hall was last remodeled in the early 1970s when the City had 4,000 residents and 40 employees. Today, it has 17,500 residents and 132 employees. The aging and cramped City buildings were no longer able to accommodate city growth. The Justice Center is intended to serve as an interim City building until the new civic center can be constructed in the downtown in several years. Current plans are to move more city staff into the facility and remove the current City Hall Annex from City use. The new Justice Center was funded in part with a $10 million civic center council曼城ic bond. A council曼城ic, or non-voted, bond is one in which the City cannot raise taxes to fund the debt service on the bonds. It must come from existing general City revenues. The new Justice Center received a LEED Gold Certification. It is the only LEED certified building in Bonney Lake, and serves as an example of how the Bonney Lake downtown can develop in a sustainable manner.

Mayor's Cancer Battle Makes National News

In February Mayor Neil Johnson was diagnosed with Leukemia. He spent the balance of the year not only fighting his battle with cancer, but also continued to run the City from his hospital bed. Neither three rounds of chemotherapy nor a bone marrow transplant could keep him down. He arranged to participate in City Council meetings from his hospital bed via Skype. King 5 found out about it and did a news story that was also picked up by CNN and broadcast nationally. Mayor Johnson’s continued devotion to Bonney Lake during his battle with cancer has been an inspiration to the entire community. On July 29th and 30th, Mayor Johnson lead the Bonney Lake contingent at the annual Relay for Life at Sunset Stadium.

City Receives 6th Consecutive Tree City Award

April 16th, several dozen Bonney Lake volunteers met at the former WSU Forest entrance behind Fred Meyer to celebrate Arbor and Park Appreciation Day. Following a ceremony in which the City was awarded a 6th consecutive Tree City USA award by the WA Department of Natural Resources, volunteers and City officials spent the rest of the morning cleaning up the former WSU Forest, including 40 acres donated to the City, now referred to as Midtown Park. All trails have been reopened to the public.
Unsung Hero Award 2012

Congratulations to Barb Wigton in the Bonney Lake Police Department who is the recipient of the 19th Annual Community Summit Unsung Hero Award 2012. Barb has been the Coordinator for the Bonney Lake Giving Tree program for over 20 years. Each year, Barb coordinates with local schools to obtain family information for students who would be without Christmas if it were not for this project. In December 2011 nearly 900 students received Christmas presents. Barb solicits help from the community to purchase gifts, make donations, sort and catalog donations, wrap gifts, and ensure that everyone on the list gets a gift. An annual food drive is also a part of this event and the food is distributed to the local food banks and area senior citizens. With Barb’s help, more than 17,000 food items and $36,675 were collected in 2011. Barb is already working on the Bonney Lake Giving Tree program for 2012.

New Eastown Gateway Sign

An unveiling ceremony for a new Eastown Gateway sign was held Tuesday May 15th. The sign is located at the intersection of State Route 410 east and 23rd Street E. The sign was originally intended to be installed at the western gateway at Ascent Park, but it was later determined to obtain a better sign for this principal gateway, and install this sign at the East gateway after the SR410 Highway improvements in Eastown were completed.

New Bonney Lake Utility Billing E-Statement Option

The City of Bonney Lake has initiated a new utility billing e-billing service. Utility customers now have the option to receive their utility bills delivered via e-mail instead of through the U.S. Postal Service. To sign up, visit: http://www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us/sections/government/departments/executive/utility_mailer/, or call (253) 447-4317 during normal office hours for more information.
City Police Department Receives Award

The City of Bonney Lake’s Police Department and its Marine Services Unit has received the Washington State “Boating Safe Educational Service Award.” The award is presented by the Washington State Parks Department and recognizes Marine Service Units that concentrate and specialize in water safety efforts. This award is given to only one Law Enforcement agency every year in the State of Washington. This year the Bonney Lake Police Department’s Marine Service Unit (with assistance from the East Pierce Fire and Rescue) conducted over thirty water safety school assemblies in the Summer, Dieringer and Fife school districts. These water safety assemblies reached over 7,000 students and was part of Mayor Johnson’s SwimSafe campaign. The increased focus on water safety proved to be extremely beneficial as there were zero water deaths on Lake Tapps in 2013. This was the first time since 2001 that there has been no loss of life on Lake Tapps!

Past Councilmember

Maureen Palecek

Maureen Palecek
Fennel Creek Trail Ribbon-Cutting

More than 50 people turned out October 26th for the ribbon-cutting ceremony in celebration of the opening of the Fennel Creek Trail/Safe Routes links. Citizens can access the trail at approximately 11110 185th Avenue E in the Willow Brook subdivision. The Safe Routes trail link goes up to Victor Falls elementary school, while the main link heads north. More information about the Fennel Creek Trail plan is available on the City’s website. On the home page enter Fennel Creek Trail in the “search our site” box and click search.

Past Councilmember’s Biography for Elections

Deputy Mayor Carl Vigna is devoted to Bonney Lake as a 25-year resident, 12.5 years serving the Council Ward 1 position, and about 5 years serving on the Planning Commission. He currently serves as the Finance Committee Chair and as Deputy Mayor. Carl and his wife Ruth have been married for 52 years, have 5 children, and enjoy 9 grandchildren. Carl retired from Boeing after 34 years of employment, and since 1996 is working as the project manager for St. Andrews New Church in Sumner.
Past Councilmember’s Biographies for Elections

Councilmember LeRoy Eggers has been a Bonney Lake resident since 1986 and began serving the City as a member of the Council for Ward 5 since November 1997. Councilmember Eggers is the Chair of the Community Development Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee. Prior to moving to Bonney Lake, he served as a Councilmember for the City of Ferndale. Councilmember Eggers and his wife Carolyn have been married 40 years and raised 3 children and enjoy 6 grandchildren. His goals for the City are to improve pedestrian safety, especially near schools, traffic in the Central Business District, and the growth demands on the infrastructures.
Lake Tapps Pioneer Cemetery Ceremony

In 1889, Daniel Orcutt lived on the Bonney Lake Plateau near what is currently Lake Tapps. His family and their neighbors had no local cemetery at the time, so he donated one acre of his land to Pierce County to be used as "a public burying ground only... forever." The site was named the Lake Tapps Cemetery. While it is suspected that as many as 70 persons may be buried in the cemetery, there are only 14 known interments (remaining name markers), mostly the Lappenbusch and Fudoh families. Over time, the cemetery was neglected, then forgotten. It became overgrown with brush and blackberries, and the stone markers became invisible.

In 2008, a hiker tramping through the brush discovered some of the headstones and posted the coordinates on the internet website Waymarking.com. He erroneously named it the Dieringer Cemetery. A few years later a Boy Scout troop adopted the site as one of their community projects and cleared it up and erected a sign naming it the "Dieringer Pioneer Cemetery". In 2012, Roger Hunt, the great-great-grandson of Daniel Orcutt began the mission of restoring the name of the cemetery as the Lake Tapps Pioneer Cemetery that was donated to the county 125 years ago. Hunt noted that the Dieringers were no friends of the Orcuts. On June 4, 2014, the Bonney Lake Historical Society held a renaming ceremony. Roger Hunter attended and told some of the history he has discovered while researching his ancestors.

Past Councilmembers

Ginger Moore

Robert Hawkins

Chalmers Brittain
City Process Praised in National Magazine

Bonney Lake’s public records retention procedures were recently lauded in a national magazine. The City of Bonney Lake’s treatment and retention of text messages were featured in an article recently published in Government Executive magazine. In the article, Bonney Lake IT Services Manager Chuck McEwn explains how Bonney Lake is ahead of the curve in archiving and retrieving public records, especially text messages. The article can be found at: http://www.govexec.com/state-local/2015/01/text-message-archiving-smash/102204/?oref-river

City Receives WellCity Award

The City of Bonney Lake received the 2015 WellCity Award from the Association of Washington Cities. As a result, the City earned a 2% discount on all its medical premiums for 2016. The City will also receive a WellCity Award plaque, window clings and certificates for wellness committee members, and a WellCity road sign. AWC thanked the City for its continued dedication to building a workplace culture where employee health is valued and supported.

Arbor Day Foundation Names Bonney Lake Tree City USA

Bonney Lake, WA was named a 2014 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the 7th straight year the City has received the award. Bonney Lake achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program’s four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least $2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. "Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Bonney Lake make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits. Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.
Bonney Lake received a 10 Year Tree City USA award Saturday April 25th at the annual Arbor and Parks Appreciation Day event. The award was presented to Mayor Neil Johnson by a representative of the Washington Forestry Council. Approximately 40 people attended the event. After presentation of the awards, volunteers cleaned up the Midtown Park trails.
The City of Bonney Lake has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for their development of the 2015-2016 biennial budget of the City. Less than five percent (5%) of cities receive this award. This is the second time the City has received such an award. Mayor Neil Johnson congratulated the City Council, City Administrator Don Morrison, CFO Cherie Gibson, Financial Operations Manager Annette Mub, Senior Accountant Terrisa Marsh and the entire finance staff for the excellent job they did putting the final adopted budget together. To receive the award, cities must not only have a schedule of revenues and expenditures, but must demonstrate a variety of sound budgeting principles, including a statement of city-wide, strategic goals and strategies that address long-term concerns and issues; a discussion of significant budgetary items and trends; narrative, tables, schedules, or matrices to show the relationship between functional units, major funds, and non-major funds; a discussion of city-wide long-term financial policies; the underlying assumptions for the revenue estimates; and a discussion of significant revenue trends; financial data on current debt obligations and the effects of existing debt levels on current operations; and much more.
The Bonney Lake Arts Commission has awarded its first annual "Medal of Arts" award to Mark Hamilton and the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society for establishing the Milotte Wildlife Film Festival. Now in its 5th year, the Milotte Film Festival provides free educational and entertaining information and film to the public. The Festival is named for Alfred and Elma Milotte, who once owned and lived in what is now the "Sky Island" neighborhood of Bonney Lake. The Milottes spent more than thirty years observing wildlife on three continents and filming for Walt Disney's True Life Adventure series. For more information about the festival, visit www.mwlf.org. The Medal of Arts award recognizes an individual or organization residing in Bonney Lake who has made a contribution to and promoted the arts in Bonney Lake.
Bonney Lake Receives 2016 Healthy Communities Award

Bonney Lake has been awarded the 2016 Health Community Award from the Pierce County Regional Council and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. This award recognizes the City for its efforts to promote community health, including the development and adoption of comprehensive plan policies to improve the health of all community members.

Tribute to Mona Musgrave

Mona Musgrave passed away November 18, 2016 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mona was the City’s longest tenured employee, having just achieved her 43rd anniversary with the City. She worked up until the end. She was just 17 when she started with the City—still in high school. Once she graduated she started on a full-time basis in the clerk-treasurer’s office. Mona was a dedicated, exemplary employee who loved the City and became its institutional memory and historian. A large turnout of City employees attended her memorial service Saturday Dec. 3rd. The City will be placing a new park bench and donated memorial plate in her honor in Cedarview Park, which is close to the home where she spent the majority of her life.
Larry Anderson to Receive "Medal of Arts" Award

The Bonney Lake Medal of Arts award recognizes an individual or organization in Bonney Lake who has made a contribution to and promoted the arts. The Bonney Lake Arts Commission will award its second annual "Medal of Arts" award to local sculptor Larry Anderson during the February 28th City Council Meeting. Anderson is best known in town for sculpting the City's gateway statue of the boy and the ducks that is the centerpiece of the City's welcome sign coming up the hill on SR410. However, Anderson's work is known nationally as well. Not long ago, President Obama chose to be photographed with one of Anderson's works, "Springfield's Lincoln", a bronze life size sculpture of Abraham Lincoln, his wife and two of his sons. Another renowned Anderson piece is a Civil War sculpture "Coming Home" which rests at the Ohio Veteran's Home in Sandusky, Ohio. Over the years, Larry has produced more than 70 commissioned bronze sculptures, many of which are on display in Tacoma.
At a presentation ceremony at the February 28th City Council meeting, the Bonney Lake Arts Commission presented its second annual “Medal of Arts” award to renowned local sculptor Larry Anderson. Anderson is best known in town for sculpting the City’s gateway statue of the boy and the ducks that is the centerpiece of the City’s welcome sign coming up the hill on SR410. Anderson’s work is known nationally as well. Not long ago, President Obama chose to be photographed with one of Anderson’s works, "Springfield’s Lincoln", a bronze life size sculpture of Abraham Lincoln, his wife and two of his sons. Another renowned Anderson piece is a Civil War sculpture "Coming Home" which rests at the Ohio Veteran’s Home in Sandusky, Ohio. Over the years, Larry has produced more than 70 commissioned bronze sculptures, many of which remain on public display in various parts of Tacoma, including “The Leaf”, “Children’s Bell”, “Waiting at the Station”, “The Second Touch”, “Trilogy”, and many more. The Bonney Lake Medal of Arts award recognizes an individual or organization in Bonney Lake who has made a contribution to and promoted the arts.

Past Councilmember’s Biography for Elections

Councilmember Paul Qualey is a 19-year resident of Bonney Lake. Councilmember Qualey serves the City in the Ward 2 Council position since the fall of 1997. He serves as a member of the Community Development Committee. Councilmember Qualey has been the owner of the Bonney Lake Bicycle Shop for 9 years. He has been married for 15 years and has 3 children.
City Receives 12th Consecutive TreeCity USA Award

At the annual Arbor/Parks Appreciation Day ceremony and work party Saturday April 22nd, the Washington Forestry Council presented Mayor Neil Johnson with the City’s 12th consecutive TreeCity USA award. More than 70 volunteers participated in either cleaning up Midtown Park or planting trees along the Fennel Creek trail. Special thanks goes to Bonney Lake Cub Scout Pack 504 which undertook the tree planting project. The scouts and their leaders and families planted dozens of trees along the Fennel Creek Trail in the Willowbrook neighborhood.

Past Mayors

Allan Yorke

Rex Pulfrey
Bonney Lake Student Leads Effort to Repaint Food Bank

Bonney Lake resident and student McKenna Ian has been a volunteer at the Bonney Lake Food Bank. She recently headed up an effort to repaint the food bank building. She solicited the help of 17 volunteers to help with the work. The Bonney Lake Sherwin Williams paint store donated all of the paint and supplies, and Encased Painting provided labor. The building was washed and painted the second floor at no charge. Mayor Jill Johnson noted that she “appreciates young people like McKenna who is working to make a positive difference in the Bonney Lake community. I am really proud of McKenna’s volunteer and persistent effort to get this project done.”

New Fireworks Regulations for 2017

Based on fireworks code changes made last year by the Bonney Lake City Council, Safe and Sane legal fireworks can only be set off on private property. All other legal fireworks can only be set off between the hours of 6 PM to midnight. (BLMC 5.14.110). If you have any questions before purchasing or lighting your fireworks, please contact the police department at (253) 860-2212. Property owners are responsible for their own property and if an illegal fireworks is set off on private property, the property owner may be cited, regardless of who set off the fireworks. A police officer does not need to catch the fireworks igniter in the act. If you are concerned for the safety of yourself or others, feel free to contact the non-emergency police line at (253) 861-5431.

Also, possession of illegal fireworks is against state law (RCW 7.77.405). Setting off fireworks on someone’s property without the owner’s permission is against the law (RCMC 5.14.110 (E)). Discharging fireworks in a reckless manner is against the law (RCW 70.77.488), and setting off fireworks in a City park or City property is likewise illegal (RCMC 5.14.110 (E)). Officers may issue a civil infraction to anyone found setting off safe and sane fireworks in violation of the law, a $550 fine.

These changes were a compromise between those who prefer an outright ban on fireworks and those who want to continue to enjoy fireworks as part of their 4th of July celebration. Please be careful, respectful of others, and enjoy a safe and sane Independence Day celebration.
Bonney Lake Assumes Administration of Joint Recreation Program

Effective September 1st, the City of Bonney Lake took the lead in administering the joint Recreation Program, a previous responsibility of the Sumner School District. The City has signed a new inter-local agreement with the Sumner School District to continue offering recreation and arts activities for youth and adults in the area, as well as before and after school activity programs for students in the district. Those who participate in the programs and activities will continue to enjoy the same variety of quality and affordable offerings. Bonney Lake is a growing city and the Recreation Program will play an integral part in providing activities for area youth and adults. The City looks forward to leading the program and the continued partnership with the Sumner School District. Anticipated improvements to the system include online class registration and payment.

Bonney Lake Receives Prestigious National Budget Award

The City of Bonney Lake has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for their development of the 2017-2018 biennial budget of the City. Less than five percent (5%) of cities receive this award. This is the third time the City has received such an award. Mayor Neil Johnson congratulated the City Council, City Administrator Don Morrison, CFO Cherie Gibson, Financial Operations Manager Annette Mah, Senior Accountant Terrina Marchant and the entire finance staff for the excellent job they did putting the final adopted budget together. To receive the award, cities must not only have a schedule of revenues and expenditures, but must demonstrate a variety of sound budgeting principles, including a statement of city-wide, strategic goals and strategies that address long-term concerns and issues; a discussion of significant budgetary items and trends; narrative, tables, schedules, or matrices to show the relationship between functional units, major funds, and non-major funds; a discussion of city-wide long-term financial policies; the underlying assumptions for the revenue estimates, and a discussion of significant revenue trends; financial data on current debt obligations and the effects of existing debt levels on current operations; and much more.

Past Councilmember’s Biography for Elections

Councilmember Allen Johnson is almost a 5-year resident of Bonney Lake. Councilmember Johnson serves as the Ward 3 Council position. He was appointed in March 1998, and he sought the appointment because he wanted to become part of a team that is planning for the future of our children. Councilmember Johnson serves on the Public Safety Committee. He is employed as a new construction superintendent. Councilmember Johnson is married and has 3 children. He enjoys acting as the assistant coach for his daughters’ ASA softball team.

Education: High School Diploma Equivalent, Klamath Falls, OR
Occupation: Residential Construction Superintendent
Professional Qualifications: 9 years building Residential Construction, 6 years as a superintendent

Personal Information: I am married with 3 children, a US Navy Veteran. I have been a resident of Bonney Lake for 5 years.

Community Involvement: I was on the Bonney Lake/Sumner Little League board of directors for 2 years as a softball player agent and a coach for little league for 4 years. I am currently an ASA 12U Fastpitch softball coach. I am currently on the public safety committee for the city of Bonney Lake.

Personal Views: I am committed to serve the citizens of Bonney Lake in the issues that face our city in the present and the future. I feel we need well planned growth with the emphasis of making our city livable for all citizens. I am also committed to maintaining a balanced budget.
New Mural in Allan Yorke Park

Bonney Lakes Arts Commission Glory Canace, along with local artists Brian Meier and Brynn Knacke of Bracey Hearts Tattoo in Buckley, volunteered their time to paint a new mural in Allan York Park (AYP). The new mural was painted on the West wall of the Snack Shack at Allan Yorke. Also pictured in the photo is past Arts Commission President Sonya Fontaine, decked out in her Seahawks gear. This is the second mural painted in AYP. The first, commissioned two years ago, was painted on the Sound side of the restroom.

Council Recognizes Councilmember Donn Lewis

The Bonney Lake Arts Commission is now accepting nominations for its annual Medal of Arts Award. This annual award honors an individual or organization residing in Bonney Lake who has made a contribution to and/or promoted the arts in Bonney Lake. Nominees must be an individual (of any age) residing or an organization located in the 98391 zip code area. The individual or organization could be an educator or an artist who makes original art (music, visual arts, performing arts, digital and literary) in our community. To download a nomination form, visit the City's website at www.bonneylakewa.org and click special events/Medal of Arts or email arts@bonneylakewa.us. All nominations are due by January 1st, 2018.

Mayor's Food Drive Nets Three Tons

Mayor Neil Johnson's 4th Annual Bonney Lake Food Drive, sponsored by DM Disposal, netted 6,600 pounds of food that went directly to the Bonney Lake Food Bank. Five hundred and sixty-three (563) different households contributed donations. In a related food drive, the homeless students at Bonney Lake High School collected over 5,400 food items. Thanks to all for your generous support to help the needy in our Bonney Lake community.
Congratulations to Detective Brian Byerley who was awarded the Pierce County Prosecutors Office Detective of the Year 2018 at the PC Prosecutors Annual Community Partner Awards ceremony held at Wright Park in Tacoma recently. Detective Byerley was recognized for his dedication and hard work on many high profile cases during this past year.

Assistant Chief Alfano accepted to FBI National Academy

BLPD was notified that Assistant Chief Kurt Alfano has been tentatively accepted to the #279th session of the FBI National Academy in January of 2020. The FBI National Academy is hosted in Quantico, VA and is an eleven week program focusing on executive leadership, nutrition and physical fitness. AC Alfano will have 250 students in the class with him from around the world. Only 1% of all law enforcement officers are accepted into this prestigious training. AC Alfano will be the third member from BLPD to attend the FBI National Academy joining Chief George Webb (early 1970’s) and Chief Bryan Jeter (211th Session in 2002).
BLPD Honored at Cedar Ridge
Cedar Ridge Assisted Living honored the Bonney Lake Police Department by having a fundraiser lunch for their Shop with a Cop program and also gave them the below pictured wall art as a token of appreciation for their service.

Sergeant Rob Hoag recognized for DUI enforcement
The summer Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over High Visibility Emphasis (HVE) patrols targeted impaired driving from August 15 to September 3, 2018. Target Zero Managers from across the state worked with local agencies and regional task forces to set the dates and times for their local emphasis to coincide with national enforcement efforts promoted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaigns targeted not only Impaired Driving, but all types of traffic violations.

The WTSC is proud to recognize the outstanding work of top performing officers who participated in the summer Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over HVE patrols. The regional Target Zero Manager and Law Enforcement Liaison nominated top performers after a review of officer activity logs.

Sergeant Rob Hoag of the Bonney Lake Police Department has been selected as the “Top Performer” for Region 5 for the 2018 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Impaired Driving Campaign. Sergeant Hoag worked nine hours during the campaign, had six contacts, issued seven charges, and arrested two impaired drivers. Congratulations Sergeant Hoag!
Sergeant Boyle selected as Boating Safety Instructor
Sergeant Ryan Boyle was recently selected by Washington State Parks to be a Recreational Boating Safety Instructor. As an Instructor, Sergeant Boyle will certify other officers around the state to operate a police vessel. For Sergeant Boyle’s efforts, the Marine Services Unit will qualify BLPD for an additional grant funding of up to $5000 per year for each year he teaches for at least one week (5 Days) at a State Parks class. This is quite an honor to represent BLPD at the State level. Congratulations Ryan!

Congratulations to Mary Reinbold on obtaining the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) candidate certification through the American Planning Association (APA). This is a nationwide, independent verification of a planners’ qualifications. One more year of professional planning work and Mary will be a certified planner.
City Mourns the Loss of Councilmember Rackley

Posted on 07/11/2019

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of former Councilmember James Rackley today, July 11, 2019, following his valiant battle with cancer.

Rackley announced his retirement from office due to ongoing health issues on June 5, 2019. Rackley was first elected to office in 2000, and served on council for nearly 20 years. He was proud to serve the Bonney Lake community, and played an instrumental role in how the city has transformed over the years.

“My heart goes out to all of his family and friends in their time of grief,” said Mayor Neil Johnson. “Jim was not only a fun person to work with on council, but also a friend. I will never forget in 2005 when Jim ran against me for mayor. We remained friends during the campaign and we both agreed we would talk only about the issues. What was cool is that after the election results came in, Jim attended my election party where he was very supportive. I will miss Jim and his infectious laugh.”

City Council, staff, and members of the public gathered at the City Council meeting on June 11 to recognize Rackley for his years of service. Rackley shared, “It’s been a beautiful life and I would like to thank the people I know which is hundreds, especially here at city hall. I really appreciated the job. Thank you very much.”

City flags will be flown at half-staff in honor of Rackley on Friday, July 12, 2019.
No memorial service is planned. Those wishing to honor Rackley’s life are encouraged to make a donation in his name to St. Jude.
Past Councilmember’s Biography for Elections

Randy McKibbin

Elected Experience: Bonney Lake
Council Member - 2009 - present
Deputy Mayor - 2016 - present
Finance Committee Chair - 2016 - present
Bonney Lake Planning Commission - Chair - 2004 - 2009

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Beautify Bonney Lake - Charter Board Member
Bonney Lake Kiwanis - Brookside HOA Board Member

Statement: Married 43 years to wife Lori, with two daughters, five granddaughters and one grandson

City Wins Governor’s Smart Communities Award

At last night’s City Council meeting, the Washington State Department of Commerce presented the City of Bonney Lake the 2019 Governor’s Smart Communities Award. The program, now in its 14th year, recognizes projects that promote smart growth planning and “contribute to thriving communities, a prosperous economy, and sustainable infrastructure in Washington.”

The City received the Judge’s Merit Award, which is given to a project that is a “shining example of the best work in a particular topic,” for their 2017 Watershed Protection and Land Use Plan. Parametrix partnered with the City to prepare the plan, which provides an integrated systems approach to watershed protection and land use planning. The project team also included BERK Consulting and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

The judges called the Bonney Lake project impressive, innovative, thorough, and meaningful – a very smart approach – naming it the most impressive submittal this year, and one of the best in the more recent award cycles. The judges noted this as an innovative approach to comprehensive planning, and a great example of how professionals in different disciplines, elected officials, and the public can work together to plan communities that are healthy for residents.

“The City is committed to balancing the needs of economic development and environmental protection. This plan is an integrated approach to facilitating development in Bonney Lake while meeting the requirements of the regional growth strategy and protecting our natural environment,” stated Mayor Neil Johnson.

Bonney Lake has unique geologic conditions not typically found in many western Washington communities, including a drift plain with low hills of outwash materials and numerous closed depressions. Fennel Creek, the main stream in the City, is a former glacial meltwater channel, much of which was later filled with a mudflow from Mount Rainier. This combination of high and low infiltration on a relatively geologically young landscape required site-specific stormwater solutions.

For more information on the award, visit the Department of Commerce’s website at https://www.commerce.wa.gov/news-releases/community-programs-facilities/2019-governors-smart-communities-award-winners-announced/.
Congratulations to Leslie Harris on receiving the Washington City Manager’s Association Outstanding Assistant Award for 2019!

We were notified that we received the Government Finance Officers Association’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Thanks to Cheric and everyone involved in putting together yet another award-winning budget.
Officer Alfano completes collision reconstruction course
Officer Eric Alfano recently completed Collision Reconstruction training. This advanced training is highly sought after and extremely difficult to pass. It involved 120 hours of intensive training and passing a test at the end. Officer Alfano represented BLPD very well and is now one of the few collision reconstruction experts in Pierce County.

Information Regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
We’re getting the word out about information and resources available to the public regarding Coronavirus, aka COVID-19. Here are some external websites with information:

Tacoma Pierce County Health Department
https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/human-coronavirus

Washington State Department of Health
https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus

The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department shares these steps to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19: to help protect yourself:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces.
- Stay at home and away from others if you are sick.

Questions about COVID-19? Contact the Washington State Department of Health’s call center at 1-800-525-0127. If you are not feeling well, call your healthcare provider, clinic, or the call center.
City offices closed to public access

The Justice & Municipal Center will be closed to public access beginning Tuesday, March 17 through March 31 to slow the spread of #COVID19. Many of our services are available online, and staff can be reached by email or phone.

As a reminder, the Police Station is closed through the end of the month. The Senior Center and Recreation Office are closed in conjunction with the School District closure.

For updates and a list of online services, visit: www.co.bl.us/coronavirus.

City Council to Conduct March 24th Meeting Virtually

Dear Bonney Lake community:

The Bonney Lake City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 24, at 6 p.m., will be conducted virtually, with Councilmembers, the Mayor, and Department Heads participating remotely via web-based conferencing. This change is necessary to respond to updated recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state and local health authorities, regarding social distancing and limitations on public gatherings in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public is invited to call in to this meeting at 408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 215 767 549#) and listen live. As always, the audio of the meeting will be posted to the City’s website.

The meeting is expected to be conducted expeditiously, with Council discussion kept to a minimum. The first item on the Council agenda will be an emergency ordinance establishing rules for the conduct of Council meetings in the event of an emergency. The ordinance, if passed, will allow the Council to continue with remote meetings when warranted by a disaster or emergency, and put in place additional measures to ensure the orderly conduct of Council business along with the protection of the public health, welfare, and safety.

The Citizen Comment portion of the meeting may be cancelled. If you would like to comment on a matter of city business, please submit your comments via email to clerk@co.bl.us. Please indicate in your comment whether you would like it to be read aloud at the meeting. Any comments that are submitted at least one hour in advance of the meeting, and that meet Bonney Lake Municipal Code requirements for appropriate comment, will be read at the meeting.

I believe it is critically important for the community to remain involved in government, and I regret having to take actions such as these. But at the same time, we all need to do our part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. I look forward to this crisis passing and returning to our normal procedures for open public meetings in the near future.

- Mayor Neil Johnson

Gov. Inslee announces Stay Home, Stay Healthy order

Together, we can stop the spread of COVID-19. Learn more about Governor Jay Inslee’s Stay-Home, Stay-Healthy order here:
https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-stay-home-stay-healthy-order-4891a7511f5e.

The state built a website for all COVID-19 information, including health recommendations and resources to help workers and businesses impacted by COVID-19: https://coronavirus.wa.gov.
Assistant Chief Alfano graduates from the FBI National Academy

Assistant Chief Kurt Alfano graduated from the 279th session of the FBI National Academy on Friday, March 13th in Quantico, VA. AC Alfano spent 10 weeks learning with 250 other students from around the world. The course focuses on leadership, wellness and physical fitness. AC Alfano is the third member in the history of the Bonney Lake Police Department to successfully complete the FBI National Academy. Congratulations Assistant Chief Alfano!

Past Councilmember’s Biography for Elections

Dan Decker

Education: Diploma, Sumner High School; A.A., Green River Community College; B.A., Central Washington University

Occupation: Independent Insurance Agent, C. Cable Insurance Company

Professional Qualifications: I hear what the people want and act accordingly.

Personal Information: I’ve lived in Bonney Lake over 45 years. My wife Nancy has been here a few years less. Nancy is a 26-year schoolteacher.

Community Involvement: I ran for Mayor, received 66% of the vote, I’m a Judge for the Bonney Lake High School Senior Projects, a member of the Bonney Lake Citizens Advisory Council. I helped Emerald Hills Elementary school win the Wal-Mart recycling program. My granddaughter Zoe goes to Emerald Hills. I caused the people of Bonney Lake to have the right of Initiative and Referendum petitioning. I’m the catalyst that caused our City to add 12½ acres to the City Park. I’m a member of the Paget Creek Restoration Society and past Vice-President, Treasurer, and Council-member. I attend Council-meetings and speak my mind.

Personal Views: Old Mayor Young mentality is alive and well in Bonney Lake politics. The Council has lost vision of the needs of the people. The changes I will make will be through the will of the people not through big business controlling our City.

Donations

Several local businesses donated vital equipment and supplies to BLPD during the COVID-19 pandemic. Costco donated two packages of disinfectant wipes, Home Depot donated hand sanitizer, Target donated a basket of snack and drinks, Equipment Experts, Inc. donate an ozone generator to aid with disinfecting patrol vehicles, Domino’s donated pizza for our staff, Lampost Coffee Roasters donated coffee, Khalsa Aid also provided pizza for our staff, a family donated a CJ’s Deli lunch for our staff, Bonney Lake Multi Care Emergency Dept donated pizzed April 20th, Al Lago is providing a lunch and dinner for officers working on April 22nd, and former Volunteers In Police Services made and donated face masks. What a great community we serve!
Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson and Sumner Mayor Bill Pugh issued the following letter to Gov. Inslee regarding the opening of businesses. Read the letter.

May 19, 2020

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Inslee,

As city leaders of Bonney Lake and Sumner, we join together in writing this letter urging you to allow businesses to open.

As you are aware, “one size does not fit all” when it comes to solutions for our cities, counties, and state. Bonney Lake and Sumner, with a combined population of 31,000 located in East Pierce County, is vastly different from Seattle and Tacoma.

While the health and safety of our communities is of the upmost importance, our businesses can open responsibly and safely today by following guidelines already in place by similar industries currently open. Our small businesses, which provide for our significant economic base, are anxiously waiting for the green light to open. We all are finding the lack of consistency between which businesses are opened vs closed frustrating and inequitable. For example, small boutiques can be safe, if not safer, than a Costco or Fred Meyer that sells clothing, home goods, and other items besides food.

We would like to propose the following:

- Open businesses immediately that can comply with the health and safety requirements required of their industry that are already open. Allow the business owner to decide if they can and are ready to safely open.
- Continue to encourage people to follow safety protocols including social distancing and wearing a face mask or covering when around others, and staying home when not feeling well.
- Encourage seniors and other at-risk members of the community to stay home.

Many of our businesses follow the same requirements of businesses in their industry already open. Our small business community is ready to safely serve its customers. Please allow these businesses to open now before they can no longer afford to stay in business.

Sincerely,

Neil Johnson, Jr.  
Bonney Lake Mayor

Bill Pugh  
Sumner Mayor
Bonney Lake and Sumner mayors ask Gov. Inslee to allow businesses in their cities to reopen

The mayors say their Pierce County cities are "vastly different from Seattle and Tacoma," and that their local small businesses should be allowed to reopen safely.

Saying "one size does not fit all," the mayors of Bonney Lake and Sumner are urging Gov. Jay Inslee to allow businesses in their cities to reopen.

Located in east Pierce County, the two cities have a combined population of around 31,000. However, Pierce County remains in Phase 1 of the state's four-phase approach to reopening due to the total population.

In a letter to Inslee, Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson Jr. and Sumner Mayor Bill Pugh write businesses in the two cities can open "responsibly and safely" by following guidelines already in place by businesses that are already allowed to open. Small businesses in the cities are "anxiously waiting for the green light."

"We are finding the lack of consistency between which business are opened vs closed frustrating and inequitable," they wrote.

"For example, small boutiques can be safe, if not safer, than a Costco or Fred Meyer that sells clothing, home goods, and other items besides food," they wrote.

The mayors propose:

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Nicole Wilsey, owner of Sparrow and Nightingale's, a home decor and gifts boutique in downtown Sumner, said she was glad to see the mayors try to help small businesses.

"Small business, we're taking the biggest hit of anybody," Wilsey said. "For the mayors to go to bat for us is phenomenal."

Mayor Johnson, of Bonney Lake, said he has also heard from other small business owners.

"I've got a lot of feedback on that letter that a lot of folks are just happy that cities are fighting for their local economy," Johnson said.

Pugh said that he would like to see the mayors in Pierce County work together.

"I respect Governor Inslee and all that he is doing to try to navigate us through this," said Sumner mayor Bill Pugh's statement. "I'd like to see [mayors in Pierce County] working more cohesively to ask the difficult questions and find some common ground to support Governor Inslee and help our businesses and our residents survive."

The governor's spokesperson Mike Faulk said that for now, any exceptions to the state's four-phased reopening plan will be considered by county, and not by city.

"At this time we are considering county variances only. As with any communications we get from counties and cities, we will respond to them directly with more information on why we think this is important to protect public health."
Officer Green begins at BLEA
Ofc. Todd Green started serving as BLPD’s first TAC officer for the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission’s Basic Law Enforcement Academy on April 27th. Ofc. Green will be assigned to the BLEA for a minimum of three years and will be an instructor for law enforcement recruits at the training academy in Burien. Ofc. Green competed with other officers from around the state for this position. This is great recognition for Ofc. Green and BLPD.

CSO Nate Alvord was voted support person of the year by the department’s supervisors. CSO Alvord continues to handle our community outreach programs and has worked tirelessly to connect our homeless population to resources. In addition, CSO Alvord coordinates our Citizen’s Academy, Coffee with a Cop and Block Watch programs. CSO Alvord always makes himself available to assist with any and all assignments that are thrown at him.

Ofc. Todd Green was awarded a lifesaving medal for his application of a tourniquet to a subject who had slit his wrist in a suicide attempt. Ofc. Green was the first to arrive on scene of a motor vehicle collision. Ofc. Green immediately recognized a serious wound to the subject’s arm that was bleeding profusely. The subject was on the verge of unconsciousness. Ofc. Green quickly applied his department issued tourniquet to stop the bleeding. EMS was able to stabilize the subject and he survived due to Ofc. Green’s quick thinking and action.

Congratulations to all!
Bonney Lake COVID-19 Residential Utility and Small Business Grant Assistance Programs
Posted on 08/03/2020

Under the CARES Act, the Department of Commerce has awarded the City of Bonney Lake grant funds to cover various eligible costs that are incurred as a result of COVID-19. At the July 21, 2020, City Council meeting, Council approved allocating up to $300,000 of grant funds to provide assistance to businesses and residents that have been impacted by COVID-19.

An overview of the two programs - 1) Bonney Lake Residential Utility Customer Grant Assistance Program and 2) Bonney Lake Small Business Grant Assistance Program can be found below.

The application period for both programs will start at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 3.

Coronavirus Update and Resources
Posted on 08/28/2020

The City of Bonney Lake continues to closely monitor this situation. We will post updates and resources on COVID-19 on this web page as available.

On March 11, 2020, Mayor Johnson signed a Proclamation of Emergency for the City of Bonney Lake. The declaration of a state of emergency gives the City greater flexibility to take appropriate actions necessary to combat the emergency for the protection of persons and properties, and to provide appropriate emergency assistance to persons affected. Read the proclamation.

In an effort to take proactive measures to protect the health and safety of the community and staff, the City is implementing safety protocols and modifying our services.

The following is an update as of August 28, 2020:

City offices closed to public access
In accordance with the Governor’s phased reopening plan and orders from the State Supreme Court, the Justice & Municipal Center, Police Department, and Public Works Center are currently closed to the public with the exception for individuals with scheduled court hearings. The Municipal Court counter remains closed. The Senior Center is closed in conjunction with the School District closure but offering drive-through lunch service. We will keep you updated as we reassess the situation. Many of our services are available online. See a list of online services below.

*New Program*
Learn about the Bonney Lake COVID-19 Residential Utility and Small Business Grant Assistance Programs here.

City Council Meetings:
City Council meetings will be conducted virtually. Click here for details on how to listen and submit public comments.
‘Leave now’: Evacuation issued for residents south of 410 as Bonney Lake fire spreads

BY ALLISON NEEDLES
SEPTEMBER 08, 2020 06:39 PM, UPDATED SEPTEMBER 08, 2020 10:35 PM

UPDATE: Around 9 p.m. Tuesday, Tacoma Fire Department said the wildfire that started in Bonney Lake has burned about 150 acres, four structures and is approximately 20 percent contained.

A “Level 3” evacuation alert has been issued for all areas south and west of state Route 410 all the way to Angeline Road and Rhodes Lake Road to McCutcheon in Pierce County due to a spreading wildfire, according to the Bonney Lake Police Department.

A Level 3 evacuation alert means there is immediate danger in the area and residents should leave immediately.

“Please leave now,” the Bonney Lake Police Department said on Twitter.

The alert comes shortly after a Level 2 evacuation alert was made asking people to prepare to leave.

“Prepare your route. Traffic will be difficult,” the Bonney Lake Police Department tweeted.

People are asked to call the Pierce County Evacuation Line at 253-798-1571 for any questions.

The fire between Sumner and Bonney Lake, called the Sumner Grade Fire, started around 12:10 a.m. Tuesday and is estimated at 50 acres and growing, according to an email from the Washington State Fire Marshal’s office on Tuesday.

“It is threatening structures, power lines, and roadways,” the email said. “The fire cause is currently under investigation. Mobilization specialists from the Fire Protection Bureau have ordered one strike team and aircraft.”

As of Tuesday evening, the fire had made its way down to the valley, with 166th Avenue East closed south of city limits, the City of Sumner staff said on Twitter. Winco is closed.

Residents of Bonney Lake along Myers Road evacuated earlier Tuesday.

SR 410 between Sumner and Bonney Lake will remain closed for at least another 24 hours, the state Department of Transportation said Tuesday evening.
September 8, 2020
Level 3 Evacuation Alert All areas south and west of SR410 all the way to Angeline Road and Rhodes Lake Road to McCutcheon (yellow highlighted area). Please leave now.

September 9, 2020
All evacuation areas have been upgraded to a Level 3, meaning GO NOW! This includes portions of unincorporated Pierce County as well as within city limits.

If your residence borders this area, get your things SET to go, in the event the fire spreads and you need to evacuate.
September 10, 2020

PHASED RE-ENTRY INFORMATION: Residents affected by the #SumnerGradeFire are now allowed a PHASED re-entry to their homes. NOT ALL RESIDENTS ARE CLEARED TO RE-ENTER THEIR HOMES.

If you are in the RED area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 3 and NOT cleared to go back to your residence.

If you are in the YELLOW area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 2 and while you can go back to your residence, please be prepared should you need to evacuate again.

If you are in the GREEN area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 1 and may re-enter your residence.

September 11, 2020

*EFFECTIVE AT 6:00 PM TODAY (9/11)* UPDATED PHASED EVACUATION RE-ENTRY INFORMATION

Residents affected by the #SumnerGradeFire are now allowed a PHASED re-entry to their homes. NOT ALL RESIDENTS ARE CLEARED TO RE-ENTER THEIR HOMES.

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If you are in the GREEN area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 1 and may re-enter your residence.

Angeline Road evacuation area has been lifted.
September 12, 2020

*EFFECTIVE AT 6:00 PM TODAY (9/12)* UPDATED PHASED EVACUATION RE-ENTRY INFORMATION

Residents affected by the SumnerGracieFire are now allowed a PHASED re-entry to their homes. NOT ALL RESIDENTS ARE CLEARED TO RE-ENTER THEIR HOMES.

Area east of Myers Road has been downgraded to Level 2.

If you are in the RED area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 3 and NOT cleared to go back to your residence.

If you are in the YELLOW area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 2 and while you can go back to your residence, please be prepared should you need to evacuate again.

If you are in the GREEN area of the map, you are considered LEVEL 1 and may re-enter your residence.

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September 13, 2020

Effective at 6:00 p.m. today (9/13): ALL EVACUATION AREAS in the City of Bonney Lake will be downgraded to Level 1. Please remember this means to BE READY should conditions change in any way and additional evacuation changes be necessary.
Message from Mayor Neil Johnson on Sumner Grade Fire

The greater Bonney Lake community has been tremendously impacted by the Sumner Grade Fire. While we know fires are a threat in our area, we never imagined we’d see anything like we have this week. My thoughts are with those that lost their homes, and we are grateful for the firefighters that saved countless others.

I would like to thank our community for their continued support and banding together in a time of need. I received numerous calls and offers to help with food, shelter and general needs. Seeing the community accept the challenge issued by the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District and other community partners to help stock the fridge and pantry of those affected by the fire, evacuations, and power outages has been incredible. We are stronger and better together.

During the event, we activated our Emergency Operations Center and I was in constant contact with our staff during that time. I would like to commend our emergency responders and extend a heartfelt thank you to all the agencies and personnel involved in helping us battle this fire. The extent to which neighboring, regional, and state agencies came to our aid in a time of need is nothing short of impressive. We are grateful to all those involved in getting this fire under control and restoring services to our City.

Mayor Neil Johnson
Councilmember Dan Swatman is a 5-year resident of Bonney Lake and was appointed to the Ward 4 Council position in October 1998. Prior to his appointment, Councilmember Swatman’s consistent attendance at Council meetings brought a citizen’s perspective, which often helped foster a communication bridge between government and its citizens. He serves the Cherryview Homeowners Association as its Secretary-Treasurer and is the Treasurer for the Summer-Bonney Lake Little League. Councilmember Swatman is employed by Olympic Pipeline as its Information Systems Manager and Communication Leader of its Incident Command System.

Elected Experience: Current City Council Member, Deputy Mayor for several years, Advanced Certified Municipal Leader.

Other Professional Experience:
Systems Engineer for BP, Navy veteran, Bonney Lake resident for 24 years, local small business owner.

Education: Master of Science Project Management, Master of Business Administration.

Community Service: Lake Tapps Task Force, past homeownership treasurer, current Little League treasurer, Beautify Bonney Lake Team Leader, Historical Society board member.

Statement: Providing primary functions such as police, safe streets, public water, sewer services and supporting fire service come first over nonessential expenditures. I will continue to advocate reductions in utility rates and reduce the cost of government. I will continue to work to leverage grants to fund needed improvements for streets, sidewalks and trails. Planning for future needs is a critical council function.

Traffic is a significant area where improvements must be made to mitigate the effects of growth. Ensuring the developers pay for additional road and infrastructure improvements is critical. Pursuing regional money to reduce cost to local taxpayers is critical.

I will work to ensure that the beauty and livability of Bonney Lake continues. I will continue to work to provide an open and honest two-way dialogue between the constituents I serve and city government.

I will work to ensure that small businesses including home-based can locate in Bonney Lake, local businesses provide employment opportunities and revenues. I have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver a balanced budget, operate within existing revenues and not spend reserves. I will work hard for you and would appreciate your vote.

Education: Naval Avionics Technical School, numerous trade and technical computer schools.

Occupation: Information Systems Manager.

Professional Qualifications: Currently Bonney Lake City Council Member, Community Development Committee Chair, Finance Committee Member.

Personal Information: US Navy 6 years, 13-year Puget Sound resident.

Community Involvement: Multyear Little League Board volunteer, current Treasurer for Bonney Lake Summer Little League, Secretary/Treasurer for Homeowners’ association.

Personal Views: The primary role of government should be to provide critical services such as Police, Fire and Medical protection. Power flows from the people, your voice and vote is very important. As your current council member I have presented solutions to every rate increase proposed and held the line on getting you the lowest rates possible. Bonney Lake’s community is growing very rapidly, this growth needs to be well planned, balancing commercial growth while enabling Bonney Lake to be the place we all want to live. Call me anytime to express concerns or to find out more information.

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Terry Carter

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for elected office.

Other Professional Experience:
Eight years serving in the Army Reserve. 17 Years serving as a Police Officer in the area, 8 1/2 of those years were with the Bonney Lake PD. I am currently a Detective on the command staff with the Pacific PD.

Education: I attended Hazen High School in Renton and Bellevue College. In addition, I have attended several thousands of hours of training by federal, state and local authorities.

Community Service: I am currently a Scout Master with BSA Troop 577, and led the BL Citizen’s Academy for several years.

Statement: Residents of Bonney Lake need dedicated council members with the knowledge, skills and experience to ensure efficient and cost effective government.

While I believe that growth is necessary, it needs to be effectively and responsibly managed.

Bonney Lake needs council members who have knowledge in government operations. I have the knowledge and experience which will allow me to manage a fiscally responsible budget and make important decisions so you can continue to enjoy the quality of life offered by living here.

Effective council members realize relationships and diplomacy achieve results. I am committed to listening to different positions and voting with my conscience as to what residents would desire. Using an adversarial approach and intentionally creating dissension is a disservice to you and not what our city needs.

My goal is to focus on the essential roles of government, and I would be honored to receive your vote.
Past Councilmembers’ Biographies for Elections

Mark Hamilton

Elected Experience:
Elected to the Bonney Lake City Council in 2004, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, WATF Joint Advisory Committee and Pierce County Regional Council.

Other Professional Experience:
I’ve owned a small business for 22 years. I’m a freelance Web Programmer and Professional Videographer.

Education:

Community Service:
Served on the Civil Service Commissioner for 12 years and a member of the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society. Volunteer for Bonney Lake, Park Appreciation Day and Arbor Day. I was a member of Pierce County Juvenile Diversion Council for 4 years.

Statement:
In these tough economic times, I will continue insisting on cuts and priority spending before asking you for additional taxes. Even with the housing recession, regional growth is still the City’s number one challenge. As a Councilmember I have always been an advocate for controlled growth asking developers to pay a fair share for new roads, parks and schools. I will keep working for a new east/west roadway off the plateau to ease congestion on SR 410. We can commercially develop East Town, but it must be done without a sewer rate increase on you. I support the Fennel Creek Trail, Midtown Park and a Community Center/YMCA for our kids. Let’s develop a Museum to preserve our local history. Public safety is my top spending priority with more cops on the streets and I will not support any annexation if it jeopardizes police protection for our City.

My wife and I have lived in Bonney Lake for 23 years and we both have seen a lot of changes. My goal as your Councilmember is to protect your quality of life and to grow our City responsibly. Please help me continue my work on the Bonney Lake City Council Pos. 2.

Education: Bates Technical College, Green River Community College and Sumner High School.
Occupation: Account Executive with ISOMEDIA, Inc.
Professional Qualifications: Account Executive with an independent Data Center provider and Owner of a small business for 22 years.
Personal Information: My wife Dee and I have been married 30 years and lived in Bonney Lake for 17 years.
Community Involvement: Elected to the City Council in 2003, Civil Service Commissioner, Council member of the Pierce County Juvenile Diversion Program.
Personal Views: I believe regional growth is the City’s number one challenge. As a City Councilmember I have been a leading advocate for controlled growth, always asking developers to pay a fair share for transportation, parks and schools. I want to bring together public and private interests to build a new East/West roadway off the plateau which will ease the congestion on SR 410. We need smart commercial growth that not only improves our tax base but brings more jobs to the City and Region. I support a comprehensive public/private plan that preserves the WSU property and historical Fennel Creek. Public safety is my priority with more Traffic Control Officers but we should end the Photo Speed Enforcement Program. Help me continue my work on the Bonney Lake City Council. Re-Elect Mark Hamilton.

Pam Cleveland

Education: Baton Rouge High School, Glendale Community College, North Valley Occupational Center
Occupation: Small Business Owner
Professional Qualifications: Former Council Member/Deputy Mayor for Bonney Lake. Prior to owning my own business, I was West Coast Regional Manager of operations & sales for a large transportation firm for many years.
Personal Information: My husband Rick and I have three adult children and two grandchildren.
Community Involvement: Government Liaison–Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce, member of the Pierce County Lake Tapps Task Force, Chair/Facilitator of Friends of Lake Tapps
Personal Views: I feel fortunate to once again have an opportunity to serve the citizens of Bonney Lake. I am extremely concerned about the problems facing us regarding the potential loss of our beautiful lake and the environmental and economic impacts that could have on the residents and the business community.

Our city still faces many crucial decisions to be made in the best interest of our future and community as a whole. Growth Management, water quality, location of city hall, senior center improvements, youth center/skate board park, sign ordinance, post office traffic solution to name just a few. I want to ensure that the citizens of Ward 5 have representation and a voice on the council.
James Rackley

Elected Experience:
Bonney Lake City Council 01, 2000
to 12, 2011; Member, Puyallup River
Watershed Council, past VP City
Representative Ranier Communications
Commission, Current VP.

Other Professional Experience:
Manufacturing Accountant / retired

Education:
University of Puget Sound Accounting/Economics 1978

Community Service:
Beautify Bonney Lake, every event since inception,

Statement:
The City faces many potential changes in the near future
including; East Town Sewers system, Loss of bus ser-
vice, Possible Flood taxes, a major annexation south of
the City, and a potential YMCA. Having been involved
in these I want to be able to make sure that we accomplish
favorable outcomes for our City.

Education: Bachelor’s Degree; Business Administration, Major Accounting.
University of Puget Sound 1978.
Occupation: Accountant, Office Supervisor, United States Gypsum Co.
Tacoma, Washington.
Professional Qualifications: 20 years of experience in accounting, with
industrial and medical insurance companies. Major expertise in budgeting
and analysis.
Personal Information: My family moved to Washington in 1959. Graduate
of Lakes High School. Served in USNR for eleven years. Married to wife
Johnna, between us we have three adult sons, and two grandchildren. I’ve
lived in Bonney Lake for over Seven years.
Community Involvement: This is my first serious attempt at community
involvement, I have not been privileged to serve in a public capacity before.
Trinity Lutheran Church - Member; Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 - member.
Personal Views: I have been proud to live in Bonney Lake, and wish to
remain so. I am conservative in nature and politics, and will work to pro-
tect our city, parks and lakes.

Education: BA in Business Administration, Major Accounting, Minor Economics,
University of Puget Sound.
Occupation: Retired
Professional Qualifications: Eight years as Council member, completion of
Association of Washington Cities Certified Leadership Training Program (Nov.
2001), Advanced leadership (Aug. 2005). Chairman of Community Development
Committee, member of Finance committee, member of Wastewater Treatment Facility
committee, member of ad hoc committees on Bonney Lake Water.
Personal Information: I am married with three grown children, and four
grandchildren. I have lived in Bonney Lake for 20 years.
Community Involvement: Congregation President of Creator Lutheran Church, Vice
Chairman of the Puyallup River Watershed Council. Volunteer, Beautify Bonney Lake
and Bonney Lake Days.
Personal Views: After two terms on the Council I still have not lost my passion for
service to our City. The Council and I have worked very hard to bring the Codes and
resources of our City up to the requirements needed for the much larger Community
in which we now live. Controlled growth, balanced with the much-needed
revenue from Commercial investments in our City, will help keep our streets and
neighborhoods safe and in good repair. I will continue to work to improve our overall
quality of life.
I am a fiscal conservative, and keep a watchful eye on the City’s expenditures.
Past Councilmembers’ Biographies for Elections

**Councilmember Neale G. Duren** is a 5-year resident of Bonney Lake. Councilmember Duren serves as the At-Large Position 2 Council position, and was appointed in April 1998. He is a member of the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Duren is a former police officer and is currently working for Boeing Employees Credit Union in the area of financial crime investigation. Councilmember Duren is married with 2 children and a stepdaughter.

**Education:** A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, Oregon.

**Occupation:** Financial Crimes Investigator for Washington’s largest credit union.

**Professional Qualifications:** 15 months on the Bonney Lake City Council in the At Large Position #2. Former police officer with 10 years experience in city government affairs.

**Personal Information:** Bonney Lake city resident for 6 years. Married to Sue for 7 years, with three children ages 12, 15, and 17.


**Personal Views:** Good management is a must in civil service. Your tax dollar should be stretched to get the best possible value. The key ingredients to accomplish that goal is wisdom, teamwork, and personal integrity. I am interested in bringing more outdoor facilities and open spaces to this city as well as an enhanced business sector. It is my belief we are evolving from a bedroom community to a city where others will come for recreation and relaxation. I wish to be part of the effort to manage our growth in a way that our livable identity will not be damaged.

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**Laurie Carter**

**Education:** Thomas Jefferson High School, Federal Way. Edmonds Community College. Associate Arts Degree Legal Assistant

**Occupation:** Claims Representative, Social Security Administration.

**Professional Qualifications:** 16 years federal civil service working with the public administering federally regulated programs.

**Personal Information:** Spouse Dave Schulte. Daughter Danielle. Washington native. City resident since 1997, 20 years in the Bonney Lake area.


**Personal Views:** Build the Fennel Creek Trail! Save the WSU Forest! Stay the course on Downtown and Eastown! Undertakings like these will improve Bonney Lake’s livability and make for a successful community. A balance between businesses, residences and places to revitalize creates the kind of community families want to live, shop and work in. Keeping traffic moving, water flowing and sewer services that are adequate and economical are not just a city concern, but require a regional approach. A team effort will improve infrastructure and create livability. I will work for Bonney Lake. Vote for Laurie Carter.
Tom Watson

Elected Experience:
None

Other Professional Experience:
Store Manager, Kmart 23 years.
Store Manager, Office Depot 16 years.

Education:
Associate of Science Degree, Grossmont Community College and American Management Association

Community Service:
Mayor’s Advisory Council, Member of Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce, Beautify Bonney Lake Committee, Bonney Lake Lion’s Club, City of Bonney Lake Design Commission and Fennel Creek Preservation Committee

Statement:
I have lived in Bonney Lake for 16 years and understand the challenges our city faces in planned future growth. I believe that the concerns of our residents are not adequately represented in our city government. I would work with residents to develop a clear vision of where our city is headed and make sure my actions are consistent with that vision. We want safe streets and intersections that have enough capacity to keep traffic moving. We want parks, trails, and bicycle corridors. We want to attract good jobs and profitable businesses. And we want the changes in our business and Easttown to be done in such a way that our existing businesses can share in the prosperity. I will focus on the long-range health of our city. I feel the small business needs are not being heard. They are the heart to our growth and future. I will keep everyone informed with what is going on in the city. And I’m ready to give back to this community that is so important to me, as it is to all of us. I would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.

Education: Associates Degree and American Management Association
Occupation: Retail Store Manager, 26 years
Professional Qualifications: I have a proficiency in Planning, Visioning and Situational Analysis. I am a strong supporter of affordable housing, social services for our youth, needy families, and others.
Personal Information: I work in Bonney Lake. My wife, Denise, and I have lived here for over 11 years. My son, Ryan, has attended Bonney Lake Schools.
Community Involvement: Member of Bonney Lake’s Mayor’s Citizens’ Advisory Council, Member of the Bonney Lake Lions Club & Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce.
Personal Views: I am running for the Council because I care about maintaining and improving the quality of life in Bonney Lake. I am an experienced, successful, proven leader. I am new, not part of any existing inter-circle politics. I owe no one. I believe in open government, with a goal of doing the greatest good for the citizens of Bonney Lake. My agenda is to openly listen to all sides of a situation, help expedite the process to a positive outcome. My goal is to encourage common sense government, consensus building and calm decision-making. I would be honored to receive your vote. Thank you.
Neil Johnson, Jr.

Elected Experience: Mayor, City of Bonney Lake 2006 to present; Councilmember 2002-2005

Other Professional Experience:
Sales Manager Rotary Offset Press 2004 to present, Advanced Certified Municipal Leader, Leadership Training, National League of Cities; 30 years experience in retail advertising. Owned various small businesses (Furniture, Espresso, Hydro- seeding)

Education: General Business Administration


Statement: These last four years a number of things have been accomplished to improve mobility. This includes the 410/Memorial Drive intersection improvement, the 88th & 188th street improvements, connecting sidewalks along 410, and the opening of a significant segment of the Fennel Creek Trail.

We continued to work on our adopted Parks Plan by getting phase 1 of the AY Park remodel moving, which should be completed in 2018. As we look at implementing other parts of the Parks Plan, the city will need to find a dedicated source of funding to adequately fund the projects. One of the ways we can help fund these projects is by having a strong commercial core. Our portion of the sales tax is less than 1%, however these ingredients do add up and are able to help the general fund which funds parks, trails, streets and sidewalks. Of course, the addition of Costco will help.

Since becoming your mayor, we have and will continue to work hard gaining efficiencies in each department. Last year we combined our Community Development and Public Works departments into the Public Services Department.

I have been honored to be your mayor and look forward to the future.

Education: General Business Administration
Occupation: Current Councilmember at Large, #1; Sales Manager, Rotary Offset Press
Professional Qualifications: Certified Municipal Leader, Public Safety Committee, Leadership Training Institute, National League of Cities; Small business owner with 20 years of experience in professional retail and advertising. Strong organizational, team and communication skills continue to be the foundation of my professional life and four years on the City Council.

Personal Information: Washington state native, 14-year resident of Bonney Lake. My wife, Mary Ann, and I have two girls, Rendi, age 11 and Jadyn who is due in November.


Personal Views: Since being elected in 2002, I have advocated the belief, that government should be run more like a business and be accountable to its owners, the citizens. As Mayor, I will lead with a vision and integrity, restoring community trust in the Mayor’s office and refining the City’s current structure to bring residents the most efficient and cost effective services possible. It is time we think of Bonney Lake first. Please visit: www.thinkbonneylakefirst.com
Bonney Lake Water

Early in 1981 it became apparent that the Bonney Lake Water system was developing growth problems. The new connections to the system increased the customers to over 4000, about half inside the City and half outside the city with the most rapid growth outside the city. Our water supply from the springs was not able to supply the demand for water. The City drilled a well at 214th and Old Buckley which resulted in a source of 250 gallons per minute. We also cleaned the Springs at Victor Falls and installed larger collection pipes resulting in over 1000 gallons per minute increase in flow. This expenditure together with the cost of a new back hoe and replacing the controls and rewiring the pumps at Grainger Springs because of damage from a chlorine leak used up the surplus funds in the water department.

An increase in water connection fees did not bring in the expected revenue because of the abrupt slow down in housing starts. Large operations and maintenance expenses increased like the Puget Sound Power and Light bill increases and salary increases because of inflation also caused the cash on hand after paying bills to drop to $2000. In May of 1982, for a business such as the Bonney Lake Water Department that is very dangerous, in that if the trend continued, we would have to borrow money to pay operation and maintenance costs. Therefore the City Council reviewed the situation and voted to increase the rates in order to meet our obligations and to create a reserve to do the improvements necessary to provide the water supply needed for our customers and correct some of the deficiencies in water main size and water storage as well as replacing the defective water mains that exist all over the system.

Some of the projects are:

Milotte Springs and Grainger Springs improvement $40,000. We have a Dept. of Social and Health Services grant to pay 40% of this.

Build a Chlorine building at Grainger Springs $6,000. to keep another accident from ruining the pumps again.

Complete Main on 195th Ave to provide fire protection. $3,000

Replace 2 inch pipe 192nd Ave. 75th St. and 193rd Ave. $18,000

Complete pump house and piping for 214th well $24,000

Replace 1 inch pipe Mt. View Add. 3,000

Add New pumps at Victor Falls to use excess water. 50,000

Develop new springs at Victor Falls 10,000

Replace 2 inch plastic pipe 184th S. of 77. 9,000

Replace 2 inch plastic pipe 183rd S. of 77. 7,000

Replace 2 inch plastic Rhodes Lake Road. 10,000

Reservoir Tacoma Point elevated. 500,000

Reservoir Grainger Milotte Sp. 500,000
TO: Mayor Whisler and City Council Water Committee  
FROM: Paul Anatey, City Engineer  
DATE: March 8, 1984  
SUBJECT:  
I furnished you with a list of projects which should be considered that I prepared in 1982. I have been reviewing the water system and have prepared a list of projects which should also be prioritized including projects in the prior list. These projects should be done as soon as money is available.

- 6" Water Main 193rd Ave., 75th St., and 192nd Ave. to replace 2" plastic (Project being constructed now)  
  15,000

- Connect 214th Well to Kelley Lake Rd. w/2" plastic pipe  
  5,500

- L1D9 Water Main Extension to 56th St. w/8" D.I. pipe  
  12,500

- 6" Main Mountain View Addition to replace 1" pipe  
  3,000 *

- Pump Station at Victor Falls  
  60,000

- Recipio Victor Falls  
  5,000

- Develop three springs at Victor Falls  
  18,000

- Replace 3" Plastic Pipe 184th Ave. south of 77th St. w/6" pipe  
  9,000

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe 183rd Ave. south of 77th St. w/6" pipe  
  7,000

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe Rhodem Lake Rd. west of Angeline w/8" pipe  
  10,000 *

- Replace 1" Plastic Pipe North Tapps at Evergreen Point w/12" pipe  
  9,000 *

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe Driftwood Rd. w/8" pipe  
  10,000 *

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe Aqua Drive - Inlet Island 4200' w/8" pipe  
  52,000

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe Summer Place 600' Driftwood Rd. w/6" pipe  
  6,000

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe Lakeview Drive 500' Driftwood Rd. w/6" pipe  
  5,000

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe Ridge Drive 400' Driftwood Rd. w/6" pipe  
  14,000

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe Deer Island Dr. 1400' Deer Island w/6" pipe  
  10,000

- Replace 2" Plastic Pipe Lake Shore Drive Driftwood Rd. w/6" pipe  
  10,000

- 189th Avenue and 88th Street to Dead End w/6" pipe  
  3,000

- 12" Connection Tacoma Point Tank to 152nd Avenue  
  70,000 *

- Leaky Lake Well Redrill Well - Pumphouse w/6" pipe to South Tapps  
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This total does not include extensions required for development of areas not now served. These would be paid for by those developing the properties.

A policy of cost recovery could be instituted to recoup some of the expenses on some of the above projects particularly those which would allow development of undeveloped property. A policy on small systems on wells in our service area should be addressed, particularly those like Tapps Island, and Tibeau Trailer Court - Coby Road.

Those marked with an asterisk * should, in my opinion, have some sort of cost recovery for new connections, as we do not allow connections to the existing pipes.

There will always be emerging projects which can not be anticipated, therefore the program must be flexible enough to allow for these projects.

PGA

In addition, there are other major expenses such as periodic cleaning and painting the Tanks, repairing or replacing the automatic control system for the water pumps.
City of Bonney Lake Sewer History

Sewer Collection System Photos Phase II 1977
Pictures Taken 11/29/1978
Bonney Lake (Tapps) Sewer System Photos Interceptor System-Phase I - October 1979