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Newsletter

City of Bonney Lake 2011 - The Year in Review

Despite a down economy and dwindling revenues, the City was still able to accomplish some needed projects during 2011. Using a combination of bonds, existing revenues, and grant funds, Bonney Lake was able to make considerable community progress. Here are the highlights of some of the more visible projects and events of 2011.

Lake Debra Jane Water and Street Improvements



In 2011 the City undertook a major water main replacement project in the Lake Debra Jane area to improve both water flows, pressure and fire protection. The water main replacement was so extensive that the entire street needed to be repaved afterward, an added bonus to those who drive the area. ■

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 councilmanic bond. A councilmanic, 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, will serve 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 chemo 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 led the Bonney Lake contingent at the annual Relay for Life at Sunset Stadium. ■

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Public Safety Building	18421 Sumner-Buckley Hwy E.
Justice Center	9002 Main Street E
Senior Center	19304 Bonney Lake Blvd.

Public Safety Building Bonds Retired



In December of 2011 the City made the last payment on the bonds citizens voted to issue in 1991 to construct the Public Safety Building. The City currently has no voted debt, and as such tax payers will see a reduction to the City share of their property tax bill in 2012. ■

More SR 410 Sidewalks



City staff were successful in obtaining a grant to install additional sidewalks along SR410, from 198th Ave East to 208th Ave East. This project included curb, gutter, storm drainage system and a 10-foot wide Sidewalk with a 5-foot wide bicycle lane along the north side of SR 410 from 198th Avenue East to approximately 440-feet west of 208th Avenue East for an approximate project length of 2,800 LF. ■

Easttown SR 410 Widening



After two years of on-again off-again highway construction, the new \$18.4 million road widening project in Easttown has finally been completed. On September 7th, state and local officials participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Easttown SR410 widening. In attendance were various property owners, state legislator Cathy Dahlquist, Mayor Neil Johnson, Deputy Mayor Swatman, councilmembers Rackley and Lewis, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby and City Administrator Don Morrison, along with representatives of WSDOT, the governor's office, and the contractor. ■

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. ■

New Medical Office Building



Multi-Care celebrated the grand opening of their new Bonney Lake medical building on South Prairie Road with a community open house October 1. The project is the first "Class A" medical office space to be located within the City of Bonney Lake and the surrounding area. Construction of the 58,500 square-foot building is a three-story building with services including eye and skin care, diagnostic imaging, foot care, primary care, pediatrics, orthopedics, lab and pharmacy. ■

BL Elementary School Reconstruction

Bonney Lake Elementary opened its doors to the community Nov. 16, to celebrate its renovation



and 50 years of molding young minds. The City worked closely with the District throughout the construction. Included in the work were the installation of sidewalks along 80th Street E and 82nd Street E. This project included installing Sidewalk Improvements, minor road widening and storm drainage improvements for the existing 80th Street E and 82nd Street. Additionally, 15 parking stalls were installed to serve the adjacent EL Elementary soccer field and the Viking Dog Park. In addition, the existing waterline and service connections were upgraded. ■

Council, Board or Commission	Meeting Time	Meeting Place
City Council Workshop	5:30 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
City Council Meeting	7:00 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Council Finance Committee	5:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Community Development Committee	4:00 pm - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Public Safety Committee	5:00 pm - 1st Monday; 3rd as needed	Public Safety Building, 18421 Sumner-Buckley Hwy. E.
Planning Commission	5:30 pm - 1st & 3rd Wednesday	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Park Board	6:00 pm - 2nd Monday	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Design Commission	6:00 pm - 2nd & 4th Thursdays	Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East
Civil Service Commission	5:30 pm - 4th Monday	City Hall Conference Room

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