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Storm Water and the Home Garden

Yard waste and household toxics such as paints, solvents and pesticides often make their way into the storm sewer system and DO NOT GET TREATED before reaching local waterways. These wastes pollute drinking water and make waters unhealthy and unsafe for people and wildlife.

The following practices will help prevent storm water pollution:

Household products such as paints, paint thinners drain opener, motor oil, wood polishes, insecticides, herbicides, oven cleaners and many other general cleaners frequently get dumped on the ground or into the gutter, street or storm sewer. Instead of polluting our storm water, take these items to a household hazardous waste collection facility. Call Republic Services in Corvallis at 541-754-0444 for more information.

Fertilizers and pesticides are often carried into our storm sewers by sprinkler runoff. To minimize storm water pollution use organic or nontoxic pesticides and fertilizers as directed and keep them away from ditches, gutters and storm sewers. Store them in a covered area off the ground to prevent contact with water.

Prevent decaying yard and garden organic materials from entering our storm sewer, such as grass, leaves, yard clippings, and pet waste as they use up oxygen in nearby receiving waters and stress aquatic life. Prevent storm water pollution by not blowing, sweeping, raking, or hosing yard waste into the street, gutter, or storm sewer. Alternatively, leave grass clippings on your lawn after mowing or compost you clippings and yard waste. Pet waste should not be composted but rather disposed of in the trash, flushed down a toilet, or buried in your yard to prevent the potential spread of diseases.

Produce less yard waste and save water by planting low-maintenance trees and shrubs. Also, conserve water and minimize unwanted runoff by using drip irrigation, soaker hoses or microspray systems to water vegetation.

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAY 2018

April 30 – May 5 – Spring Cleanup Days at Public Works (See City website for more information).

May 2 –City Budget Committee, 6 p.m.

May 7 – 18 – Hydrant flushing by Public Works, citywide. (See City website for more information).

May 8 – Police Department Committee, 4 p.m. at Police Building.

May 10 – Park Advisory Board, 5 p.m. at Police Building.

May 14 – City Council, 7 p.m.

May 16 – City and Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committees, 6 p.m.

May 21 – Planning Commission work session, 5:15 p.m.

May 21 – City Council (special meeting), 7 p.m.

May 24 – Music in the Park, 6-8 p.m., City Park.

May 28 – City offices closed for holiday.

JUNE 2018

June 7 – Public Works Committee, 5 p.m. if needed.

June 11 –City Council and Urban Renewal Agency, 7 p.m.

June 14 – Park Advisory Board, 5 p.m.

June 18 –Planning Commission, 7 p.m. if needed.

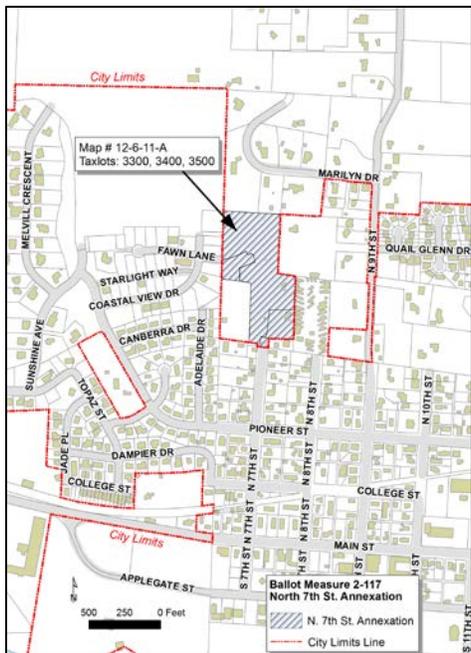
June 21 – Music in the Park, 6-8 pm, City Park.

June 25 – City Council and Urban Renewal Agency, 7 p.m.

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated. Schedule subject to change. See City website calendar for finalized schedule.

FIVE BALLOT MEASURES SET FOR MAY BALLOT

Your May 15 mail-in ballot will contain five annexation requests for Philomath voter consideration. This month, the City News provides information about the North 7th Street Property and Cooper Lane Annexations. The April newsletter covered Ballot Measures 2-114, 2-115 and 2-116.

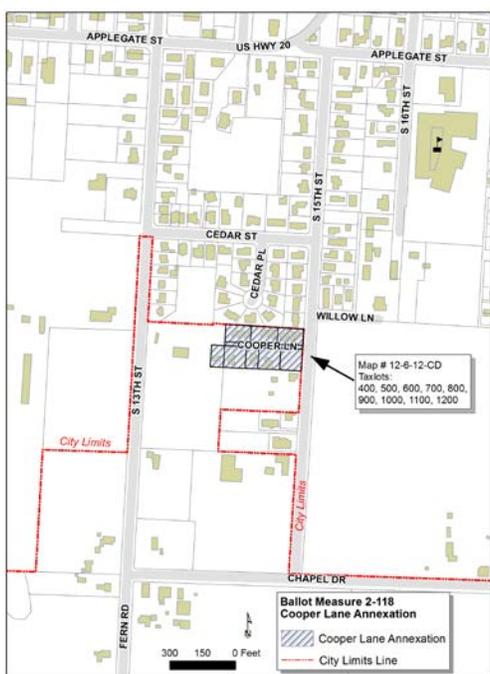


Ballot Measure 2-117: North 7th Street Undeveloped Lots Annexation – The City is proposing to annex tax lots 3300, 3400 and 3500 of Benton County Assessor’s Map 12-6-11A, three undeveloped lots, all of which have delayed annexation agreements in place and all owned by Oregon Sequoia LLC. Given the property owner’s repeated expressed interest in receiving municipal services, the City believes now is an appropriate time to annex these properties into the City so all City utilities can be extended to the property.

Delayed annexation agreements were used before the City’s current code provisions, adopted in 1998, required voter approval to extend City services outside city limits. Prior to that time, when a property outside city limits had need for City water and/or sewer services, but was not able to annex into the City, a delayed annexation agreement was entered into by the property owner and the City. The agreements often granted the extension of water and/or sewer to the property in exchange for the property owner agreeing to annex into the City upon the City’s request.

The property is designated in the Philomath Comprehensive Plan as Low Density Residential and upon annexation into the City, it would be zoned R1 –Low Density Residential. The City’s proposal calls for no new development at this time. The property could be developed with up to 37 homes, though significant slopes in the terrain may limit that number.

Ballot Measure 2-118: Cooper Lane Annexation – If approved by the voters, this measure would result in annexation of the Cooper Lane properties, consisting of nine lots totaling approximately 1.72 acres, to the City of Philomath. The City is proposing to annex 105 Cooper Lane, 106/108 Cooper Lane, 107 Cooper Lane, 110 Cooper Lane, unaddressed tax lots 12-6-12CD 700, 800 and 1200, 100/102 Cooper Lane, and 109 Cooper Lane. The seven developed lots are hooked up to City water and sewer, there is one undeveloped lot, and the street is its own separate lot owned by the City. Because these properties are receiving all City services, including water and sewer, the City believes they should be annex into the City and start paying City property taxes to help pay for these services.



The City’s website includes a link to the official ballot title language and the staff reports. At their February 12 public hearing, the City Council determined that the proposed annexations met all applicable land use laws and island annexation criteria of the State of Oregon and City of Philomath.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!