



Dear Philomath Citizens,

As we begin the month of November, this is a great time to stop and recognize our local veterans as Veterans Day quickly approaches. We are grateful for all of you who have served or are serving in the armed services. We salute your sacrifice and your service. Thanks for answering our nation's call!

Veterans Day first started as Armistice Day which began on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, and the 11th month of 1918. This time marked the effective date/ time of the treaty ending hostilities between the Allies and Germany during World War I. It remained Armistice Day until 1954 when Congress amended the name to Veterans Day.

This is also a great time to recognize the American Legion. The American Legion was founded in 1919 and is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. At a national level, the American Legion advocated for the establishment of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the creation of the GI Bill that has ultimately sent many veterans to college, and finally insisted on better healthcare services for veterans. On a local level here in Philomath, American Legion Mary's River Post 100 donated a beautiful American Flag to the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo in July and regularly conducts "buddy checks" to ensure the health and morale of local veterans in our community.

The United States ended the draft in 1973. That means for the last 46 years the United States Armed Services have been maintained as an All-Volunteer Force. For anyone that entered service since 1973, it means they raised their right hand and volunteered to serve. We are the City of Volunteers. Service to others is what makes this community special.

I encourage everyone to take a minute this month to offer a simple "thank you for your service" to a veteran. It may be someone you know. It may be someone you don't know. I can assure you, it will mean the world to any veteran on the receiving end of your 5 simple words of gratitude. Thanks for your support.

Eric Niemann
Mayor, City of Philomath



Council Vacancy Announced

Application Deadline: November 27, 5p.m.

At the October 14 meeting, the City Council accepted Councilor Marion Dark's resignation.

The Council invites interested citizens to submit applications to fill the vacancy. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on November 27. Applicants will be invited to attend the December 9 City Council meeting for brief interviews before making an appointment to fill the remainder of the term through December 31, 2020.

Eligibility requirements to serve on the City Council are: 1) Must be a registered voter of the city of Philomath; 2) Must have resided within the city limits the six months immediately preceding appointment.

For more information or to pick up an application, contact City Recorder Ruth Post at City Hall or call 541-929-6148.

Don't Feed the Turkeys



Flocks of wild turkeys have taken up residence in the northwest part of our city and continue to be a source of frustration for many residents. The advice from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife is to ask citizens to voluntarily refrain from feeding the turkeys.

While most residents are understanding and take steps to prevent the turkeys from having access to food (including cat and dog food), some citizens persist in feeding them. This ensures that the turkeys will remain and leaves the only other option approved by ODF&W: To allow a limited number of turkeys to be shot by a city police officer in an attempt to disperse the flocks and encourage them to move back into the surrounding forests.

Philomath's Code prohibits feeding of wildlife. Feeding wildlife is not in the best long-term interests of the animals. Artificial feeding concentrates populations making disease transmission more likely, alters natural foraging behaviors, and creates a lot of urban/wildlife conflicts that are generally resolved in a manner where the animals suffer the most.

If you truly enjoy wildlife and have their best interests at heart, **DO NOT FEED THEM.**



Leaves are changing: How about your furnace filter?

As the heating season ignites, it is time to make sure you are using energy as efficiently as possible

As colder temperatures begin to be the norm, it's time to drag the lawn furniture under cover and focus on ways to become more energy efficient inside your home.

In the Northwest, we are just starting to enter the period of highest electrical use. Unlike most of the country, Northwesterners use more electricity to stay warm in the winter than to stay cool in the summer. Anything you can do to reduce the amount of electricity used for heating will have a deep impact on your energy bills.

To do that, you may need to roll up your sleeves this fall, but the payback will be quick. And some of these energy-saving tips don't cost any money at all.

- **Use a programmable thermostat and set it as low as comfortable;** aim for 68 degrees. A programmable thermostat helps you keep a schedule, but if your household keeps odd hours and you are able to manage the temperature manually, the outcome is the same. When you are asleep or out of the house, lower the temperature by another 10 degrees and this will reduce your energy usage by about 10 percent.
- Improve your home's heating systems by **cleaning or replacing furnace filters** and scheduling routine system maintenance to help air flow through the system more efficiently. Make sure both heat vents and cool air return vents are clear of any obstructions.
- **Test for drafts.** Check your home for hidden air leaks by using a damp hand to detect air movement. Close all doors, windows and fireplace flues and turn off all ventilating fans to make the air leaks easier to locate. The most common places leaks occur are:
 - Around doors, pocket doors and windows

- Behind electric outlets and switches, especially on exterior walls
- Through plumbing and electrical penetrations of walls, floors and ceilings
- Around recessed lighting and ceiling fans
- Along attic access hatches and vertical chaseways leading to attics
- Along chimney penetrations through insulated ceilings and exterior walls

- **If you find any drafts, deal with them appropriately.** This can be as simple as applying some caulking or weather stripping. If a major leak is found, you may want to call in a contractor who specializes in weatherization.
- **In some cases, you may choose to deal with drafts on a temporary basis such as covering drafty windows** with a heavy duty, clear plastic sheet on the inside of window frames during winter months. If a door is the culprit, use an old rug or buy a commercial draft blocker to keep the cold air out.

Another option is to do all you can about saving energy and then average out your bill using Pacific Power's equal pay option. Spreading out the year's electricity costs over 12 equal monthly payments keeps the household budget steady and reduces the impact month by month.

You can save more energy – and money – by making smart investments to manage your energy use. In Oregon, Pacific Power teams up with Energy Trust of Oregon to offer energy efficiency consultation and cash incentives to upgrade your home and save energy and money. **Visit bewattsmart.com or, in Oregon, call Energy Trust toll free at 1-866-368-7878** to learn more about qualifications and services for home energy upgrades.

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Nov 7	Public Works meeting (if needed)	5:00 PM		Nov 18	Planning Commission	6:00 PM
Nov 11	City offices closed for Veterans' Day			Nov 25	City Council meeting	7:00 PM
Nov 12	City Council meeting	7:00 PM		Nov 28-29	City offices closed for Thanksgiving	
Nov 14	Park Advisory Board meeting	5:00 PM				

*All meetings are held at City Hall, 980 Applegate St., unless otherwise noted. Schedule subject to change.
Please refer to the City website calendar for up-to-date schedule.*