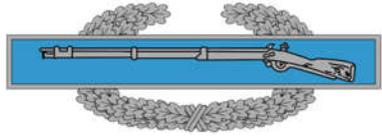


MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE: SSG Larry M Gassner

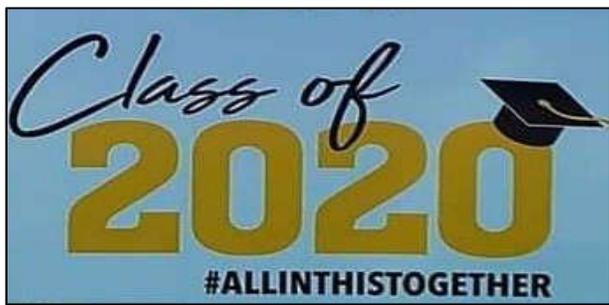
As part of our Memorial Day Observance in 2020, the City of Philomath would like to honor the service and sacrifice of Staff Sergeant Larry Gassner. Larry was one of four brothers who lived in Blodgett. He attended Philomath High School and is a member of the Class of '67 from PHS. He was drafted into the US Army and served in the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds" of the 25th Infantry "Tropical Lightning" Division. He served as a light weapons infantryman in South Vietnam where he was killed in hostile action while fighting for his country on May 31, 1970, 50 years ago this week. His military awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Marksmanship Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Army Good Conduct Medal among others.



Larry was laid to rest in the Summit Cemetery and his name appears on both the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall in Washington, DC and the Benton County Veteran's Memorial at the National Guard Armory on Kings Boulevard in Corvallis.



The battalion that Larry served with, the 2-27 "Wolfhounds," are now stationed in Schofield Barracks, north of Honolulu, Hawaii. The Wolfhounds have built a Memorial Brick Plaza on the military base there that honors former members of the unit that fell in the service of their country during the Vietnam Conflict. This year, his unit will conduct a special military ceremony to place a brick in the plaza, like the one shown to the right, that will honor SSG Larry Gassner. This will be a fitting tribute this Memorial Day and a great way to honor his ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation 50 years ago. **Never Forget!**



Congratulations Class of 2020!

No doubt about it, this wasn't the senior year the Class of 2020 envisioned, but Philomath is still proud of every one of you for going the distance under adverse conditions! **WAY TO GO!!**

An equal measure of thanks goes to the community that has supported you along the way: Parents, Teachers, Coaches, Advisors, School Staff, Family Members and Good Friends.

And let's not forget the business community and organizations that helped acknowledge your accomplishment with banners on Main Street: Pioneer Telephone, Pacific Power, Consumers Power, the Philomath High School Booster Club, Oregon State Credit Union, and so many more.

Caps off to the Class of 2020!

Special Note: The City is taking park shelter reservations for graduation parties with groups of 25 or less. Social distancing is still required. Call to reserve the Kugler Shelter or Shelter 2 at City Park or the Mary's River Park shelter at 541-929-3001



Stormwater and the Home/Garden



Yard waste and household toxics such as paints, solvents and pesticides often make their way into the City of Philomath storm sewer system and **DO NOT GET TREATED** before reaching the 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 and 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, 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 trees and shrubs. Also, conserve water and minimize unwanted runoff by using drip irrigation, soaker hoses or microspray systems to water vegetation.



They're Back ...

The always popular flower baskets have been hung throughout town for another summer of beautiful buds.

Did you know that an awesome group of volunteers raises all of the money to support the basket program? Our local businesses and individuals are to be applauded for making this program happens every year with their generous donations.



In addition to donations paying for the baskets and weekday watering, those volunteers also take the weekend shifts to make sure the baskets are watered every day they're on display.

Thank you to all who make this beautiful addition to our community happen!

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

June 4	Public Works Committee	3:00 PM
June 8	City Council & Urban Renewal Agency	7:00 PM
June 15	Planning Commission	6:00 PM
June 16	Finance & Administration Committee	4:00 PM
June 22	City Council & Urban Renewal Agency	7:00 PM
June 28	Philomath Farmers' Market at Library parking lot	2:00-5:00 PM

The City Council has declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, only essential meetings are being scheduled. The City has taken steps to utilize current technology to make meetings available to the public without increasing the risk of exposure. City officials strongly encourage all citizens that are able to use the video link or phone number provided for each meeting to listen to the meeting from home. Links will be made available on the City's website calendar at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Audio recordings of meetings will be posted to the City website the day after the meeting. This calendar is subject to change. Refer to the City's website calendar for up-to-date schedules.

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