



Grapevine

Spring 2016

A Word From the Mayor

Spring is here! Judging by the smooth transition for winter, and lack of a late freeze, we are in for a beautiful and bountiful spring and summer. Get those flowers and vegetables growing and look forward to a great harvest this year. But before we get too excited about fun in the sun, it is a good idea to make sure you take care of any issues that may have developed over winter. Here are some tips on giving your home a spring check-up. Check your roof. Look for shifted shingles. This can suggest that some fasteners may have failed. Also, look for cracked or missing shingles and nails pushing the tabs of the shingles up.

If you have a masonry chimney, check the joints between bricks or stones for vegetation growing out of them. A white calcium-like deposit indicates your masonry joints are no longer repelling water but absorbing it. If you have this deposit, you can apply a masonry sealant to reseal the joints. Of course, also look for missing or loose bricks or stones.

Do a thorough inspection of the exterior of your home. Look under eaves and near gutter downspouts. Any discoloration may indicate that your gutters are not adequately containing roof runoff. Check wood siding for openings, damaged areas or knots that have popped out and check your attic and crawlspace vent screens. Various critters and insects can infiltrate your home in these areas. Examine the foundation from top to bottom for masonry cracks. If you see any cracks, it is best to hire a specialist to evaluate and treat the issue. Check caulking around all doors and windows. If you have condensation inside the glass on double, or triple, glazed windows the seal have been compromised. Generally, the only repair for this is to replace the window.

Now is also the time to make sure that air conditioning units are in good working order for the warmer months ahead. *(continued on page 2)*

Dundee Nominated for Top 10 Best Small Town Weekend Escape Contest.

The website www.10best.com is taking votes to decide what destination rises above the rest when it comes to getting away for the weekend. At this time, Dundee is on the leaderboard at number 11 of 20.

If you would like to vote and help Dundee reach number one, go to <http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-weekend-escape/>

Voting ends March 25 at 9:00am

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What's Up with 10th Street?

The 10th Street Improvements Project that is currently being completed is a preview of the larger Dundee Transportation Enhancements (Dundee TE) project and included new storm water quality improvements. The Dundee TE project is a joint City and ODOT project that will provide pedestrian and utility improvements along Highway 99W from Niederberger Road/ Parks Drive to First Street. The work will include new curbs, sidewalks, driveways, storm, an upgraded water main and some minor sewer improvements. Following the construction of Dundee TE improvements, ODOT plans to perform a pavement preservation project to resurface this portion of the Highway.

The 10th Street Improvements were put out for construction prior to the remaining work to take advantage of an opportunity to obtain a new storm water treatment system from Contech Engineering Solutions. The system is called the Jellyfish Filter and is a high performance membrane filter that has been proven in other States to effectively remove solids and associated pollutants from storm water flows. The system will be provided to the City in exchange for allowing Contech to perform 3 years of monitoring the pollutant removal performance of the system. Contech intends to utilize the field data from the monitoring to show the system's ability to treat storm water in the Pacific Northwest.



The Jellyfish Filter system will benefit the City by helping to meet the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) requirements for reducing the release of pollutants into our local waterways from the City's storm water discharges. DEQ has established discharge limits for specific pollutants known as the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the City which includes limits for target pollutants including Bacteria, Dissolved Oxygen, Iron, Mercury, Pesticides, Nitrates, Temperature and Turbidity. The City has been required by DEQ to implement measures to reduce the release of these pollutants. The Jellyfish Filter will assist the City in this effort by reducing the release of Dissolved Oxygen, Iron, Mercury, Pesticides and Turbidity.

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Change the filter, check the hose connections for leaks, and make sure the drain pans are draining freely. In addition, vacuum any dust that has settled on the unit and connections. If you suspected any problem with the efficiency or performance of the unit last summer, now is the time to call in a professional to check it out. If you wait until the unit fails in the heat, you will not only be hot you will probably have to wait in line behind other home owners who did the same thing.

Check your attic for signs that indicate insects and critters have colonized. Also, search aggressively for mold, or other staining which could indicate either roof leaks or poor ventilation. Basements and crawl spaces are prone to dampness, animal squatters, and insects. Dampness could be due to inadequate ventilation, plumbing leaks, or outside water infiltration. Check the base of poured-concrete walls. Cracks will start from the bottom up.

Doing these things will help keep your home enjoyable and valuable over the years. The better we maintain our homes the better home values will be throughout the community.

After you have cared for your home, make sure to get out and enjoy this fabulous Oregon spring in Dundee. We have expanded and improved the Harvey Creek Trail (from the Cemetery to Red Hills Road) and Overlook Park, located off of SW 9th Street by Arrowhead Park Subdivision, provides a great view of the Willamette Valley. The tennis courts at Billick Park are ready for you, and the Dundee Paddle Launch will open in June. Don't forget the Fueled by Fine Wine Half Marathon on July 10. It is one of the most challenging and scenic half marathons in the Country. If you are planning to participate, get signed up and start training now.



Police Officers Take the Plunge for a Good Cause

The Newberg-Dundee Police Department participated once again this year in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge fund raiser. Members of the team this year included full time officers as well as a reserve officer and a dispatcher. Through generous donations from the public we were able to raise \$1451 for Special Olympics Oregon. We were happy to jump into the chilly waters of the Columbia River on February 27th to show our support for Special Olympics Oregon. Thank You to all of the community that supports our efforts.



Above, from left(Motor Officer Drew Boggs, Dispatcher Ximena Bernier, Sr. Officer Ken Howell, Sgt. Gwen Johns, Reserve Officer Jonathan Reznick and Officer Paul Rapet)



Time to Change Those Tires

Spring time is finally here. With the changing weather, remember the Oregon Department of Transportation only allows the use of studded tires through March 31st unless a special weather extension has been issued. Protect our roads. Studded tires needed to be removed by April 1st.



Sustainable Spring Cleaning

Spring is the perfect time to go through the house or garage to clear out old and unused items. It's also an excellent opportunity to reduce waste by brushing up on your recycling knowledge, and making sure you are aware of what can be recycled.

For a refresher on what can be recycled, visit - <http://wmnorthwest.com/dundee/guidelines/recycling.htm>

For any items that cannot be recycled, a great way to reduce waste is have a yard sale, or donate items:

- Goodwill – 301 West First Street, Newberg
- The Newberg Thrift Shop – 414 E 3rd St, Newberg
- Habitat ReStore – 305 N Main St, Newberg

If you come across items considered 'household hazardous waste,' you can dispose of them safely at the WM Newberg Transfer Station on May 21 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Yamhill County Household Hazardous Collection Event. Items accepted include: paints, primers and sealers, stains, varnishes, wood sealers and repellents, metal coatings and more.

For more tips, ideas and information, visit wmnorthwest.com

Collection Event for Household Hazardous Waste

Making sure that old cleaning supplies, pesticides, and medicines are safely disposed of is a responsibility that we all share. These items are not to go into your garbage, the toilet or the sink.

You can help by bringing your household hazardous waste items to the next collecting event hosted by Yamhill County.

- Bring pesticides, cleaners and household items with label warnings such as Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison or Hazardous.
- No syringes or sharps, tires, asbestos, or explosives.
- Over-the-counter or prescription drugs, for pets or humans can be deposited at any time at police stations or the Yamhill County Courthouse, near the Security area.
- The medication can be old or new, and in liquid or solid form.

For more information, go to [Yamhill County Solid Waste](#) or call 503-434-7445.

Saturday, May 21, 2016, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

WM Newberg Transfer Station located at 2904 S Wyooski Rd, Newberg

Dumb Reasons Why People Don't #ScoopThatPoop

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There are lots of GOOD reasons why you should pick up your dog's poop and not very many good reasons why you shouldn't. If you aren't aware of the hazards and health risks of dog poop, here's just a few:

- No one likes to step in dog poop.
- Dog poop is bad for the environment. It gets washed into our water system with rain and can be harmful to aquatic life. Not to mention, no one wants to drink dog poop water.
- Dog poop can carry and transmit parasites and viruses.
- It's the law. Many places have rules and restrictions on proper disposal of dog waste.

These are just some of the reasons why you need to scoop your dog's poop. So why doesn't everybody do it? There may be people who are just uneducated about the hazards of dog poop. These people might be genuinely unaware of all of this.

And then, there are people who just don't do it. Why? I don't know exactly, but I do have some thoughts about the dumb reasons why people don't scoop their dog's poop.

- They are lazy and just don't want to.
- They believe dog poop is natural and it's just manure for the lawn. (Not true, by the way.)
- They don't want to spend money on waste bags.
- If the dog poops on someone else's lawn, it's OK.
- No one is around to see, so it's OK.
- It's their yard. If they want dozens of landmines on it, more power to them?
- Dog poop is gross and they don't want to touch, see, or smell it.

The last bullet there may not be such a dumb reason, although owning a dog can have some pretty gross moments that dog owners should be prepared to handle. For those of you who just do not like the feel of poop in your hand. Don't worry; you're not the only one. There are lots of people who don't like it. Easy Scoop-a-Poop, is a product designed to

take the "yuck" out of pet waste pick up. The Easy Scoop a Poop allows you to easily pick up your dog's waste without ever having to actually feel

it in your hand. For a demonstration of how it works head to

<http://easyscoopapoop.com/>

The City has received dozens of complaints about people leaving pet waste behind. Although we've attempted to make light of the situation here with this article, we know no person that thinks walking in a park and slipping on dog feces is funny. Having to clean up a child because they were playing and fell in it is not funny. Please clean up after your pet. Not doing so is a violation and it's only a matter of time before a neighbor gets frustrated enough to snap a photo and we send you a summons to see the Judge.



Yard Debris Clean Up

City Council would like to remind everyone that the City of Dundee has regulations against outdoor burning within the City of Dundee city limits. With the closing of the mill, you might be asking "What do we do with our extra yard debris?". Here are some options:

1. Call WM and ask for another yard debris roll cart for a month or two.
A phone call to Waste Management revealed the following– although you are able to put out paper grocery bags of yard debris, the extra bag fee will cost you a whopping \$3.26 each. An extra 96 gallon roll cart just \$3.95 per month. (Don't shoot the messenger. We're as flabbergasted as you that this would be less than a few small bag of clippings!)
2. Find a friend outside the city limits that is able to burn and ask if they are willing to take your materials; or, allow you to simply drop them on their property.
3. Call the Fire Department and ask if they are planning a spring Burn to Learn. In a conversation with Chief Stock he indicated that they might be willing to stuff the house if it is beneficial to the training experience.
4. Rent or Purchase a Mulcher or Chipper/Shredder.
A visit to Home Depot's website shows a wide range of prices based on size and power. If you have somewhere to store it and a large amount of yard debris year after year this might be a good option. Don't want to mess with maintenance? Reid Rental has a chipper/shredder for rent. The cost for 3 hours is \$60.00; for a full day it's \$135.00. The cost of the rental includes free lessons on how to use it, however you will need to purchase your own safety glasses (\$15-\$20) and ear plugs (under \$1.00). The chipper/shredder will also need to be towed as it is not something that can go in the back of a pickup.

City Council to discuss Water, Sewer, and Garbage Rates

On April 19, City Council will discuss proposed water and sewer increases and hear a proposal from Waste Management to increase garbage fees. The proposed water and sewer increases would raise the base rates \$2.00 and increase the per unit sewer consumption fee by \$0.003 for residential users. Waste Management is proposing a 5% increase over existing rates.

If you would like to come to the meeting to hear the discussion or to voice an opinion, the meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the Dundee Fire Station.

April

- 19 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
- 20 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 21 – Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
- 25 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 10:00am
- 26 – Dundee Community Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 28 – Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station

May

- 3 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
- 4 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 5 – Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
- 10 – Municipal Court, 5:30pm
- 12 – Budget Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
(if needed)
- 17 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
- 18 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 24 – Dundee Community Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 28 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 10:00am
- 30 – Memorial Day, City Offices Closed

June

- 1 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm
- 7 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
- 14 – Municipal Court, 5:30pm
- 15 – Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 21 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
- 27 – Tourism Committee Meeting, 10:00am
- 28 – Dundee Community Committee Meeting, 7:00pm

July

- 4 – Independence Day, City Offices Closed
- 5 – City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Dundee Fire Station
- 6 – Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm

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503/ 554-8442 Fire Department Business
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