



City of Tangent

Your Community Newsletter

January 2015

MAYOR POSITION OPENING

The City of Tangent Mayor Position is currently open. If you are interested in serving as Mayor, please fill out an application and attend the January 12, 2015 meeting. The City Council will hopefully appoint someone at this meeting. The City Council has the final say on who they appoint and would request that if you are interested, attend the meeting and express why you would like to be appointed. You must have lived in Tangent for at least a year prior to the appointment. Questions? Contact City Hall at 541-928-1020 or georgia@cityoftangent.org by email.

Food for Thought

When they get up in the morning most Oregonians will wander down the hall, rubbing the sleep out of their eyes. When they turn on the tap they will expect clean, fresh, safe water to come out. They may not consciously think that they are relying on a local government agency to ensure that water supply. Even if the water comes from a well, they expect that someone was paying attention to building permits or land use decisions that protect against excessive draw down in the water supply and pollution from problematic uses or disposal of effluents. And speaking of waste water, they expect that when everything goes down the pipe it will be safely treated and not harm the rivers and lakes that Oregonians prize so highly. Even if they are using a septic system, they expect that someone is paying attention to whether the building patterns allow for safe on-site disposal, not only for their property but for the entire community. After all, gravity works!

As they head "over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house," they expect that the roads will be cleared and safe from the recent snows in the mountains or maintained to stand up well in the rains in many other communities. But if something untoward does happen en route, they expect the police, the fire department, and emergency medical crews to arrive on the scene to rescue their family. They may have no idea what it takes to get an emergency call through the right pathways to ensure that the proper people and equipment are mobilized to help them in those precious moments when lives can hang in the balance. Neither do they think much while they are having their turkey at grandmother's about the fact that others may have to postpone their holiday feast to put out a fire at someone's home, but they surely expect that fire protection will be available, not just to put out a fire, but also to provide them with peace of mind and to keep their insurance rates within reason.

If getting to grandmother's house means a longer trip, they probably could care less just what it takes to build and operate an airport -- even a small one -- that efficiently connects them with Portland, Denver, San Francisco, or wherever they must go to move into the national and international holiday travel flow.

While they are waiting for their dinner, some of those gathered in the living room may very well enter into conversation about their expectations for local community centers, youth programs, or parks. They may talk about their hopes for new stores or businesses in town, but also complain long and loudly about how they want certain proposals from outside developers not to grab up land and develop troublesome facilities. And it is very likely that somewhere in that conversation those holding forth will announce that taxes are too high and ought to be reduced immediately, not taking time to think about how long it has been since their local government could actually raise taxes, or does not even levy taxes, to cover most of the services that are provided every day. Little do they know how much effort it took to absorb health care cost increases, pay raises, and new public works and public safety responsibilities without any taxes being levied.

After the feast is over, there will be more wastewater to be dealt with and lots of solid waste going out the door into recycling and solid waste collection bins. As at the start of the day, they expect that the right things will happen to that waste and recycling so that the next morning they can anticipate the safe water, pristine environment, and clean, safe roads that they need to get to work. And they expect that their place of work will be receiving all the services it needs and some consideration for its regulatory burdens so that the business will stay in the community.

Throughout that whole day of celebration and expectations, very few of us stop and think about the women and men whose cell phone or radio will call them away from their family dinner to respond to some problem or another in that maze of services others expect to work flawlessly, efficiently, and economically. Even so, those citizens expect that, should anything go wrong with their city services, they will be able to pick up the phone and get a responsible professional to whom they can complain and from whom they can demand action.

Community Events

Tangent Elementary School

- 1/5 School Resumes
- 1/6 PTC Meeting-Library 7:00 pm
- 1/7 Early Release—2:40
- 1/14 Early Release—2:40
- 1/15 Birthday Lunch with Tangent Firefighters

- 1/16 Assembly—Reptile Man, 9:30
Family Movie Night—6:00 pm
- 1/19 No School
- 1/21 Early Release—2:40
Young Rembrandts—2:45
Music Program, 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade
- 1/22 End of Semester
- 1/23 No School
- 1/26 No School
- 1/28 Early Release—2:40
Young Rembrandts—2:45

Tangent Community Church

32114 Tangent Drive, 541-926-3803

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 24, 8:00 am

Calling Tangent men, please join us for Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 24th at 8:00 am. We will have some wonderful food to enjoy, great fellowship with Christian neighbors, prayer, and some food from God's Word.

**NO LADIE'S FELLOWSHIP IN JANUARY.
LOOK FOR IT AGAIN IN FEBRUARY!**

Calendar and Meetings



PLEASE JOIN US at any and all the following listed meetings. All meetings are public and held at the City Hall—Bass Estate, *unless noted otherwise*. All times are subject to change. Meeting agendas are available at: www.cityoftangent.org. If you would like to receive agendas by e-mail or regular mail, please contact City Hall. **City Council Packets are available on line at: www.cityoftangent.org**

ONGOING CITY MEETINGS:

Planning Commission meets on 1st & 3rd THURSDAY each month, as needed. Starts at 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting meets on 2nd MONDAY each month. Work session starts at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting starts at 7 p.m. Next meeting January 10, 2015.

For more information about the city go to our Web Site: www.cityoftangent.org You will find more about:

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