



City of Tangent

Your Community Newsletter

March 2014

Did You Know . . .



**Before-Culvert
Underwater**

For many years there was flooding on Tangent Drive when there were large rain events. The City had informed Linn County, who informed the railroad as the culvert was under the railroad right of way, and the ditch was under the County's jurisdiction. For quite some time the concerns were not addressed. The City was able to determine that the problem was the pipe in the culvert was too high. They also did some research and found that at one point there was a trestle, with a free-flowing ditch system, and that later the railroad put in the culvert. After taking several pictures, meeting with Railroad, County, and State officials on site, showing the historical data regarding how it used to be, and continual follow up with emails, Union Pacific Railroad agreed that they needed to add an additional culvert to provide the necessary flood protection. This entire process took tenacity and advocacy on the part of your elected officials for several years. Here are some before and after pictures (note the three fence posts showing that it is taken in the same area).



**After-Two
Culverts**

Tangent Fire District Safety Message—Dryer Fires

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire:

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper airflow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

And Don't Forget . . .

- Dryers should be properly grounded.
- Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow or blocked by landscaping.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn; like boxes, cleaning supplies, clothing, etc.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents, should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

Fact: The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

All residents should have both smoke detectors and CO (Carbon monoxide) detectors. Smoke detectors should be located on each floor and outside and inside bedrooms, detectors should be installed by the manufacturer's instructions, and batteries should be replaced every 6 months. **Remember to change your batteries while changing your clocks ahead or back!**

Community Events

Tangent Elementary School

- 3/1 Dr. Seuss Day-10:30-12:00, Heritage Mall
3/3-3/7 **Spirit Week**
Monday-Inside Out/Backwards Day
Tuesday-Pajama Day
Wednesday-Wacky Tacky Day
Thursday-Tropical/Beach Day
Friday-One Color Day
3/4 Read Across America-Pajama Day & Read In
3/5 Early Release-2:40 pm
3/5-3/12 **Scholastic Book Fair**
3/7 Carnival-5:30-8:00 pm
3/11 PTC Meeting=3:45 pm, Library
3/12 Early Release-2:40 pm
3/13 PTC Recap Meeting-6:30 pm, Library
LBCC Science Night
3/14 Cookies for Sale-3 for \$1.25
3/18 Primary Music Program-1st & 2nd Grade
Cafeteria 6:30 pm
3/19 Early Release-2:40 pm
3/20 Birthday Lunch with Tangent Firefighters
3/21 Popcorn for Sale-3 bags for \$1.00
3/24-3/28 **Spring Break—No School!**

Tangent Community Church

32114 Tangent Drive; 541-926-3803

Ladies Fellowship

Saturday, March 1, 11:00-Noon

Join us for a fun time of fellowship, a light snack, and some time in God's Word.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 22 from 8:00 am-9:30 am

Come enjoy some fellowship, some wonderful food, and some time in God's Word

Summer Vacation-Good News 5-Day Club Fun!

Mark your calendars for the week of June 23-27. there will be two 5-Day Clubs during this week in Tangent. Each day from 1:00-2:30 pm at Tangent Community Church, the other from 3:30-5:00 pm at Pioneer Park on N. Lake Creek Drive. Ages for these clubs will be 5 through 12. Hope to see you there!

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.

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

Meeting Agendas and Minutes

Budget Information

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Newsletters, Utility Invoices, and Agendas are now available electronically. If you would like to help save the City some money please let Bev Manfredo know via email at bev@cityoftangent.org. She would love to add you to the growing list of citizens who have chosen this option. Thank you.