



# City of Tangent

## Your Community Newsletter



### September 2015



### **Increases in Utility Rates**

Each year the City Council compares the utility rates that we are currently paying against what the actual expenses are. When expenses are more than the revenue from utility rates, the rates have to be raised to cover costs. Utility rates are only increased when it is necessary to cover utility expenses.

We often increase the rates by the cost of living adjustment (COLA) and we do that to avoid a large raise all at once. For example, in 2009 the Sewer User Fee had to be raised by \$2.50 and again in 2011 it was raised by \$2.00. These large increases were required because the sewer fee had not been increased since 2004, which was creating an expense deficit. Since then the City Council has raised the Sewer Fee by only the COLA to keep up with expenses and to put an extra \$1.00 per user into the Sewer Reserve Fund which is saving for major repairs (like the main sewer line leaking or breaking).

The Stormwater Fee has been raised by \$2.00 per year since 2013 and will be increased annually by \$2.00 per Ordinance 2013-02 until July 2018. This increase will help address many of the stormwater system deficiencies, and will help fund capital improvements, such as the culvert modifications needed under Tangent Drive to put them in-line with the existing channel, as well as adding core area storm sewers. Without these critical improvements to the stormwater system, seasonal flooding will become worse in the low-lying parts of the City, which will be a detriment to all of us.

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### **Tangent's New Chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**

The first meeting of the Tangent TOPS Chapter will be on September 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Community Building of Lake Creek Ranch mobile home park. The first meeting will be informational and is totally free. If you wish to join afterwards the cost is \$32.00 annually which includes a magazine every other month plus \$2.00 per month to cover supplies.

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### **Coming Next Month**

Be thinking about your next blood donation to the American Red Cross. The next Tangent Community blood drive will be at the Tangent Rural Fire Station located at 32053 Birdfoot Drive October 10th. Coincidentally, the Fire Department will be having a pancake breakfast and some emergency preparedness information that same morning. American Red Cross and Tangent Rural Fire Department; two vital services combining forces to save lives, with your help.

# Community Events

## Tangent Elementary School

Welcome to Tangent's new principal, Lori Greenfield!

- 9/8 First day of School for Grades 1st-5th  
8:50 am-3:40 pm
- 9/14 First day of School for Kindergarteners  
8:50 am-3:40 pm  
Title I/PTC Meeting—6:30 pm
- 9/16 Early Release—2:40 pm  
Good News Club—2:45 pm  
Open House—Session One 6:30 pm,  
Session Two 7:00 pm  
Volunteer Training—7:20 pm
- 9/23 Early Release—2:40 pm  
Good News Club—2:45 pm
- 9/29 Picture Day—9:15 am
- 9/30 Early Release—2:40 pm  
Good News Club—2:45 pm  
Young Rembrandts—2:45 pm



## Tangent Community Church

32114 Tangent Drive, 541-926-3803

**Ladies Fellowship** will be Saturday, September 5th, at 11:00 am. Please join us for an hour of fellowship, snacks and food from the Bible, and prayer.

**Men's Breakfast** will be Saturday, September 26th, at 8:00 am. We welcome guests and friends. Please mark your calendars and join us for some great food, good fellowship, and a message from the Word.

## 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](http://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](http://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 September 14, 2015. Special meeting September 10 with City Attorney 6:30 pm.

**For more information about the city go to our Web Site: [www.cityoftangent.org](http://www.cityoftangent.org) You will find more about:**

Meeting Agendas and Minutes

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**CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS:** Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**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](mailto:bev@cityoftangent.org). She would love to add you to the growing list of citizens who have chosen this option. Thank you.**

## Albany Area MPO Seeks Input on Transportation Survey

The Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) is beginning development of a Regional Transportation Plan and is seeking community input about what the transportation system could look like in 20 years. Members of the public are encouraged to complete a survey to help assess some of the transportation needs in the area.

The survey is available in both Spanish and English at the website below. It will be open until October 9th, 2015. Participants will be eligible to win a \$50 Fred Meyer gift card.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AARTP>

The plan will look at current and future transportation needs for the cities of Albany, Millersburg, Tangent, Jefferson and adjacent areas of Linn and Benton Counties. It will consider roadways, sidewalks, bikeways, transit, and rail service. The Plan will also look at connections with surrounding communities, like Corvallis and Salem. More information about the Regional Transportation Plan is available here:

<http://albanyareatransportationplan.org/>

Any questions about the process or AAMPO can be directed to Theresa Conley at [tconley@ocwcog.org](mailto:tconley@ocwcog.org) or 541-924-4548.



## Albany Area Regional Transportation Plan

