

# CITY OF STANFIELD

Quarterly Newsletter

June, 2014

## CITY HALL

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## PUBLIC WORKS

515 Old Hinkle Road  
On-Call Phone: 541-561-4587

## POLICE

105 W. Wood Avenue  
Phone: 541-449-3245  
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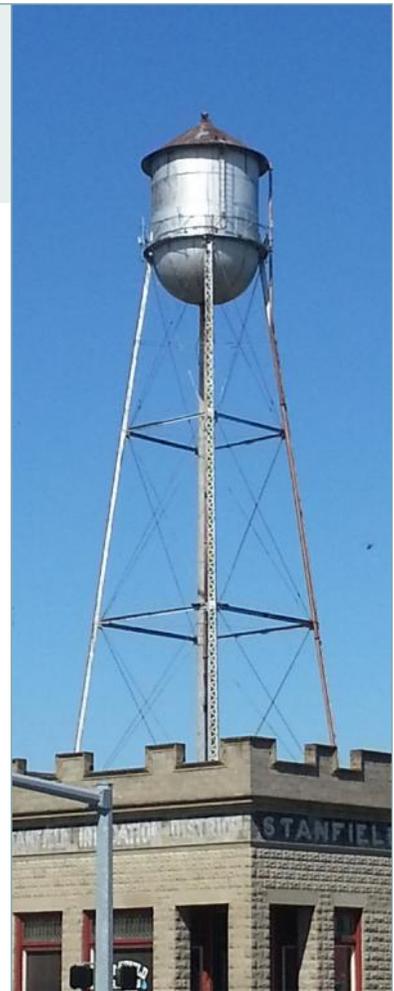
## DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION WORKSHOP

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, consultants from the Oregon Transportation and Growth Management Program will be conducting a Downtown Revitalization Workshop, which will take place at Stanfield High School at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the program is to gather public input on what Main Street should look like, and to present options for improving it.

Would you like to see a more vibrant Main Street in Stanfield? Do you want Stanfield to be a destination, rather than just something for drivers on US 395 to drive past? Do feel that Main Street (US 395) is too dangerous to cross on foot? If you answered “yes” to any of those questions, come and participate in the workshop on June 18<sup>th</sup>. If you answered “no,” then come to the workshop anyway. It’s your City—come be a part of improving it!

## PUNCTUREVINE BOUNTY

Do you recognize this plant? This is a puncture vine, also known as a goathead. It is a noxious weed that spreads thorny seeds that are extremely hazardous to people, animals, and tires. When higher temperatures hit later this summer, this plant will be everywhere. The City is following the lead of Boardman, Echo, and others, and is offering a bounty of \$1 for each grocery-sized sack full of puncture vines turned in at City Hall. The bounty will continue until the \$500 budget is depleted. For more information, contact City Hall.



### MAYOR:

Thomas McCann

### CITY COUNCIL:

Chuck Gaede  
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### CITY MANAGER:

Blair Larsen

### POLICE CHIEF

Bryan Zumwalt

### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Scott Morris



Main Street in Stanfield during the 1950s.

*“If anyone had been playing the [slot] machines, they would have been nailed”*

*-Marie Hedrick, recalling the night when a practice bomb was dropped on the Stanfield Tavern on June 23, 1944*

## STANFIELD HISTORY: DID YOU KNOW?

There is a lot of history right under your feet. Stanfield has played a role in national events, and it may surprise you what has taken place right under your feet. Here are some brief facts from the history of Stanfield.

- Stanfield was the site of a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp during the Great Depression. The men at the camp worked on local projects, including constructing canals for the Stanfield Irrigation District.

- The Stanfield CCC camp later became a Prisoner-of-War camp housing several hundred German prisoners.

- A bomb was dropped on Stanfield during World War II—by our own side. It was a practice bomb mistakenly dropped by a pilot in training.

- Stanfield was named for Senator Robert N. Stanfield, who represented Oregon in the U.S. Senate from 1921 to 1927.

- Although incorporated in 1910, part of Stanfield is the old town of Foster, which was established in 1883.

### STANFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

225 W. Roosevelt Avenue  
541-449-1332

#### **Community Breakfast:**

First Saturday of the month,  
7:00-10:00 a.m.

#### **Senior Lunch:**

Every Wednesday,  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### **Monthly Pie Sales:**

Order by 2nd Wednesday  
Pick-up on 3rd Wednesday

#### **Contact:**

Lorraine Newman:  
541-449-3255  
Ben Houk: 541-720-3445  
Doug Alvarez: 541-969-8327

## ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Get ready, because Stanfield’s Fourth of July Celebration is coming soon! The annual event is the highlight of the summer, and draws participants and visitors from all over Eastern Oregon.

Events will include:

- Annual Steak Feed, with musical guests Jamie Nasario and Luke Basile
- Fireman’s Breakfast
- Fun Run
- 4th of July Parade
- Hotdog Eating Contest
- Duck Race
- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- Pie Baking Contest
- Bounce Houses and Water Slide
- Fireworks
- Power Explosion 2014 with the Freedom Team
- And much more!

Volunteers and vendors are welcome to join in the fun. Contact Fourth of July Committee Chair Cecili Longhorn at 541-449-1254, or email [4thofjuly@cityofstanfield.com](mailto:4thofjuly@cityofstanfield.com) for more information.

Keep an eye on your mail box—the event flyer and schedule will be arriving soon.

Donation, vendor, and parade entry forms are available at Stanfield City Hall, Stanfield Public Library, and the Main Street Market.



## WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The City's water system improvements project is now complete! After years of planning and construction, the City now has a brand new 1,000,000 gallon water reservoir next to I-84, accompanied by a new booster pump station. The project also involved the refurbishment and repainting of the water reservoir in the Stanfield Heights neighborhood, a new well near I-84, and transmission pipelines connecting the new reservoir, well, and booster pump station to the rest of the City's water system. These improvements will bring more water to both the central part of Stanfield, as well as the I-84/US 395 interchange, paving the way for additional development there.

The project was funded by a Federal Community Development Block Grant, and a loan from the Oregon State Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, a portion of which will be forgiven.



*New Reservoir #3*



*New South Booster Pump Station*

## PUBLIC SAFETY FEE

You may be wondering what the \$5 "safety fee" listed on your May utility bill is. At a public hearing on March 4th, 2014, the Stanfield City Council adopted a \$5 public safety fee to be assessed on all City utility bills. Notices were printed in the *East Oregonian* and sent to all utility account holders prior to this public hearing.

At that public hearing, Police Chief Bryan Zumwalt gave a presentation on staffing difficulties in the Police Department. For the last 15 years, Stanfield has lost at least one officer per year to other jurisdictions. The vast majority of those officers left to much better paying positions in other cities and counties. This has had a huge impact on the community, as many police officers have not been on the job long enough to get to know residents, and the Police Department has almost never been at full strength. After the presentation and a question and answer session, the vast majority of those in attendance voted in favor of the Public Safety Fee.

The new fee will allow the City to raise police officer salaries to a competitive level, which may not keep officers around forever, but will at least keep them here longer. If you have any questions about the fee, please contact City Manager Blair Larsen.

## INTERNET PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

By popular demand, the City of Stanfield can now take utility, court, and other payments online on the City's website. Unfortunately, the City does not have the funding to pay for this service, so the payment processor is charging a convenience fee of 3% (a minimum of \$2) for credit and debit card transactions, and a flat \$2 for e-checks. Because we are no longer able to afford the fees that accrue every time we swipe a debit or credit card, the same 3% fee will apply also when you pay in person. We still gladly take cash or checks without any additional fee. If you have any questions about your payment options, please contact City Hall.

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

- **House Numbers** need to be present and visible on the front of each home. This is the responsibility of each resident.
- **Water Leaks:** a leaky pipe or broken sprinkler head can result in the waste of thousands of gallons of water and a much higher utility bill. Don't let leaks drain your wallet! Fix broken pipes as soon as possible!
- **Dog Licenses:** A license is required for all dogs in Stanfield, regardless of size. The fee is \$5 for each spayed or neutered dog, and \$20 for non-spayed or non-neutered dogs. Licenses must be renewed each year by July 1st.
- **Dogs must be kept on a leash** or in a fenced yard. Dogs running at large will be impounded with a \$25 daily fee.
- **Past-Due Utility Accounts:** Utility Bills are mailed on the 1st of each month, and are due by the 20th. A \$15 late fee is charged after the 20th. Any accounts that are not paid by the 10th of the following month will be shut off, after which a \$50 on/off fee must be paid before utilities are turned back on.

**STANFIELD LIBRARY  
ADDRESS & CONTACT  
INFORMATION:**

180 W. Coe Avenue  
Stanfield, OR 97875

Phone: 541-449-1254  
Fax: 541-449-3264

www.stanfield.plinkit.org  
library@cityofstanfield.com

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Monday-Thursday:  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Friday:  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**LIBRARY SERVICES:**

- Free Wi-Fi
- Free Interlibrary Loans
- EBSCO Online Auto Repair Manuals
- Ancestry.com Genealogy
- Copies and Faxes

**STANFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**



**Summer Reading Program  
June 16 - July 21, 2012**

Tuesday, 10:30: Preschool Story Time  
Tuesday, 2:30: Science Fun (Grades K-6)  
Friday @ Dusk ~ Movies In The Park

**We have  
FREE MUSEUM PASSES**

- Maryhill Museum
- Tamastslitk Cultural Institute
- Morrow County Museum
- The Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon.

**LIBRARY Grants & Donations**

**Friends of the Library: \$5,200**  
Will be used for Movies In The Park

**Wildhorse Foundation: \$2,433**  
Will be used to purchase a laminator and magazine rack for the library.

**THANK YOU !!**

A huge part of our Library's success is due to our amazing volunteers and wonderful patrons.

**COMING SOON: MOVIES IN THE PARK  
June 16-July 21**

**Summer Reading  
Program  
Registration**  
June 10 @ 6PM  
With special guest  
Charlie Brown  
"The Juggler"

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS  
OPEN HOUSE  
Aug. 16, 2014  
1-4pm  
1914-2014**

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