

CITY OF ENTIAT

2017 MID YEAR NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Keith Vradenburg

The City metal and tire collection was a huge success. Thanks go out to Jim Brooks for all of his hard work. A semi-trailer was filled with over 500 tires and a large container was filled with all kinds of metal. The City will have a collection again next year.

The part time City Planner, RJ Lott, will become a full time Community Development Director/Planner this June. This will help the City move forward. He will be in charge of the newly formed Economic Advisory Committee and the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

The Cammack Ave. Project that will completely redo Cammack Ave. and adding sidewalks has just been approved by WSDOT (Washington State Department of Transportation). We will now start the environmental reviews; the project ground work will start next spring. The construction of South Lakeshore Drive and the connection of the trail at the North End of the Park to the South End of the North Trail will hopefully begin this fall. This project is currently under environmental review which should be completed by August. The early opening of the City Park was a success. Building A at the north End of the Park is awaiting partitions to arrive, and then it will be completely updated. The City has signed the M & O agreement for the Park with Chelan County PUD. The only difference in this new contract is that it will last to the end of the Rocky Reach Dam Power License (40 years) and will not have to be renewed each year.

If you have any questions or concerns about the City, stop by City Hall and staff or I will discuss them with you....

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. NEWS

From the Desk of Michael Herd, Public Works Director

As the warm weather approaches, the weeds are thriving, goatheads are starting to appear. Please spray or keep them pulled so they don't spread. Compost site is open on Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm for residents only. We only accept yard waste, no tree stumps or lumber. Thanks for your cooperation and have a great summer.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

From the Desk of Linda Countryman, City Clerk-Treasurer

Summer is fast approaching! Our beautiful park is fairly glowing thanks to the hard work of our Public Works Department. As a result of their hard work, park revenues through June have exceeded expectation and are at 58.79% of budget. Most days Carol and Pam are inundated with park reservation calls from enthusiastic campers, many who are returning from last year. We also have several group camping activities booked for this year. Our park is becoming famous!

On the grant front, our grant writer, Kara Zupke of Pacific Engineering, continues to astound us with her energy and excellent writing talents. We have several grants in the planning and design phases. The Entiat Way Well Project, a Community Development Block Grant, will be ready for test drilling in early July.

Please remember to check out the City of Entiat on Facebook. City events and news are calendared and updated weekly. The City's website at www.entiatwa.us, is also in the preliminary stages of a facelift. Please stay tuned.

As Independence Day nears a reminder that Ordinance 2016-763, passed by City Council on June 29, 2016, will be effective July 1, 2017. Ordinance 2016-763 bans fireworks within the city limits of the City of Entiat. The only fireworks allowed will be agricultural and wildlife fireworks; and public fireworks displays. If you would like a copy of Ordinance 2016-763, please stop by City Hall or give us a call.

City Hall will be closed Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day; and Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

All of us at City Hall wish you a happy and safe summer. Please enjoy our beautiful park!!

CITY PLANNER

From the Desk of RJ Lott, Community Development Director/Planner

The warm weather has finally arrived... Summer is finally here! It's about time.

First of all, as my time working with the City of Entiat nears one year, I would like to personally thank everyone at City Hall, the City Council, the Planning Commission and the citizens of Entiat for welcoming me with open arms. We have already completed a great deal and I am looking forward to the future.

Speaking of the Planning Commission, I would like to invite the public to our meetings. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the City Council Chambers on Kinzel Street.

As always, my door is open for the public, or anybody else for that matter, to stop by and visit. I would be more than happy to answer questions or to further explain what is happening around the City. I believe that planning is a public process and all are welcome!

Lastly, please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

CODE ENFORCEMENT

From the Desk of Jim Books, Field Supervisor/Code Enforcement

I would like to thank all of the people that brought in their scrap metal and tires. The City accepted 486 tires and was able to fill one 40 yard salvage trailer. The city will be planning for another event next year, once again thank you for working with the city in keeping our City of Entiat clean.

I would also like to remind our residents that your help is needed in keeping your fields mowed. By doing this, you reduce the amount of noxious weeds on the properties and reduce the chance of fires.

I would like to remind everyone that there is a burn ban put in place starting June 1st and will run through the end of September.

If you have any questions in regards to Code Enforcement, please feel free to call me (509) 679-1527. Have a safe summer!

OTHER CITY NEWS

Committee Chairs:

Please contact City Hall to confirm dates and times of your regular monthly meetings. Please contact City Hall at least 24 hours in advance of extra or rescheduled meetings to confirm availability of the Council Chambers. Thank You.

RECYCLE BINS: All of the recycle bins are at City Hall. Please remember to flatten all cardboard boxes; they do not accept brown or green glass or Styrofoam of any kind and **PLEASE NO GARBAGE.**

CITY HALL CLOSURES:

City Hall will be closed on the following days for 2017 holiday observance:

Monday January 2nd	New Year's Day
Monday January 16th	Martin Luther King Day
Monday February 20th	President's Day
Monday May 29th	Memorial Day
Tuesday July 4th	Independence Day
Monday September 4th	Labor Day
Friday November 10th	Veterans Day
Thursday & Friday November 23rd & 24th	Thanksgiving
Friday December 22nd	Christmas Eve
Monday December 25th	Christmas Day

REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS – MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CITY MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES:

City Council	2 nd Thursday	7:00 PM
Planning Commission	2 nd and 4 TH Tuesday	7:00 PM
Park Board	1 st Tuesday	6:30 PM
Tree Board	3 rd Tuesday	4:00 PM
Economic Advisory	3 rd Monday	7:00 PM
Waterfront Advisory	1 st Wednesday	7:00 PM

City of Entiat, Elected Officials and Staff

Current City of Entiat Staff: **509-784-1500**

Keith Vradenburg, Mayor
Linda Countryman, Clerk-Treasurer
Carol McLester, Deputy Clerk
Pam Abhold, Deputy Treasurer
Michael Herdt, Public Works Director
Jim Brooks, Field Supervisor/Code Enforcement
Frank Spaun, Building Inspector
JR Lott, Community Development Director/Planner
Patrick Diehm, Utility Worker
Mark Abhold, Utility Maintenance
Martin Thacker, Waste Water Treatment Operator