



CITY OF BINGEN NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2005

Community Pride Week

Get ready for the Bingen-White Salmon area Community Pride Week scheduled for April 25 through May 1.

Useable Items

Useable items can be donated to the Youth Center 493-4233 or Guided Path Homeless Shelter 493-4234. Donations will be accepted the weeks of April 11-22.

Collection Site

The collection site located on the City of Bingen Public Works property will be open on the following days:

Friday, April 29 – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 30 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 1 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There is a charge for tires -- \$3.00 for each automobile/small truck tire and \$10.00 each for semi-truck tires.

If you have large junk and no way to take it to the collection site call 493-3630 to make arrangements for a pick up.

Leaves, Grass Clippings, and Garden Debris

Within the City limits of Bingen there will be pickup of bagged yard debris. The City of Bingen will pickup 5 bags of garden debris as long as it is bagged and placed along the street by April 25. Call the City of Bingen at 493-2122 if you want bagged yard/garden debris picked up.

Community Yard Sale

The community yard sale will be held Friday, April 29 and Saturday April 30 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you want to be included on the Community Yard Sale Map that will be made available to the public, you need to contact either the City of Bingen 493-2122 or the City of White Salmon 493-1133 by April 15. Maps of yard sale sites will be available at The Creamery, Heidi's, Bubba's Brew in White Salmon; the Bingen Station Coffee Haus in Bingen; and Antiques & Oddities in Hood River.

You are also encouraged to advertise your yard sale in the April 28 edition of the Enterprise.

After the yard sale, take the stuff you did not sell to the collection site on Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Staff from the Homeless Shelter will be present to collect usable items.

Junk Vehicle Pick Up

Howard's Wrecking Yard will pick up unwanted cars and trucks for free through April 30. Call 509-493-2814 or 541-490-1318.



**Show pride in your community
by helping to clean up!**

Protect Your Property from Fire

The Cities of Bingen and White Salmon have adopted a “Community Wildfire Protection Plan.” Copies are available at both city halls.



Maintaining a defensible space around your home is one of the best things you can do to protect yourself and your property. Defensible space is the area between a home and an oncoming wildfire where vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat. Having a defensible space will significantly improve the odds of a home surviving a wildfire.

Because most of the homes in Bingen are not in an area most people would consider susceptible to wildfire you might not think a “defensible space” is necessary. However, just think of a fire located on neighboring property or a fire that starts by lightning or a downed power line. Homes in Bingen are located very close to one another. If there is a large amount of grass and brush located on your property it will be more likely that the fire could move from your neighbor’s property to yours.

It is important to keep grass, brush and trees trimmed and away from your home and other structures located on your property. This can help slow the spread of a fire. Even things like wood piles and stored materials can be fuel for a fire. Such materials should not be stored up against the home or other structures.

Take a look around your home and your property from a fresh perspective. Are there things that could easily catch fire which could then spread to your home?

Motorized Scooters

The City of Bingen has adopted an ordinance that governs the use of motorized foot scooters and other wheeled recreational devices.

Motorized foot scooters and other wheeled recreational devices are those that are powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor. Wheeled recreational devices do not include motorcycles mopeds, electric assisted bicycles, power wheelchairs or electric personal mobility devices (as defined by state RCWs).

The ordinance provides for the following:

- You must be 16 years or older to use a motorized foot scooter or motorized wheeled recreational device
- You must wear a helmet
- Operation of such devices are not allowed in any park, on sidewalks, on city property that is not a street, and on streets with speed limits over 25 mph
- No passengers are allowed
- Operation of such devices is not allowed from sunset to sunrise
- Operation of such devices are limited to 15 mph

Where Is Your Storage?

City streets are not storage facilities. The city has ordinance that prevents certain vehicles from being parked along city streets. These vehicles include:

- Recreational vehicles (all types)
- Boats
- Trailers
- Junk cars
- Neglected vehicles (this includes vehicles not legally licensed and those that appear inoperable – including vehicles with flat tires)

*You are invited to help
the City of Bingen honor*

Louis Geschwint

Fire Chief

Bingen Volunteer Fire Department

*After 35 years of service as a volunteer fire fighter, of
which he has served as Fire Chief for 22,*

Louis Geschwint is retiring!

*Come help us celebrate his years of dedication and
service as one of Klickitat County's fire fighters!*

Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Bingen Fire Hall

112 N. Ash

Refreshments will be served

RSVP to 509-493-2122

For Your Information

The City of Bingen maintains a web page <http://www.bingenwashington.org>. The web page contains the following information:

- Current agendas
- Minutes of council meetings
- Public notices
- Newsletters
- Contact information for council members and staff

City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 112 N. Ash. The public is invited to attend.

Bingen Council Members and Staff

Brian Prigel, Mayor
Randy Anderson, Council Member
Laura Mann, Council Member
Betty Barnes, Council Member
Terry Trantow, Council Member
Barbara Kubitscheck, Council Member

Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Dena Riggleman, Deputy Clerk
Brandon Walter, Public Works Superintendent
Esteban Sanchez, Public Works Maintenance
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