



CITY OF BINGEN NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2017

2017 Community Pride Weekend

Do you need more space in your garage, shed, basement, attic and backyard? What about your front yard?

Community Pride Weekend is scheduled for the weekend of April 28 through April 29. The drop off site for junk and recyclable materials will be open as follows:

Friday, April 28 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 29 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Do not bring items to the site prior to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 28. The site will not be open on Sunday this year. A donation of \$10 per load is requested. The \$10 covers expenses for putting on the event and any left over funds go to the Rotary Club for youth programs.

See interior flyer for more information regarding Community Pride.

Senior citizens or those with no vehicle for transporting unwanted items can call the Chamber of Commerce to arrange for pickup. Call 509-493-3630.

City Yard & Garden Debris Pickup

The city is coordinating our spring yard and garden debris pickup with Community Pride Weekend. Bingen residents can call city hall at 509-493-2122 to arrange for ***yard and garden debris pickup***. Yard and garden debris pickup by the city is not available to businesses or apartments. However, the Community Pride collection site is open to everyone.

City crew will collect yard and garden debris Thursday, April 27 through Friday, April 28. Yard and garden debris must be placed curbside during

the week but no later than 7:00 a.m. on Friday, April 28. You must call city hall to have the yard and garden debris picked up. Community Pride volunteers request that yard and garden debris be bagged in paper lawn and leaf bags. Residents can pick up free paper bags (limit 5) at City Hall and additional bags can be purchased at Ace Hardware and Home Depot.

**Call Bingen City Hall
at 509-493-2122
to arrange for yard and garden
debris pickup April 27 & April 28.**

**Take the opportunity of Community
Pride Weekend to check your property
and trim back the vegetation.**

Vegetation Management

It is a property owner’s responsibility to keep vegetation, including brush and trees, from growing into the city right-of-way (streets or sidewalks). Please keep all brush, trees, and any other vegetation trimmed back so that it is not growing into the streets or sidewalks. Keep sidewalks and rights-of-way open for pedestrians and vehicles.

If the city has to remove vegetation that is growing into the right-of-way, the property will be billed for the associated expenses.



Parking in Bingen

Most of the parking in downtown Bingen is 2 hour parking with a few parking spaces designated for 15 minute parking. When parking, look around for signage that may indicate 2-hour parking, 15 minute parking, no parking, etc. Parking violations can result in a parking ticket. The city has provided a parking lot for daily long-term downtown parking. It is located at 400 W. Steuben and is designated as public parking. Vehicle sales are not allowed at 400 W. Steuben.

Certain types of vehicles are not allowed to be parked along city streets. These include

- Vehicles with flat tires
- Vehicles that do not operate
- Vehicles with expired license plates/tags
- Vehicles without license plates
- Boats
- Utility trailers
- Snowmobiles
- Recreational vehicles
- Motor homes
- Camper (pickup)
- Trucks and/or trailers that exceed 20 feet in length or 30,000 pounds gross vehicle capacity.

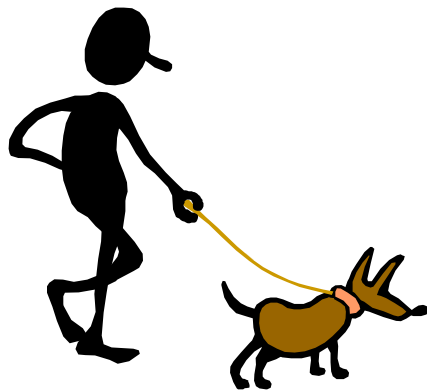
Where is Your Dog?

When a dog is found running loose, the city will make every effort to find the dog's owner. Having a current dog license will assist in locating owners.

However, if a dog is picked up and the owner cannot be located, the dog may be impounded in one of two locations, owners of dogs should contact city hall or the police department to determine where their dog is

impounded. Owners will have to show a current dog license from the City of Bingen and prove that all fines and fees have been paid (if applicable).

Every dog that resides in Bingen is required to have a dog license. Dog licenses can be obtained from



City Hall, 112 N. Ash. To obtain a dog license you must have proof of current rabies vaccinations. Dog licenses cost \$25.00 per year. If the dog is neutered or spayed, the fee is reduced to \$10.00 (written proof of neuter or spay is required).

Dog licenses are required for all dogs living in Bingen (even part-time).

In 2007, the city adopted a dog ordinance that addresses dogs running at large. When a dog or dogs leave your property they must be restrained by a leash, rope, device, or cord not exceeding eight (8) feet in length. The leash, rope, device or cord must be of such material and of such size to ensure that the dog is controlled and restrained at all times.

The city's ordinance also provides that habitual barking that disturbs any person or neighborhood to an unreasonable degree is considered a nuisance and the person having control of the dog is subject to a notice of infraction. Be respectful of your neighbors and help prevent ongoing barking by your dog.

Dog owners or custodians will be ticketed if caught violating this ordinance. The first violation of the ordinance within a six-month period is an infraction with a civil penalty not to exceed \$100. Second and subsequent violations within the six-month period will be charged as a misdemeanor (a crime).

When a dog or dogs leave your property it must be on a leash.

It is important that dogs be restrained when they leave your private property. Not everyone is a dog lover and some people are actually afraid of dogs. Please help in making people comfortable by keeping your dogs on a leash.

Burn Ban

Burning is not allowed within the city limits including "wood-burning" fire pits. The city does allow barbecues and fire pits using charcoal briquettes, propane or natural gas.

Fireworks Prohibited

Fireworks are not allowed within the city limits of Bingen. The Port of Klickitat with support from the Cities of Bingen and White Salmon allows fireworks at a designated location at Bingen Point on the 4th of July only.

Building Permits Required

Building permits (including mechanical and plumbing permits) are required in Bingen. If you are unsure whether or not your project requires a permit, contact City Hall at 509-493-2122.

Update Your Voter Registration

Don't forget to register or update your voter registration if you have moved by going to <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/myvote/>.

Water/Sewer Utility Billing

Utility Discount for Low-Income Seniors or Low-Income Disabled Persons

The City of Bingen offers a 20% discount on base fees to qualifying low-income seniors or low-income disabled persons. Applications or questions about qualifications can be submitted to Washington Gorge Action Programs at 509-493-2662.

Paying Your Water/Sewer Utility Bill

Your utility bill can be paid several ways:

- Mailing your payment
- Depositing your payment into the payment box at the entrance of City Hall, 112 N. Ash
- In person at City Hall, 112 N. Ash
- Through direct payment/ACH payment (contact City Hall 509-493-2122 to make arrangements)

The city does not take credit or debit cards or payments over the phone.

Payments are due on the 20th of each month unless that date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Monday or holiday, then the payment is due on the following business day.

Questions regarding water/sewer utility billing can be answered by calling city at 509-493-2122.

This newsletter is available in Spanish online at <http://www.bingenwashington.org> or at city hall 112 N. Ash.

Este boletín está disponible en español en línea <http://www.bingenwashington.org> o en el Ayuntamiento 112 N. Ash.

The City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Bingen City Hall. The City Council welcomes public comment at all of its council meetings.

For more information regarding the City of Bingen check out our web page at <http://www.bingenwashington.org>.

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DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday, April 29, 10 am to 2 pm at Skyline Hospital

Bingen Council Members and Staff

Betty J. Barnes, Mayor
Catherine Kiewit, Council Member
Laura Mann, Council Member
Ryan O'Connor, Council Member
Stephanie Porter, Council Member
Isolde Schroder, Council Member

Jan Brending, City Administrator
Cheyenne Willey, Deputy Clerk
David Spratt, Public Works Superintendent
Jay Hicks, Public Works Maintenance
Tom Hons, Treatment Plant Manager
James Buckland, Treatment Plant Operator
Marlon Morat, Building Official
Mike Solomon, PW/Animal Control

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