MORE THAN JUST A "GAZEBO"

Ted Sprague, President

On a bright and sunny Wednesday, August 29th citizens of Longview and Cowlitz County gathered together to celebrate the groundbreaking for the infrastructure fixes at R.A. Long Park (also known as Jefferson Square). Several speakers who were and are involved in the project had the opportunity to speak. The quote that caught my ear was by Jeff Cameron, City of Longview Public Works Director, when he said this project is about, “More than just a gazebo.”

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The work involved includes a concrete plaza, pathways, electrical upgrades, new lights and landscaping. The cherry on top is the new gazebo where bands can play and events will take place. Longview Mayor Don Jensen served as the master of ceremonies that included remarks by Jeff Cameron, Diane Craft from Koelsch Communities, Senator Dean Takko, Representative Brian Blake and Representative Jim Walsh. All of the speakers referred to the importance of teamwork, dedication of city staff and elected leaders and the vital role of private contributions from the Kuntz Family Trust and Koelsch Family and Communities. The bulk of the project should be completed by the end of November.

The City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department, under the leadership of Director, Jennifer Wills, has made incredible strides in the past couple of years and we at the CEDC applaud your efforts! Congratulations and here’s to continuing to improve the Quality of Place where we live and work.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Scot Walstra, Vice President

Through our partnerships with Workforce SW WA and WorkSource/ESD in Kelso there are currently funds available for screening, testing, hiring and training for new and incumbent workers in Cowlitz County. The CEDC also partners with Lower Columbia College to provide special certified training in a wide variety of skills.

Additionally, we partner with Will Kitchen who is certified in LEAN-six Sigma, engineering, technical, quality management, safety, laboratory management, research and development, product development and more.

Are you interested in these programs and opportunities? Please contact Scot Walstra, Vice President, for information on this and other available CEDC incentives! You can reach him at walstra@cowlitzedc.com or 360.423.9921.

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LONGVIEW DOWNTOWNERS:
SQUIRREL FEST SHUTTLE AND SCAVENGER HUNT

Lindsey Cope, Community Engagement Director

One of my favorite things about our area is how we embrace that which makes us original as an entire community. I think the City of Longview’s website introduces this in such a great way: “San Francisco has its cable cars. Seattle has its Space Needle. And, Longview has its squirrel bridge(s).”

Out of our love for squirrels naturally came Squirrel Fest in 2010 as dreamed up by the Longview Sandbaggers. You may recognize this group of squirrelly guys in their trademark red and white-striped blazers. This event has been hosted at RA Long Park AKA the Civic Circle which is only a hop, skip and a jump away from downtown!

The Longview Downtowners are actively working on ways to partner with events in our area, as well as create our own. In the past, Wendy Kosloski with Teagues Interiors and her team, organized a scavenger hunt for people to participate in downtown while they are already in the area. Last year, Koelsch Senior Communities provided a shuttle to help with the parking congestion behind the Monticello. This year, we decided to take these ideas and combine them!

This year, the shuttle provided by Koelsch Senior Communities picked up and/or dropped off almost 200 people from 10 AM to 5 PM from behind Mill City Grill and Kirkpatrick Family Care across from RA Long Park. We were told that this allowed many people who were unable to attend previously due to parking constraints to attend the community event! We also had many who came to participate in the scavenger hunt downtown. The clues led our hunters to check out our 17 participating locations!

Every person who took the shuttle filled out a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our four prizes donated by the Longview Downtowners Membership. If a person completed the scavenger hunt, they received two entries for a chance to win!


We want to remind everyone that Downtown is open for business on days that there are car shows, Squirrel Fest, Crafted Brew Festival and many other events. We invite you to make a day out of it! We have plenty of cool or warm (depending on the time of year) places to shop, eat, drink and be entertained!

Up next: we are now hosting a morning and an afternoon monthly membership meeting to increase engagement and offer flexibility to our members. Join us September 13th from 8 AM to 9 AM at the Creekside Café and/or 3 PM – 4PM at J Squared Barrel House. All meetings are open to the public interested in the preservation, promotion, and development of Downtown Longview. Sponsorship, membership and other opportunities available.
MOUNT ST. HELENS UPDATE TO GATEWAY COMMUNITIES & BUSINESSES

Events on and Around the Volcano

Sept. 1 - Backcountry Rise Trail Run (St. Helens)
Sept. 1 - Three Corner Rock foot race, Columbia Gorge Running Club (Mt. Adams)
Sept. 1 - Silver Lake Lighted Boat Parade
Sept. 22 - National Public Lands Day **Free entrance to public lands
Oct. 6 - Carnival of Colors – Science and Learning Center

Road Construction Alert - “Give ‘em a Brake”

**Road construction on Forest Road 90 (MP 0.0 to MP 16.7) Cougar to Northwoods planned to begin soon and end mid-November. Please use caution and expect delays of up to 30 minutes. This large project will address problem areas and increase safety.

COWLITZ PUD CONNECT TO COMMUNITY: WARM NEIGHBOR FUNDRAISER, EAT FOR HEAT

The Cowlitz PUD Connect to Community Volunteer Committee is excited to announce our first annual Warm Neighbor Fundraiser, Eat for Heat. Our goal for this event is to raise 10K for CAP. Chef Josiah Fox is donating his time to prepare a local farm to table dinner. The tickets are tax deductible and 100% of the evening’s proceeds will go back into the Warm Neighbor Fund to help families in need with their utility bills.

The dinner will be served at dusk in our court yard. Josiah is a professionally trained chef who worked with renowned chef, Kaspar Donier of Kaspar’s in Seattle.

For tickets and more details go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eat-for-heat-tickets-48812460383

Please share with friends and family! If you have any questions, please be in touch. adietz@cowlitzpud.org
CEDC MEMBER NOTICES

September Afternoon Membership Meeting
SEPTEMBER 13 2018 • 3:00 PM
J SQUARED BARREL HOUSE
1520 COMMERCE AVENUE
LONGVIEW WA 98632

September Morning Membership Meeting
SEPTEMBER 13 2018 • 8:00 AM
CREEKSIDE CAFE
1323 COMMERCE AVENUE
LONGVIEW WA 98632

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COMPETITION!
GO TO YOUTUBE AND WATCH THE VIDEO TO COUNT AS A VOTE! THE MORE VIEWS, THE MORE VOTES!
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GiveMore24!
Thursday, September 20
The Longview Outdoor Gallery and the Longview Downtowners are partnering in support of this annual on-line fundraiser. This year’s goal is to raise money to purchase the 2018 People’s Voice. The Longview Downtowners have pledged a $1,700 match.
To donate, please go to give24.org, search for Longview Outdoor Gallery and press the donate button.

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