

September 21, 2018

The Fire District Pancake Feed Fundraiser is this Sunday, September 23rd.

There are several items on the City News section of the website (www.cityofsheridanor.com/citynews).

One is the City Council information about Measure 36-198, Police Service Fee.

Another is a timely reminder to consider flood insurance. There are many people in the Carolinas that will look back and wish they had flood insurance.

The information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on October 20th.

Sheriff Svenson has committed to Council Member Acuff to be at our next Council meeting (Monday October 1st). He will be first on the agenda.

The letters informing contractors of the Notice of Intent to Award the Contract for the East Main Street Waterline Improvement was mailed last Monday.

The City conducted its required testing for lead and copper in August. We test in 20 homes that are older and may have lead or copper in their household pipes. All samples taken are below the Action Level required by the State and the EPA. The information will be in the 2018 Water Quality Report which should be published in the spring of 2019.

The previous test was in August 2015. Since we have a history of compliance and no actionable results, we test every three years.

The annual Water Quality Reports for the years 2005 through 2017 are on line. On the city website (www.cityofsheridanor.com) go to City Departments then to Public Works and then to Water Treatment. The document files are at the bottom of that page.

There is an interesting article in the September 16th Oregonian titled: As economy booms, U.S. cities report slowing revenue growth. The headline accurately summarizes the story. I found one sentence intriguing, "Although fiscal health is not yet declining, these conditions (general-fund revenues stagnate while expenditures increase) echo several cautionary signals from previous economic downturns," according to the report, which is based on results from 341 cities.

I disagree with that sentence, in that our "fiscal health" has already been affected. Affected in the General Fund to the extent that we had to eliminate one police officer position. We must pay attention to the effect that the last recession had on us.

The link to the short article is:

https://www.oregonlive.com/today/index.ssf/2018/09/as_economy_booms_us_cities_rep.html