

City Bridges

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What's **Up** Downtown?

The Central Albany Revitalization Area, Albany's urban renewal agency, continues to be very busy as we enter the holiday season:

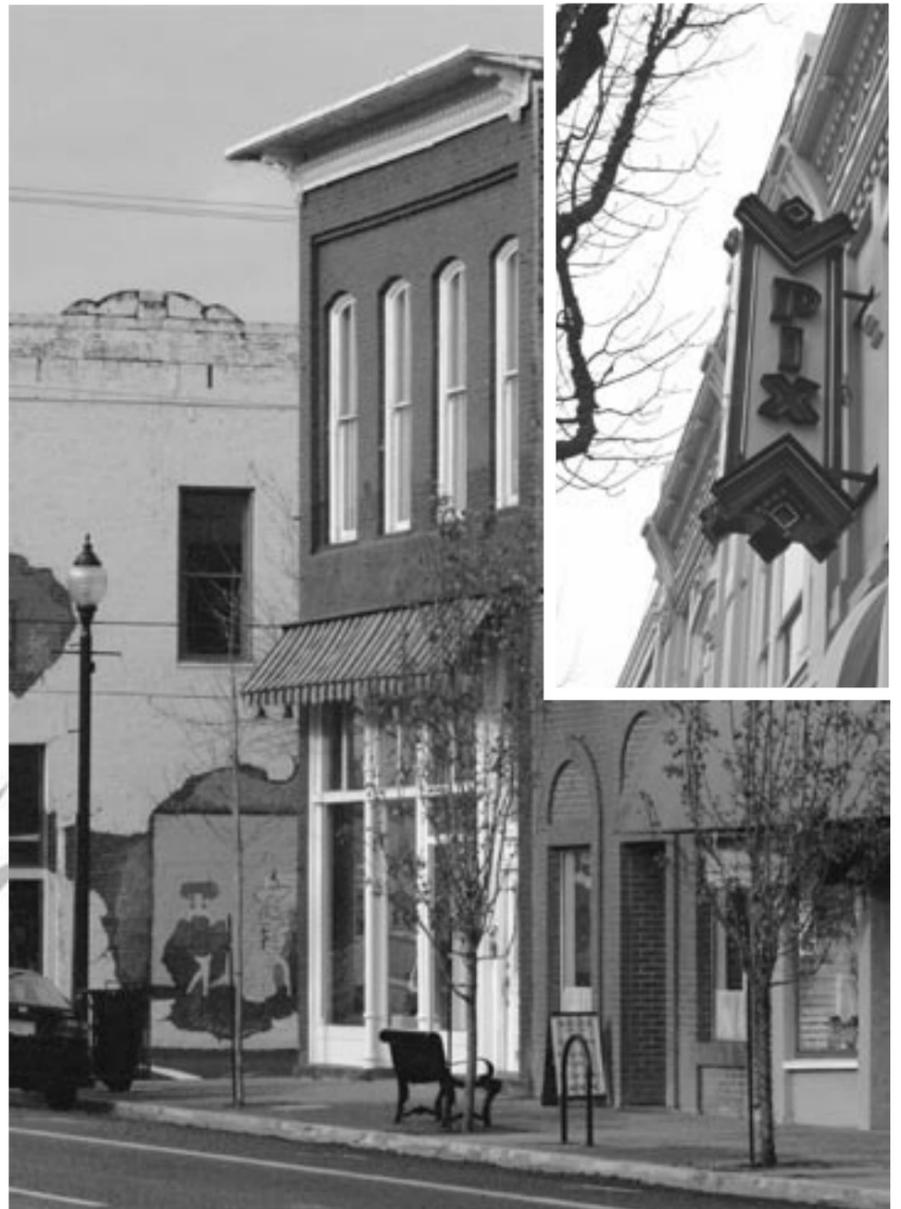
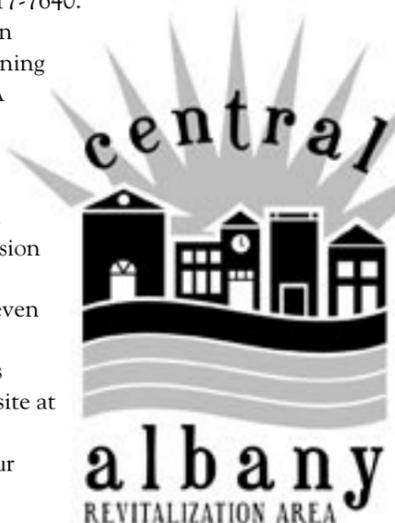
Streetscape construction is nearly complete with tree planting and new street lights the last items remaining. The project should be substantially complete by January 2006. Many thanks to the downtown business owners, their customers, and the commuters who have had to deal with construction work this fall.

Remember, if you have questions or concerns about the streetscape project, please contact Construction Supervisor Guy Mayes at 917-7640.

Movies will return to downtown Albany after an absence of more than 20 years with the grand opening of the Pix Theater. Partially funded by the CARA Downtown Building Revitalization Grant and Loan Program, owners Jeff and Robin Mexico are transforming the Straney & Moore Livery Stable building at 321 Second Avenue from retail stores to a 200-seat auditorium, lobby, and concession stand.

The Pix will offer first-run and classic movies seven days a week in a venue reminiscent of "the way movies were meant to be seen." For movie listings and times, please call 926-PIXX or visit the Web site at www.albanypix.com.

For more information on CARA, please visit our Web site at <http://cityofalbany.net/cara>.



KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE FROM FIRE

Christmas Tree Care

Fresh-cut Christmas trees are naturally flame-resistant due to their high water content, but they become extremely flammable when permitted to dry out. When brought indoors, heat and lower humidity will speed up the drying process.

Fire-retardant coatings are not required on natural trees and will not extend the length of time a tree should be permitted indoors.

Follow these rules to keep your tree safe and beautiful through the holiday season:

- Make a new saw cut at the base of the tree at least one inch above the original cut. This new cut should be at an angle.
- Mount the tree securely in a tree stand capable of holding a two-day minimum water supply. Water the tree daily and keep the water level above the cut.
- Decorations made of natural materials should be removed at any sign of dryness.
- Trees should be tested daily for dryness. Stand in front of a branch, grasp it, and pull your hand to you. If needles readily fall off the tree, the tree is too dry and needs to be removed.

"Before You Go Out, Blow It Out"

Oregonians love candles. In some households, you'll find candles in every room. But an unattended, abandoned, or casually placed candle can quickly cause a devastating fire. Be aware and adopt these tips as candle safety rules in your home:

- Keep an eye on burning candles.
- Blow out all candles before leaving the room or before going to sleep.
- Keep candles at least one foot away from clothing, curtains, upholstered furniture, greenery, decorations, and any other flammable items.
- Always use a sturdy metal, glass, or ceramic candleholder. Make sure the candleholder is big enough to collect dripping wax.
- Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- Trim wicks to one-quarter inch before lighting.
- Avoid candles with items embedded in them such as twigs, flowers, or leaves. These items can ignite or even explode.

Federal Grant Provides Equipment, Training

Albany Fire Department will be receiving approximately \$22,570 worth of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) equipment and disaster management training materials through the Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) grant program.

The HRSA grant program was established following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to make federal funding available to each state to enhance state-wide mutual aid plans to deploy EMS units in jurisdictions they don't normally cover in response to a mass casualty incident due to terrorism.

Seven emergency response regions have been formed within the state of Oregon including each county. Linn County is one of six within Region 2 (Benton, Linn, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties). As part of the overall plan for the state, the emergency medical response agencies must ensure the capability of providing EMS triage, transportation, and patient tracking for at least 500 adult and pediatric patients per million populations within three hours after an emergency event.

Each ambulance in Linn County will carry portable ventilators and ventilation circuits and will have available additional oxygen bottles and regulators, backboards, and straps. Each Fire Department first-response agency in Linn County will receive the complete training package to instruct their personnel on disaster management systems.

Region 2 received almost \$1.7 million dollars for fiscal years 2003 and 2004, distributed among hospitals, EMS providers and others, including some regional projects. Linn County's share was approximately \$70,734; Albany Fire Department received approximately \$22,570 in EMS equipment and training materials.

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Community Development Facts

**Did
you
know?**

- The Community Development Department is comprised of the Planning and Building Divisions.
- Albany's population as of July 1, 2005, is estimated at 45,361.
- Eleven subdivision applications have been processed by the Planning Division this year, resulting in 726 new single-family lots.
- Two other subdivision applications are under review which could result in 479 more single-family lots being added.
- Over 425 new single-family residential building permits have been issued by the Building Division so far this year. If the pace continues, we project a nine percent increase over last year.
- In the area east of Interstate 5, 1,066 lots have been approved since the large Brandis annexation in November 2002. In the North Albany area, 1,341 lots have been approved since its annexation in June 1991.

WINTER AT THE ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

With a Little Help from Our Friends

The Friends of the Albany Public Library conducted their annual book sale in October, generating over \$6,000 that will go to support the Summer Reading Program, monthly programs for adult readers, and projects that may be unfunded or underfunded.

The annual book sale recycles books that others contribute to the Library and Library collection books that have seen better days. An ongoing book sale continues in the basement of the Downtown Carnegie Library.

Much of what the Library accomplishes is aided by the help of our Friends. Recently, the Library card drive resulted in over 300 new cardholders. The campaign was also aided by the willingness of local businesses. A special thanks to Albertsons, Elmer's, Safeway, Heritage Mall, Boccherini's, Starbucks, and Red Robin for making the campaign a grand success.

If you would like to take a more active role in supporting your Library, the Friends can be contacted through the Library or Friends President Linda Lawrence at 541-926-5686.

Volunteers are Friends In Deed

In 2005, volunteers contributed almost 4,000 hours at the Library.

Last year, Sybaris feted Library volunteers to a gourmet dinner.

Volunteers (friends in deed!) contribute selfless action, proving that, without a lot of help from our extended community family, the Library would be much less than it is and that there are many ways to take ownership of community services and make them even better.

Teen Volunteers

More than 50 students in grades 6 through 12 served as youth volunteers in Albany's libraries last summer. They helped with a variety of tasks including straightening items on the shelves, putting up displays on bulletins boards, arranging photos in albums, judging the Albany Idol Talent Show, and assisting young children at summer programs.

Several volunteers worked for hours preparing for the Summer Reading Program's Harry Potter Party. They wrote questions for a trivia contest, decorated



180 "magic wands," made a poster for each of the houses of Hogwarts School, and decorated paper "animal pets" for the Diagon Alley pet shop. On the three days of the program, the volunteers (many in costume) served as school prefects or as shop assistants, helping the children play Quidditch or shop for wands, pets, and candy.

Some of last summer's youth volunteers are continuing to work at the Library, assisting with Saturday morning story times or helping as needed with shelf straightening and other ongoing jobs. Students who have completed sixth grade may apply to be Library volunteers beginning in June 2006. For information about the youth volunteer program, contact Doris Hicks, Young Adult Services Librarian, at 917-7580, ext. 4704.

**Library Becomes Answerland**

The Albany Public Library recently became a partner in a statewide effort by libraries to provide 24-hour access to live reference services. Formerly called "Answerland" and now referred to as L-Net, the service allows anyone from Oregon to chat with a librarian online anytime, anywhere, day or night.

Through sophisticated software, L-Net librarians can 'walk' patrons through information quests in a virtual manner that can be fun as well as informative. Designed to assist all levels of interest, this service is a great way to discover resources throughout the state, in a virtual setting, that you may not have been aware existed. Whether it is quick homework assistance or a more complicated (homework can be complicated, too) and involved research problem, L-Net is an excellent partner.

The service is free. Try e-reference! A link to L-Net is found on the Library's Web page: <http://library.cityofalbany.net>; or by going directly to L-Net at <http://www.oregonlibraries.net>. The next time anyone in the family has a question, call the Library or log on.

Recycling Awareness

Allied Waste (formerly known as Albany-Lebanon Sanitation) will present a recycling program Friday, January 27, 2006, at the Main Library as part of our continuing No School Days series. A recycling truck will park near the meeting room for children to climb aboard and learn about it; we'll make recycled art projects and learn about recycling from Julie Jackson, Allied's recycling program coordinator.

Kids of all ages are invited.

Additional No School Day programs will be offered Monday, February 20, and Friday, March 10, 2006.

Cooking Contest

Clever Cooks Contest XXII, the oldest ongoing Library program for children with story times and summer reading, will fill the Main Library with kids' delicious creations Saturday, February 25, 2006. Entry blanks and further information will be available at both Libraries by late January. Children up to age 18 may participate in this juried and competitive event. Prizes will be awarded.

Two Languages at a Time

Frequent reading may increase the reader's vocabulary and facility with the language, and what could be better than that? How about increasing skills in two languages?

For Albany's children who learned to speak Spanish as their first language, reading in English, both at school and at the Library, is a prime method for increasing their skills in the language. Students who also read literature in Spanish can maintain and amplify their skills in that language.

Thanks to an anonymous donation of \$2,000 per year for the past two years, the Albany Public Library now provides greater opportunity for readers of all ages to enjoy and to learn from books in Spanish.

The youngest children may enjoy sturdy board books with big pictures and a few words on each page. As they get older, they will find picture books with stories originally written in English and translated into Spanish, as well as stories written in Spanish, and published in Europe or Latin America. Easy reader books use a limited vocabulary to enable beginning readers to read the whole book independently, while chapter books provide longer stories. Some books are available in kits with a recording of the book on cassette or compact disc.

The whole family can enjoy lavishly illustrated nonfiction books on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from football to fishing, from science to songbooks. Bilingual picture dictionaries can be used to increase the reader's vocabulary in both languages.

Stop by either Library during the monthly bilingual story time programs to enjoy stories, songs, and puppet shows. Activities are planned to allow participation by English speakers, Spanish speakers, and bilingual children of all ages. Bilingual story times are offered on the last Tuesday of each month, year-round, at 10:30 a.m. at the Downtown Carnegie Library and at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

For more information, contact Doris Hicks at 917-7580, ext. 4704.

Preparing for the Next Flood

The 1996 floods were the highest in recent memory, but this area has seen far worse. Without flood control dams, the 1964 flood would have been the highest on record. Many of us were not here to learn the lessons from that flood. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. If you don't live in a floodplain, knowing what to do (and not do) in a flood can be life-saving.

City flood services. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Albany Public Library and online at <http://www.cityofalbany.net/floodplain>. You can also visit the Community Development Department on the second floor of City Hall. Staff there can help you estimate the flood hazard in your area, find ways to reduce or prevent flood damage to your property, or select a contractor to repair flood damage. City staff are available to provide specific flood and flood-related data and make site visits to review flood, drainage, and sewer problems and advise and assist on retrofitting techniques. These services are free. For more information, check the City's Web site www.cityofalbany.net.

Property Protection. Do not dump or throw anything in the ditches, creeks, or drains. Dumping is a violation of the Albany Municipal Code. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If you see dumping or debris in ditches, creeks, or drains, contact the Public Works Department at 917-7550.

Always check with the Building Division before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties. If you see construction work without a building permit posted, contact the Building Division at 917-7553.

You can protect a building from flood damage by regrading the lot or building an earthen berm to keep water away,

but this is only effective if flooding is not too deep. Where floodwaters would be deeper, you can raise a house above flood levels for less than \$10,000 if you do some of the work.

FEMA's *Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding* is on FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/hazards/hurricanes/rfit.shtm>.

Flood Insurance. If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance does not cover flood damage and disaster relief funds cover only a small portion of flood damage. You can purchase a separate flood insurance policy because Albany is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program; those premiums are discounted because Albany is a partner in the Community Rating System. At last count, less than half of all homes in the floodplain were covered by flood insurance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has the latest information about flood insurance policies and premiums at <http://www.fema.gov/nfip/cost1.shtm> and at <http://www.fema.gov/nfip/fiprobyr.shtm>. FEMA's answers to questions about the national flood insurance program are at <http://www.fema.gov/nfip/qanda.shtm>.

Flood Warning System. A warning of potential flooding is conveyed to the community through the Emergency Alert System. Regular programming on radio and television will be interrupted to describe the nature of the flooding, the locations likely to be affected, and what protective action citizens in the area should take. Emergency services personnel will also conduct door-to-door notification when flooding is imminent. You should heed these warnings and take appropriate action to safeguard your life and property.

Flood Safety

Do not walk through flowing water: Drowning is the No. 1 cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.

Do not drive through a flooded area: More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires: The No. 2 flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Pacific Power, Consumer's Power, or Linn County Emergency Management Office.

Shut off gas and electricity and move valuable contents upstairs: Be prepared in advance with a detailed checklist because warning of an impending flood may provide little time for preparation prior to evacuation.

Look out for animals, especially snakes: Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.

Look before you step: After a flood, the ground and floors can be covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Be alert for gas leaks: Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know that the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Be Prepared for Winter Weather, Winter Roads

What's in your home and vehicle emergency preparedness kits to safeguard against exposure to the cold? Living in the Pacific Northwest in particular, all emergency kits should contain items to keep you and your family dry and warm.

- **Rain gear, poncho, pants;** even large, heavy-weight garbage bags (cut holes for arms, head) can work.
- **Sturdy boots, extra shoes, changes of socks.**
- **Gloves** (for working), **mittens** (for warming).
- **Emergency blankets:** Mylar or "space" blankets, warm coats, wool blankets, sleeping bags.
- **Warm hats.**
- **Warm clothing:** cotton, particularly when it becomes wet, draws heat away from your body. Wool and some engineered fabrics can provide warmth even if wet. **Layers:** wicking, insulating, and outer shell to repel rain or snow, are often recommended.
- **Other items:** flares, tools, food, water, flashlight and batteries, chemical lights, kitty litter (for traction and/or ballast)

Exposure to cold can cause frostbite or hypothermia and become life-threatening. Infants and the elderly are the most susceptible. When a winter storm approaches, stay inside. When using alternate heat such as a fireplace, wood stove or space heater, use fire safeguards and ensure proper ventilation. Close off rooms that are not critical to heat. Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors and cover windows, particularly at night to add additional insulation against the cold.

Eat and drink sufficient amounts of water. You can become dehydrated even in the cold. Food provides the body with critical calories to produce heat. Wear layers of clothing so that you can adjust your dress for activity, rain or snow, and temperature. Remove layers to avoid overheating, excessive perspiration, and subsequent chill.

Make sure pets have plenty of food, water, and appropriate shelter.

If you're caught outside during a winter storm, find shelter immediately. Try to stay dry and cover all exposed body parts, especially the head, hands, and feet. If no shelter is available, build a lean-to, windbreak, or even a snow cave for protection from wind. Build a fire for heat and to attract attention. Place rocks around the fire to absorb and reflect heat. Melt snow for drinking water. Do not eat snow if you're cold; it will lower your body temperature.

Learn and practice shelter, fire-building, and wilderness survival skills before you need them. Contact your local Search and Rescue office to see about outdoor survival training. In Benton County, a ten-week course is offered annually in March and April. Information is available by calling (541) 766-6864. In Linn County, contact the Sheriff's Office for information, (541) 967-3950.

The best way to prevent becoming stuck in a vehicle during a winter storm is to avoid unnecessary travel. If you must travel, make sure that you and your vehicle are in good condition and are equipped to drive in challenging conditions: the vehicle should have fuel, lights all around, brakes, windshield wipers, tires/tread, chains or traction devices; you should be alert, rested, and sober. Let someone know where you are going

and by which route you will travel. Let them know when you arrive and when you plan to return. Stay informed about the current weather, obtain the latest weather warnings, forecasts, and road conditions via a weather radio, the Internet, or a local news source.

Information on road conditions can be obtained by dialing the following, toll-free telephone numbers:

Oregon: (800) 977-6368 or simply "511" on your home or cell phone within Oregon

Washington: (800) 695-7623 within Washington

Idaho: (888) 432-7623 or (888) IDA-ROAD

If you should become stranded during a winter storm, stay with your vehicle and do not panic. If you are accompanied by others, take turns sleeping. Run the vehicle engine every hour for about ten minutes to maintain warmth, but keep windows cracked to prevent the buildup of carbon monoxide. Make sure that the vehicle exhaust pipe is not blocked. Keep your car visible with a brightly colored cloth tied to the antenna. Exercise periodically by vigorously moving arms, legs, toes, and fingers.

In the mountains, avalanches may become a possibility in the winter, especially below steep slopes. Avalanches occasionally come down across roads with little or no warning. Caution is advised when traveling along avalanche prone roads, especially after a heavy snowfall or during periods of rapid snowmelt.

Roads which appear to be clear in the wintertime may actually be coated with a thin layer of ice commonly referred to as black ice. This nearly invisible ice layer can cause you to rapidly lose control of your vehicle. Black ice is most common during the night time and early morning hours. Reduce your speed, maintain extra room between you and other vehicles, and do not make sudden vehicular moves such as quick turns, hard braking, or acceleration.

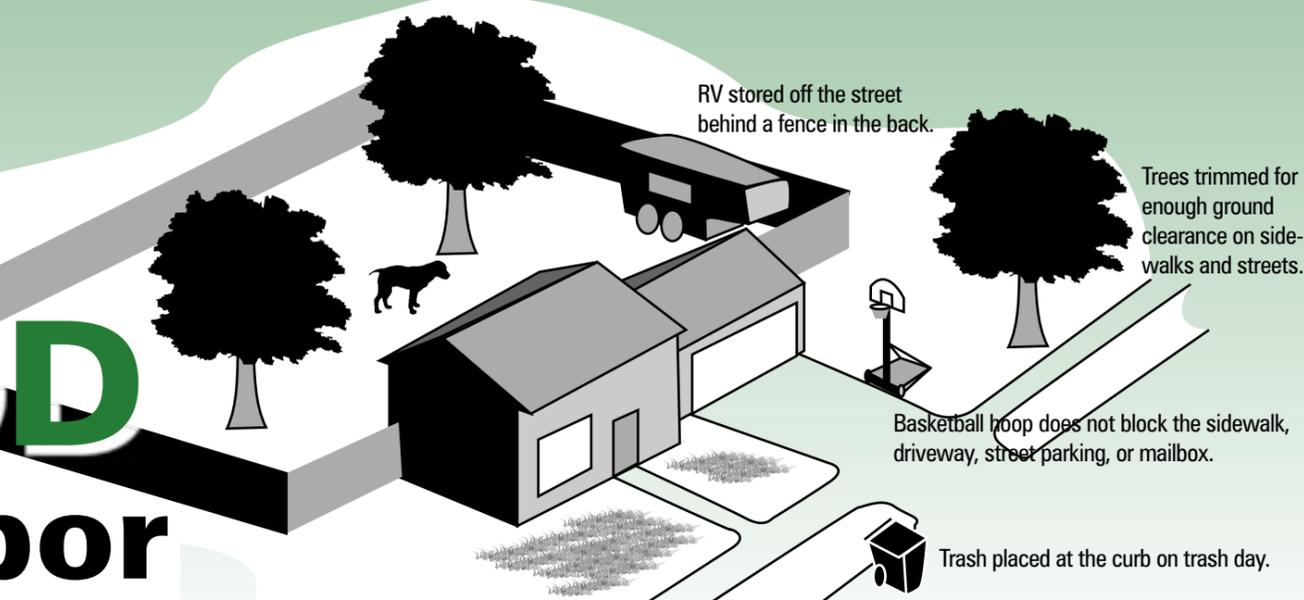
Wind chill is not the actual temperature, but how wind and cold feel on exposed skin. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down body temperature. Animals are also affected by wind chill.

Frostbite is damage to body tissue caused by extreme cold. A wind chill of -20 degrees Fahrenheit will cause frostbite in just 30 minutes. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately. If you must wait for help, SLOWLY warm the affected areas; however, if the frostbite victim is also showing signs of hypothermia, warm the body core before warming the extremities.

Hypothermia is a condition brought on when the body temperature drops to less than 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Hypothermia can kill. For those who survive, there are likely to be lasting kidney, liver, and pancreas problems. Warning signs include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If the victim's temperature is lower than 95 degrees, seek medical attention immediately.

These tips are brought to you by your local National Weather Service staff and Benton County Emergency Management.

Be A GOOD Neighbor



City Hall and the Albany Police Department get frequent complaints about how people maintain their property and their belongings. These might seem unimportant, but untidy and inconsiderate neighbors create untidy neighborhoods and unhappy neighbors.

The illustration on this page shows the kinds of complaints that City officials most often investigate. Each item is covered by a City ordinance; most are in Title 7 and Title 13 of the Albany Municipal Code, and are shown in the shaded area below. The full code is available at City Hall, each branch of Albany Public Library, and online at www.cityofalbany.net.

Be the kind of neighbor that you would want living next door.

- Don't let garbage or junk pile up on your property.
- Keep your lawn mowed and your sidewalks clean and unobstructed; trim back shrubs and trees that could keep people from walking there. You are also responsible for keeping up the planter strip between the sidewalk and the curb in front of your property.
- Vehicles that don't run or aren't licensed must be stored in the garage or removed.
- Your boat, camper, RV, or trailer must be stored off the street, beside your driveway or behind a fence.
- You cannot live in a recreational vehicle, except in an RV park.
- Portable basketball hoops should be used in your driveway, not on the street. They should be stored so that they don't block a sidewalk, driveway, parking area, or mailbox.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash when they are not otherwise contained by fencing or a kennel. Dog owners must clean up after their pets.
- If a tree on your property shades a sidewalk or the street, it should be trimmed to 14 feet above the street

or 10 feet above the sidewalk.

- Trash should be placed at the curb no more than 24 hours before it's to be picked up. Please store the emptied containers off the street.
- Garage sales are limited to three times per year and no more than three days each time.
- Cars for sale or cars being repaired cannot be parked on the street.

If you have questions about any City codes, contact Albany Police at 917-7680 or the Public Information Office at 917-7507.

7.84.010 Definitions.

For the purpose of the Albany Municipal Code, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Debris" means the remains of something broken down or destroyed including, but not limited to: scrap metal, scrap paper, scrap plastic or scrap wood; pieces of asphalt, concrete, lumber or other building supplies; or yard clippings or cuttings of plant material.

(2) "Garbage" means food waste, animal and vegetable waste, dead animal carcasses, refuse, rubbish, trash, or other useless or discarded material.

(3) "Junk" means all inoperable motor vehicles, in which multiple major components are defective or removed for more than 30 consecutive days; any motor vehicle which has been unlicensed for more than 30 consecutive days; defective motor vehicle parts, abandoned automobiles, used tires, inoperable and defective machinery, or parts thereof, inoperable and defective appliances and parts thereof, metal portions of inoperable machinery, broken glass, empty glass, plastic or metal containers, scrap lumber, broken furniture, other wastes and/or discarded materials.

(4) "Person in charge of property" means an owner, agent, contract purchaser, lessee, occupant, or other person having possession or control of real property.

(5) "Place" or "property" means any premises, room, house, building or structure, or any separate part or portion thereof, whether permanent or not, or the real property itself.

(6) "Public sidewalk" means a paved walkway within the public right-of-way or on publicly owned property.

(7) "Street" means the portion of a road ordinarily used for vehicular travel, including the shoulder, and all public street right-of-way regardless of whether improved or unimproved.

(8) "Imminent nuisance" means the existence of debris, garbage, or junk on real property that is detrimental to public health, safety, or welfare, and causes imminent danger to human life, safety, or to property. (Ord. 5211 § 1, 1995).

7.84.020 Imminent nuisance.

No person in charge of property may permit, or no person may cause to exist, any thing, substance, or act that is an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare. An imminent nuisance is unlawful and may be summarily abated as provided in AMC 7.84.070. (Ord. 5211 § 1, 1995).

7.84.030 Debris, garbage, and junk deemed nuisance.

(1) It is hereby determined and declared that the keeping of any debris, garbage or junk out of doors on any street, public sidewalk, lot, or premises within the City, or in any building that is not wholly or entirely enclosed except doors for use of ingress and egress, is a nuisance and is unlawful.

(2) Determination of the existence of a nuisance caused by the presence of debris, garbage or junk shall be determined by the City Manager or his/her designee. However, it shall be prima facie evidence of the existence of a public nuisance caused by debris, garbage or junk should three or more persons in charge of adjacent, adjoining, or other properties within 300 feet sign a petition and submit said

petition to the City Manager or his/her designee complaining of a nuisance caused by the existence of debris, garbage or junk. In such case, the three or more persons signing the petition must all complain of the same nuisance arising from the existence of debris, garbage, junk on the property in question. Upon receipt of said petition from three or more persons, the City Manager or his/her designee shall within 30 days review the petition as well as inspect the place or property and make a determination as to whether abatement is presently appropriate. The City Manager or his/her designee may then either proceed under this chapter with enforcement, or shall notify the petitioners in writing that the nuisance does not qualify for enforcement. (Ord. 5211 § 1, 1995).

7.84.040 Prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person, or any agent or employees of any person to keep any debris, garbage or junk out of doors on any street, public sidewalk, lot, or premises within the City, or in any building that is not wholly or entirely enclosed except doors for use of ingress and egress. Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punishable subject to penalties set forth in AMC 1.04.010. (Ord. 5211 § 1, 1995).

7.84.050 Exception.

The provisions of AMC 7.84.010 through 7.84.080 do not apply to junk kept at a duly licensed junk yard or automobile wrecking house. (Ord. 5211 § 1, 1995).

7.84.060 Abatement.

In addition to the penalties as provided for in other portions of this code, the City may initiate abatement of a nuisance. Abatements are classified into two categories: imminent nuisance abatement and regular abatement. (Ord. 5211 § 1, 1995).

7.84.070 Imminent nuisance abatement.

(1) If a condition, substance, act or nuisance exists that is detrimental to public health, safety or welfare, it may summarily be abated if after inspection of the premises by the City Manager or his/her designee it is found to exist, and there is imminent danger to human life, safety, or to property. Determination of a condition, substance, act, or other occurrence constituting an imminent nuisance shall be made by the City Manager or his/her designee.

(2) No notice to the property owner or person in control of the property is required.

(3) Costs of abatement may be assessed as provided in AMC 7.84.080. (Ord. 5211 § 1, 1995)

7.84.190 Ongoing sale of household items (garage sales) deemed a nuisance.

(1) It is unlawful to offer, from a residential address, household items for sale to the general public more than three times per calendar year and in excess of three consecutive days per event.

(2) Items offered for sale shall not be displayed or stored in the public right-of-way, in a clear vision area, or on another's property without the owner's permission.

(3) Signs advertising garage sales shall not exceed two on-premises and two off-premises signs measuring no more than four square feet per face and four feet in height. Signs shall be erected no more than one day prior to the event and shall be removed not later than one day after.

(4) The prohibitions set forth above shall apply

jointly and severally to each owner or occupant of the real property used in the commission of the violation and/or any person who offers goods for sale.

(5) Violation of this section shall be an infraction. (Ord. 5211 § 1, 1995).

13.21.030 Prohibited parking areas.

No driver of a vehicle shall stop, stand or park it, whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control signal, in any of the following places:

- (1) When in an intersection;
- (2) On a crosswalk;
- (3) Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant;
- (4) In front of a private driveway;
- (5) On a sidewalk or in such a manner as to block a sidewalk;
- (6) In a bus stand, unless operating a bus;
- (7) In a passenger loading zone, unless loading or unloading passengers and their luggage;
- (8) In a taxi stand, unless a regularly licensed taxicab;
- (9) Upon a bridge, viaduct or elevated structure used as a street;
- (10) In any alley, except to load or unload persons or materials not to exceed 15 consecutive minutes in any one hour. A vehicle may park in any alley between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. if it is actively needed to make installation or repairs to equipment or buildings or for building construction, provided the vehicles will not cause the alley to be blocked to other traffic.

(11) Upon any parkway except where specifically authorized;

(12) Upon any street, alley, public parking lot, or parking strip in the City with any vehicle or combination of vehicles which are in excess of 23 feet in length or in excess of eight feet in width between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day and all day on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

(13) Upon any street within the City for the principal purpose of:

- (a) Displaying such vehicle for sale,
- (b) Greasing or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by emergency,
- (c) Displaying or advertising from such vehicle,

(d) Selling merchandise from such vehicle, except in a duly licensed market place or when so authorized or licensed under the ordinances of this City,

(e) Storage or junkage or dead storage for more than 24 hours.

(14) A vehicle upon any marked bicycle pathway. (Ord. 5026 § 1, 1993; Ord. 4702 § 2, 1986).

13.36.180 Motor vehicle or recreational vehicle use for sleeping or housekeeping purposes and related parking restrictions.

It is unlawful, within the City limits, for any person to use a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle for sleeping or housekeeping purposes except as follows:

- (1) Within an approved recreational vehicle park;
- (2) On the premises of a private residence and with the consent of the occupant of the residence

provided that such use by any number of vehicles is limited to not more than seven days in any 90-day period;

(3) Within a required front yard setback, as established by the Albany Development Code, parking of such vehicles is limited to not more than 48 hours;

(4) Within a public right-of-way, parking of self-contained recreational vehicles is limited to 48 hours with the consent of the adjacent property owner. In addition, parking of any such vehicle is further limited by the provisions of AMC Section 13.21.030 and all other regulations pertaining to the parking of vehicles;

(5) With the consent of the property owner and all adjacent property owners, the City Manager may approve a special temporary use permit for recreational vehicle use of up to 90 days duration in order to alleviate a temporary housing hardship which cannot otherwise be satisfied within a recreational vehicle park. Such approval may be subject to any conditions which the City Manager deems appropriate to maintain public safety and community aesthetics. In addition, any such permit may be revoked by action of the City Council.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to discharge wastewater from a recreational vehicle to a storm sewer, sanitary sewer, street, or upon private property except at an approved holding facility or dump station.

(b) No utility connections shall be made across public right-of-way to a vehicle except by temporary permit issued by the Building Official. (Ord. 4816 § 1, 1988; Ord. 4171, 1978).

6.04.170 Public nuisance – Dogs.

Dogs shall be considered a public nuisance under the meaning of this chapter in the following instances:

(1) Any dog, when unprovoked, bites any person or animal;

(2) Any dog which chases vehicles or when off the premises of the owner or keeper, chases any person or persons;

(3) Any dog which scatters garbage other than that of its owner or keeper;

(4) Any dog which trespasses on private property other than its owners or on public rights-of-way;

(5) Any dog(s) which through the negligence of the owner causes animal waste to accumulate on any premises to a degree that offensive odors can be detected from an adjoining street, yard, or residential unit;

(6) Any dog found within a park outside designated areas;

(7) Any dog which barks cumulatively for more than 10 minutes during any one-hour period when such barking is audible off the premises of the dog's owner or keeper;

(8) Any dog, except for a seeing eye dog whose owner is legally blind, which deposits solid waste matter on any improved property, including public parks and school grounds, other than that of the dog owner. It shall be a defense to this section that the dog owner immediately removes the solid waste. (Ord. 5313 § 1, 1997; Ord. 5026 § 1, 1993; Ord. 4840 § 1, 1988; Ord. 4557 § 5, 1983).