

# CITY OF WENATCHEE 2011 ANNUAL REVIEW

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***Greetings, Wenatchee Citizens!***

Many thanks to Mayor Dennis Johnson who ended a 12-year term of service with the City of Wenatchee on December 31st. In the summer of 2011 Department Directors met and rolled out a list of accomplishments from the past 12 years. The list was very impressive and to all, it showed the strong leadership and investment for the future that had been encouraged and embodied by Mayor Johnson. In his last meeting with the Department Directors as a group on December 7th, he recognized the 2011 accomplishments for the City (see page 4 for those highlights). The list of accomplishments is located on the City's webpage at [www.wenatcheewa.gov](http://www.wenatcheewa.gov). We also thank outgoing Councilmembers Don Gurnard (2000-2011) and Carolyn Case (2004-2011) for their dedicated years of service.



As we head into 2012, the City welcomes new Mayor Frank Kuntz!



***Mayor's Message:***

2012 will be a year of transition for the City of Wenatchee. There are two new Councilmembers and a new Mayor who are learning the ropes and working hard to make 2012 a great year.

The Town Toyota Center continues to play a significant role in the City's financial health. We are working diligently toward a solution and I am hopeful we can reach a compromise soon that will enable the City to get back on its feet. This is a regional center and we need a regional solution.

Wenatchee continues to be a great place to work, live and play and we have a lot to be thankful for. We look forward to your input as we plan for our future. Best wishes to all for a prosperous 2012 and please support our local businesses.

## WELCOME NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

### Welcome new Councilmembers!



Linda Herald, Councilmember  
Pos. 6

#### **LINDA HERALD, Councilmember Position 6**

Linda has been a resident of Wenatchee and the Wenatchee Valley since 1979. Wenatchee has remained her home because of the many recreational activities available and the sense of volunteerism and hospitality that Wenatchee embodies. She attended Spokane Falls Community College and Wenatchee Valley College studying business, and since 1986 has worked in the hospitality industry and for the past twelve years has had the privilege to serve as the Director of Sales at the Wenatchee Convention Center. Her love for tourism and the benefits it brings to our community is the reason for her interest in serving on the Wenatchee City Council.

Currently, Linda serves her community in the following organizations: Wenatchee Central Lions, Past-President, Lion Tamer, and Board Member; Washington State Apple Blossom Festival, Board Member; Wenatchee Applarians, Roundtable Member; Washington Society of Executives, Past Board Member and Associate Member of the Year.

Linda's concerns for the City of Wenatchee include resolving the outstanding debt with the Town Toyota Center, economic development, development of Riverside Drive, promotion and expansion of our tourism base, maintaining our quality of life and safety in Wenatchee. As a long-time resident of Wenatchee, she is very excited to serve her community on the Wenatchee City Council.



Bryan Campbell,  
Councilmember, Pos. 7

#### **BRYAN CAMPBELL, Councilmember Position 7**

Bryan was born and raised in Wenatchee where he attended public schools and received his Associate in Arts degree from Wenatchee Valley College and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington. Bryan is currently the owner of Pro Active Business Solutions, LLC and provides alternative financing and consulting services to local businesses. He is excited about the opportunity to utilize his finance, business, and leadership skills representing the citizens of Wenatchee.

Community service is a priority for Bryan and he has been actively involved in numerous organizations including the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, Wenatchee North Rotary, Wenatchee Valley Crime Stoppers, Habitat for Humanity, Wenatchee Police Reserves, Chelan County Fire District No. 1, and Applarians. He is passionate about the Wenatchee Valley and desires to maintain and improve our quality of life. He believes that tourism is a vital and integral part of the economic engine in our valley, and should be encouraged through additional marketing efforts. Working together with community and government leaders, Bryan hopes to help secure a better future for all generations to enjoy.

Bryan is grateful for your confidence and honored to represent you on the Wenatchee City Council.

## 2012 CITY BUDGET

In 2011, the City of Wenatchee was facing the unknown of what was ahead for the City of Wenatchee's General Fund budget because of the impending refinance of the Greater Wenatchee Regional Events Center's bond anticipation notes, and the downturn in the economy and dwindling revenues. As a result, a Blue Ribbon Committee was developed and an online budget survey implemented in order to gain feedback from the community on options for the City. Three budget scenarios were available as a part of the survey to show different ways the city's budget could be balanced by cutting different areas of the city's general fund budget. This information was then used by the Mayor and City Council to help develop the 2012 budget. The survey results can be found on the City's webpage at: <http://www.wenatcheewa.gov/Index.aspx?page=613>.

Here are a few observations:

- ◆ Those taking the survey appreciate the services provided by the City. Fire service and street maintenance led a list of items that were important to the survey participants. Other items that ranked included parks maintenance and traffic safety.
- ◆ In identifying services that participants could live without, those ranking highly were housing initiatives, recreational and museum programs and the school resource officer.

# 2012 CITY BUDGET

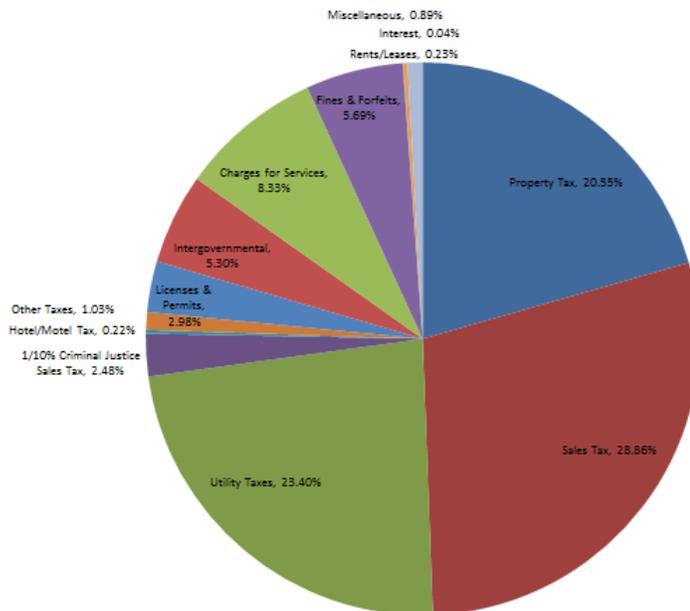
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- ◆ A number of budget scenarios were provided to survey participants, and participants were asked what services they would be willing to pay more for to maintain. Those most important included fire service, street maintenance and parks maintenance.
- ◆ A description of a number of revenue sources were provided to the participants, who were then asked for their feedback. The revenue source that ranked the highest was a regional sales tax to support the Public Facilities District. The second highest ranking revenue source was a city-wide property tax.

As the City headed into the budget process these comments were at the forefront of decision making. The 2012 budget attempted to maintain services and put the Transportation Benefit District into place, which would allow a \$20 car tab fee to be imposed for the purposes of street maintenance, preservation and capital projects.

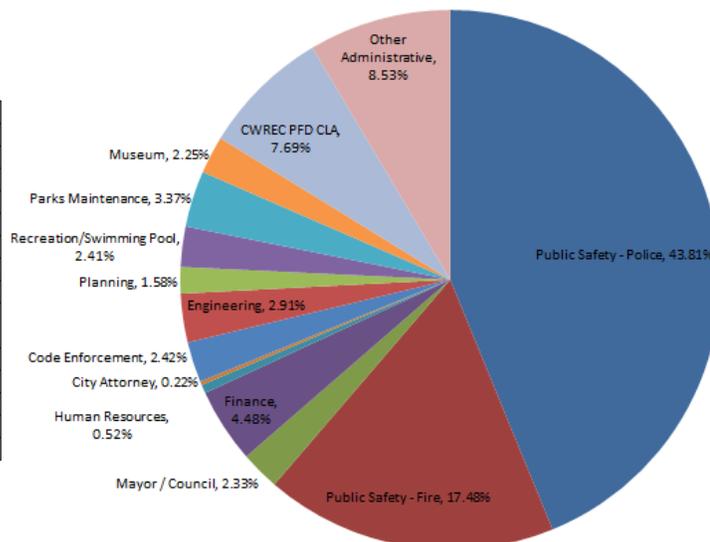
### General Fund Revenues

Property Tax	20.55%	4,500,406
Sales Tax	28.86%	6,320,221
Utility Taxes	23.40%	5,124,443
1/10% Criminal Justice Sales Tax	2.48%	543,822
Hotel/Motel Tax	0.22%	48,000
Other Taxes	1.03%	226,085
Licenses & Permits	2.98%	652,412
Intergovernmental	5.30%	1,160,410
Charges for Services	8.33%	1,824,573
Fines & Forfeits	5.69%	1,245,032
Interest	0.04%	9,787
Rents/Leases	0.23%	49,548
Miscellaneous	0.89%	194,594
	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>21,899,333</b>



### General Fund Expenditures

Public Safety – Police	43.81%	10,052,437
Public Safety – Fire	17.48%	4,011,616
Mayor/Council	2.33%	535,395
Finance	4.48%	1,027,267
Human Resources	0.52%	118,572
City Attorney	0.22%	51,445
Code Enforcement	2.42%	554,327
Engineering	2.91%	668,528
Planning	1.58%	362,912
Recreation/Swimming Pool	2.41%	553,802
Parks Maintenance	3.37%	772,121
Museum	2.25%	516,190
GWREC PFD CLA	7.69%	1,763,306
Other Administrative	8.53%	1,956,458
	<b>100%</b>	<b>22,944,376</b>



### Survey comments:

“The streets are in serious need of repair. The level of safety (in regards to being unable to see lines at night) is almost at the negligible state for the city. The city does not need to be sued because they couldn’t keep the roads safe for travel.”

“Any tax increase is going to be opposed by some. I believe the most fair would be all entities/ owners of the Toyota Center pay their fair share or having a regional sales tax increase of 1/10th of a percent.”

“My biggest priority is the maintenance of, at least, the level of service that we have enjoyed in city services. We have a great library, museum, etc. I’ll pay as necessary to keep them.”

“It’s hard to not be upset about budgets that close facilities (pools) or reduce maintenance on parks and the museum that provide inexpensive entertainment and a gathering place for the community in order to pay for a facility (TTC) that requires payment of a hefty ticket price to access.”

“We need to cut the “luxury” items before we think about cutting services that help the community. Cut pool, recreation activities, parks, tourism even before considering items like fire.”

## 2011 A YEAR IN REVIEW

This year in review was prepared by Mayor Johnson for his last meeting with the Directors.



- Finance:** The department met the bonding challenges and assisted in the successful placement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant bonds, the refinance of outstanding bond anticipation notes for the Public Services Center, and the local improvement district bonds for Riverside Drive under the leadership of Interim Finance Director Deanne McDaniel, all after long-standing, well respected Finance Director Mark Calhoun left.
- Museum:** The David Thompson exhibit and welcoming event at Confluence Park was not only historical but realistic with the Canadian paddlers and Native American representatives. The development of the giant puppets has been widely publicized and featured at numerous events in addition to the Apple Blossom Festival's grand parade.
- Community Development:** The South Wenatchee clean-up effort was strongly supported by residents with voluntary compliance by several hundred properties. Staff assistance and support in the transfer of Hospitality House along with securing grant funding for their expansion. Successful annexation of Jefferson Court completed. Renewed positive approach to the Historic District. New provisions for CHICKENS. And a quick response to completing the AIA Grant opportunity for South Wenatchee.
- Human Resources:** Successful fire negotiations and work with the Association of Washington Cities to sponsor continuing training and dialogue to improve our workforce.
- Fire:** Installation of approximately 745 smoke detectors while creating public awareness for safety. The quick response to the Grand Central Building's electrical fire provided almost uninterrupted service, in what could have been a significant impact to our downtown core.
- City Attorney:** The City Attorney's office offered sound advice in our Riverside Drive LID hearings as well as the court appearance regarding our obligation regarding the Public Facilities District. Ongoing great support and service to all city departments.
- Parks and Recreation:** Successful purchase of Saddlerock and its dedication to the community as a protected asset. This has been attempted by many county and city administrations dating back to 1909 (102 years). Office relocation in the Public Services Center to accommodate the Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council's occupancy. We now have new playground equipment at Pioneer Park and we acknowledged the work of the Kiwanis Clubs with the renaming of Methow Park to Kiwanis Methow Park.
- Administration:** Tenacious work of administration to retain the Winter Special Olympics in the valley, and completed negotiations involving new and extended contracts with the public defenders, Chelan County Regional Jail, Humane Society, Coast Hotel, and the Wenatchee Valley Visitors Bureau. Great efforts with the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and the Blue Ribbon Committee of community leaders was challenging and assisted in educating as many as to the complex aspects of bonding/offering contingent loan obligations and possible default consequences.

## 2011 A YEAR IN REVIEW (CONTINUED)

- **Information Systems:** New phone installation and integration with the Public Service Center's system, and the work with Chelan County to place a new fiber link to Rivercom for the jail.
- **Public Works Operations:** Excellent work to secure bids for the waste water treatment facility and was good to see one more element of the waterfront plan under contract. Ribbon cutting on an electric vehicle charging station at the convention center. Diligent work to transition the convention center contract to a city operation.
- **Police:** The department continues to be the premier law enforcement agency in the valley. They have developed a renewed and professional relationship with the County Sheriff and there have been numerous instances of strong agency cooperation. The department continues to identify control of gang activity as one of its key strategies. The quick response of officers to smoke averted a possible serious house fire.
- **Public Works Engineering:** After many years of negotiations the construction of the emergency route for the Broadview neighborhood is now functional. Having this safety outlet is a significant step in developing a plan for this area. It has been a long saga working with the environmental analysis of the old public works site and it is now almost completed. Completion of the right hand turn land at Orondo and Chelan is an important congestion relief. Efforts continue to assist the Port with the Pybus Market project to enhance the downtown core. And the recent successful TIB grant for Worthen and Orondo will be another link completed along the waterfront. Thank you for the excellent negotiations with DOT regarding the Sellar Bridge project.
- **City Clerk:** City functions and record keeping continue to improve. A grant was procured from the Washington State Archives Local Records Program which will allow us to digitize and preserve the City's historical records.

## 2012 TRAFFIC ADVISORY

The west side of the Sellar Bridge project will begin in summer of 2012 and is expected to be complete in 2013. For more information please visit the Washington State Department of Transportation's website at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR285/WestSellarBridgeIntersection/>



- ◆ There were 431,668 visits to the City's website in 2011, compared with 384,785 in 2010
- ◆ The Building Department issued 633 permits with a total construction value of \$31,586,800 in 2011
- ◆ The Wastewater Treatment Plant treats an average of three million gallons of wastewater every day
- ◆ There was 3.6 billion gallons of water was pumped from our regional water supply system in 2011
- ◆ The estimated value of the City maintained public infrastructure is \$783 million
- ◆ Parks and Recreation programs served a total of 29,138 participants in 2011
- ◆ The Information Systems Department supports 201 PCs and laptops, 10 physical and 30 virtual servers, and over 100 software applications
- ◆ The City of Wenatchee Finance Department issued 354 business licenses in 2011
- ◆ The City of Wenatchee has 10,790 utility customers

# 2011 HAPPENINGS AT CITY HALL

**Information Systems**

**CURRENT PROJECTS:**

- Upgrading all City PCs to Microsoft Windows 7 and Office 2010
- Initiative to slow data storage growth
- Technology and telephone planning for Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council move into City facilities
- Water Inventory software programming project
- Server upgrades to Microsoft Exchange 2010 and SharePoint 2010

**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Network operations and support
- Computer desktop support
- Software support
- Management of the internet and intranet web sites
- Public Access TV operations and support
- Telephone system support
- Council chambers technology operations and support
- Town Toyota Center network and desktop support

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## City of Wenatchee Storefront

The City of Wenatchee again put together a “storefront” of information for citizens; however, the City Council Chambers at 129 South Chelan was the venue. May 16 through June 30, 2011, materials were on hand for those seeking more information about the work of the City and for those interested in running for office. Informational posters from each department were hung on the walls with other handouts available. The first official event was held Monday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. where Mayor Johnson and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Bailey hosted an open house/informational session for those individuals who were seeking elected office.

**Finance**

**CURRENT PROJECTS:**

- City Bonding— 2011 Water Sewer Bonds, Riverside Drive LID Bonds, PFD Bonds
- Setting up New Local Improvement Districts (LID) Annual Billing and Collection—Poplar Sewer, Riverside Drive

**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Prepare Monthly Washington State Excise Tax Return For All City Services and Ensure City Compliance
- Prepare City's Annual Financial Statements
- Prepare for Washington State Auditor's Office Annual Financial, State and Federal Grant Compliance Audit, 480 audit hours
- Provide Utility Billings
- Business Licenses
- Prepare Bi-Monthly Employee Payroll
- Prepare Weekly Accounts Payable
- Maintain Financial and Utility Billing Software
- Provide Budget Preparation
- Setting and Monitoring Financial Policies and Procedures For The City
- Provide Monthly Financial/Budget Reports
- Provide all the Financial Duties Listed Above On Behalf Of The Public Facilities District (PFD)

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## Sister City Naju, South Korea

Our Sister City, Naju, South Korea, visited Wenatchee May 21-24, 2011, with a delegation of six. Those visiting included the Mayor of Naju, a language professor from Dongshin University, and four City officials from Naju representing the agriculture and education departments. The purpose of their visit was to reestablish the sister-city relationship, to gain further knowledge of the agricultural industry, and to arrange for an exchange of students with Wenatchee Valley College. We enjoyed their visit and look forward to their return in the near future. They also began an exchange program for students with Wenatchee Valley College.



## Behind the Scenes

At City Hall there is one department that most in the public don't ever encounter. That's the Information Systems Department led by Director Dale Cantrell with one network administrator and two support technicians and they keep the city's technology running smoothly 24/7. The department provides cost effective, reliable, standardized and current information technology tools, systems, and services including customer support to the departments of the City of Wenatchee. The IS Department designs, maintains and monitors the City's data network. The department orders, delivers, repairs, and maintains all desktop, handheld personal computers and peripheral equipment. They insure the integrity and security of data operations and oversee and manage the City's data center. Primary computer applications, such as financial, payroll, utilities, permitting and public safety and related database systems, are maintained and supported by the IS Department. The department also manages the City's internet and intranet web sites, Wenatchee Public Access TV equipment and programming, and the City's telephone systems.

- Upgraded PCs in Police and other departments
- Upgraded servers
- Upgraded to Microsoft Exchange Server 2010
- Upgraded to Microsoft SharePoint 2010
- Upgraded most users to Microsoft Office 2010
- Upgraded most PCs to Microsoft Windows 7
- Modified power to server room to allow one AC unit to be connected to generator power
- Streamlined printing environment to save future printing supply expenses
- Set up GPS mapping for Sewer Vector and Camera trucks
- Setup segmentation of criminal justice traffic from non-criminal justice traffic

## A REVIEW OF 2011 IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

The City of Wenatchee is led by an elected Mayor and City Council. Serving as the highest elected official in the municipal government, the Mayor holds administrative authority, including veto power. As such, the Mayor provides the necessary leadership and direction to implement the goals and strategies of the City. In 2011, the Mayor's office, which also provides oversight of human resources, was tasked with the following:

- ◆ Contract Negotiations: Regional Jail, Public Defender, Wenatchee Convention Center Management, Wenatchee Valley Visitors Bureau, Tourism Promotion Area management, Humane Society, Charter Franchise, and IAFF (Fire), AFSCME (Public Works) wage opener
- ◆ Coordinate City Council Committee Work: Pybus, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, Blue Ribbon Task Force (budget / events center), legal
- ◆ Coordinate and carry out all City Council meetings - regular meetings, special meetings and work sessions
- ◆ Work with City Directors through Budget process
- ◆ Work with Finance and associated departments on developing Bond documents (four potential bond issues in 2011)
- ◆ Liaison work with State and Federal Legislators, along with other State associations
- ◆ Liaison with organizations seeking City assistance
- ◆ City lead for economic development/marketing/storefront PR efforts
- ◆ Staff support to City's Diversity Advisory Council, Wellness Committee
- ◆ Conduct City wide records management process to digitize historical records
- ◆ Manage public records requests
- ◆ Point of contact for damage claims
- ◆ Work with Human Resources on labor contracts, personnel issues and ongoing training needs
- ◆ Develop and publish materials for those interested in running for office, hold informational meetings
- ◆ Coordinate Sister City contacts and events (Misawa, Japan; Naju City, South Korea)
- ◆ Provide ongoing website updates and news items for e-news
- ◆ Lead for annual ADA review
- ◆ Compensation and benefits administration, manage workers comp records/claims, including return to work/light duty programs and efforts



City Attorney Steve Smith



Human Resources Manager  
Judy Smith



Executive Services Director  
Allison Williams



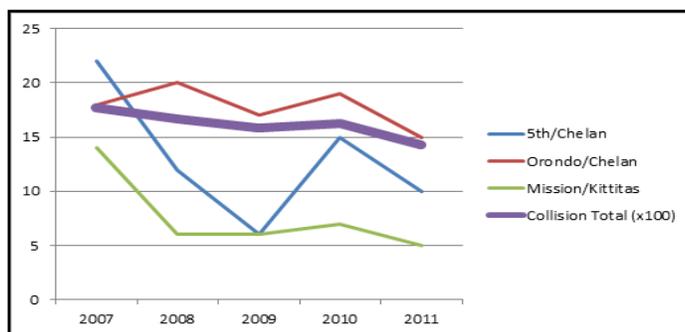
City Clerk Tammy Stanger

## RED LIGHT CAMERAS

On March 12, 2009, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2009-10 relating to automated traffic safety cameras. The chart below is collision data from the past 5 years at the intersections currently monitored by our Automated Traffic Safety program Red Light cameras. As you can see, 2011 was the first full year of red light camera enforcement and we see a reduction in collisions from 2010 at all three intersections and a 5-year low at two of the intersections. Also included is the total number of collisions within Wenatchee which also indicates a 2011 5-year low. A statistician will tell you it is still too early to take these numbers and draw firm conclusions regarding the effectiveness of the red light cameras but we are encouraged that collision rates are trending downward at these intersections and throughout the city despite fairly steady population and related traffic volume increases. Fewer collisions directly relate to a decrease in serious injuries and/or deaths in our city and that is the ultimate goal of all our traffic safety programs. Three intersections have red light camera systems installed in Wenatchee. The intersections are:

- \* Northbound - Mission Street at Kittitas Street
- \* Southbound - Chelan Avenue at Orondo Street
- \* Southbound - Chelan Avenue at 5<sup>th</sup> Street

You can find out more information about the Automated Traffic Safety Program on the City's website at the following link: <http://www.wenatcheewa.gov/Index.aspx?page=591>



## VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION IN NCW

Since conceptualization in 2006, vehicle electrification in North Central Washington has gained momentum. Through this concerted effort, several electric vehicle activities have materialized, including the acquisition of the first plug-in hybrid school bus in the state (Chelan); pioneered demonstrations of electric vehicle technologies applied to agricultural practices; and assistance with shaping state and local policy to support vehicle electrification; and organization of the nation's first program to electrify a national scenic byway (US2/Stevens Pass Greenway Electric Tourism Corridor).

This effort has allowed for the creation of a spur to the nation's first electric highway along the West coast, allowing electric vehicle drivers to visit areas of North Central Washington that have charging station infrastructure readily available.



Ribbon cutting of the new vehicle charging station at the Wenatchee Convention Center

In an effort to fully regionalize this initiative, the Port of Chelan County transitioned the electric vehicle initiative to the North Central Washington Economic Development District in 2011, which in turn, created Plug In North Central Washington to oversee this regional effort. Currently, this group is working to capitalize on three events in May of 2012 specific to promoting North Central Washington as a destination for electric vehicle owners. Plug In NCW will be taking part in the "Next 50" exhibit at the Seattle Center to showcase regional tourism specific to electric vehicles, and encourage participation and promotion of the Highway 2 electric spur. The NCWEDD and Plug In North Central Washington are poised to continue electric vehicle efforts in order to further diversify the economy of the region.

## WENATCHEE VALLEY COMMEMORATES DAVID THOMPSON BI-CENTENNIAL

Submitted by Museum Director Brenda Abney



2011 was the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of explorer David Thompson's historic Columbia River journey through the Wenatchee Valley. Thompson's significance may have been overlooked prior to the spring of 2011; yet people from our region, including many third, fourth and fifth graders could now tell a tale or two about the famous Canadian surveyor.

Through a partnership between the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center and the Wenatchee Row & Paddle Club, students were immersed in the life of the 1811 surveyor, the first man in recorded history to travel the entire length of the Columbia River. More than 1,600 students took tours of the museum's David Thompson exhibit, explored hands-on activities created by museum staff and paddled on the Columbia River in 10-person voyageur canoes with the Row & Paddle Club.

"It was the best field trip ever," said Sunnyslope fourth grade teacher Sue Nash, who created a Power Point about David Thompson to prepare her students for the day.

The school program was just part of a large community awareness campaign to raise the profile of an important figure who contributed to the knowledge of the region in the earliest days of exploration. Local port districts, municipalities and businesses gave great support to the observance of this important bicentennial. Community members of all ages were eager to learn about the first exploration of the Columbia River.

A committee formed to plan a welcoming celebration which grew into a series of events that included a lecture series, a long-distance canoe and kayak race and an Explorer Day at the museum. About 800 people attended the David Thompson Bicentennial Celebration welcoming ceremony at Confluence State Park in June. The Columbia River Canoe Brigade, teams re-enacting the 1811 journey, paddled into the park, performed fancy canoe maneuvers and participated in a coming-ashore ceremony with dignitaries representing local tribes and governments including former City of Wenatchee Mayor Dennis Johnson.

The museum's comprehensive exhibit about David Thompson attracted almost 7,000 visitors to view equipment, canoes, maps, historic photographs and objects illustrating the story of the explorer, his journey and the river and people of 1811.

The highly successful student field experience has continued with the Wenatchee Valley Medical Center committing to funding the Explorer program for the next five years and plans are underway for a permanent interpretive sign off of Highway 28 near Rock Island, marking the site of Thompson's stop at a Native American village 200 years ago.



*Museum attendance in 2011 was 75,809 compared with 38,281 in 2010. The increase was contributed in part by the David Thompson Bi-Centennial Celebration.*



## A VISION FOR SOUTH WENATCHEE

Thanks to a “heads up” from Forte Architects Principal, Tom Bassett, the City of Wenatchee was able to secure an American Institute of Architects Sustainable Design Assistance Team (SDAT) for South Wenatchee for 2012. Through two visits and in partnership with local stakeholders, the SDAT team of professional architects will take a look at South Wenatchee, and the number of physical and sociological issues that are present in the area, and provide recommendations for improvement in order to :

- Advance the principles of sustainability in the Community;
- Help the Community understand the structure of the community at various scales and contexts, particularly in light of regional appropriateness;
- Explore larger contexts and interactions of ecological, sociological, economic, and physical systems;
- Visualize potential futures;
- Articulate the qualities of the community by preserving elements of the past, addressing present needs, and planning for the needs of future generations; and
- Define the role of stakeholders and players in the public and private sectors.

We are excited about this inclusive process that will also provide guidance for the update of the city’s Consolidated Plan and the two county area’s Ten Year Plan for Homelessness. More information will be available via the City’s webpage as the project progresses.

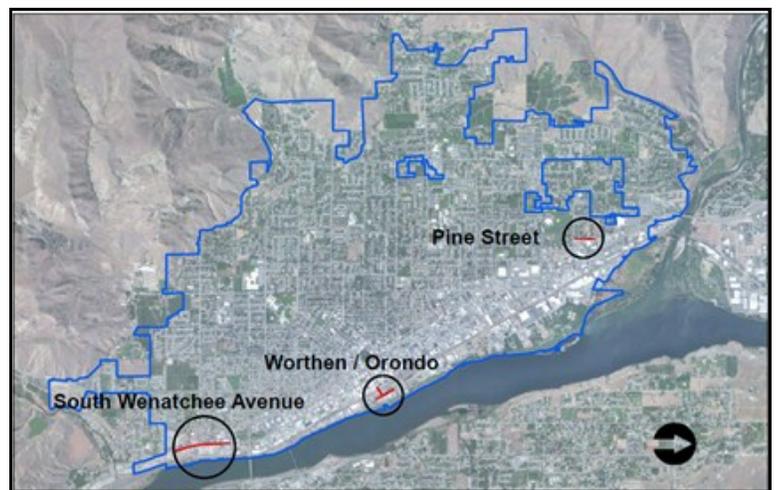
## OPPORTUNITIES

For the last several years, the City of Wenatchee has been successful obtaining grants that are upgrading our street, sidewalk and utility infrastructure. These upgrades often provide opportunities for adjacent land to be more attractive for redevelopment, and provide new amenities for the impacted neighborhood. The following map identifies the project areas and here is a brief description of each project from south to north:

South Wenatchee Avenue, on the south side of the George Sellar Bridge, is the City’s primary industrial area. South Wenatchee Avenue is a very busy arterial with no sidewalk access and no center turn lanes. City engineering staff are working on the final design for this project in preparation for construction to occur in 2012-213. This street improvement project will support the existing commercial and industrial businesses in the area with better truck access and yet maintain safety for pedestrians.

Another grant will upgrade the pedestrian crossing across the railroad tracks from Columbia Street to Worthen Street and provide sidewalks and street trees on Worthen, creating a complete sidewalk system on Worthen Street adjacent to Riverfront Park. This work will complement the effort to redevelop the city’s public works property and other adjacent properties.

Another grant is for reconstruction of Pine Street. The primary focus of this project is to provide adequate transportation facilities to serve recently rezoned commercial properties between McKittrick and Walnut Streets. With the road and utility improvements planned for construction in 2013, this area will be primed for redevelopment. The improvement also provide the benefit of removing some of the commercial traffic from Wenatchee Avenue to help with safety and congestion on North Wenatchee Avenue.



# COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

## Council Committee Assignments for 2012:

The Mayor and City Councilmembers represent the City on various boards throughout the community. The following is a listing of the boards that each is serving for 2012.

- Mayor Frank Kuntz: Community Center Board; Police Disability Advisory Board; Regional Water; Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council
- Councilmember Jim Bailey: AWC/Risk Management Board; Link Board; Museum Board; Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee; Regional Transportation Planning Organization; Transportation Benefit District
- Councilmember Tony Veeder: Community Action Council (alternate); Disability Board (LEOFF); Firemen's Pension Board; Parks Board; Police Advisory Committee; Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee; Rivercom; Transportation Benefit District; Wenatchee Valley Transportation Council (alternate)
- Councilmember Karen Rutherford: Chelan Douglas Health District Board; Community Action Council; Economic Development District; Parks Board (alternate); Transportation Benefit District; Wenatchee Downtown Association (alternate)
- Councilmember Doug Miller: Chelan County Solid Waste Council; Tourism Promotion Area Board; Transportation Benefit District; Wenatchee Valley Stormwater Advisory Committee
- Councilmember Mark Kulaas: Cemetery Board; Disability Board (LEOFF); Firemen's Pension Board; Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; Police Disability Advisory Board; Transportation Benefit District; Wenatchee Downtown Association
- Councilmember Linda Herald: Diversity Advisory Council; Police Disability Advisory Board; Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee; Regional Support Network DD Board; Transportation Benefit District
- Councilmember Bryan Campbell: Link Board (alternate); Misawa Sister City Association; Tourism Promotion Area Board; Transportation Benefit District; Wenatchee Valley Visitors Bureau

## Citizen Help Desk:

Have you ever noticed a problem with a street signal, the street light on your street isn't working, or there's a pothole in the street you were driving on? The City has an online tool called Citizen Help Desk that you can report these and many other incidents or requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by going to the City's website at [www.wenatcheeva.gov](http://www.wenatcheeva.gov) and clicking on "Online Services" and then clicking on "Citizen Help Desk." Fill out the information and click "Submit Request" and your incident or request is routed to the appropriate individual or group to address the issue.



Wenatchee High School Arts Program Fifth Street Mural Project—Summer 2011

With appreciation to:

Teachers: Doug Merrill and Don Collins; Local Artist: Jan Cook-Mack and Students: Kamryn Corulli, Marsha Changalidi, Lourdes Fluviano, Alyssa Guerreo, Rebecca Durham, Tyler Gibson, Nik Penny and Chris Hampton

Thank you!



# City of Wenatchee

## CITY OF WENATCHEE MAYORS

Parker Posey - 1892-1894  
 W.B. Mercer - 1894-1895  
 W.A. Sanders - 1895-1897  
 I.W. Reeves - 1897-1899  
 J.W. Ferguson - 1899-1901  
 John D. Dill - 1901-1903  
 O.S. Sampson - 1903 (May-Dec)  
 John A. Gellatly - 1903-1905  
 O.S. Sampson - 1905 (Jan-Oct)  
 H.C. Littlefield - 1905-1907  
 Frank W. Scheble - 1907 (Jan-Dec)  
 John A. Gellatly - 1907-1911  
 C.B. Halbert - 1911 (Jan-Feb)  
 Arthur D. Dallach - 1911 (Mar-Dec)  
 Fred Reeves - 1911-1913  
 W.O. Parr - 1913-1915  
 W.W. Gray - 1915-1918  
 Charles A. Harlin - 1918-1921  
 C.E. Chase - 1921-1924  
 George W. Coburn - 1924-1925  
 C.B. Halbert - 1925-1927  
 Perrin Cornell - 1927-1928  
 Dr. Edgar J. Widby - 1928-1931  
 John S. Mooney - 1931-1935  
 Charles B. Hughes - 1935 (Jan-Sep)  
 C.T. Haskell - 1935-1940  
 Jack Rogers - 1940-1946  
 Arthur H. Pohlman - 1946-1953  
 E. "Si" Simenson - 1953-1960  
 Jesse Widby - 1960-1961 (Died in office)  
 Vernell R. Martin - 1961-1964  
 Robert Lake - 1964-1965 (Died in office)  
 E.C. Schoeneman - 1965-1969  
 Walter B. Young - 1969-1973 (Died in office)  
 Jack C. Grover - 1973-1977  
 James C. Lynch - 1977-1994  
 Earl F. Tilly - 1994-1999  
 Gary Schoessler - 1999-2000 (March)  
 Dennis Johnson - March 2000- 2011  
 Frank Kuntz - 2012 - present

## **City of Wenatchee**

### Mayor

Frank J. Kuntz

### City Council

Jim Bailey  
 Bryan Campbell  
 Linda Herald  
 Mark Kulaas  
 Doug Miller  
 Karen Rutherford  
 Tony Veeder

### City Council Meetings

Regular Meetings:  
 2nd and 4th Thursdays  
 @ 5:15 p.m.

Work Session:  
 3rd Thursday  
 @ 5:15 p.m.

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