



THE GATEWAY

Wilkeson, Washington
Town Newsletter
2nd Quarter 2013
April, May & June

Town Hall is open Monday through Thursday — 8:00AM to 5:PM

Spring Clean Up is Upon Us!

Saturday, April 20th
8:00 AM till 4:00 PM
Sunday, April 21
8:00 AM till Noon



Murrey's Disposal will be providing three (3) dumpsters. Please keep in mind that these dumpsters are for **Wilkeson Residents only** and must be shared by the ENTIRE community. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call Town Hall Offices at 829-0790

These items **WILL NOT** be accepted:
Computers/parts, refrigerators or large appliances, TVs, hazardous material (oil, antifreeze, Freon), batteries, tires or auto parts.

While you are cleaning up just in case you find some good stuff !

Why not donate it to the **Kids for Community Improvement Rummage Sale!** This group has been working hard this winter to raise \$10,000 for their contribution to the skate park. The group now has approximately \$7,400 in the bank towards that goal. The rummage sale will be on **Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th at Town Hall.** You may drop off your GREATLY APPRECIATED saleable donations to Town Hall from 8-5, Monday through Thursday. Or call Trisha Summers 253-255-2439 to arrange a pick up.



Don't forget your aluminum cans piling up as well. The kids are still collecting these for money to go towards their goal as well. You can drop those at 641 Railroad Avenue, or call to make arrangements for cans to be picked up. Contact Trisha to make arrangements for pick up of any cans or donated items. Volunteers are always welcomed in helping with this wonderful community cause. More fundraisers are planned for the spring so stay tuned for more info.



The White River School District puts together nutrition backpacks for qualifying school children. They've shared their wish list with us. Any of the following contributions are greatly appreciated to fill these backpacks.

- Individual oatmeal packets
- Shelf stable milk boxes
- Small cans of microwaveable soup w/ veggies
- Juice boxes (100% juice)
- Tuna/chicken meal kits
- Granola bars
- Individual boxes of raisins (or other dried fruit)
- Individual packages of nuts/trail mix
- Individual package of granola
- Gallon size Ziploc bags



We will have a box available to collect these items at Town Hall. Please bring them by anytime during the month of April between the hours of 8AM to 5PM.



We still have a few
Wilkeson 2013 Calendars
available at the bargain price of
\$5.00 each at Town Hall



Wilkeson Eagles will be holding the
May Booster Club Auction
Saturday, May 11th.
Donations for the auction may be dropped
off at the Eagles Hall
Proceeds from sale of these donations go to
the Hand Car Races Event

Questions: Call Bill Summers
829-0917





Wilkeson needs you!

These are exciting times for Wilkeson! The Town is involved in many good projects that will affect our residents. You can help shape your community's future by filing for a council position this June (terms begin in January).

If you have sat on the fence about joining council or running for Mayor, I encourage you to take the plunge! It really is personally rewarding to help your community, meet people, and learn new skills. Council members meet twice a month mainly to review and pass the town bills, and advise the Mayor. The Mayor's position is more administrative, overseeing the staff and running the council meetings. Wilkeson is lucky to have efficient, hardworking staff. The staff will help train the new mayor on his/her role and there are great resources to assist newly elected positions. Council meetings last about one hour.

Council open positions alternate every two years. In early June, town will have three positions open for filing as well as the Mayor's position. I am stepping down after my term. I plan to take time off to spend with my two new grandchildren arriving this month and next! I have enjoyed this opportunity, learned a great deal on how government really operates, and proud of our accomplishments these last few years as Mayor.

I will not be too far as I hope to be appointed on the Planning Commission and continue with the land use projects council has worked so hard to secure. Wilkeson is fortunate to have received funding for projects with very little financial obligation. Council is currently working on the design for the downtown core, Coke Oven Park, the second half of Albert Street, and the new skate park. You can be a part of this! As we draw near, keep an eye out for future election filing notices on the post office bulletin board and town hall.

Donna Hogerhuis
Mayor, Town Of Wilkeson