

FYI Forest Grove

New to Forest Grove?



Connect With the Community

**@ Your Library
Saturday, April 14
10:00 AM to Noon**

**Door Prizes
Refreshments
Information Tables**

Drop In Between 10-Noon
Meet representatives from
Civic, Arts, Cultural &
Community Organizations,
City Departments
and your neighbors!

Forest Grove City Library
2114 Pacific Ave.

Questions about this event or
your community?

Call the Library Reference Desk:
503-992-3337

Sponsored by

The Friends of the Forest Grove Library



Washington County Cooperative Services presents a
National Library Week Celebration in Forest Grove

Hearing Voices *A Storytelling Festival*

“Windows to the World” will open through the spellbinding storytelling of

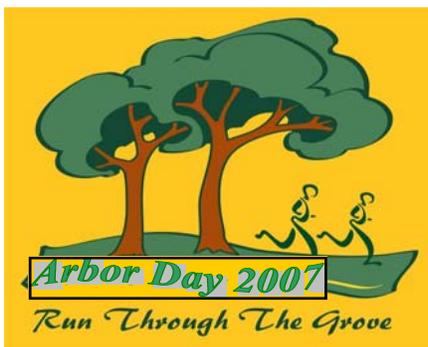
Will Hornyak

7 p.m. - Tuesday, April 17, 2007

FREE for all ages

Forest Grove Community Auditorium · 1915 Main Street

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**Arbor Day Fun Run / Walk
Saturday, April 14, 2007
See back for more
information**

ARBOR DAY

FUN RUN & WALK

April 14, 2007

Proceeds benefit the City of Forest Grove
Community Forestry Commission Tree Program

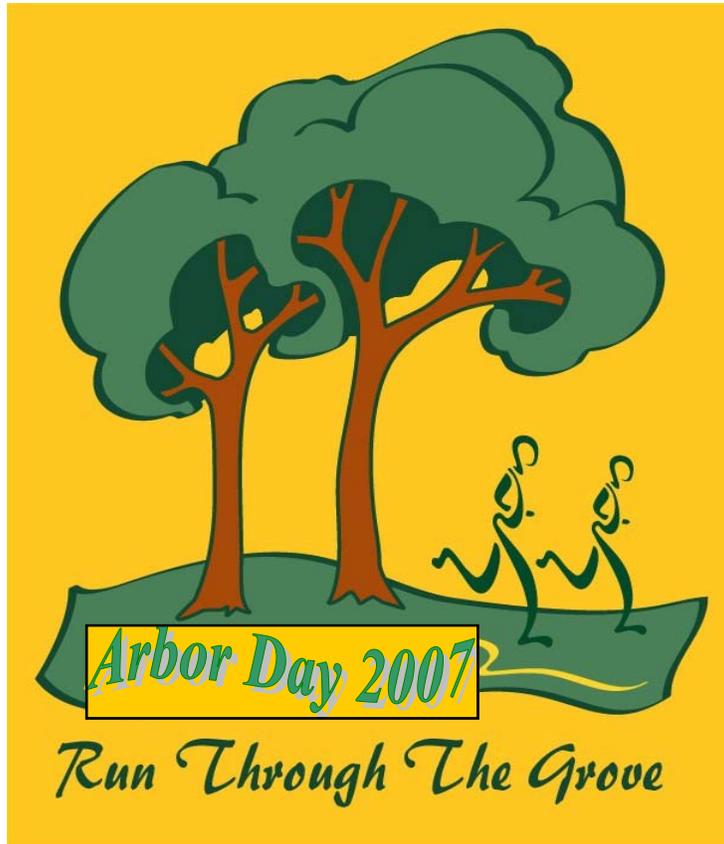
Date: Saturday
April 14, 2007
Time: 9:00 AM

New Route
And
Start Location

Start and Finish:
Rogers Park
2421 17th Ave
Forest Grove

Arbor Day
Ceremony

After race with
prize drawing for
race participants



Registration
8:30 AM Day of race
Or pre-register by
April 11

Entry Fees
Pre-registered:
\$10 per person
\$20 per family
Day of race:
\$15 per person
\$25 per family

Arbor Day Run
T-Shirt
Pre-registered:
\$10 with registration
Day of race:
\$12

5/10 K Run and 5 /10 K Walk

Start and End at Forest Grove Rogers Park (parking available)

For more information, please contact: **Brandy Dodd: brandy.dodd@comcast.net** or
City Hall: 503-992-3226

Make checks payable to:
City of Forest Grove
(Do not send cash)
Non-refundable

Mail form and entry fee to:

City of Forest Grove
Attn: Community Forestry
Commission
P.O. Box 326
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

T-Shirt: YES SIZE: S M L XL 2XL

Gender: Male Female Age _____

RUN: 5K 10K WALK: 5K 10K

Mandatory Waiver: I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, my personal representatives and assigns, waive and release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damage which I may have hereafter accrue to be against the City of Forest Grove and all other sponsors or their officials, elected officials, employees, agents, representatives or successors for any and all damages, claims, injuries or actions sustained or suffered with my entry or participation in the Arbor Day Run/Walk. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risk involved with his event and that I am physically fit and trained to participate. I also understand that the entry fee paid by me is non-refundable. I have carefully read and understand this waiver.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age. _____ Date _____

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Registered Voters of Forest Grove will be asked to vote on May 15, 2007, on a four-year operating levy for Public Safety and Community Services. The following information is offered to help you make an informed decision.

Information and Frequently Asked Questions About the 2007 Levy...

What would the Levy do? The levy would **maintain** the existing fire, police, library, parks and aquatic center services. **No new positions would be added as a result of this levy.**

- It would allow Forest Grove to maintain its current number of firefighters and paramedic personnel, which allows emergency calls to be answered in a timely manner. Having enough personnel also makes it possible to answer more than one call at a time, which happens approximately 370 times a year.
- It would allow Forest Grove to keep 2 paramedics available 24 hours a day to handle medical emergencies, which account for most of the calls for service.
- It would allow Forest Grove to maintain its current number of police officers, which have reduced the number of meth labs in the community, helped reduce crime by being a positive presence in the community and in the schools, helped control identity theft, drug dealers, burglaries and other crimes.
- It would allow Forest Grove to maintain its parks and recreation areas; keeping them safe and clean for residents.
- It would allow our aquatic center to remain open on the weekends.
- It would allow the library to remain open six days a week.
- It would maintain Forest Grove and keep the City operating as it does today. **No new positions would be added as a result of this levy.**

What is the proposed Levy amount? Current financial projections indicate the proposed levy of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would be needed to maintain services.

The current Levy is \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Why do we need a \$0.36 increase? Factors such as inflation, rising health care costs, increasing fuel costs, and the costs of new technology, particularly for public safety, are reasons the rate needs to be increased.

How would property taxes change if the Levy passes? Property tax owners currently pay \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value (AV) as a result of the levy passed in 2002. This amount would be continued plus an additional \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a total tax levy of \$1.35 per \$1,000 AV. The average home in Forest Grove is assessed at \$180,000 (not market value). The additional property tax for the average homeowner per month would be \$5.41 or \$64.92 a year..



Why doesn't the property tax from the new growth pay for these services instead of a Levy? Revenue from growth will pay for services needed as a result of that growth. However, the City currently does not have adequate revenue without the increased levy to maintain current services for the current population. In fact, all of the property taxes received by the City, including the existing levy, pay for about 75% of police and fire services. Other revenue sources such as grants, fees, fines, and permits help make up the difference.

What happens if the Levy fails?

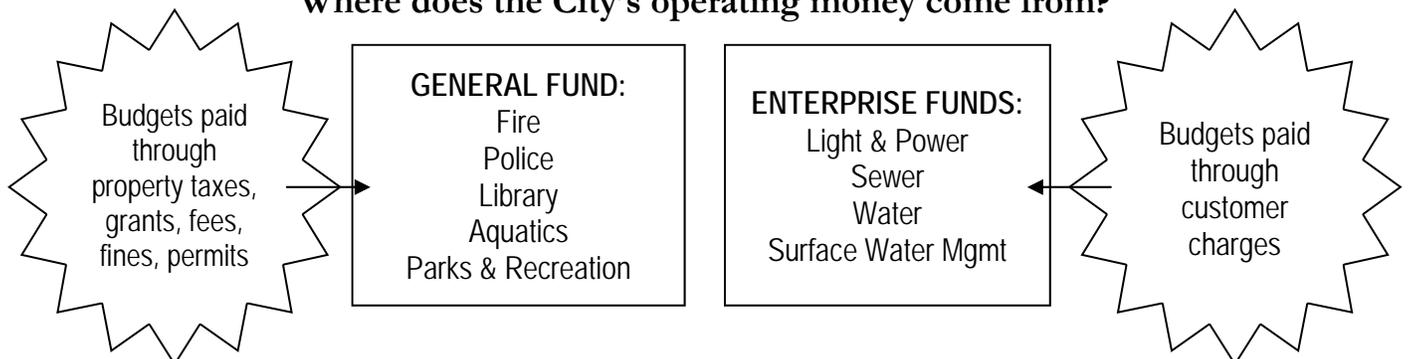
- If the \$1.35 levy fails, the \$0.99 per \$1,000 would be assessed in FY 2007-08 which is the final year of that levy.
- Significant reductions in police and fire services would occur beginning July 2007.
- Significant reductions in library, aquatics center, and parks & recreation would also occur beginning July 2007. They would be reduced to help lessen the reductions in police and fire services.
- Further reductions in July 2008 after the \$0.99 levy expires.
- Police and fire services would be reduced to **less than** the level provided prior to the 2002 levy due to the increasing costs of providing services.

Is this the same Levy that was on the last election? Yes, this levy was on the November 7, 2006, ballot and failed by 50 votes. Comments from the citizen survey completed in December 2006 indicated that there were too many money measures on the ballot and that the need for the levy was not clearly communicated with citizens. The following are opportunities to learn more about the Public Safety/Community Services Levy:

Town Hall Meeting
Saturday, April 21, 2007
10 AM to 12 Noon
Community Auditorium
1915 Main Street
sponsored by Committee for Citizen Involvement

Budget Committee Meetings
Thursday, April 26, 2007
Thursday, May 3, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Community Auditorium
1915 Main Street

Where does the City's operating money come from?



Please contact the City Manager's office at bmaughan@ci.forest-grove.or.us or at 503-992-3234 if you have any questions about this Levy or the City's finances.