

Ukiah Community Newsletter

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Budgeting for the City



The City of Ukiah Budget Committee met on May 15 to review and approve the budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Budget procedures are strictly constrained by Oregon state law.

First-time budget committee members for any Oregon city or school are confronted with a bewildering multi-page document that looks nothing like a family or business budget.

Revenue and expenditures are divided into funds based on the revenue source. The budget shows 12 funds, but the city receives the bulk of its operating income from only three of them--water, sewer and the general fund.

Expenditures for personnel services, maintenance and capital outlays are broken down within each revenue fund. Personnel costs, for instance, are drawn from a variety of funds based on how much of the employee's work serves each activity.

This makes it hard to total the city spends any given expense. That information is only available after the committee approves the budget and a summary is printed in the local newspaper before the final budget hearing.

The city doesn't set out to make it confusing. Procedures for preparing, presenting and administering municipal budgets are established by Oregon's Local Budget Law.

The budget shows the city's comprehensive financial plan for one fiscal year. It includes a balanced statement of actual revenues and expenditures during each of the previous two years and estimated revenues and expenditures

for the current and upcoming year.

"It gives the city parameters of what we can spend, so that we have a plan," said Mayor Carole Picard. "It's not planned to the penny, but an estimate of each fund. It can be changed during the year by the city council or the budget committee."

The budget committee consists of the mayor, city council and five city residents. On May 15 the committee approved the budget as presented with one change, the use of the long-range fund for eventual purchase of a backhoe. The new budget also includes a \$150 raise for the city recorder.

"Municipalities are, by law, not allowed to show a profit or loss. That's why all our funds balance with revenues coming in and expenditures going out," said City Planner Laura Foley. "Cities and counties are not allowed to run deficits. If it doesn't balance you have to start taking stuff out."

During the June 5 budget hearing the council adopted the budget after further discussion of budget oversight.

"The function is to put our resources where they are needed and made sure we are getting adequate water and sewer revenue," said Council member Clint Barber. "Every dollar we spend will be addressed in the budget so every dollar is trackable. People need to understand that things are accounted for."

Budgeting Explained

A good explanation of budgeting procedures can be found in the Oregon Department of Revenue pamphlet "Local Budgeting in Oregon," available online at http://www.oregon.gov/dor/forms/property/local-budgeting-in-oregon_504-400_2012.pdf

Selected Budget Numbers for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

\$597,888--Total revenues including the sewer lift station loan of \$270,442.
\$28,251--General fund.
\$13,000--City property taxes.
\$34,960--Total personnel costs.
City Recorder \$9,600
Maintenance Superintendent \$18,160
Maintenance Assistant \$3,600
Maintenance Senior Center \$2,112.
\$7,725--Cemetery, including \$1000 grant.
\$21,062--Parks, including \$16,114 grant for ball field renovation.
\$9,192--Senior Center (\$600 from user fees).
\$48,658--Streets (revenues from state apportionments and highway grants).
\$322,893--Sewer (\$41,820 from user fees, \$270,442 from loan).
\$101,512--Water (\$67,050 from user fees).
Note--The full budget document is available from the city recorder.



Celebrate the Fourth!

Wednesday, July 4

Parade 11 a.m.
Volunteer Fire Department Barbecue.
Stitch and Chatter Quilters Quilt Show
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Quilt raffle tickets at Rhodes Store. Money goes for fireworks.
Fireworks at dusk!

Meetings and Events

Ukiah City Council, Senior Center, 7 p.m. first Tuesday.
 Ukiah School Board, Ukiah School, 7 p.m. second Wednesday. or Thursday.
 Stitch & Chatter Quilters, Presbyterian Church, Wednesday and Saturday..
 Senior lunch, Senior Center, 11:30 a.m. every Friday.
 Ukiah Food Pantry, Presbyterian Church, once a month, 12:30 to 2 p.m. Check church reader board for dates.
 Ukiah Saturday Market, City Park, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

Senior Lunch Menu

June 8--Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas and carrots, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit, pudding delight.
 June 15--Father's Day. Pork roast, potatoes and gray, green beans, Waldorf salad, roll, banana cream pie.
 June 22--Chef's salad with shrimp, garlic bread, fruit cup, ice cream.
 June 29--Enchiladas, Spanish rice, salsa with chips, cottage cheese, fruit, rice pudding.
 July 6--Happy 4th! Barbecued hamburgers, chili dogs with cheese and onions, coleslaw, fruit mix, ice cream.
 Suggested donation - Seniors \$3.50

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Ray Contreras offered garden starts to Andrew Stinchfield and Katie Wilde at Ukiah's first Saturday Market on May 26. The cloudy, cool weather did not deter seven vendors and a few dozen visitors. The Saturday Market will run through September 15.

June City Council Notes

The city is back in the cattle business. Later this month Hughes Ranch will pasture cows on the property irrigated from the sewer lagoons. As part of the deal, the city will purchase a new stock tank and pump for \$470.
 The new restroom at the ball field has an unbalanced door and spalling concrete, possibly due to settling. CXT, the original contractor, will probably make repairs without charge.
 The city will ask the CTUIR to consider work in Camas Creek to prevent flooding over the dike
 Requests for water shutoffs need to be made to the city recorder.
 Laura Foley was rehired as the city planner at \$600 a month.
 The council adopted eight goals for next year--a recycling project, additional cemetery maintenance, fix Main Street drainage, tire cleanup, refurbish entry signs, pull down door at Senior Center, large equipment purchase and a new Quick Response Unit and upgrade medical supplies

May School Board

On May 17 Ukiah School graduated seniors Chiara Arduini (Italy), Terence Kindness, Casey Levi and Warit Tanaprasertchai (Thailand) and eighth-grader Wyatt Alford. Graduation was preceded by an outdoor barbecue dinner.
 Ukiah High School students took awards in Fashion Design, Dragster Design and Architectural Models at the Technology Student Association Meet at BMCC on May 3.

Budget Committee

The Ukiah School budget committee, consisting of the school board and appointed members Lee Farren, Candi Kendall, Teri Lynch, Carol Schock and Stacy Schock approved the 2012-2013 proposed budget prepared by Beth O'Hanlon from the InterMountain ESD. The budget totals \$990,288, with \$689,505, or 70 percent, coming from the State Basic School Support Fund. Property taxes set at \$4.8146 per \$1000 of assessed value provide an estimated \$61,700, or six percent, of the school's revenue.

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Ukiah Profile

Ukiah School Class of 2012



Graduating Seniors Chiara Arduini, Warit (Dew) Tanaprasertchai, Casey Levi and Terence Kindness. Photo by Norma Barber.

Chiara Arduini, from Italy, wrote her senior paper on the education and training for a career creating independent films. For her senior project she worked with Mrs. Scarlett's primary students in several drama sessions, then filmed them as they practiced what they had learned. She edited the film into a short movie called "Being Brave," which debuted at the annual Authors Party on May 9. Chiara job-shadowed at the Elgin Opera House and played three roles in "Peter Pan" as well as the part of Veruca Salt in the Ukiah-Pilot Rock drama production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Warit Tanaprasertchai, from Thailand loves flying but may instead go into medicine because his mother wants him to. For his senior project on aviation he flew with a flight instructor and sat in on classrooms in Pendleton and Walla Walla College. He organized several weeks of classroom activities in his physics classes with Mrs. Orr, where students studied the science of flights, created their own planes, and test-flew them for distance and time.

Casey Levi started at Ukiah School in kindergarten. He remembers being nervous but as he started growing up he met new friends and learned about other cultures. He still keeps in touch with exchange students from previous years. His senior project was on recreation forestry and he hopes to work for the U.S. Forest Service when he turns 18. He has worked on trails and planted aspen. He is still looking for a summer job and looks forward to getting his driver's license. He will miss the other students, especially the good times in and out of school and playing sports. "Stay focused in life and you'll never fail, that's what I got from school," he said.

Terence Kindness, a member of the Crow tribe, moved to Ukiah in his sophomore year. He so much enjoyed getting to know people from other cultures that he returned to finish high school. Ukiah School has prepared him well for college, both in math and by offering early college credits. His senior project on music production included helping with the sound board at the Elgin Opera House and composing a song using music software. This summer he will work as a firefighter at Crow Agency in Montana. His goal is to attend the Art Institute of Portland and work in sound engineering or production. "That's what I'm going for because I love music more than anything," he said.




Crystal Apple-- Kari Keen, right, Ukiah School nutritional director and community representative for international student programs, received the 2012 Crystal Apple award on May 23 for her role as a vital part of the Ukiah School education team. On the right is her daughter, Sara Kinney.

New Post Office Plan Calls for Reduced Hours

On May 9 the U.S. Postal Service opted to reduce hours for thousands of post offices--including Ukiah's--rather than close them down. The Ukiah Post Office would offer counter service four hours a day, with continued 24-hour access to mail boxes. The USPS will schedule a community meeting before the change is made, said USPS spokesman Peter Hass.

20-Minute Delays Expected on Hwy 395 near Dale

ODOT contractors will begin widening a sharp curve along Highway 395 at mile post 64.35-B near Dale beginning June 4. The work is being done to help accommodate 53-foot trailers around the narrow corner. Construction activities will result in lane restriction, flaggers and delays of up to 20 minutes through the work zone. Travelers are cautioned to plan extra travel time and watch for crews and equipment in the area.

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Birding in Ukiah

Ukiah is a great place for birding. "I'll bet 150 or more species can be seen in the Ukiah area," said Pendleton Bird Club

member Aaron Skirvin. "Texas Bar is a fantastic birding place in June."

Last year Skirvin and fellow club members June Whitten and Jack Simons published "Birder's Guide to Umatilla

County, Oregon," a guide to 33 birding routes and sites in the county. Many of the routes, including Albee Road, Cable Creek, Divide Well Campground and Battle Mountain will be familiar to Ukiah residents.

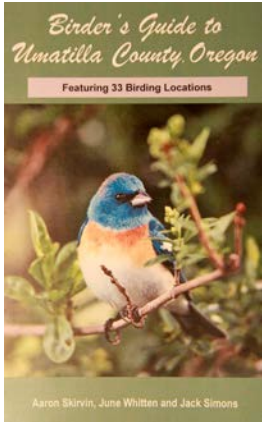
Skirvin comes to Ukiah about 20 times a year to look for birds. "There's a tremendous diversity up here. The different

habitats--grassland, marshes, sewer ponds, different types of forest--all have their own mix of species," he said

The most unusual bird he's seen is bobolinks nesting on the southwest edge of town. He checks local feeders on his trips to the area, and would like to see more hummingbird feeders up in the summer.

To order copies of "Birder's Guide to Umatilla County, Oregon" please contact one of the authors. \$15.00 plus postage.

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Aaron Skirvin, June Whitten and Jack Simons

Local birding guide features sites near Ukiah.

Numbers to Know

Ukiah Library	541-427-3735
Ukiah Post Office	541-427-3332
Ukiah School	541-427-3731
Ukiah Senior Center	541-427-3012
NFJD Ranger Station	541-427-3231
Oregon State Police	541-276-2121
Umatilla Sheriff	541-966-3650
Wildfire, fire or medical emergencies	911

Fishing Derby Set to Make a Splash

On Saturday, June 9, hordes of young angler will descend on Twin Ponds for the annual Ukiah Fishing Derby.

"We usually get 80 to 100 kids, depending on the weather," said Allison Johnson, U.S. Forest Service fisheries biologist.

The derby, sponsored by the Forest Service and the ODFW, runs from 8 a.m. to noon, with big fish and casting contests and a chance to make fish art prints. Children from 0 to 15 years old do not need a license but they do need to bring their own fishing gear.

Johnson and a band of volunteers started planning in February. The Battle Mountain AmVets Auxilliary sponsored a chili feed and soup day at the NFJD Ranger Station to raise money for prizes. Other volunteers include Stephanie Picard, Rose Gatens, Revae Varner, Chris Helberg, Randy Scarlett, Holly Hutchinson Joy Archeuleta and Ed Farren. Rhodes Store, Granny's and The Thicket all contributed donations.

Twin Ponds is six miles southeast of Ukiah on Forest Road 52. Look for signs and flagging on Main Street and at the Twin Ponds turnoff.



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