



# Town of Wilkeson

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## Around Town

- It's finally spring time! Get out there and start planting your flowers, vegetables and getting ready for all the Cottonwood and Alder trees that will be full of pollen causing allergies.
- Please be sure to watch for kids as the weather gets better and more kids and adults are on the sidewalks, trail and crossing the streets.
- The Mayor's office is applying for a TIB grant for small towns to properly fill the potholes and improve portions of the road from natural erosion caused by freezing. This is a quick turn-around and if awarded, should be completed by the fall.

2017 Council Meetings	
June	14, 28
July	12, 26
August	09, 23
September	13, 27
October	11, 25
November	08, 22
December	13, 27

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Carbonado:** Monday-June 26th  
**Wilkeson:** Monday-August 14th



## New online utilities payment option!

The Town of Wilkeson has a new online payment site. To make your utility or general payments online go to:

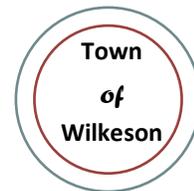
[www.townofwilkesonpmts.com](http://www.townofwilkesonpmts.com) or call 1 (844) 680-7203 toll free to make

payments through our live, bilingual call center.

*\*\*\*Please note: Service fees apply to online and phone payments.*

## A new "Micro-Adventure" along SR165

Labeled as "Carbon River Corridor Micro-Adventure" - a new website, brochure map, and interpretive monument project is currently being organized by the Wilkeson Historical Society and the Town of Wilkeson. Grants were awarded to the Town from the Pierce County LATC fund and Port of Tacoma to help promote our heritage corridor along SR165. The project includes a brochure and Word Press website linked to local businesses' information. Both will have a regional map. The website will have short, historical stories, photos and videos of the region along SR165 from Buckley to Mount Rainier. Ten stone plinths will mark the route with a portion of these stories along with a QR code to be "read" by a smart phone taking the visitor to the website and information on that location. Many business and organizations are supporting this venture including Mount Rainier National Park and Port of Tacoma. WHS meets every third Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Town Hall and will be focusing on this project for the next six months. Membership is not required to attend. For more information contact council member, Donna Hogerhuis at 360-367-0066 or email [donna.hogerhuis@townofwilkeson.com](mailto:donna.hogerhuis@townofwilkeson.com).



Join us for  
**Wilkeson's National Night Out**  
**August 1, 2017**  
**6-8pm at Town Hall**



Join us for a fun evening of games, cake walk, community safety information and a visit from Buckley Police and Fire Departments!

**This is a FREE event for Wilkeson residents of all ages! Come help us build some *Unity in our Community!***

## PLEASE REMEMBER...

We have an ordinance that prohibits riding bikes, skateboards and such through the town's business section. Please be mindful of this law and walk your apparatus through this part of town.



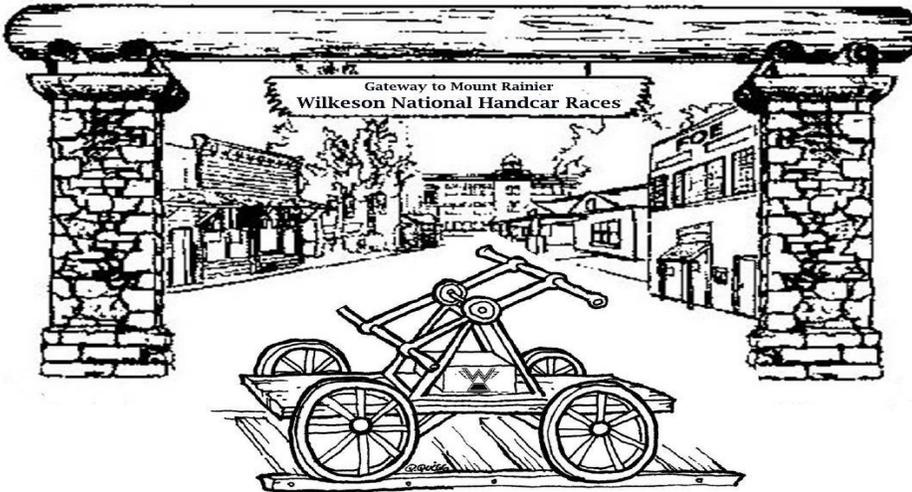


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## Wilkeson's Annual Handcar Races are July 15th!

Mark your calendar for July 15<sup>th</sup>! The Wilkeson Booster Club is working with the community to put on a bigger event this year. The town's old fashion community parade will take place at 11 am on Church Street. Entries are free and line-up begins at 9:30 am on Railroad Ave. Every entry gets a ribbon for participating and trophies are award for Best in Category. The Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt and Drill Team will perform in front of the School at noon, followed by the handcar races at Coke Oven Park. Many vendors have already signed up for the new Vendor Market which will take place in town this year. Food, music and of course races happening throughout the day. T-shirts can be purchased from Memorial Day weekend through July at several places in town. This event is not sponsored by the Town of Wilkeson. For more information or entry forms please contact the Wilkeson Booster Club, a non-profit organization, at wilkesonboostclub@yahoo.com.



## HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING ONE OF US?



**Did you know the City of Buckley and Towns of Wilkeson and Carbonado rely on community volunteers to serve as Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Paramedics?**

Our annual recruitment is now underway and we are focusing our effort on members that live in our communities.

To learn more about how to become a Volunteer Firefighter, please join us for an informational meeting at the Buckley Fire Station, 611 S. Division Street on:

Please call 360-829-1441 to RSVP or email

Assistant Chief Eric Skogen: eskogen@cityofbuckley.com

**Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30 PM**

### Join us

**June 3rd from 9 am-12 pm  
 at Chuck's Gas Station  
 for a car wash to help raise  
 money for Roosevelt Park**



\*Volunteers needed! Please call Donna Hogerhuis at (360) 367-0066 or email donna4281@hotmail.com

As you may know, residents are waiting to hear if the Town's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant request for improvements at the town's only playground park will be funded. The state is still in session to pass the budget as of this writing which should be complete by the end of June. Town placed third out of 67 grant applications to RCO. Town has raised all but \$1,000 of the fifty percent match. The funds will replace the worn out playground equipment and level the play field.



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## TOWN OF WILKESON Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Services Levy

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### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### What is Town of Wilkeson Proposition No. 1?

Proposition No. 1 is proposed tax levy to fund the cost of providing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the Town of Wilkeson.

#### Is this a new tax?

No. The Town of Wilkeson currently has a 6-year EMS Levy that was approved by voters in 2011, but this levy expires at the end of 2017. Proposition No. 1 asks voters to authorize a replacement levy which would result in a continuation of the existing tax.

#### How much will proposition No. 1 cost?

The levy is collected through your property tax at a levy rate not to exceed .50 cents for each \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed value of your property will determine how much you pay. Here are some examples of the equivalent monthly cost of the proposed levy:

- \$150,000 home will pay approximately \$6.26 per month
- \$175,000 home will pay approximately \$7.29 per month
- \$200,000 home will pay approximately \$8.33 per month

#### Is anything different about this EMS Levy that past EMS Levy's?

Yes. State law allows a jurisdiction to propose an EMS Levy to its voters for a 6-year term, 10-year term, or as a permanent levy. Since 1979 the Town of Wilkeson has always proposed a 6-year EMS Levy. In the upcoming August election the Town is proposing the EMS Levy to be a permanent levy.

#### Why a permanent Levy instead of another 6-year Levy?

Each election the Town participates in costs the Town money to pay its share of the election cost. A permanent levy, if approved, would eliminate the reoccurring 6-year election costs of having a 6-year levy. The EMS Levy would only be brought back to future elections if a voter approved rate increase was necessary to fund the cost of providing emergency medical services.

#### What if people change their mind and don't want a permanent EMS Levy?

In passing the ordinance to place the permanent levy on the August ballot, the Town Council has approved a referendum process through which the permanent levy could be reconsidered by the voters at a future election.

#### What happens if Proposition No. 1 is not approved in the August election?

The Town Council has approved an ordinance to place a 6-year EMS Levy on the ballot in the November General Election, but this will only happen if proposition No. 1 is not approved in the upcoming August Primary Election.

If Proposition No. 1 is approved in the August election, there will be no EMS Levy on the November ballot.

#### Is an EMS Levy necessary?

Having an EMS Levy is crucial to the Town's ability to fund the cost of providing emergency medical services. Without EMS Levy funding the Town would have no dedicated source of revenue to pay the cost of providing emergency medical services. Without EMS Levy funding the Town Council would be forced to cut or eliminate other services to pay for the cost of emergency medical services, or would be forced to stop providing emergency medical service.

#### How much money does the Town receive from the EMS Levy?

For EMS Levy taxes to be collected in 2017 the Town projects to collect revenue of \$12,014. The use of the funds generated by the EMS Levy is restricted to costs directly related to the expense of providing emergency medical services.

#### When is the election?

The primary Election is on August 1st, 2017. The Pierce County Election Division will send ballots to registered voters by mail. For more information about the election or to view the Pierce County Official Local Voter's Pamphlet you can visit their website at: [www.piercecountywa.org/elections](http://www.piercecountywa.org/elections)

#### Where can I get more information?

Visit Wilkeson Town Hall at 540 Church Street, or you can call Town Hall at (360) 829-0790.



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## Wilkeson School Updates

Wilkeson Elementary will be starting several transitional changes starting this year. The work of modernizing the historical structure and designing the 20,000 square feet addition continues. For the 2017-2018 school year, students and staff will be located on the campus of the old middle school currently named, White River Educational Service Center (WRESC). That campus is currently undergoing a redesign and remodel in preparation for our relocation. If you drive by in the next few months you will see some demolition of old buildings and there will be a host of interior renovations.

Staff is wrapping up the school year, preparing to pack up our supplies and furniture in preparation for this move. The official move date from Wilkeson to WRESC will be at the end of June. It will be difficult to turn in our keys to a historical landmark and institution of learning, but we look forward to the return for the 2018-2019 school year.

We also have some significant staff changes that I would like to share. We have three staff members who will be retiring at the height of their career. Marilyn Cleveland, Lauri (Bookter) Bostic and Cindy Thompson have a 101 years of combined service in teaching students preschool - 5th grade. Their work is unmatched in quality and care. From my 22 years in education these are three of the finest educators and people that I have had the pleasure to work with. We wish them all the best knowing that their life's work is an investment in our community and families for years to come.

In addition, it is with a mixed emotions that I want to share that I will be transitioning to Glacier Middle School as principal for the 2017-2018 school year. Six years ago when I arrived I had the opportunity to lead an amazing school and build relationships with many of Wilkeson's finest community leaders. I have many fond memories, but I am excited to reunite with many of our Wilkeson students and families for their 6th through 8th grade years. Wilkeson families will still be MY families in the years to come. There is so much more work to do and so I am very pleased to introduce Laurie Gelinis as the new principal for next year. Laurie started her educational career at Foothills Elementary where she was a 1st and 2nd grade teacher for several years and has been currently serving as an Assistant Principal for the last 3 years in our larger elementary schools. She has high regard for relationships, is a strong instructional leaders and has the experience in the district to move the school forward.

On behalf of the Wilkeson School Community and the White River School District, we thank you for your support and investment in our school. You have shared in the work of helping our kids learn and provided a safe and beautiful place for this to happen. Thank you!

Nick Hedman  
Principal



Marilyn Cleveland



Lauri (Bookter) Bostic



Cindy Thompson



Nick Hedman



Laurie Gelinis