

# Pride in Serving



The City of Banks and Your Sheriff's Office



## Ho Ho Ho Neighbors!

It's time to start planning for all the holiday festivities, and for a little winterization.

**If You Can Read This . . . Thank a Teacher!** At the heart of our strong and vibrant community is our

school system. This Thanksgiving, consider showing gratitude to a talented teacher, dedicated board member, administrator, or volunteer. We are fortunate to have them working daily with our kids.

## Holiday Lighting Contest - Show Your Spirit!

Join the fun of the Banks Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighting Contest. Applications went out with your water bill last month. Turn one in for your family at City Hall anytime before December 10. (There is a drop box for after hours.)

## Don't Just Wrap Gifts -- Wrap Your Pipes

The National Weather Service is predicting a particularly harsh winter for the Pacific Northwest due to a continuing "La Nina" effect in the Pacific. It's a great time to fix water leaks and wrap exposed water lines so your pipes don't freeze!

You might also watch the measures on your water bills. Changes in use can help you discover a leaky pipe!

**And always,  
please drive sober  
and safely!**



## A New Sheriff in Town . . . By Sheriff Rob Gordon

Dear Citizens,

I will be retiring as the Washington County Sheriff on November 30, and I am preparing to turn over the helm to a new leader at month's end. I want to personally thank you for entrusting me with the most honorable job I have ever held.

When I retire on November 30, the Board of Commissioners will *appoint* a qualified person to fulfill the last year of my term; I have asked them to appoint my current Undersheriff Pat Garrett.

In 2012, an election will determine the next *elected* Sheriff of Washington County, so please participate by voting for the person who will fill this important office.

I leave you in the most capable hands of the proud, strong, and good men and women of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Most Sincerely,  
Washington County Sheriff Rob Gordon



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**POLICE - FIRE - MEDICAL**  
**9-1-1**  
Non-Emergency 503-629-0111

## Police Services Levy is Passing

While not official for 30 days, it appears citizens of Banks voted to continue a contract for city-level policing services provided by Washington County Deputies.



**Partners in Public Safety**

Contracting is a fairly new way for a small city to provide cost-effective law enforcement. With specific deputies dedicated to Banks, we also maintain a small town connection to your community.

Renewal of the levy means the Sheriff's Office will proudly continue its tradition of providing high quality and reliable policing services to Banks. We thank you for your support!

## Brrrr, I Better Warm Up The Engine

A "Rolling Steamer" is an old term for cars that are stolen from the owner's driveway. The owner leaves the engine running to warm up, and then runs back into the house for another sip of coffee.

The vehicles are called steamers because it is easy to see the exhaust in cold weather. A "rolling steamer" is what happens when a thief jumps into the driver seat and rolls down the road in your car!



Please consider locking the car and using a second key to get back in, or maybe just bundle up and drive through for that latte.

## Are You on the Nice List?

You are on the nice list if you:

- Watch out for your neighbors
- Drive slowly around children
- Donate to charity because you can
- Decorate to lift everyone's spirits!



## Attention Hunters --- It's Time for the Loose Round Round-Up!

It happens. You fall in love with your new gun and your old one gets the cold shoulder. It may be nature's way, but it leaves boxes of unwanted ammunition just lying around. There is help!



Your Sheriff's Office will remove those hazards from your home. Call non-emergency dispatch at (503) 629-0111 and arrange for unwanted ammunition to be picked up for disposal.

Hurry, if you clean your shelves off now, your wife may let you get that other gun for Christmas!

## 9-1-1 is Calling You . . . if you sign up!

We call 9-1-1 when we need help, but now 9-1-1 wants to call you! Our central dispatch center, Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency, has implemented a new emergency notification system, also known as reverse 911.

Reverse 911 allows dispatch to send emergency messages to people within a given area or radius of an emergency. The messages will provide information or instructions to help you know how to react.



You can receive the messages via your landline telephone, cellular phone, email, and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone. Sign up online at [www.wccca.com/PublicAlerts](http://www.wccca.com/PublicAlerts) today!

**From Everyone at City Hall and Your Sheriff's Office, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!**