A new City Hall is in the works. The building will include a Police Station, Court and City Council Chambers, Parks & Recreation and Administration. Construction is expected to begin in May with completion near the end of the year. The location is on Bridge Street and Washington Ave. This process began about three (3) years ago when the Fire District approached the City to purchase the Public Safety Building for expansion needs. The new facility will better serve our citizens with ADA accessibility and our growth needs. The cost is to be about $7 million.

The City is also building a new Public Works Facility next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Most of you have probably watched the building going up in recent weeks. The city saved for twenty (20) years to build this facility. The facility is expected to be completed in the summer of 2019. The cost will be about $2.5 million.

Daffodil Parade - New Float
The Daffodil Festival and parade is right around the corner - April 6th. This year we will be treated to a brand new community float. This is a must see event in Orting going back 85 years! The Lions Club will be back with their famous barbe-cued chicken, along with many vendors and activities for the whole family! A special “Thank You!” to the hard working Orting Chamber of Commerce, Mary Grover, Chris Hopfauf and Carly White who are leading the charge of the Daffodil Float Committee and getting a new float! If you are interested in helping with the Orting Community Daffodil Float email them at bugleboyhop@gmail.com!
Emergency Preparedness

One of the city’s priorities this year of 2019 is to educate our citizens about the risk of natural disasters so that households are prepared as much as possible. Do you have a family emergency plan? Most of us do not.

Orting, like most of Pierce County and, for that matter, the State, is at risk for volcanic activity, large earthquakes, flooding, winter storms, virus pandemics, and other potential catastrophes. The risk of these events occurring is very small in your lifetime but the impact could be devastating.

If Mt. Rainier becomes active again, the city and its citizens will have to make decisions about evacuation. There are various “levels” of risk to the Federal Geologic Services (USGS) will be updating daily. A significant portion of our State including Pierce and King County are especially at risk. For Orting, the most risky scenario is a large mud flow (lahar) that can start at the volcano and be here in about 45 minutes. The most likely scenario is that we will have advance warning and the town will be evacuated before the Lahar. But there is a small but risky possibility of the mudflow occurring without volcanic activity. This is what we practice for – the worst case scenario. We have “lahar” sirens that are activated by sensors on the mountain and then by emergency services of the State and County. Most of you are aware the sirens are tested monthly. Our school children practice an annual (May) walkout evacuation to high ground (the Pierce County Rock Quarry near the Washington State Soldier’s Home).

We know many of you plan to drive out in the case of a lahar. This is not recommended. Given the likelihood of panic, traffic could very easily be stopped and you become a pedestrian whether you like it or not. The best plan is to walk out to the rock quarry for now. Make plans to have your household practice a walkout annually and time yourselves.

Gratzer-Engfer Farm - Zoning Change

The properties just north of the high school are zoned for retail, office space, light industrial and dense multifamily housing. The Planning Commission is reviewing a developer requested amendment to reduce the level of retail and office space and increase the multifamily housing. The last dates for review are at 7:00 PM on the evenings March 4th, 24th, April 1st and 26th at the Orting Public Safety Building located at 401 Washington Ave. S.E.

Upcoming Events

April 6 ~ Daffodil Festival ~ All Day Vendors/Parade at 5pm ~ Downtown Orting
June 7-Sept 6 ~ Orting Valley Farmers Market ~ Farmers/Vendors 3-7pm on Fridays ~ Orting Station
June 15 ~ Kingsmen Car Show ~ Fun Day 9am-3pm ~ Downtown Orting

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