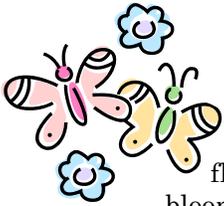


Creswell Connection



Spring Has Sprung!

The sweet smell of Spring is in the air, flowers are beginning to bloom, and the birds are singing! So, while you head outside to enjoy it, the City of Creswell would like to remind all residents about some code enforcement issues that arise this time of year.

Please do not blow grass or yard debris into the street. This material runs into the storm drains causing blockage.

All yard sale signs must be removed at the end of the sale, especially those off-site of the sale.

Sidewalks may not be blocked by vehicles, whether parked in a driveway or on the street. It is also unlawful to drive over any sidewalk or put any items in the gut-



ter that may be used as a ramp to drive over a curb.

Basketball hoops or skate ramps may not be stored or left in any public right-of-way. This includes sidewalks. Utility trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles may not be stored in any public right-of-way. Vehicles may only be parked for a maximum of 48 hours.



Finally, spring growth of overgrown noxious vegetation must be removed no later than June 15, 2014. Between June 15th and September 30th, noxious vegetation is:

1. Weeds more than 10" high.
2. Grass more than 10" high not including vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop, unless - *(continued on page 2)*

Earth Day Is Here Again!

The Creswell School District, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, a slew of Community Partners, and the City of Creswell are joining forces to put on the fifth annual Earth Day Celebration, Tuesday April 22nd at Garden Lake Park.

For five years Creswell's young people have come out to Garden Lake Park to learn about the natural world. From high-flying birds to microscopic particles and creatures, Earth Day explores the careful balance of our planet's natural systems. Participants will have fun learning about composting, creative forms of recycling, invertebrates large and small, and the power of human-powered machines all in the course of the day.

This year's celebration will feature some old favorites along with some new hats. Scientific exploration of water quality, stream velocity, along

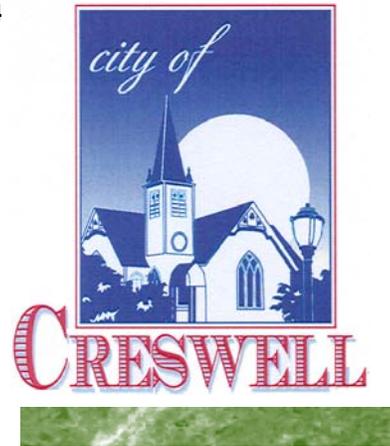


with environmental awareness through solar power presentations, recycled art creations, and alternative transportation demonstrations, will help Creswell's youth understand the world around them while learning about ways that they can help protect our planet for generations to come.

The Creswell Tree Board will, in keeping with tradition, mark the celebration of Arbor Day by planting several trees with the help of Creswell's young people. This year's celebration marks Creswell's fifth year as a Tree City USA.

Come join us for some of the fun at Garden Lake Park 9am-3pm Tuesday, April 22nd at 396 Melton Road. If you have questions, please call Maddie Phillips at Creswell City Hall 541-895-2531 or email at mphilips@creswell-or.us.

We're crossing our fingers that Mother Earth delivers a gorgeous sunny day for these emerging stewards of our Planet!



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April 9th	Municipal Court
April 17th	Planning Commission
April 22nd	Earth Day Celebration
May 3rd	City-Wide Cleanup
May 9th & 10th	Yard Sale
May 12th	Council Meeting
May 14th	Municipal Court
May 15th	Planning Commission
June 9th	Council Meeting
June 11th	Municipal Court
June 19th	Planning Commission

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that vegetation is a health hazard, fire hazard, or traffic hazard— (See item 6 for more hazard info).

- 3. Poison oak.
- 4. Poison ivy.
- 5. Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line.
- 6. Vegetation that is: a health hazard, a fire hazard because it is near other com-

bustibles, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.

For more information about noxious vegetation, please visit our website at: www.ci.creswell.or.us and click on "Government", then click on "Public Notices". You may also call our office with any questions at (541) 895-2531.

Summer Sewer Rates

Starting May 1st, we will be transitioning to summer sewer rates for the months May through September. These rates are based on an average of your previous seven winter months of water consumption. For example, if you used a total of 4,200 cubic feet of water from October to April, your monthly summer sewer rate would be based on 600 cubic feet of usage. You may be asking yourself, "Why doesn't the city just measure residents' actual summer usage, as done in winter?" The answer is that people tend to use a lot more water outside washing cars, watering lawns, filling pools, etc. in summer months.



Community-Wide Yard Sale Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th

The time for spring cleaning is here! Sign up today to participate in the Community-Wide Yard Sale. All you need to do is fill out the form below and mail it back to Creswell City Hall and we will include your yard sale on the community map. You may also call City Hall (541) 895-2531 or Haley at First Community Credit Union (541) 895-3061 ext. 2807 and we'll take your information over the phone. In addition, an e-mail address has been setup if you would like to sign up electronically. Send information to: creswellcwys@yahoo.com. Please make sure to include your contact phone number with any requests or questions. In order to participate, **you must call, mail in the form, or e-mail us no later than April 30th. Thank you!** Maps will be available for pickup at many local businesses in town the first morning of the sale. Watch for more detailed information on where to find maps!

COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE FORM

Sign up to include your address on the City-Wide Yard Sale Map. All forms must be completed in order to participate. Forms must be postmarked by April 30th in order to be included on the map. Your name will not be published. This information is used internally only.

Yes, please include me on the Yard Sale Map!

Name _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Address _____ Please indicate the time of day your garage sale will be open for business below:

Days (check all that apply) Friday, May 9th Saturday, May 10th From: _____ AM PM To: _____ AM PM





City-Wide Cleanup May 3rd

Saturday, May 3rd is the City's annual clean up day this year. With the help of volunteers from Creswell Kiwanis Club, community members and City Staff, you can rid your garage and yard of unwanted items **free of charge**. This opportunity is just in time for spring cleaning, and the onset of gardening season. We collect yard clippings, lawn mowers, tires, lawn furniture, appliances, furniture, water heaters, etc. We do **NOT** collect any hazardous waste materials, electronics, or household garbage. To participate, you must live inside Creswell city limits and you must sign up. Please have your items at or near the curb, bagged (if possible) no later than 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3rd.

In preparation for next year, with our city's continued growth it has become necessary to implement a change to this service. Keep in mind, the service will go unchanged this year. **Next year, however, anyone wanting to participate in the annual clean up will need to bring their items to the City's Public Works yard for drop off.** It is still a free service and a chance for you to rid your home, garage, and yard of unwanted items. People with a disability should contact City Hall at 541-895-2531 for assistance.

To sign up for this year's cleanup online, just go to the City's official website at www.ci.creswell.or.us. While on the home page click "Online Services", then "Citizen Requests". Once the application form appears on the screen, fill out your general information (including an address). In "Request Type", click on Service. In "Department for Request", click on City-Wide clean up. Please list items that will need to be picked up in the additional information box. Residents who wish to throw away very large items should include said items in their description and may be asked to have them curbside a day early (Friday, May 2nd) so public works can get a head start on the cleanup.

Anyone wishing to have items picked up must call (541) 895-2531 or sign up online no later than 5 p.m. Friday, May 2nd.



Deputy's Corner

Happy Spring to our Creswell Citizens. Now that the sun is starting to peek out, dry things up, and make things grow, many more garages are opening, yard gates are standing open, and all your yard tools are ramping up for Spring and Summer clean up. With all of that happening, easy opportunities arise for the criminal element in the area to help themselves to your stuff. Please remember to close your doors, garages and gates, and lock your cars when you are not around, even if you are just running to the hardware store. Now is a good time to mark your valuables; make inventory lists with make, model, size, and serial number of your property. Take archive photos of your jewelry and precious gems. This helps tremendously in the awful event that you become a victim. There was a small uptick in thefts, especially bikes recently, but with some great observation and tracking by you in the community, we have figured it out and are working toward prosecution for some of these crimes. **Great job reporting suspicious people in your neighborhoods and keep up the good work!**

Speaking of bicycles, do you know the serial number of yours or your kids'? Here is what you do: as soon as you finish reading this, go to where your bikes are stored. Write down the make, model and color of your bikes. Turn the bike(s) over and look at the very bottom of the



frame, where the pedals are. There is a stamped number on every bike right there. Write that number down. Lastly, take a photograph of the bike and keep it with the other information. Without this information, we cannot know who a bike belongs to when we find it in a field. If you lose a bike, report it. We find bikes all the time around town and do not know who they belong to.

If you have lost something around town, it is okay to stop by City Hall and contact us, or leave a note with City staff telling us what you lost. We have found property turned into us all the time, but no one to give it back to.

As the sun stays out longer and it gets warmer, there are a lot more children riding bikes to school or walking. Please slow down in all areas during school and after, watch the parks and crosswalks. Kids, helmets are required if under 16!

We have had many complaints of vehicles going around or not stopping for our school buses when they stop to disembark kids. Remember: "If the red lights flash, you don't get to pass."

Lastly, as always, if you are the victim of a crime or see something suspicious, **call 911 in an emergency**, or 541-682-4150 for non-emergency reporting.

Your Creswell Deputies.



Public Safety Survey...Your Opinion Matters!



The City of Creswell would like to know how you feel about public safety in our community. Please visit the City's webpage at www.ci.creswell.or.us to complete a survey to help decision-makers better understand your point of view.



Creswell Takes 2nd Place in the Annual Best Tasting Water Contest!

Public Works Director Cliff Bellew announced at the last City Council meeting that he submitted a water sample last month to the American Water Works Association Cascade to Coast Subsection: Annual Best Tasting Water contest for municipalities. He was pleased to announce that out of the eight contestants, Creswell tied for 2nd place with Cottage Grove and Sweet Home. The City of Bend took the top honors. The water was judged on 3 different criteria: scent, flavor and aftertaste. A plaque will be placed at the water plant in recognition as a tribute to the water plant, the City of Creswell and the operators who produce the high quality and great tasting water.



Backyard Burning

The season for back yard burning is still in effect, and with Spring cleaning coming right around the corner for many residents, here is a friendly reminder of how to keep burning safe, and in control. Please follow these simple rules to help ensure safety and air quality. Backyard burning is permitted in the City of Creswell **October 1st to June 15th** of each year in accordance with Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) guidelines for areas LRAPA identifies as "All Other Areas". Remember, **every day is not a burn day**. Follow these simple guidelines to protect yourself and others as well as our air quality.

- ◆ Always call the burn advisory line to see if it is a burn day.
- ◆ Burn only woody yard debris that has been generated on your own property.
- ◆ Never burn garbage, tires, treated wood, petroleum products, plastic or other prohibited materials.
- ◆ Never burn your yard debris in a barrel.
- ◆ Attend your fire at all times.
- ◆ Always have tools available for controlling or extinguishing your fire.
- ◆ Always extinguish your fire by sunset.



You can visit our website for more information at www.ci.creswell.or.us or go to www.lrapa.org. **Burn Advisory Line: 541-726-3976**

Help to Others (H2O) Program

Help to Others is a partnership program born out of the collaborative efforts of the City of Creswell, the City of Cottage Grove, and the Community Sharing Program. This program was put together as a way to provide supplementary assistance for families struggling to pay their water and sewer bills.

The way it works is simple: the City of Creswell collects donations when charitable citizens make either a one-time donation or a monthly contribution by rounding their water bill up to the nearest dollar. Donations are then turned over to Community Sharing who distributes these funds according to the USDA low income guidelines. For more information on how you can help make this program successful, visit our website at:

www.ci.creswell.or.us or give us a call at (541) 895-2531. While on our website, at the homepage, just click on the "Help to Others" logo on the right-hand side of your screen. You will be directed to a sign up screen to donate. It's that easy to lend a hand! If you or someone you know is in need of this type of assistance, please contact the Community Sharing Program at: 541-942-2176.



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