

# Creswell Connection

## Creswell's Annual July 4th Celebration

(By Joel Higdon, Chamber of Commerce)



**We want you! Creswell's Annual 4th of July Celebration is here! Come celebrate July 4th with family and friends!**

Start the day with the Breakfast at the Park presented by the Creswell Chamber of Commerce from 7:00am until 10:30am. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, ham, fruit, and juice or coffee.

The Independence Day parade begins at 11:00am. Enjoy the parade as it weaves its way through town. Remember to bring your camera so you can capture the fun!

Celebrate with family and friends at Harry Holt Memorial Park. Enjoy the variety of food and vendor booths while taking in the sights and sounds of the day.

The singing of our National Anthem will be at 1:00p.m. at the Harry

Holt Memorial Park. Come celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Our National Anthem with us!

Enjoy music throughout the day at the Harry Holt Memorial Park Stage. Take in the "CHS Jazz Band", "One More Time Marching Band" and our headliner, the "Hank Shreve Band".

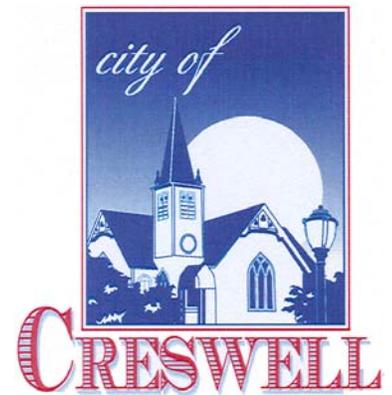
Take in the kid-friendly, family games and contests presented by Creswell Presbyterian Church and Bubba's BBQ.

See local talent on display at the Creswell Grange. Enjoy the hometown-style fair exhibits at the Creswell Grange.

Wrap up the day with the Fireworks at Dusk. Fireworks viewing is available from Creslane Elementary and Creswell High School. Enjoy the fireworks show with friends and family.

Need more information? Please call the Creswell Chamber of Commerce at (541) 895-4398.

**Hometown fun for all!**



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## A Community Vision for Creswell

(By Madeline Phillips, RARE Intern)



Creswell has seen a great deal of change and development over the last fifteen years, in some ways changing the way parts of Creswell look and feel. The question I asked many different people when I arrived here to begin my AmeriCorps service year some ten short months ago was "What is Creswell growing towards?" Our community vision process resulted from the answers I received.

Beginning with City Council and Planning Commission sessions, ideas regarding a vision for Creswell began to

take shape. Council and Commission members pointed to the friendliness of business owners and neighbors, affordable housing opportunities, good schools, active social groups, and proximity to both the country and Eugene-Springfield Metro area as key qualities that make Creswell a great place to live.

Two of Creslane Elementary's third grade classrooms participated in a two-part visioning session where students illustrated their vision of Creswell "when they grow up." A leadership class at Creswell High School weighed

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### Dates to Remember

July 4th	Independence Day
July 7th	City Council Meeting
July 9th	Municipal Court
July 17th	Planning Commission
Aug. 11th	Council meeting
Aug. 13th	Municipal Court
Aug. 21st	Planning Commission
Sept. 1st	Labor Day
Sept. 8th	Council Meeting
Sept. 10th	Municipal Court
Sept. 18th	Planning Commission

\*Special City Council Meetings & Work Sessions will be posted to the Community Calendar online at: [www.ci.creswell.or.us](http://www.ci.creswell.or.us)

## Vision for Creswell (continued...)

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in, providing a list of Creswell's greatest assets, along with characteristics and amenities that would bring them back to Creswell in adulthood. The students who participated touched on a variety of topics in this community, many of which focused on access to cultural, economic, and recreational opportunities.

The School District's contributions inspired participants who attended the Visioning Workshop on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Creswell Community Center. The Community Vision Workshop was structured in an open house format to encourage the free-flow of ideas around five specific questions:

- ◆ What do you love about Creswell?
- ◆ What are Creswell's greatest assets?
- ◆ What will Creswell's identity be defined by in 2040?
- ◆ What will encourage Creswell's youth to stay/come back here in adulthood?
- ◆ Which project will be the most catalytic to Creswell's future success?



The conversation that ensued was thoughtful, productive, and helpful in identifying Creswell's priorities going into our next fiscal year, and many years to

## Code Enforcement Tidbits

This time of year so many of us love being outside, breathing in that fresh, Summer air, taking long walks after dinner with family and friends and maybe even getting to know our neighbors at the same time. Summer brings many people outdoors to enjoy what nature has to offer, but that also means there are some things to remember to keep everyone safe and happy. Creswell has some Ordinances in effect that you may not know about. Here are a few of them:



- ◆ **Ord. 445, 6.05.200 Dogs at Large Prohibited.** No dog owner shall permit a dog to be at large. "Dog-at-Large" means a dog inside the corporate limits of the city of Creswell, off the premises of the owner, and not under complete control by adequate leash. The definition includes, but is not limited to, any dog upon or capable of reaching, any public right-of-way, except if the dog is on a leash in full and complete compliance with the provision of this code. A dog owner, whose dog runs at large, commits a Class D Violation.
- ◆ **Ord. 445, 6.05.210 Continuous Annoyance and Barking Dogs.** No animal owner shall permit any animal to cause continuous annoyance. "Continuous Annoyance" means permitting any animal to cause annoyance, alarm or disturbance for more than 30 minutes at any time of the day or night, be it repeated barking, whining, screeching,

howling, braying, or other like sounds which can be heard beyond the boundary of the owner's property. A violation of section 6.05.210 is a Class C Violation.

- ◆ **Ord. 445, 6.05.220 Animal Waste Matter.** It shall be unlawful for an animal owner, other than a cat owner, to allow an animal, except for seeing eye dogs, to deposit solid waste matter on any property other than that of the animal owner. It shall be a defense to this section if the animal owner immediately removes the solid waste. A violation of section 6.05.220 is a Class D Violation.

If any of the issues listed above have become a problem for you and you need help, you can go to our website at [www.ci.creswell.or.us](http://www.ci.creswell.or.us) and click on 'Chat with Creswell'. That will take you to our online 'Citizen Request' form. Please complete the form and someone will get back to you, if you wish. However, if you would like to file a **formal** complaint you will need to come into City Hall, where you will be asked to provide information about yourself and the name and address of where the problem is occurring. You will then be asked to sign the complaint. The Lane County Sheriff's Dept. takes over from there, but please understand that you could be asked to participate in the matter in the future. If you would like a copy of the ordinance, you can pick one up at City Hall, or give us a call at 541-895-2531.

### UPDATE: Community Sharing Program

Regular office hours in Creswell are closed for the summer, but you may reach someone in their Cottage Grove office. To schedule an appointment call: 541-942-2176.

## Free Young Eagles Kids' Flights on July 4th at Creswell Airport!

If your kids want to experience excitement this 4th of July, head out to the Creswell Airport where the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) is offering **FREE Young Eagles** airplane rides from **11am until mid-afternoon for kids ages 8 to 17**. Lunch will also be served at family-friendly prices. Did you know? The Young Eagles Program is a National Program that the EAA started in 1996. Their original goal was to fly a million kids before Dec 17, 2003, (the 100th anniversary of powered flight). Well, they met their goal and now there have been 1.8 million kids flown nationwide! *(The EAA will try to accommodate all qualified flyers, however, flights are limited to airplane/pilot availability).*



### Deputy's Corner

*(By Deputy Scott Denham)*

Summer has finally arrived in Creswell. Kids are out playing, enjoying the parks, people are heading to the water, and we are gearing up for the big 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. With those things in mind, there are many simple things to remind our citizens about. One of the most important is pets and cars. Remember that the temperature in a car in the sun or shade can be significantly higher than the temperature outside, so make sure windows are down, water is provided, and your car is not in the sun. Do not leave your animals in a hot car!

Lots of bikes are floating around the area with younger kids on them. Remember, state laws require a helmet for any bike rider under the age of 16 years old. The fine is \$25, (less than a Bi-Mart helmet).

If you are heading to the water this summer, make sure you take along provisions needed, stay with buddies, and remember that life jackets are required on the water.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration this year will be bigger than ever and we expect a large crowd. Please remember to lock your vehicles, secure your valuables in your yards, and keep your garages closed when not actively using them on this day. As we all know, with crowds come crime. With regard to fireworks, please remember that



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## Noxious Vegetation



Each year, between June 15th and September 30th, Creswell's noxious vegetation ordinance goes into effect. Noxious vegetation is defined as: weeds or grass more than 10 inches high, poison oak, poison ivy, blackberry bushes that extend into a public right of way or cross a property line, vegetation that is a health hazard, fire hazard or traffic hazard.

The ordinance also states that: An owner or person in charge of property shall cut down or destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, bushes, weeds or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or, in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or from going to seed. The City does abate these nuisances as required by ordinance, resulting in a cost to the property owner.

Please cut your grass, blackberries and/or other vegetation in an effort to reduce the potential fire hazard as July 4th approaches. It is also very important to trim those out of control bushes and shrubs, which prevent a driver from having adequate vision to see oncoming cars as-well-as pedestrian traffic.

## Movies in the Park!

Movies in the Park is coming back to Creswell! Watch your favorite movies under the stars all summer long! Shows will be hosted at Harry Holt Memorial Park at dusk (around 8:30pm) and they are all **FREE!** The movies program is brought to you by the City of Creswell and Willamalane Park & Recreation District. All movies shown (listed below) are family-friendly and rated PG. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

**July 19**

**The Neverending Story**

**July 26**

**Homeward Bound:**

**The Incredible Journey**

**August 2**

**A League of Their Own**

**August 9**

**The Blind Side**

**August 16**

**The Goonies**

**August 23**

**Finding Nemo**



## Summer Food Program

Food for Lane County (FFLC) and the City of Creswell have worked together to bring another year of the Summer Food Program to Creswell's youth. Lunches will be served Monday through Friday from 12pm to 1pm, beginning Monday, June 16th. Lunches will be served at Harry Holt Park and are available to children of 2 to 18 years old. Toddlers ages 1 to 2 years old may be served when accompanied by a responsible adult. If you have any questions, please call (541) 895-2531. See below for dates and location information:



**June 16th– August 22nd (Closed 7/3 & 7/4)**  
**At Harry Holt Memorial Park**  
**Between N. 4th & 5th off W. Oregon Ave.**  
**and**  
**June 16-August 22nd**  
**At Camas Court 420 S. 2nd Street**

## Deputy's Corner (Cont'd)...

there are state laws and city ordinances regarding the use of illegal fireworks. Please refer to ORS 480.110 (Definitions for Oregon Fireworks Law) for more information.



There has been a slight uptick in residential crimes like Theft, Unlawful Entry into Vehicles, and Burglaries. It is always a good time to check your security at your home and keep an eye out for suspicious people. None of these crimes indicate any particular crime wave or specific MO, they are random crimes in various areas of the City.

This is the time when our salespeople start coming by and trying to sell you items. We will try to inform them of the city solicitation ordinance as soon as possible when they arrive in town this year and see if we can't get them on their way.

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

## Conservation Corner



Smart watering not only lowers your water bill, but promotes healthy, disease and pest free plants. Smart watering reduces the amount of fertilizer and pesticide runoff from landscapes into water sources where it can affect birds, fish and other food sources.

### Simple tips for smart watering:

1. Add compost and mulch to your soil. Compost helps water to absorb more easily, and mulching prevents evaporation, and suppresses weeds.
2. Group plants with similar watering needs together so they all get the right amount of water.
3. Add drip irrigation for watering only where you need to. For more information on installing drip irrigation visit your local hardware store.
4. Remember watering deeply and less often not only reduces the amount of water you use, but encourages deep roots and healthier plants.

### So how long should you water?

Most lawns need only about 1 inch of water per week in

the summer and only half that much in September. To determine how much water your lawn is getting, place several clean tuna or cat food cans around your lawn and turn the sprinkler on for 15 minutes. Then measure the average amount of water collected and use this simple chart to estimate how long and how often you should water your lawn.

### Average depth in cans after 15 minutes:

Soil Type:	1/8"	1/4"	1/2"	3/4"	1"
Clay Soil	2 hrs	1 hr	30 min	23 min	15 min
Loamy Soil	1 hr	30 min	15 min	11 min	8 min
Sandy Soil	40 min	20 min	10 min	8 min	5 min

For bedding plants check soil moisture with a trowel before watering. Water for 15 minutes, then wait a few hours and check soil moisture again. Repeat this process until soil is moist as far down as the roots of your plants grow. For annuals, most roots are in the top 12" of the soil spreading just a short distance from the plant. For shrubs and perennials, roots can go down a couple of feet and extend two to five times the branch spread. For more info: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>.