

Creswell Connection

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join your fellow neighbors in the merriment of our annual lighting of the trees down Oregon avenue! The occasion will take place on a closed-off portion of Oregon Avenue between City Hall & the Creswell Library, Thursday, December 4th from 6pm-here will be caroling, free cider to sip and cookies to munch along with free entertainment for all. While you are visiting with friends, the little ones can visit with Santa Claus.

For those of you who can't stand the cold, the Library will be open in which to warm up. In the case of inclement weather, festivities will be moved inside the Community Center at 99 S. 1st Street.



Deputy's Corner

A very big thank you to all of you in the neighborhoods, who have been diligently looking out for suspicious people and calling them in. Also, thank you to those of you who have cameras up or snap a photo. Even if we are unable to catch those who do bad, your efforts are making them think twice and petty neighborhood crime is down. Great Job Creswell! Autumn is here and the leaves are starting to turn, please remember to clean your fireplaces and remember that it is still dry out for burning if you are trying to stay warm. Many of you turned out to see

the tragic loss of a house here in Creswell recently. This is a reminder not to allow things to burn unattended in your own house. It is also a reminder that structures are very unsafe after a fire, so please stay away from this one until the site is officially cleaned up. We would like to turn to the type of crime that is not as visible, but is very dangerous. Internet stalking crimes are becoming more frequent in our area. Parents, please check your children's internet use, the sites they are on, I-pods, cell phones, messaging ser-

Welcome to Our New R.A.R.E. Intern!

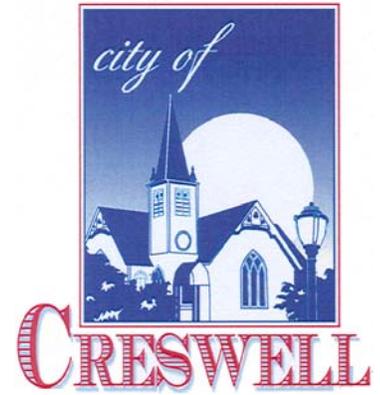
Join us in welcoming our newest AmeriCorps Resource Assistance to Rural Environments (R.A.R.E.) intern, Maia Hardy to the City of Creswell! Maia started work at City Hall this September and will continue to work alongside city officials for a full year.

Maia comes to us directly from Multnomah County where she spent a year as an Assistant Planner managing public involvement related to the Sauvie Island Rural Area Plan.

Regarding the Creswell community, Maia said, "Creswell is unique to

me—there are a lot of great people that are dedicated to making the City a great place. As this year's RARE Community Development Coordinator, I hope to be able to tap into this community's contingency of do-it-yourselfers that are willing to step up and help to resolve some of the City's challenges. You don't find that everywhere".

We are glad to have you, Maia!



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Important Dates

Oct 8th	Municipal Court
Oct 13th	Council Meeting
Nov 10th	Council Meeting
Nov 12th	Municipal Court
Nov 27th	Thanksgiving Closed
Dec 4th	Tree Lighting Ceremony
Dec 8th	Council Meeting
Dec 10th	Municipal Court
Dec 25th	Christmas Closed
Dec 31st	New Years' Eve
Jan 1st	New Years Day Closed



Leave the Leaves to Us...

Every year, leaves are swept onto roads and storm drains as citizens tidy their yards. But, what you may not know is this: When broken leaves and yard debris get into the storm drains, they clog and cause other issues within the water recycling process. In order to make cleaning up more convenient for everyone, we provide a free-of-charge leaf pick up!

There is not an official start date for taking pick up requests so whenever the leaves begin to fall,

call City Hall at (541) 895-2531. You may also schedule a pick up online. Simply go to our website: www.ci.creswell.or.us. On the homepage, click on the icon that says "Chat with Creswell". This will take you to an online request form. Please make sure to choose the type of request and fill in the required information, then click "Submit".

We ask that your leaves be bagged and curbside before they're picked up.



New Planning Technician

Most of you already know Madeline Phillips as she was the City of Creswell's R.A.R.E. intern this past year. If you see her, take a moment to congratulate her, because she was recently chosen as the City of Creswell's new Planning Technician, so she isn't going anywhere, folks. Just in case you aren't familiar with Maddie, here are some fun facts about her to get you acquainted!

- Maddie has been a Eugene resident for nearly five years, hailing originally from the Eastern Seaboard. Don't be put off by her fast-paced walking – she's always happy to smile and say hello, especially if you have a question about city planning.
- Maddie is from a small town and finds she is most comfortable working in a community where you get to know the names of the community members you work with—and they get to know you.
- Maddie would like to make planning a more positive experience for the people that live and do business in Creswell. She feels as if there is always a way to provide great customer service at City Hall and make planning activities feel accessible. Why should putting a deck on the side of your house be a headache? She wants folks to come to City Hall, be greeted with a smile, and would like to have the ability to answer their questions. If she can't answer their questions, she would like to learn and be able to share the answer with folks in a timely manner.
- She would like to build and strengthen some regional partnerships this year. Creswell is linked to several County-level and State-level organizations that we could communicate with more constructively. She hopes to have the capacity to build some of those relationships and work towards answering some challenging questions.

Did You Know?



There is a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) page on the City of Creswell's official website with a wide array of questions and answers, which were compiled by city staff. (To find FAQ, visit our website at: www.ci.creswell.or.us. On the homepage there is a menu across the top of the screen. Click "Online Services", then "Frequently Asked Questions".)

Did You Know?.....

- The city requires all dogs in city limits to be licensed. A city tag is different from a county tag. In order to purchase a license, one must be able to show proof of rabies vaccination, and have spay or neuter information. The rabies certificate must be valid for a minimum of 1-year from the date license is purchased.
- If you are digging on your property for any reason, please call 1-800-332-2344 before you dig to get utility locates.
- If you are unsure when and/or if it is okay to burn within city limits, please call the Burn Day Information Line at 541-726-3976 Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) to learn what days and times are okay to burn, what not to burn, and safety guidelines to follow.
- City Hall is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on holidays. If we are closed, the black utility drop box outside on 1st Street (near the fire station) is for any bills paid to the City of Creswell and Emerald PUD.

You can always find out what's **new** at the City of Creswell by visiting our website at www.ci.creswell.or.us. From our homepage, you can pay your utility bill, view the community calendar, submit requests, learn about Creswell government, view public notices and more!

Code Enforcement Tidbits

It is time to “Fall” back into our routines of school, cooler weather and yes, even possible rain! With this in mind, we would like to remind all residents about some code enforcement issues that arise this time of year.

- **Please do not blow grass, leaves or yard debris into the street.** This material runs into the storm drains, causing blockages. Remember, we offer leaf pickup service (see page 2 of this newsletter), so please give us a call and we would be happy to come and get them. Call 541-895-2531.
- **Basketball hoops** or skate ramps may not be stored or left in any public right-of-way. This includes streets and sidewalks. Basketball hoops left unattended in the right-of-way shall



be subject to removal by the City. This still remains to be an issue – please note that the City will confiscate any basketball hoops that are placed on the street or in the City’s right-of-ways (sidewalks).

- **Trailers, Utility trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles** may not be stored in any public right-of-way. Vehicles may be parked for a maximum of 48 hours.
- **All Yard Sale Signs** must be removed at the end of the sale, especially those placed off-site of the sale, as in utility poles and parkways. **Penalty for non-removal of signs could be as high as \$1000 per day.**



Deputy’s Corner

vices, and even online gaming. Predators are out there and use these avenues to contact your young children asking them to send pictures or information. Talk with your children and tell them about the dangers of this and to tell you if someone tries to ask for information online, or Instagram, or Facebook, or any other social media outlet. If you find something on your child’s device, don’t hesitate to contact the Sheriff’s Office. You can also check the Sheriff’s Office Website for helpful tools to protect yourself and your children from predators and ID Theft.

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 School is starting and these last few nice days hap-

pen, please slow-down in all areas during school and after, watch the parks and crosswalks. Kids, helmets are required if under 16 and you are on your bikes! You may have noticed a new look to your local Sheriff’s Office patrol cars. There are three new ones here in Creswell that are hot off the line, and quite frankly look pretty cool. Creswell was the first to receive these and rotated out our older cars with a lot of miles. Those vehicles will be put to good use in other areas of the county and state. Feel free to come by and check them out when we are not on calls for service.

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.

Sewer Rates Change For Winter

Starting October 1st, we will be transitioning to winter sewer rates for the months of October through April, which are based on actual water consumption and measured in cubic feet, not gallons. There is a base rate of \$33.68 for the first 300 cubic feet used. An additional \$2.54 is applied for every 100 cubic feet of usage after that. **This is a standard seasonal change.**

Because we have been asked in the past how to

convert cubic feet to gallons, and would like to give our customers a better understanding of how usage is calculated, here is the formula for translating cubic feet into gallons:

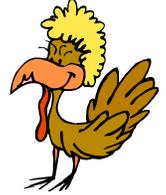
Amount of cubic feet used x 7.483 = gallons used

Example: 100 cubic feet x 7.483 = 748.3 gallons

Quirky Turkey Facts



- ◇ It was not until 1941 that congress declared Thanksgiving a national holiday. It was declared to be the fourth Thursday in November.
- ◇ 91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
- ◇ Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16 - 18 pounds of turkey.
- ◇ The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds! That's about the size of a large dog.
- ◇ A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour! They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50 and 55 miles per hour in a matter of seconds!



Social Services, Assistance, & Donations in Creswell

Community Sharing

For appointments call:
541-942-2176
Located in Cottage Grove



Senior and Disabled Services -

Senior Meals & Meals on Wheels programs:
For information call: 541-682-4038

Senior Meals are hosted at:

Cresview Villa, 350 South 2nd Street, Creswell
Meals are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.
For more information call: 541-895-2338

Womenspace Domestic Violence Prevention

Crisis Line 1-800-281-2800

For more information: 541-543-8427 or 541-767-3879

Family Relief Nursery

For more information or to make an appointment,
please call 541- 942-4835.

Creswell Christian Center—Clothes Closet

635 Holbrook Lane
Takes clothing items.
Free clothing items for those in need.
Open every Monday 9a.m.—12 p.m.

Girl Scouts Mitten Tree Project

Starts in the beginning of December.
Takes gloves, winter caps and mittens for children.
Look for decorated trees as drops sites around Creswell.

Creswell Food Pantry

364 Cobalt Lane
Open Thursdays 12:30pm -3pm
Takes canned food and non-perishable donations.



For other events & services, don't forget to check out
the Community Calendar on our website at:
www.ci.creswell.or.us.