

# Creswell Connection

## Celebrate Fall Fun at Greet 'n' Treat!

**When: Thursday,  
October 31st 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Where: Creswell  
Community Center, 99 S. 1st St.**



Come share in celebration of the Harvest season with family, friends and neighbors at our annual Greet 'n' Treat. This event is thrown by the Chamber of Commerce, City of Creswell and our town's establishments as a way of bring-

ing the community together and giving kids and parents a fun, safe atmosphere to celebrate the Fall season.

Dress up and come partake in carnival games, refreshments, a chance to win some awesome prizes and of course, plenty of candy! Parents can relax and mingle with friends, while children get a chance to have some fun and get creative with their pals during a variety of activities.

We will see you there!

## 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

**Friday, December 6th at 6pm.**

There 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.

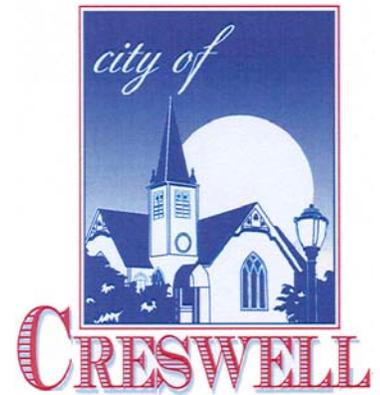
In the case of inclement weather, festivities will be moved inside the Community Center at 99 S. 1st Street.

## Quirky Turkey Facts...

- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President does not eat the live turkey. He "pardons" it and allows it to live out its days on a historical farm.
- Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas 10 million years ago.
- The average American will consume 3,000 calories at Thanksgiving dinner, and an overall total of 4,500 calories on Thanksgiving Day. Americans eat over

530 million pounds of Turkey on Thanksgiving, while more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten on that day.

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird. Thomas Jefferson opposed this idea and this is why it is believed Franklin named male turkeys "toms" to spite Jefferson.
- According to the National Turkey Federation, when Armstrong and Aldrin sat down to eat their "first meal on the moon", their foil food packets contained turkey.



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### Important Dates

Oct 7th	Council Meeting
Oct 9th	Municipal Court
Nov 11th	Council Meeting
Nov 13th	Municipal Court
Nov 21st	Thanksgiving <b>Closed</b>
Dec 6th	Tree Lighting Ceremony
Dec 9th	Council Meeting
Dec 11th	Municipal Court
Dec 25th	Christmas <b>Closed</b>
Dec 31st	New Years' Eve
Jan 1st	New Years Day <b>Closed</b>

**Court is cancelled in September**

**No Planning Commission Meeting in October**

## Best Wishes, Steve!

At the end of Summer, we had to say goodbye to our past two years' RARE intern Steve Dobrinich. The RARE program is run by the University of Oregon in cooperation with Americorps. We are going to miss not only his dedication to his work, but also his dedication to the Creswell Community.

He has not only continued our social services partnership with Community Sharing, but has also successfully reached out and invited other organizations to bring their programs to Creswell to assist our citizens in need.

Of course, we could not forget his work with the Creswell School District organizing this year's Earth Day celebration. Once again, it was a huge success!

Steve will be attending the University of Oregon this Fall working toward obtaining his Masters Degree in Community Planning. He will also be working at the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

Steve, the entire City must now say goodbye, but know that you are always welcome, and if you are passing through, stop and say hi. Thanks for all your hard work and we wish you all the best!



## Deputy's Corner



### Four Fall Reminders From Your Local Sheriff's Office

1. With leaves and rain starting to fall, along with new resurfacing of streets all over the area, give yourself a little extra time to slow down and watch for slick spots. Increasing your stopping distance will decrease the chance of sliding on wet leaves or slick resurfaced corners. Now is a good time to check your tire pressure and tread to ensure they are safe for driving in cold, wet weather.

2. School has started, so take extra care to look out for children walking or riding to school. Watch crosswalks and remember those flashing yellow lights mean 20 mph in those zones. Traffic fines are much higher when the lights are flashing. Parents, remember to put helmets on your kids 16 and under riding bikes and make sure those coming home late from practice have lights as it gets darker earlier. Adults and kids alike, darkness + bike lights = **The Law**. Oregon law requires a minimum of a front light and a rear reflector.

3. Football season and Halloween are upon us. This is a great time to meet with friends, tailgate, go to games, and have parties. Please remember if you are going to consume alcoholic beverages to drink responsibly and have a designated driver, walk home or get a taxi.



4. As it gets dark earlier, it gives more time for bad guys to lurk around. Some helpful hints to keep your property safe:

- Check your windows & doors when you leave.
- Light your house and front walk.
- Lock your cars and do not leave valuables in them.
- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Take time to log serial numbers on your valuables and make a video record of jewelry and other valuables for easy identification in the awful event that you become a victim of theft. Keep the serial numbers and video log in a safe place, not on the hard drive of your computer (they like to steal these).

\*\*The Lane County Sheriff's Office has recently begun a new Home Security and Safety Evaluation Program. By request, trained volunteers will come to your residence and evaluate safety and security concerns. They will also give you helpful hints on remedies to make your house safer and more secure. Visit the website for more information at:

<http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/Sheriff/Pages/HomeSecuritySafetyInspections.aspx>

It is a pleasure for us to serve you,

Your Creswell Deputies



## 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](http://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 leaves be bagged and curbside before they're picked up.



## Did You Know?



There is a "Frequently Asked Questions" 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 the page, visit our website at: [www.ci.creswell.or.us](http://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.
- In the event a dog is lost or found by someone other than the owner, the city's website has a lost & found animals page where a picture of the dog can be posted in hopes it will be recognized. Even if we have not picked up your lost animal, send us a picture and info and it will still go on the website. You can email the information and picture to: [info@creswell-or.us](mailto:info@creswell-or.us).
- If you are digging on your property for any reason, please call 1-800-332-2344 before you dig, to get utility locates.
- If a sprinkler system is being installed on your property, you are required to purchase a backflow device installation permit and it must be inspected by someone state-approved. This device blocks any contaminants such as soaps or chemicals from seep-

ing back into the water supply.

- 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 (LRAPA) to learn what days and times to burn, what not to burn, and safety guidelines to follow.
- A fence permit is needed for any fence being built in Creswell city limits. In order to apply for a permit, either come to City Hall to request one or go to [www.ci.creswell.or.us](http://www.ci.creswell.or.us) for a copy of the application. Click on "I Want To", then "Apply For", then "Building & Electrical Permits". That is where you will find the fence permit application. You will need to print it out to complete it. Once your application is complete, return it to City Hall and pay the \$25.00 fee and your permit will be reviewed.
- Because Creswell has a Police Substation, deputies are not always available to speak with, as most of their time is spent patrolling to keep our streets safe. If you would like to contact an officer, but one is not available, please call the non-emergency dispatch line at 541-682-4150.
- 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 visit our website anytime for these and many more answers to your questions. If you need assistance, please feel free to call us at 541-895-2531.





## Lights are on at Cobalt

We're nearly there, Creswell! Electrical work and plumbing will be finished just in time to welcome the Creswell Food Pantry to the Cobalt Building. City staff and our contractors are working hard to get the building up and running.

Once utility work is complete, the Cobalt Building will open its doors to new groups and programs in

the building. In particular, a few fundraising events are slated for early November for the new Creswell Skatepark. Stay tuned for ways to support Creswell's skate park dreams!



## 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 \$33.51 for the first 300 cubic feet used. An additional \$2.53 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:

$$\text{Amount of cubic feet used} \times 7.483 = \text{gallons}$$

$$\text{Example: } 100 \text{ cubic feet} \times 7.483 = 748.3 \text{ gallons}$$

## Social Services, Assistance, & Donations in Creswell

### Community Sharing

For appointments call: (541) 942-2176  
Thursdays 11:30 am - 3 pm at the Community Center,  
99 S. 1st Street.  
Website: [www.communitysharing.org](http://www.communitysharing.org)

**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 at Noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
For more information call: (541) 895-2338.

**Womenspace Domestic Violence Prevention Crisis Line 1-800-281-2800**  
More info: 543-8427 or 767-3879

**Family Relief Nursery**  
More info or to make appointment : (541) 942-4835

**Creswell Christian Center**  
635 Holbrook Lane  
Takes clothing items.  
Open every Monday 9-12 a.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.

### Food donation and event options:

**Creswell Food Pantry**  
111 S. 10th Street  
Open Thursdays 1-3 p.m.  
Takes canned food and non perishables

**Friendship Dinner**  
Creswell Presbyterian Church, Tuesdays at 5pm  
In the Fellowship Hall