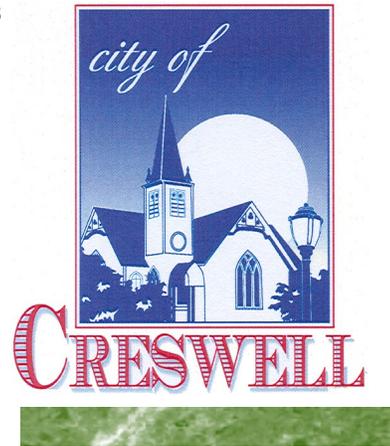


Creswell Connection



Important Notice to Our Customers



You may receive, or may have already received a solicitation letter from a company called HomeServe. This company is offering water service line coverage to customers in our area. HomeServe is NOT affiliated with nor endorsed by the City of Creswell. The City of Creswell does NOT require any of our customers to obtain this service.

Deputy's Corner

We hope that you all enjoyed the recent snowfall the area experienced. I know that the kids sledding down from the top of Holbrook Lane did. That brings up some very good reminders about driving in snow, ice, and inclement weather. Take a moment to remember these simple tokens of advice:



- ◆ Give yourself extra time to get where you need to go. Slow down, especially when the temperature gets to freezing.
- ◆ Give yourself extra stopping distance, because there is not as much traction on snowy, icy roads.
- ◆ A good start to your winter is to check your tires for proper inflation and tread wear before heading out. Also check fluid levels and windshield wipers.
- ◆ For more winter travel tips and info, follow this link to the Oregon Dept. of Transportation's website:
www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/Pages/winterdriving.aspx

While burglaries and theft in the area have decreased, now is not the time to let your guard down. Make sure you are locking your doors. Don't put big boxes from your new fun toys out beside your house or on the curb waiting for trash day. That lets potential burglars know there are new things in your house.



There are a lot of things in the works in Creswell that your Sheriff's Office is working with the City on to enhance the traffic safety of the community. The flashing school zone lights have been adjusted to match the schedules of all three schools. We are also looking at some additional stop signs in high traffic areas. Keep an eye out for these changes if they are approved.

Lastly, as always, if you are the victim of a crime or see something suspicious, call 9-1-1 in an emergency, or 541 -682-4150 for non-emergency reporting.



Your Creswell Deputies

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Special Dates

Jan 1st	New Years Day (Closed)
Jan 8th	Municipal Court
Jan 13th	City Council Meeting
Feb 10th	City Council Meeting
Feb 12th	Municipal Court
Feb 14th	Valentine's Day
Feb 17th	Presidents' Day (Closed)
Mar 10th	City Council Meeting
Mar 12th	Municipal Court
Mar 17th	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20th	Spring



Community Services

Creswell Social Services Office

Creswell Community Center, 99 South 1st St.

SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) of Willamalane

1st Tuesday of each month: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Marilyn Cabrera: (541) 736-4421

Womenspace

Wednesdays: 10am - 6:00pm

(Bilingual services available from 10am-2pm)

Alex Casillas: (541) 543-8515

Georgia Kashnig: (541) 543-8427.

Community Sharing Program

Thursdays: 11:30am - 3:00pm

Contact Lise Colgan

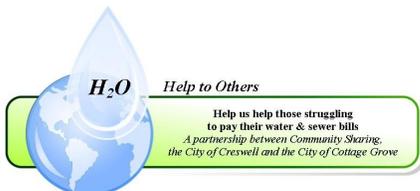
(541) 946-7109 or (541) 942-2176



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, see the back page of this newsletter! If you or someone you know is in need of this type of assistance, please contact the Community Sharing Program at: 541-942-2176.



Other Community Services

Community Food for Creswell

New Location! **364 Cobalt Lane**

Emergency food boxes are available to income-eligible individuals and families every Thursday 12:30pm-3pm. For more information call Susan Blachnik at 541-895-8864 (also the number for Plumb Crazy Plumbing).



Meals on Wheels

Senior and Disabled Services (541) 682-7804

Senior Meals are served Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at noon at Cresview Villa, 350 South 2nd St.

For more information call: (541) 895-2338

Energy Assistance

Senior & Disabled Services: 541-682-7810

Community Sharing: 541-942-2176

St. Vincent DePaul: 541-461-8794 or 541-689-6747



Talk to the City of Creswell

Need to report a street light outage, a water leak, or ask about your water bill? You can do it all online. The City has a program that allows you to enter a request, look up answers to frequently asked questions, submit an opinion, or participate in a poll. This is one of several services offered by the City in an effort to improve communication with the community.

In addition to the customer service this program provides, it offers a work order system behind the scenes that will enable public works, city hall staff and airport personnel to create, update and exchange information from any location. Being able to better communicate with each other and track information ultimately results in more efficient service to the public. To access the Citizen Request form, simply log on to the city's website at:

www.ci.creswell.or.us and click on "Chat with Creswell". We can't wait to hear from you!



An Ounce of Prevention...



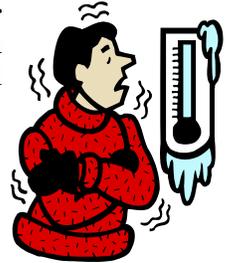
Icy winds and sub-freezing temperatures can do a lot of damage to your home or business by freezing pipes and leaving you without running water. Follow these tips to prevent costly repairs:

- Insulate all pipes located in unheated areas, such as the garage and garden areas. Inexpensive foam insulation is available at most home improvement stores.
- Disconnect outside hoses, wrap faucets and cover them with plastic or faucet covers.
- Cover crawl space vents when temperatures dip

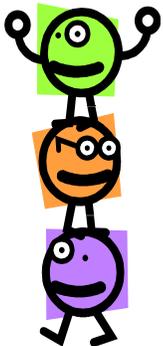
below freezing.

- Turn on a small but steady drip of cold water at the inside faucet furthest from the water meter. Also, open cabinet doors below the sink to let warm air circulate around water pipes.

If your pipes do break, shut off your water using the hand valve. If you cannot get the water turned off, call us at (541) 895-2531 for assistance.



Cobalt Action Team Moves Building Improvements Forward



Community Food for Creswell has set the bar high as the anchor tenant of the Cobalt Building, providing a much-needed service to the greater Creswell community.

Now it's time for the Cobalt Action Team to make some moves! With electric conversion of the Cobalt Building and bathroom renovations complete, the Cobalt Action Team has

developed the start of an Action Plan to address remaining code requirements. The Action Plan will address safety and functionality concerns of the Cobalt Building in hopes of opening its doors to the residents of Creswell before Spring arrives. Included in the Action Plan are functionality improvements, as-well-as program-driven improvements to the building.

The Cobalt Action Team looks forward to getting new programs and activities going in the Cobalt Building!

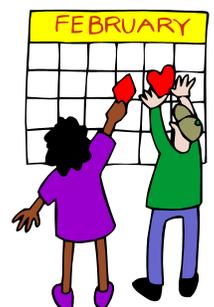
Online Community Calendar

Ever wish that you could get the word out about an important event in Creswell with less hassle? Businesses, organizations, schools and community members can post events, dates and more on a community calendar at Creswell's official website. The calendar is meant to let community members have a voice, and become more involved with the happenings in Creswell.

Any and all messages go through an approval process before being posted on the calendar. The calendar can also conveniently sync to most email programs via CSV, iCal or RSS. Specific events and topics can be followed, or have alerts sent to mobile devices, through an RSS

link. Events and dates can be searched by event type, list, week, and more! The calendar can be accessed on the City of Creswell's *Facebook* page, as well.

To access the calendar from our website, go to www.ci.creswell.or.us. While on the homepage, click on the Community Calendar icon at the far right. Once at the calendar page, click "Add Event". Just fill in all of the information and send it on to us for approval. You will see it posted soon. It's that easy!





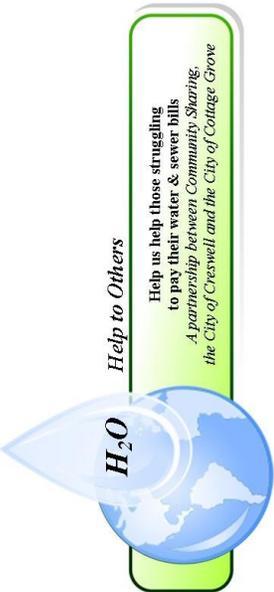
H2O program

H₂O (Help to Others) Donation Voucher

Name: _____

Address: _____

Account Number: _____



Please add a monthly pledge to my water/sewer bill:

\$1 \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 Other: \$ _____

Round up my bill I would like to make a one time donation in the amount of \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with your donation to City of Creswell, P.O. Box 276, Creswell OR 97426 Thanks!

HOW TO DONATE

There are two ways to give to H₂O:

1. Make a one time donation.

If this works best for you, please make your check payable to City of Creswell H₂O Program and mail with return voucher to:

City of Creswell
 P.O. Box 276
 Creswell, OR 97426

Make a one time donation online by visiting the City's website: www.ci.creswell.or.us

2. Make a monthly contribution.

If you would like to "round up" your bill to the nearest dollar or contribute a set monthly amount, please fill out the attached voucher and return it to our office. We will automatically add your monthly pledge to your regular utility bill.

If you would like to discontinue your monthly contribution at any time, please let us know in writing.

