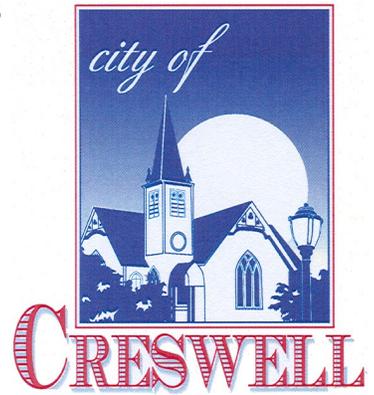


Creswell Connection

Vision to Action Workshops: Re-Imagining Bald Knob!



by Maia Hardy

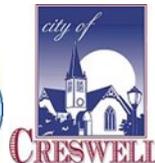
**Join us in imagining a new future for
Creswell's Bald Knob Mill!
Wednesday, January 27th**

The Bald Knob Mill represents nearly HALF of Creswell's industrially zoned land. This site has been vacant since 2008 when a fire destroyed part of the mill. The City of Creswell believes that this property is intrinsically valuable due to its proximity to Downtown Creswell, and its connection to Hill Creek and Garden Lake Park. We are asking YOU to join us in dreaming a sustainable future for this site. Please join us at one of the following workshops: *(Food will be provided)*

- ◆ January 27th, 2016, 10am– 12noon at Creswell High School Library, 33390 Nieblock Lane
- ◆ January 27th, 2016, 6pm—8:30pm at Creswell Community Center, 99 South 1st Street

Can't make it to a workshop, but have thoughts to share? Please contact Maia Hardy at: mhardy@creswell-or.us or call 541-895-2531 ext. 304.

- *Vision to Action is brought to you by the City of Creswell, The United States Environmental Protection Agency, and Business Oregon**



Deputy's Corner



By Deputy Scott Denham

As 2015 comes to a close and we enter 2016, it is wet, wet, wet. That brings up some very good reminders about driving in heavy rain, snow, ice, and other 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

and pump your brakes slowly as you stop, not abruptly. If you start to slide, gently apply your breaks and do not wrench your wheel to correct the slide. 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 replace your windshield wipers.

While burglaries and theft in the area have decreased, now is not the
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Special Dates

Jan 1st	New Years Day (City Hall Closed)
Jan 11th	City Council Meeting
Jan 13th	Municipal Court
Jan 27th	Re-Imagining Bald Knob Workshops
Feb 8th	City Council Meeting
Feb 10th	Municipal Court
Feb 14th	Valentine's Day
Feb 15th	Presidents' Day (City Hall Closed)
Mar 7th	City Council Meeting
Mar 9th	Municipal Court
Mar 17th	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 19th	First Day of Spring



Emergency Preparedness List

By Maddie Phillips

Are you prepared?



It is essential for individuals and families to be prepared in case of a natural disaster. Mother Nature can be very unpredictable, but having emergency supplies on hand can help mitigate some of the stress and help focus on recovering from an emergency situation.

Building an emergency kit can be overwhelming. Starting with a 72-hour survival kit can help you and your family cope with a short-duration emergency situation. In some cases, having supplies for your family can be lifesaving. It is a good idea to consider the needs of your entire family, as well as specializing a kit for those family members with specific medical or circumstantial needs.

Most families prefer to store their emergency supplies in one location that is relatively safe, yet easily accessible if evacuation is required. Items could be stored in a 32-gallon trash can, suitcase, duffel bag, or individual pack.

Emergency Needs

- Battery powered radio
- First aid kit
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Waterproof/windproof matches
- Nonperishable foods
- Water storage (1 gallon/person/day)
- Water purification tablets
- Utility knife
- Manual can opener
- Emergency candles



- Extra eyeglasses and contact lenses
- Essential medications
- Suggested nonperishable food items: Ready-to-eat goods in unbreakable containers, canned meats, juice, fruits and vegetables, powdered milk, infant care foods, crackers, peanut butter, freeze-dried and dehydrated goods.
- Sanitation bucket with tightly fitting lid
- Plastic bags and ties
- Disinfectant, soap
- Paper cups, plates, and utensils
- Personal toiletries & hygienic needs
- Improvised toilet seat (5-gallon bucket or a coffee can)
- Toilet paper



Standard First Aid Kit

- First aid manual
- Aspirin or pain relievers
- Rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide
- Petroleum jelly
- Soap, salt, baking soda
- Sanitary napkins
- Triangular bandages
- Elastic bandages, pressure dressings
- Cotton balls
- Scissors, needles, tweezers
- Popsicle sticks, splints, heavy string
- Thermometer, paper tape
- Personal prescription medications



FREE Sandbags!

This year, we have plenty of sand and empty sandbags available to all Creswell residents for FREE! All you need to do is fill them! **This will be by appointment only and you must live within Creswell city limits.**

To make an appointment, please call 541-895-2531 and provide your name and phone number. Someone from Public Works will get back to you with an appointment time. You can also submit your request online! Just go to www.ci.creswell.or.us and complete a citizen request. (See article on page 4 "Talk to the City of Creswell"). Once your request is received, someone will contact you. Please be prepared to show picture ID (proof of address in city limits).

In the event of an emergency, sand & bags will be immediately accessible at 575 West Oregon (beside the middle school).





Deputy's Corner (cont'd)

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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.

In August, the City Council passed a new solicitation ordinance, replacing the old one. The new ordinance allows solicitors to enter onto property in the city between the hours of 9am and 8pm. They may not enter onto property that is posted with "no solicitor" or "no trespassing" signs. If you have a solicitor that violates the ordinance or is being particularly rude and not heeding your directions to leave your property, please make an attempt to get their name, maybe a phone number, and company they work for. We will make every effort to help them understand the ordinance. If you call in a complaint, please be sure to advise LCSO Dispatch whether or not you have posted signs at your residence.



The holidays and New Year are always a great time for gathering with friends, attending parties, and having a great time. Please remember to travel responsibly, have a designated driver, and please do not drive if you have been drinking. The Sheriff's Office will have extra patrols out this year along with the Oregon State Police, in an effort to curtail drunk driving. **STAY SOBER and STAY ALIVE.**

Many of you may not know that Deputy Dan Olsen retired from the Sheriff's Office at the beginning of December. One of his parting statements was how great it was to work in the Creswell Community and finish his career here. With Deputy Olsen's retirement, we welcome Deputy Bryan Holiman to the Creswell Contract. Feel free to give him a wave if you see him.

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.

What is Your Vision for Creswell's Future?

City of Creswell Strategic Planning Process:

The City is working on the development of a new three-to-five year strategic plan for the future of Creswell. We have developed working drafts of a mission, a vision, and strategic goals.

Mission: The City of Creswell exists to provide quality, reliable, and affordable city services to city residents and businesses creating a safe, livable, attractive community with a unique small-town atmosphere.

Vision: Creswell will be a place where people want to live and work. We envision a community that:

Is a safe, inclusive, family-oriented small town community of desirable neighborhoods with rural roots.

Serves as a gateway to vibrant natural resources.

Supports a resilient, robust local economy.

Has citizens actively engaged in the improving and maintain a high quality of life.

Strategic Goals:

Accountable Government: Deliver programs and services transparently and efficiently.

Community Engagement: Inspire citizen engagement in shaping and serving the community.

Economic Development: Build the City's capacity to support and attract businesses, create jobs, and position Creswell for sustainable growth.

Quality of Life: Create a great place to live by providing infrastructure that supports our community's needs, access to recreation opportunities, and safe neighborhoods.

Safety and Preparedness: Ensure a safe community through proactive and responsive protection of life, property, and infrastructure.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

What do you think? Please visit: <https://www.research.net/r/CreswellVisionPublicInput> to give your feedback, or email mdamberg@creswell-or.us.

Community Services in Creswell

Community Food for Creswell—Food Pantry

364 Cobalt Lane, Every Thursday 12:30pm-3pm.

Emergency food boxes are available to income-eligible individuals and families.

For information, or to make a donation, please contact Susan Blachnik at 541-246-9117.

(Directions: From Oregon Ave., go North on 1st Street, then take a left (West) on Cobalt. Pantry is on the right)



Senior Meals

Cresview Villa, 350 S. 2nd Street

12pm noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

For more information call: (541) 895-2338.

SHIBA - Senior Health Insurance Benefits

Assistance through Willamalane

Creswell Community Center, 99 S. 1st St.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1pm - 4pm.

Call for an appointment 541-736-4537



Wednesday Night Dinners

New Hope Baptist Church, 597 S. Front Street

Every Wednesday at 5:15 pm—All Welcome, FREE.

Womenspace

Creswell Community Ctr.- 99 S. 1st St. (Days Vary)

Call for an appointment 541-767-3879.

For immediate help, call:

WOMENSPACE CRISIS LINE at 1-800-281-2800

Call 2-1-1 for a Statewide List of Social Services.

Some of those services include:

- Food, Housing & Clothing
- Utility Assistance
- Support Groups
- Healthcare Services
- Senior Services
- Transportation
- Prescription Assistance



You can also **TEXT your zip code to 898211** or send an email to: help@211info.org for a complete listing.

Help to Others Program

Help to Others (H2O) 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 supplemental 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.

If you or someone you know is in need of this type of assistance, please contact the Community Sharing Program at 541-942-2176. They are located at: 1440 Birch Avenue, Cottage Grove.



Talk to the City of Creswell

Need to report a street light outage, request an appointment to pick up sandbags, 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". It only takes a few minutes to fill out the online form and once your request has been sent, you will be provided with a request number. You can then track the progress of your request anytime by entering your request number under "Check Request" on the same citizen request form. We can't wait to hear from you!

