

Creswell Connection

Creswell's Annual 4th of July Celebration



(Excerpt from the Creswell Chamber of Commerce Website: creswellchamber.com)

Creswell's 4th of July Celebration truly brings out the best in our community. It is a wonderful celebration of our independence that brings home big slices of red, white, and blue; a celebration that unfolds in all its splendor right here in our community. "It's a day that ends with a bang!"

The parade starts at 11am, but there is so much more. Please call the Creswell Chamber of Commerce at (541) 895-4398 or visit their

website at:

www.creswellchamber.com for all of the day's details.

The Creswell Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based, non-profit organization that exists to help and support our local businesses and organizations, strengthen the local economy and enhance our community. Want to learn more about our Chamber? Need information about the local Creswell area? Email or call the Chamber office today. They would be glad to help.

We will see you on Saturday, July 4th for hometown fun for all!



Free Movies in the Park!

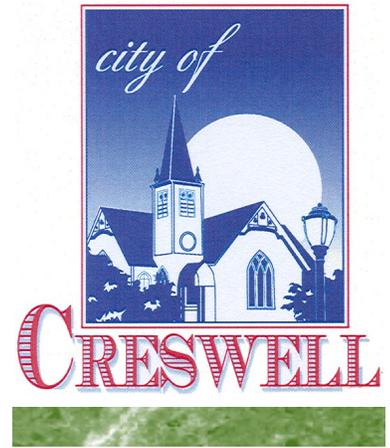
Movies in the Park is coming back to Creswell starting July 18th! Watch your favorite movies under the stars all summer long! Shows will be hosted at Harry Holt Memorial Park at dusk (around 8:30pm) on select Saturday nights in July and August. The park is located just North of Oregon Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets. Movies in the park are always FREE! The movies program is brought to you by the City of Creswell and Willamalane Park & Recreation



District. Movies shown are family-friendly and rated PG (with the exception this year of Jurassic Park, which is PG-13). Refreshments will be available for purchase by local fund-raising groups.

2015 Summer Movie Schedule

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| Despicable Me (PG) | July 8 |
| The Princess Bride (PG) | July 25 |
| Jurassic Park (PG-13) | Aug. 1 |
| Frozen Sing-along (PG) | Aug. 8 |
| The Lego Movie (PG) | Aug. 15 |
| The Sandlot (PG) | Aug. 22 |



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Dates to Remember

July 4th	Independence Day
July 8th	Municipal Court
July 13th	City Council Meeting
July 23rd	Planning Commission
Aug. 10th	Council meeting
Aug. 12th	Municipal Court
Aug. 20th	Planning Commission
Sept. 7th	Labor Day City Hall Closed
Sept. 9th	Municipal Court
Sept. 14th	Council Meeting
Sept. 17th	Planning Commission

*Special City Council Meetings & Work Sessions will be posted to the Community Calendar online at: www.ci.creswell.or.us



Deputy's Corner

(By Deputy Scott Denham)

Greetings from your Creswell Lane County Sheriff Deputies. Creswell's Fourth of July celebration is a really big deal, not only to those visiting, but to the community, including Creswell's deputies. For decades, the city's population and vehicle traffic swells to astounding levels as activities like the parade, fireworks and assortment of other events occur around town. While enjoying the sunshine and the many things to do, we want to remind our citizens and visitors to stay safe while having fun.

Traffic is always a major issue both in town and in the surrounding areas as people are traveling to celebrate the holiday. The Fourth of July is historically a major day for both minor and major vehicle crashes throughout the county and the state.

Once in Creswell, residents and visitors alike need to take precautions to protect valuables. Property crime is often an opportunistic

crime. Lock car doors and don't store valuables in vehicles, especially in plain sight. Many thefts occur when a perpetrator finds a door unlocked or a window down, and the valuables become "easy pickings" for a thief. Make sure you lock your residence doors also when you leave to enjoy the festivities.

Fireworks are one of the greatest aspects of the Fourth of July celebrations. With this comes great responsibility for both personal safety and the community's safety. Personal fireworks are not allowed at any of the events for this reason. Fireworks can also create great stress on pets, and owners should make sure these companions are protected from direct contact, as well as the potential for a frightened pet to get loose. The State of Oregon has banned several personal fireworks to include aeries and firecrackers due to the dangers of using these items outside of an approved event. The City of Creswell has adopted the Oregon Revised Statute language with re-



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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 be-

coming 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. Thank you!





Water Conservation Tips



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.

Advantages to Planting Native Plants

Local gardeners have long-known about or may be just discovering the advantages of planting native plants. These hardy and beautiful "guys" are not big water gulpers or too fussy about maintenance. They can be a whole new world to explore, linking you to Oregon's Forests and plains. And speaking of "links"...



Did you know that you can access an online Water Wise Gardening Class offered by OSU by going to our website? Just go to www.ci.creswell.or.us and from the homepage click "Your Government", then "Departments" then "Public Works". From this page, just scroll down to the section on Spring and Summer Gardening Resources. There are ideas and links to Native Plant Gardening, WaterWise Gardening and the OSU Extension Lane County Farm and Garden Program. The latter features free monthly online seminars by the Lane County Master Gardeners Association! Check it out!

Do You Have a Favorite Water-Saving Idea?

Please share it with us on our website. From the homepage, click the icon to "Chat With Creswell". That will bring you to several options, choose the option "Opinion", then simply fill out the box and send it to us. We would love to hear from you!!



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 22nd. 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.

Monday, June 22nd - Friday, August 21st
At Harry Holt Memorial Park
 (Between 4th & 5th Streets just
 North of Oregon Ave.)
(Program will be closed Friday, July 3rd)

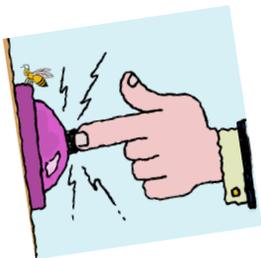


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guards to these items, and illegal possession and/or use **can** result in a \$500 ticket.

We hope all who live in the community and those who come to visit for the day enjoy the many events Creswell is continuing to be known for. Remember why we have the holiday, celebrate safely and responsibly, and say hi to your local deputies as we walk around town.

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.**



You may notice that there is now a small doorbell outside the Sheriff's Office door for the public to use if we are in the office since we cannot hear

Code Enforcement Tidbits

This summer, whether you are preparing your RV or motorhome for your upcoming summer vacation or just getting back from one, please be kind to your neighbors, by limiting the time you park your RV or motorhome on the street to a maximum of 48 hours.

When parking your RV, please leave room for your neighbors to enter and exit their driveways easily and remember not to block sidewalks or other right-of-way and vision clearance areas.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a great vacation!



you knock. Please be aware that if we are interviewing someone or are not in the office we will not be able to answer the door and the best way to contact us is through LCSO Dispatch at the listed number.

Your Creswell Deputies.



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