

Creswell Connection

City-Wide Cleanup is May 14th!



The smell of Spring is in the air and the city-wide cleanup is right around the corner! Many of you will be cleaning up your yard and house from Winter and the holidays. We'd like to assist in your efforts by providing you a place to bring unwanted items for FREE! (Sponsored by Sanipac, Lane County, and the City of Creswell.)

Bring us your yard debris and lawn trimmings, old junk, leftover building materials, scrap metal, old household appliances (large* & small), and much more "stuff", including tires!

When: Saturday, May 14th
8am to 1pm

Where: Public Works Maintenance Shop, 83624 N. Pacific Hwy. (Hwy 99N)

You will be asked to show your picture ID at the gate. Your current address must be on your ID and you must live in the Creswell city limits to participate.

No businesses, please.



Bring as many loads as you would like! We will also help to unload your vehicle!

The City of Creswell's goal is to keep as much "stuff" as possible out of the landfill. When preparing for clean-up day, *please* consider donating items to the following organizations first:

- **Building Materials:** BRING recycling (4446 Franklin Blvd, Eugene)
- **Clothing, furniture, household:** Goodwill drop off (Joe's Diner parking lot).
- **Electronics:** Next Step Recycling (980 McKinley St., Eugene).

We cannot accept:

household garbage, computer monitors, TVs, paint, household chemicals, or recyclables. For a complete list & more, please visit us online at: www.ci.creswell.or.us.



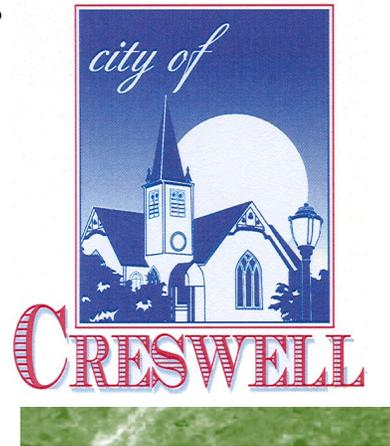
*Public Works will pickup your large appliances, but you must schedule it with us prior to pick up day. Please call 541-895-2531 before 12 noon, Thursday, May 12th, 2016.

Thank you for keeping Creswell beautiful!

Community-Wide Yard Sale May 6th & 7th

Need some help advertising for your yard sale? We can help! Sign up for the Community-Wide Yard Sale, **Friday, May 6th & Saturday, May 7th**. Simply register online at: www.creswellchamber.com or fill out the form on page 2 and send it back to us. If you prefer, call us at 541-895-2531. **Please register no later than April 25th to be included on the community map.**

Community maps will be available early Friday morning, May 6th at many local businesses.



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May 9th	Council Meeting
May 11th	Municipal Court
May 14th	City-wide Cleanup
May 8th	Mothers' Day
May 30th	Memorial Day – City Hall Closed
June 8th	Municipal Court
June 13th	Council meeting



COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE FORM

Community-Wide Yard Sale Friday, May 6th & Saturday, May 7th

The time for Spring cleaning is here! Sign up today to participate in the Community-Wide Yard Sale. Register on-line at www.creswellchamber.com or fill out the form and mail it back to Creswell City Hall and we will include your yard sale on the community map. You may call City Hall at (541) 895-2531 and we will take your information over the phone.

In order to be included on the map, you must be registered no later than April 25th.

Additional advertising opportunities for yard sales & business sponsorship are available; contact The Creswell Chronicle for details (olson@thecreswellchronicle.com).

Yes, please include me on the Yard Sale Map!

Name _____		Contact Phone Number _____	
Address _____		Contact email _____	

Please indicate the time of day(s) & times of your garage sale:

Days (Check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM
	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	From: _____	AM/PM	To: _____	AM/PM

Code Enforcement Corner



By Shelley Humble, Code Enforcement Officer

Spring has sprung and the City of Creswell would like to remind all residents about some code enforcement issues that arise this time of year.

Please do not blow grass or yard debris into the street. This material runs into the storm drains, causing blockages.



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.



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 \$500 per day.



Sidewalks may not be blocked by vehicles, whether parked in a driveway or on the street. It is also unlawful to drive over any sidewalk or put any items in the gutter that may be used as a ramp to drive over a curb.

Finally, **Spring Growth and Noxious Vegetation** – between June 15th and September 30th of any year, no owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property. 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, a fire hazard, or, in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or from going to seed.





Deputy's Corner

By Deputy Scott Denham



Happy Spring to our Creswell Citizens. Now that the sun is starting to peek out, dry things up, and make things grow, many more garages are opening, yard gates are standing open, and all your yard tools are ramping up for Spring and Summer clean up. With all of that happening, easy opportunities arise for the criminal element in the area to help themselves to your stuff. Please remember to close your doors, garages and gates, and lock your cars when you are not around, even if you are just running to the hardware store. Now is a good time to mark your valuables; make inventory lists with make, model, size, and serial number of your property. Take archive photos of your jewelry and precious gems. This helps tremendously in the awful event that you become a victim. Recently with some great observation and tracking by you in the community, we have been able to recover some stolen items and are working toward prosecution for some of these crimes. **Great job reporting suspicious people in your neighborhoods and keep up the good work!**



As the sun stays out longer and it gets warmer, there are a lot more children riding bikes to school or walking. Please slow down in all areas during school and after, watch the parks and crosswalks. Kids, helmets are required if under 16!

We have had many complaints of vehicles going around or not stopping for our school buses when they stop to disembark kids. Remember: "If the red lights flash, you don't get to pass."

Do you know your **cross walk** laws? The Oregon Legislature has revised these laws over the past six years and many drivers are unclear about the rules. **Whether marked or unmarked, every intersection is a crosswalk.** Even if there is no paint, drivers follow crosswalk rules. Those rules state that if a pedestrian is at a crosswalk and they make a forward gesture toward the street- whether by extending a foot, hand, cane, or a stroller wheel, for instance- motorists must come to a complete stop, and remain stopped until the pedestrian fully clears the pedestrian "buffer zones". This means the pedestrian not only crosses the lane in which the motorist is waiting, but also is beyond the center turn lane, bike lane, or similar road feature. If the driver starts moving before the pedestrian is clear it is a Class B violation with a base fine



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Summer Sewer Rates

Starting May 1st, the City of Creswell will make the annual transition to summer sewer rates for the months of May through September. This method of calculation was designed to save you money!

During the summer months, you are simply billed your winter average of water consumption for your sewer rate. For example, if you used 4,200 cubic feet of water from October to April, (4200 divided by 7 months) your summer sewer rate would be 600 cubic feet per month, no matter how much water you actually use.

You may be asking yourself, "Why doesn't the city just measure residents' actual summer sewer usage, as done in winter?" Well, the answer is simple. People tend to use a lot more water outside washing cars, watering lawns, filling pools, etc. in the summer months. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at 541-895-2531.



Annual Backflow Testing

Tests Must be Completed
by June 1, 2016



Do you have an underground irrigation/sprinkler system? If you do, you probably have a backflow device that requires annual testing. There are other reasons why you may have a backflow assembly installed on your property, but irrigation systems are the most common residential application.

Oregon Administrative Rule 33-061-0070 and city Ordinance #346 requires The City of Creswell to protect the public water supply from contamination, by requiring installation and annual testing of all backflow assemblies. Please contact a certified tester and have them test every backflow assembly you have. (A list of State Certified Testers is available at City Hall and online at <https://yourwater.oregon.gov/backflow.php?county=Lane>). They should forward a copy of the completed test report to the City and also provide you with a copy for your records.

Thank you for working with us to protect our public water system! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Call or email Mike Howard, Water Treatment Plant Operator at 541-895-4044, mhoward@creswell-or.us.

An Economic Vision for Creswell

By Madeline Phillips, City Planner

What drives Creswell's economy?

Creswell has strong history as a timber and agricultural hub. As the city has grown and changed, so too has our economy. Today, more than half of Creswell's residents commute to the Eugene/Springfield Metro area for work. It is the City's hope that Creswell will support a strong local economy to meet the ever-changing needs of our residents. Our local economy spans home-based businesses to industrial facilities and everything in between. So where do we start?

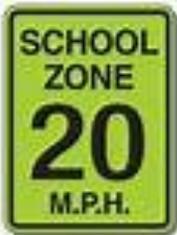
The City has partnered with the Community Planning Workshop (CPW), a graduate workshop within the University of Oregon's Planning Department, to help develop an economic vision for Creswell. This vision will guide Creswell's efforts to strengthen the things we're already doing right, identify some of our needs, and help the City chart a path forward toward filling some of the gaps. The questions the City hopes to answer are:

- What does it mean for Creswell to be "open for business"?
- How can the City help in this effort?
- How do we connect with the business community?

To help the City move in the right direction, a small Project Advisory Team formed to guide the project. The Project Advisory Team has representation from the Creswell School District, Downtown and General Commercial business owners, Agricultural business interest, Planning Commission, City Council, and Commercial real estate – Quite a wide spectrum of perspectives! You will see students and Advisory Team members out and about, asking business owners for their input on a number of questions. We want to hear from as many businesses and interested folks as possible! Feel free to contact Maddie Phillips, City Planner, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns mphillips@creswell-or.us or 895-2531 ext. 326.

Deputy's Corner (cont'd...)

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of \$260, and can be as much as \$520 in a school zone. This also pertains to speeds in the school zones when lights are flashing or posted. The area between 6th St and 10th St on A St as well as the area on 10th between A St and Oregon Ave are all posted at 20 MPH on school days from 7:00am until 5:00pm. Please be diligent in checking your speed. There is no hurry worth the ticket.

Some of you may know Deputy Pease has been reassigned to the Coast. We welcome Deputy Levi Mckenney to the team here in Creswell. Feel free to stop and say "Hi" to him as you see him around.

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.

Burn Day Information



With Spring cleaning right around the corner, this is a great time for some friendly reminders regarding backyard burning. Please follow these simple rules to help ensure everyone's safety and maintain good air quality.

Backyard burning is permitted in the City of Creswell in accordance with Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA). Keep in mind LRAPA identifies Creswell as "All Other Areas".

Remember, every day is not a burn day. Please follow these simple guidelines:

- ◆ Always call first to see if it is a burn day. Never burn garbage, tires, treated wood, petroleum products, plastic or other prohibited materials.
- ◆ Always have tools on-hand to control your fire.
- ◆ Attend your fire at all times.
- ◆ Always extinguish your fire by sunset.

BURN LINE: 541-726-3976