

# Creswell Connection



## From the Steps of City Hall...

- ◆ Recently, Portland State University (PSU) completed a Policing Study for The City of Creswell. PSU will conduct a public presentation of the study on October 19th at 6pm at City Hall in the McCluskey Chambers.
- ◆ We are now taking applications for our new Water Advisory Committee. If you have an interest in joining this committee, please see



- ◆ Michelle Amberg or Roberta Tharp at City Hall.
- ◆ There is a vacant seat on our City Council. If you have a desire to serve the citizens of Creswell, please apply. You must be 21 years old and live within the Creswell City limits. For more information, please visit our website at: [www.ci.creswell.or.us](http://www.ci.creswell.or.us) or please contact Roberta Tharp, City Recorder at 541-895-2531 x 307.

## Welcome!

A big welcome goes out to our new Community Development Coordinator, Maia Hardy! Maia was chosen out of 8 other applicants for her combination of government & economic development experience needed for this new position.

Maia first came to work for the City of Creswell in 2013, through AmeriCorps as a Resource Assistant to Rural Environments (R.A.R.E.) intern. She will move into her new Community Development position October 1st.

If you see Maia (of course, you will probably *hear* Maia before you see

her, thanks to her great, big, wonderful laugh!) please be sure to welcome her!

If you have already worked with Maia on one of her Creswell community projects, you already know she has a huge heart for the citizens of Creswell and a seemingly endless supply of energy and enthusiasm.

Congratulations, Maia, and welcome to our service team!



## Halloween Happenings

**Greet-N-Treat & Teen Dance!**  
**Community Center**  
**99 South 1st Street**

October 31st, 4:30pm-6:30pm for kids  
 Teen Dance to follow 6:30pm-7:30pm  
 For older kids/teens

**Annual Trunk-R-Treat**  
 October 31st (Time TBD)  
 Updates coming soon!

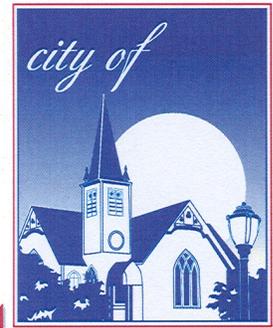


**“Charity Haunts”  
 Haunted House**  
 364 Cobalt Lane.

This is a new event to Creswell! Come and see what it’s all about and support a great cause at the same time!

Runs October 16th-18th  
 and Oct. 22nd-31st

All proceeds assist charities in our community!



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### Important Dates

Oct 12th	Council Meeting
Oct 14th	Municipal Court
Oct 15th	Planning Commission
Nov 9th	Council Meeting
Nov 18th	Municipal Court
Nov 26th	Thanksgiving <b>Closed</b>
Dec (TBD)	Tree Lighting Ceremony
Dec 7th	Council Meeting
Dec 9th	Municipal Court
Dec 25th	Christmas <b>Closed</b>
Dec 31st	New Years’ Eve
Jan 1st	New Years Day <b>Closed</b>



## 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 and press 0 or 1. You may also schedule a pick up online. All you need to do is go to our website at: [www.ci.creswell.or.us](http://www.ci.creswell.or.us). On the homepage, click on the icon "Chat with Creswell". This will take you to the online request form: "Citizen Request". Please fill in the required information and click 'Submit Request'.

We ask that leaves be bagged and curbside before they're picked up. Thank you!

## Winter Sewer Rates

Starting October 1st, we transition 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 \$33.85 for the first 300 cubic feet used. An additional \$2.55 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:

**Amount of cubic feet used x 7.483 = gallons**

### Example:

**100 cubic feet x 7.483 =  
748.3 gallons**



## Social Services, Assistance, & Donations in Creswell

### Community Sharing Utility Assistance

For appointments call: 541-942-2176  
(located in Cottage Grove)  
Website: [www.communitysharing.org](http://www.communitysharing.org)

### St Vincent DePaul

Utility Assistance call: 541-461-8794  
For other Urgent Needs call: 541-689-6747

### Senior and Disabled Services

Meals on Wheels programs:  
For information call: 541-895-2338 or 541-682-4038

### Senior Meals Monday, Wednesday, & Fridays

Meals are hosted at:  
Cresview Villa, 350 South 2nd Street  
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12pm  
For Information, Call: 541-895-2338 or 541-895-3566

### Womenspace Domestic Violence Prevention

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

### Senior Shopping Transportation

Call South Lane Wheels: (541) 942-0456 ext. 1

### Free Clothes Closet

Creswell Christian Center  
635 Holbrook Lane  
Open Mondays 9am—12pm, Takes Clothing Items.

### Girl Scouts Mitten Tree Project

Starts in the beginning of December.  
Takes gloves, winter caps and mittens for children.  
Look for decorated trees as drop sites around Creswell.

### Creswell Food Pantry

364 Cobalt Lane  
Open Thursdays 12:30 p.m. to 3pm  
For Individuals and Families in Need  
Takes canned food and non-perishables

### Free Wednesday Night Dinners

New Hope Baptist Church  
597 S. Front Street  
Every Wednesday Evening at 5:15pm  
Everyone Welcome!



# 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ A spooked turkey can run up to 20 miles per hour! They can also burst into flight approaching speeds of between 50 and 55 miles per hour in a matter of seconds.



## Deputy's Corner

*By Lane County Sheriff's Deputy, Scott Denham*

Autumn is here and the leaves are starting to turn, please remember to clean your fireplaces and remember that it is still dry out for burning if you are trying to stay warm. As the leaves start to fall on roads that have been very dry and have been gathering all of the oils of the environment, please remember that wet roads this time of year can get very slick. Take extra precautions to drive slow and be careful.

Online and calling scams have seemed to be the flavor this last year. Here are some tips to avoid being a victim. If someone contacts you for the sale or rental of something, especially on Craigslist, and asks you to send them a money order, Green Dot funded card number, or any other type of value, it is most likely a scam. If they want you to send money to a different name than theirs, or contact you from a number not inside the country (you can research the origin of area codes on the internet), it is most likely a scam. If you are unsure and want advice, contact your local Deputy and ask us, we can usually tell. We are always willing to help. As you have seen on press releases, a law enforcement officer of any kind will never call you and try to get a fine paid over the phone and if a warrant is issued for you, we will not call you first to tell you about it. This is a scam, do not send money and report it to the Sheriff's Office.

If you have lost something around town, it is okay to stop by City Hall and contact us, or leave a note with City staff telling us what you lost. We have found property turned into us all the time, but no one to give it back to.



As school is starting and these last few nice days happen, please slow down in all areas, during

school and after and watch the parks and crosswalks. Kids, helmets are required if under 16 and you are on your bikes! If you don't have a helmet and need one, but cannot afford one, Peacehealth has free helmets available and we have some at City Hall that were donated by your local Kiwanis Club, if kids come by with a parent.



With school come those big flashing yellow lights indicating school is in session and kids are present. Remember the speed is 20mph when those are flashing, and the area of N 10<sup>th</sup> St between Oregon and A St and from 10<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> is 20mph from 7am to 5pm Mon-Fri. Don't get caught as fines are double. Another big reminder is school busses. If the red lights flash or the stop sign comes out, **both directions must stop.**



Parents of high school age kids that are beginning or have just gotten their licenses, remember that new drivers under age 18 cannot have passengers in their cars under age 20 that are not a family member for the first six months they have their license. After the first six months they can have no more than 3 passengers under age 20. This is a significant fine. Please remind them that seatbelts are mandatory in Oregon.

You may have noticed a new look to your local Sheriff's Office patrol cars. They now have "Creswell" personalized on the sides and stand out a little more. 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



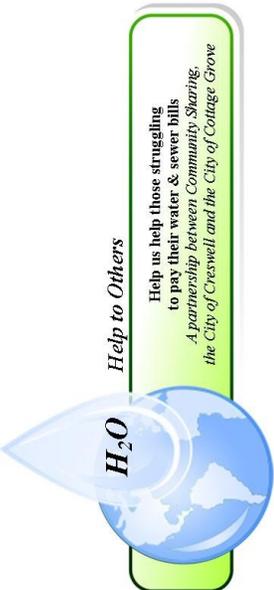
# H2O program

## H<sub>2</sub>O (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 H<sub>2</sub>O:

##### 1. You can make a one-time donation.

If this works best for you, please make your check payable to City of Creswell H<sub>2</sub>O Program and mail with return voucher to:

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

You can also make a one-time donation online at: [www.ci.creswell.or.us](http://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.*

