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Creswell Connection

From the Steps of City Hall...

♦ The City of Creswell wishes to extend a warm welcome to our newest appointed City Councilor, Amy Knudsen! She was sworn in September 26th at the City Council Work Session in the McCluskey Chambers. Welcome, Councilor Knudsen!

♦ This winter, The City of Creswell will begin showing "Movies at the Cobalt Building" twice-a-month, from January through March. Watch for updates and movie listings coming in the next Newsletter at the beginning of January.

- The Creswell City Council and Lieutenant Halvorson of the Lane County Sheriff's office invites you to a Town Hall Meeting to discuss Ballot Measure 20-257: the Public Safety Levy. They will be providing information to the public and answering your questions about the Levy. There will be two opportunities to attend:
  1. **Saturday, October 15th, 1:00pm-2:30pm**
  2. **Thursday, October 20th, 7:00pm-8:30pm**.

  The meetings will be held at the Creswell Community Center, 99 South 1st St.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

This year, Creswell's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Join your fellow neighbors in the merriment of our annual lighting of the trees down Oregon avenue! There will be music and festivities for the whole family! While you are visiting with friends, the little ones can visit with Santa Claus.

The Chamber of Commerce is still planning this event with many others to make this event special, so please stay tuned for updates! Watch the electronic message board and go to www.creswellchamber.com for all of the latest information on this event!

Deputy's Corner

By Lane County Sheriff Sergeant, 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 oil, please remember that wet roads this time of year can get very slick. Take extra precautions to drive slow and be careful.

School has started, please slow-down in all areas during school and after, 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 can't afford it, we have some at City Hall that were donated by your local Kiwanis Club. Come by with a parent.

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Important Dates

Oct 10th	Council Meeting
Oct 12th	Municipal Court
Oct 15th	Planning Commission
Nov 7th	Council Meeting
Nov 9th	Municipal Court
Nov 17th	Planning Commission
Nov 24-25th	Thanksgiving -**Closed**
Dec 3rd	Tree Lighting Ceremony
Dec 12th	Council Meeting
Dec 14th	Municipal Court
Dec 25th	Christmas Day
Dec 26th	City Hall **Closed**
Dec 31st	New Years' Eve
January 1	New Years' Day
January 2nd	City Hall **Closed**

Leave the Leaves to Us!

Every year, leaves are swept onto roads and storm drains as citizens tidy their yards. 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**. On the homepage, click 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. **This is a standard seasonal change.**

Your usage is measured in cubic feet, not gallons. There is a base rate of $38.87 for the first 300 cubic feet used. An additional $2.93 is applied for every 100 cubic feet of usage after that. 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:

1 Cubic Foot = 7.483 gallons

The minimum charge for 300 cubic feet of water (or 2,244.9 gallons) is $37.17. For 300 cubic feet of sewer, it costs $38.87.

If you would like help with calculations, feel free to call us anytime at 541-895-2531.

Social Services, Assistance, & Donations in Creswell

Community Sharing Utility Assistance
For appointments call: 541-942-2176
(located in Cottage Grove)
Website: 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

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

Girl Scouts Mitten Tree Project
Starts at the beginning of December.
Takes gloves, winter caps and mittens for children.
Look for decorated trees as drops 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 —Everyone Welcome!
597 S. Front Street
Every Wednesday Evening at 5:15pm

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

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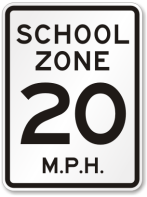
With school come those big flashing yellow lights indicating school is in session and kids are present. Remember the speed is 20mph when those lights are flashing, and the area of N 10th St between Oregon and A St and A St from 10th to 5th is 20mph from 7am-5pm Mon-Fri. If you get caught, the fines are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



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.

There were recently a number of vehicle break-ins and thefts in the Creswell area. With some good investigating, your Deputies were able to solve a large portion of them by arresting one suspect. Please remember to secure valuables, lock cars, and always report crime in your neighborhood. Only one of the thefts uncovered in this incident had actually been reported. We are here to help you, and sometimes it only takes one small break in a case to unravel several others.

There have been some personnel changes to your Creswell Sheriffs. SGT Scott Denham is back in the contract as the new supervisor. SGT Halvorson is now acting as a Lieutenant for the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Holiman is now your daytime deputy and Deputy Mckenney is still on night time service. We would also like to welcome Deputy Derek Bastinelli to Creswell as your new deputy. 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

From all of us at the city, Congratulations to Lieutenant Billy Halvorson & Sergeant Scott Denham on their recent promotions! Way to go!

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.
- 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.

Halloween Happenings

- **Greet-N-Treat** at the Creswell Community Center, 99 South First Street on Halloween! Monday, October 31st at 5pm-7pm for kids
  Unfortunately, there will be no teen dance this year, since Halloween is on a school night.
  This event is sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce, The Girl Scouts and The City of Creswell!
- **VFW Safe Halloween -** 10/31 5pm-7pm, VFW at 111 S. 10th St. for candies, cookies, refreshments!
- **Trunk-R-Treat** - To be determined.
- **City Hall will be handing out fun** prizes for trick or treaters of all ages! Don't forget to stop by! We are open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and will begin handing out Halloween prizes the week prior to Halloween!

H2O program

H_2O *(Help to Others)* Donation Voucher

Help to Others

Help us help those struggling to pay their water & sewer bills
A partnership between Community Sharing, the City of Creswell and the City of Cottage Grove

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_2O:

1. You can make a one-time donation.

If this works best for you, please make your check payable to City of Creswell H_2O 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.

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.*