

Creswell Connection

Deputy's Corner: Every 15 Minutes

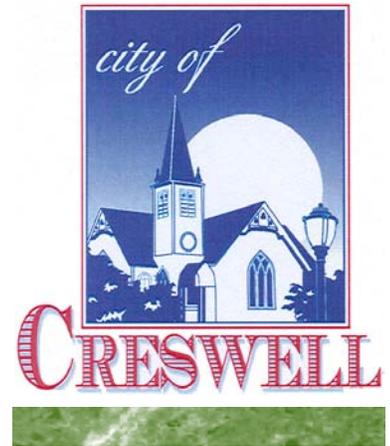


On April 16th and 17th, Lane County Sheriff's Office and Lane County Fire & Rescue are putting on the teen drinking and driving awareness program *Every 15 Minutes*. The program is based on the statistic that someone dies in an alcohol related traffic crash every 15 minutes. The program, which was started by California Highway Patrol, involves 14-16 high school students who statistically represent the number of deaths that would match the student population of Creswell High School.

The City of Creswell (through the Creswell Safe and Sound ACTS Grant), local businesses (Ray's, Snack Shack, Rocket Inn, Mr. Macho's Pizza, Siuslaw Valley Bank and Southern Oregon FCU) and the Creswell Kiwanis Club are supporting this event through donations and financial support.

Your Creswell deputies (along with help from Resident deputies and Traffic Team members) are excited to put on this program. This area loses too many teens in preventable crashes, and our aim is to keep our teens safer by presenting this program.

The community is invited to the assembly at the school on April 17, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. This will be led by Sheriff Tom Turner, and include several guest speakers whose lives have been impacted by drinking drivers. As part of the *Every 15 Minutes* event, a parent of an involved student will go through a mock death notification; often, these parents will speak as well about the impact that their participation had on them. Students involved in the event will be invited to share their experiences, and a video of the Creswell *Every 15 Minutes* program will be shown.



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Special Dates: Spring 2012

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	April 17th
Earth Day	April 19th
Planning Commission	April 19th
City Council Mtg.	May 7th
Court	May 9th
Community Yard Sale	May 11th
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Planning Commission	May 17th
City Wide Clean Up	May 19th
City Council Mtg.	June 11th
Court	June 13th
Planning Commission	June 21st

City-Wide Clean Up Is Near!

Saturday, May 19th is the City's annual clean up day. With the help of volunteers from Creswell Kiwanis Club, Sanipac and City Staff, you can rid your garage and yard of unwanted items **free of charge**. This opportunity is just in time for spring cleaning, and the onset of gardening season. We collect yard clippings, lawn mowers, tires, lawn furniture, appliances, furniture, water heaters, etc. We do **NOT** collect any hazardous waste materials, household garbage or electronics of any kind.

To participate you must live inside Creswell city limits, please have your items at or near the curb, bagged (if possible) no later than 8:00 a.m. on May 19th.

To sign up online at the City's official website, simply go to the home

page and click on 'Online Citizen Requests'. Once the application form appears on the screen, fill out your general information (including an address). In 'Request Type', click on 'Service'. In 'Department for Request', click on City-Wide clean up. Please list items that will need to be picked up in the additional information box at the bottom of the request form.

Anyone wishing to have items picked up must call (541) 895-2531 or sign up online no later than 5 p.m. Friday May 18th.



Sewer Summer Rates



Starting May 1st, we will be transitioning to summer sewer rates for the months May through September. These rates are based on an average of your previous seven winter months of consumption. For example, if you used 4,200 cubic feet of water from October to April, your sewer summer rates would be based on 600 cubic feet of usage.

You may be asking yourself, "Why doesn't the city just measure residents' actual summer usage, as done in winter?" Well, people tend to use a lot more water outside washing cars, watering lawns, filling pools, etc. in summer months. So, we measure and bill sewer in this manner because it equals out to citizens actually paying less than if we billed actual cubic feet used.

Burn Day Information



The season for back yard burning is still here, and with Spring cleaning coming right around the corner for many residents, here is a friendly reminder of how to keep burning safe, and in control. Please follow these simple rules to help ensure safety and air quality. Backyard burning is permitted in the City of Creswell from **October 1st to June 15th** of each year in accordance with Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) guide lines for areas LRAPA identifies as "All Other Areas".

Burn Advisory Line: 541-726-3976

Remember, every day is not a burn day. Follow these simple guidelines to protect yourself and others as well as our air quality.

- ◆ Always call the burn advisory line to see if it is a burn day.
- ◆ Burn only woody yard debris that has been generated on your own property.
- ◆ Never burn garbage, tires, treated wood, petroleum products, plastic or other prohibited materials.
- ◆ Never burn your yard debris in a barrel.
- ◆ Attend your fire at all times.
- ◆ Always have tools available for controlling or extinguishing your fire.
- ◆ Always extinguish your fire by sunset.

Getting an Early Start on July 4th!



Over the last few years, the popularity of our small town 4th of July celebration has grown, considerably. And with such success comes a need for expansion in the form of more volunteers and planning committee members! So, this year the Creswell Chamber of Commerce and the City would like to get the word out in advance to ensure that we can get more Creswellians involved, and to make this year's Independence Day as special as it has ever been! If you are interested in participating in the preparation of this year's celebration, please contact the Creswell Chamber of Commerce by either calling them at 541-895-4398, or by stopping in at their new address: 285 E. Oregon Avenue (right next to Siuslaw Valley Bank).

Recap of Services in Creswell

Centro Latino Americano

For appointments call (541) 687-2667
Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Website: www.centrolatinoamericano.org

Community Sharing

For appointments call: (541) 942-2176
Thursdays 11:30 am - 3:00 pm
Website: www.communitysharing.org

Senior and Disabled Services

Senior Meals & Meals on Wheels programs:
For information call: (541) 682-4038

Senior Meals are hosted at:

Cresview Villa, 350 South 2nd Street, Creswell
Meals are at Noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
For more information call: (541) 895-2338.

Wednesday Afternoon Shopping Transportation

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

Womenspace Domestic Violence Prevention

24-Hour Crisis Line: (541) 485-6513
or toll free: (800) 281-2800
Business Phone: (541) 485-8232
Website: www.womenspaceinc.org

Senior and Disabled Services Energy Assistance

For appointments call: (541) 682-7804
Currently located in Cottage Grove
Website: www.sdslane.org

Creswell Food Pantry

At VFW (111 S. 10th Street)
Thursdays 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
For more information call: (541) 729-4793



Third Annual Earth Day Celebration at Garden Lake Park!



Building on the success of the last couple of years' events, the City will be hosting our third annual Earth Day Celebration on Thursday, April 19th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. In partnership with the Creswell School District, Creswell Christian School, and a variety of environmental organizations, we view Earth Day as a way to bring the community together, educate Creswell's youth, and encourage environmental awareness.

More than 300 students from Creslane Elementary, Creswell Middle School, and Creswell Christian School will attend this year's Earth Day Celebration, which will include a sidewalk parade of Creslane Elementary School students.

During the Celebration, students in attendance will participate in a number of activities, such as: nature walks with local experts, trail rehabilitation with volunteers from Northwest Youth Corps, stream velocity measurement with Creswell High School volunteers, a recycled materials sculpture contest with Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts, and much more.

We believe that Earth Day is a valuable opportunity to provide our youth with meaningful learning opportunities while raising awareness about environ-

mental issues to foster the development of responsible stewards of our planet. This being the case, we have set goals for this year's celebration to ensure that we are meeting and exceeding state educational standards for science education. The planned activities will be fun and entertaining, while remaining focused on specific aspects of scientific inquiry and environmental awareness.

For the first time ever, the Cascades Raptor Center will join us as part of this year's Earth Day Celebration! The group's participation will include several live birds and touchable artifacts, as well as discussions about the diverse number of raptors that call the Willamette Valley home.

Raptors play an important role in our ecosystems and are top predators which are indicator species for the habitats in which they live. Having up-close and personal encounters with live birds will help students build empathy and develop a lifelong respect for the raptors that live near their homes.

This special community event is going to be held on April 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Garden Lake Park located at 396 Melton Road, Creswell OR, 97426.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Steve Dobrinich at sdobrinich@creswell-or.us or 541-895-2531.

Conservation Corner

- ◆ Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- ◆ Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.
- ◆ Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation
- ◆ Use drip irrigation for shrubs and trees to apply water directly to the roots where it's needed
- ◆ Next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose a low water use plant for year-round landscape color and save up to 550 gallons each year.
- ◆ Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed; make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.
- ◆ Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans

within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing; when replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models.

- ◆ Close shades and blinds at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows. This also applies during the day for warm climates.
- ◆ Use ceiling fans or a portable fan to supplement your air conditioning. A fan can make you feel 3- 4 degrees cooler, and only costs half a cent per hour to operate.
- ◆ Do laundry efficiently by using the warm or cold setting to wash full loads of clothing, and always use the cold setting to rinse them. When using a dryer, use the moisture sensing setting and frequently clean the lint trap. This way, clothes are dried faster, while using less energy.





Sign Up for the Community Wide Yard Sale!

Need some help advertising for your yard/ garage sale? Well, sign up for the Community Yard Sale that will be happening on the 11th and 12th of May! It's as easy as filling out the form below and sending it back to City Hall, so you can be included on the community map. You may also contact City Hall (541) 895-2531 or Dana Ufford at SOFCU (541) 895-3061, and we will take your information over the phone. To participate, you must make sure to contact us or send in your form by no later than April 30th. Community maps will be available at: SOFCU Community Credit Union, Ray's Food Place, Creswell Foreign Auto Parts, Creswell Chamber of Commerce, Chamber's Hot Dog Sale at Ray's and other public locations through out Creswell.



COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE FORM

Sign up to include your address on the City-Wide Yard Sale Map. All forms must be completed in order to participate. Forms must be postmarked by April 30th in order to be included on the map. Your name will not be published, this information is used internally only.

Yes, please include me on the Yard Sale Map!

Name

Contact Phone Number

Address

Please indicate the time of day your garage sale will be open for business below:

Days (check all that apply)

Friday

Saturday

From:

AM
PM

To:

AM
PM

Community Wide Yard Sale - May 11th & May 12th

The time for spring cleaning is here! Sign up today to participate in the Community Wide Yard Sale. All you need to do is fill out the form below and mail it back to Creswell City Hall, and we will include your yard sale on the community map. You may also call City Hall (541) 895-2531 or Dana Ufford at SOFCU (541) 895-3061, and we will take your information over the phone. In order to participate, **you must call or mail in your form no later than April 30th.** Don't delay, start your spring cleaning today! Maps will be available on Yard Sale days at SOFCU Community Credit Union, Ray's Food Place, Creswell Foreign Auto Parts, Creswell Chamber of Commerce, Chamber's Hot Dog Sale at Ray's and other public locations through out Creswell.

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