

# Creswell Connection

## Join us for the Annual 4th of July Celebration!

Do you ever miss that small town charm filled with familiar faces and community get-togethers? Well, for those not familiar with Creswell's ever-growing 4th of July celebration, it is a taste of Americana that is becoming harder and harder to experience. For Creswell, the big day is not just about patriotism— but also coming together as a town to partake in a variety of festivities and get lost in the simple splendors of our own “Friendly City”.

Stop by Harry Holt Park to start off the day with a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs and more from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. Next, head over to the parade that is headed by South Lane County Fire Rescue and attracts more than 100 entries every year! This special event starts at 11:00 a.m. at Creslane Elementary and heads south down 10th Street, to Oregon Avenue. The chain then travels down Morse Avenue and west to Creswood Drive where it will head back

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## Check Out Our New City Website!

The City of Creswell launched a new website with a host of features for users on May 16, 2011. The Lane Council of Governments' Creative Services team worked in coordination with Creswell staff to design a user-friendly and information-rich internet destination that empowers Creswell citizens like never before.

Included in the new website are a new interactive calendar, easier navigation, video and much more! We hope that the new website will bring increased transparency and information sharing to our community. Please check

the website frequently for the latest about what is going on at the City and in the Creswell community. Alternatively, navigate to the Community Info tab and click on “Stay Connected” to subscribe to content via RSS feeds and social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter!

The web address for the new home page is the same as the old home page ([www.ci.creswell.or.us](http://www.ci.creswell.or.us)). You will notice that each City department now has its own page, where you can keep up to date on current projects that those departments are working on.

## 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 beginning Tuesday, July 5th until August 19th. Lunches will be served at Holt Park from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and are available to children of 2 to 18 years old. Toddlers ages 1 to 2 years old may eat when accompanied by a responsible adult.

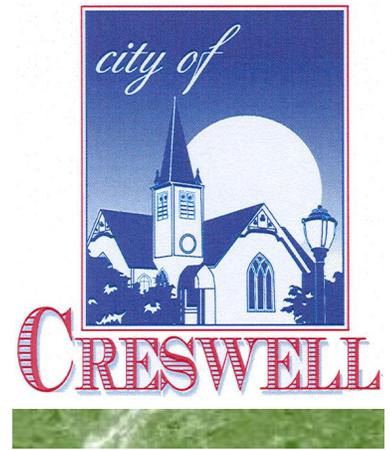


## Deputy's Corner

*(Written by Officer Ally House)*

In spite of the weather, summer is just about here. With it come some of the usual seasonal concerns:

**Water Safety:** Remember, for the next month or so, runoff will still have our rivers and streams very full, fast and cold. If you're on the water in a boat or other vessel, make sure that you're wearing a life jacket, even if you're a strong swimmer. If you're on the shore and can't swim (or you have young children) consider life jackets or other floatation aids. *(Continued on page 3)*



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### Important Dates

July 4th	Independence Day
July 11th	Council Meeting
July 13th	Municipal Court
July 21st	Planning Commission
Aug. 8th	Council meeting
Aug. 10th	Municipal Court
Aug. 18th	Planning Commission
Sept. 5th	Labor Day
Sept. 12th	Council Meeting
Sept. 14th	Municipal Court
Sept. 15th	Planning Commission

## Farewell to Wes!

At the end of July, we must say good-bye to this year's RARE intern Wes Johnson. Wes is the City's third RARE Intern. The RARE program is run by the University of Oregon in cooperation with Americorps. We are going to miss not only his dedication to his work, but also his dedication to the Creswell Community.

He has worked very hard to forge partnerships in an effort to move the Cobalt building project forward, and has not only continued our social services partnership with Community Sharing, but also has successfully reached out and invited other organizations to bring their programs to Creswell to assist our citizens in need. His work with the Creswell School District organizing this year's Earth Day celebration was a huge success, involving over 300 kids in

a day of learning at Garden Lake Park. Wes will also leave his mark on the new City of Creswell website, where he played an instrumental role in the redesign to a much more user friendly and informative product for citizens to use. Although Wes had been accepted and planned to attend graduate school at the University of North Carolina this fall, his short term plans have now changed somewhat, as he was recently offered a position as a computer software consultant. Although graduate school is still on the horizon, this was an opportunity that was too good to pass up. Wes, the entire City must now say good-bye, but know that you are always welcome, and if you are passing through, stop and say hi. Thanks for all of your great work!

## Independence Day Celebration (cont'd)

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to South A Street, ending back at Creslane. The parade entails a variety of spectacles for everyone in the family: decorated horses, blaring fire trucks throwing candy, hotrods, marching bands and a magnificent fly-over from F-15's, compliments of the 114th Fighter Squadron Kingsley Field, Oregon.

Roads will be closed to accommodate parade no later than 10:30 a.m. So, for your own convenience, plan alternate routes accordingly if you will be driving during this time. Directly following the parade, make sure to stop back at Holt Park, where an array of music, mingling and all the food you can eat will be available. It is a great way to keep the kids entertained with activities and crafts and gives everyone a chance to relax in a friendly atmosphere.

Just when it seems like all of that would make for a great July 4th on it's own— there's more! At around 10:30 p.m. an amazing fireworks display takes place in the fields between Creswell High School and Creslane Elementary. Everyone is welcome to bring their chairs and blankets and enjoy the show! Please drive slowly, and pay attention to pedestrian traffic around you. Traffic is always congested in town until well after the fireworks are over, so be patient and kind to each other.

In an effort to make this event fun and safe for everyone, please respect others around you and refrain from bringing alcohol, dogs, firearms or personal fireworks to the park. This event is sponsored by the Creswell Chamber of Commerce, City of Creswell, Ray's Food Place, Foster Farms, South Lane County Fire and Rescue, Creswell School District, Sanipac, and Comfort Inn.



Just in case you are curious, the Creswell Chamber of Commerce organizes this event each year and somehow manages to staff it entirely with volunteers. This amazing display of generous volunteerism is a prime example of why Creswell is such a great town! So, throughout the day, if you see someone working hard while you enjoy the festivities, stop and take time to give them a great big thank you for making Creswell the place to be on July 4th!

### **Event Schedule Summary:**

<b>7:00 am - 10:30 am</b>	<b>Chamber Breakfast</b>
	<b>Adult \$7.00</b>
	<b>Children \$4.00</b>
	<b>6 and under Free</b>
<b>9:00 am - 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Entertainment</b>
<b>10:00 am - 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Food and Craft Booths</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Dusk</b>	<b>Fireworks</b>



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swim (or you have young children) consider life jackets or other floatation aids.

**Home Safety:** When it gets warmer, the temptation is to leave doors and windows open. Make sure there is a way to secure these so that burglars can't get in.

**Road Safety:** Kids are out on their wheeled devices. Watch for them to do the unpredictable and give them plenty of room. All persons under 16 must wear a helmet while operating a wheeled device—yes, that includes skateboards, scooters, razors and any equivalent. If the kids need helmets, contact LCSO at City Hall. Creswell Kiwanis has teamed up with LCSO to provide helmets to kids that have no other way of getting a helmet.

Keep these tips in mind, and have a great summer!

## CYAC Update

The past few months have been busy for the Creswell Youth Advisory Council! We attended the City's annual Earth Day Celebration and hosted our 2nd Annual Holt Park Clean-Up Day with the children from Creswell Clubhouse, but that's not our biggest news.

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, the day after school got out, the Creswell Youth Advisory Council hosted our first major event: the Creswell Youth Celebration at Harry Holt Memorial Park. With an estimated 300 to 400 attendees of all ages, this event was no small feat. Music was provided courtesy of the Creswell High School DJ Club, food was available from Daniel's Taco Truck, and free popcorn was provided by the Eugene Elks Club.

A number of contests and tournaments took place. The YMCA had a soccer kick booth with free T-shirts, there was a dodge ball tournament led by local Campus Life leader Glenn Leslie, and Christopher Douglass, who is heading up the Creswell Skate Plaza project, led a skate and bike exhibition. Various artistic activities were available, with face painting offered free of charge. Also available was free expression painting, with a number of varying sized canvases and different mediums offered.

The event was emceed by our own CYAC Vice-President Corey Yula, who led contests such as hula hooping, limbo, Jenga, Simon Says, a race to inflate beach balls, and a dance off. We had great weather and a great turn out. Everyone should come check the event out next year!

## Noxious Vegetation

Each year, between June 15<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 becoming 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 tall grass, eliminate your blackberries or other vegetation in an effort to reduce the potential fire hazard as July 4<sup>th</sup> approaches. It is just as important to trim those out of control bushes which prevent a driver from having adequate vision to see oncoming cars as well as pedestrian traffic.



## Movies in the Park

Ever wanted to experience a big-screen movie outside, under the stars on a cool summer night? Now you can! This event is brought to you by the City of Creswell, Ray's Food Place, and Willamalane Park & Recreation District. Shows will be hosted in Harry Holt Memorial Park at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. for some good, old fashion outdoor cinema. And the best part? It's FREE! All movies shown (listed below) are rated PG so everyone in the family can watch. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

**Sat. July 9.....Kung Fu Panda**

**Sat. July 23.....The Goonies**

**Sat. July 30.....Megamind**

**Sat. August 6.....Yogi Bear**

**Sat. August 20.....Happy Feet**

**Sat. August 27.....Despicable Me**



## Customer Update: Summer Water/Sewer Rates

Beginning July 1, 2011, water rates will be subject to a %0.5 increase calculated on the base rate and the overage rate, to be reviewed and published during the City's annual budget process.

The base rate for a single family dwelling, inside city limits will increase \$0.16 for the first 300 cubic ft of consumption. The overage rate will increase \$0.02 per 100 cubic ft. The average water bill (935 cubic ft of consumption) will increase about \$0.29 per month.

Sewer rates also change between May to September. This is based on your usage during winter months, October through April. The basic rate for sewer will increase by \$0.17 and the overage rate will

increase by \$0.01 per 100 cubic ft.

During the hot months of the summer (August is the warmest), most people use more water than they realize. Remember to turn off the sprinkler, water at the sink when not needed, and follow the smart watering tips below.



## Conservation Corner

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.

For more info: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>

