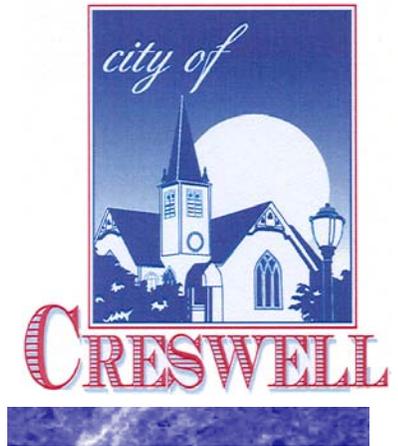


Creswell Connection

A Welcome “Connection”

Welcome to the first edition of the City of Creswell “Creswell Connection” newsletter. We will be providing this publication quarterly in an effort to keep you informed on the happenings within City government. Our focus will be to keep you updated on the many projects and

ongoing activities you see occurring around town and always wonder about. In addition, you will find a Special Dates section in case you want to become involved or just want to attend one of the many city meetings scheduled throughout the quarter.



“If I Were Mayor” Student Contest

Attention 4th-5th grade, middle school & high school students

Enter to win laptop computers! The 2009 “If I were Mayor” contest is underway! There are three ways to win. 4th & 5th grade students may enter a poster, Middle school students can write an essay, and high school or college students can create a video/PowerPoint presentation. To enter, your original work with a com-

pleted application form must be received no later than Friday May 29, 2009. Contest rules and application forms are available at City Hall 895-2531, or visit our website: www.ci.creswell.or.us. All entries must be returned to City Hall either in person at 285 E. Oregon Avenue, or mailed to PO Box 276, Creswell OR 97426

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Special Dates:

April 4th	Fishing Derby - Garden lake Park
April 7th	TGM Kickoff Meeting
April 8th	Municipal Court
April 10th	Cultural Committee Meeting
April 11th	Activity Center Open house
April 13th	ODOT Open House (5-7:30)
April 13th	City Council Meeting
April 16th	Planning Commission
May 9th	City Wide Clean Up
May 11th	City Council Meeting
May 13th	Municipal Court
May 21st	Planning Commission
June 8th	City Council Meeting
June 10th	Municipal Court

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The Resource Conservation Challenge (created by the EPA) is a national effort to conserve natural resources and energy by managing materials more efficiently. The main goals are: to prevent pollution and promote re-use and recycling; reduce toxic chemicals in products

and waste; and conserve energy and materials. The best place to start making a difference is at home. Recycle those tin cans & plastic containers, newspapers and other goods, it's a start! Learn more about how to recycle at: www.epa.gov



New Creswell Activity Center Open House

Saturday April 11th at 364 Cobalt Lane

Come join us Saturday April 11th
1:30 to 2:00 - Self tour the building
2:00 to 4:00 - Public Meeting to discuss best uses of the facility

The City of Creswell was recently donated a large 9,000 square foot building located at 364 Cobalt Lane. This building has great potential to offer more recreational and arts activities, and family

services for our entire community, especially our youth. Please join us to help plan this building's use. As a Creswell resident, your input will help us make decisions for what kinds of activities and facilities could be offered in the building.

Please arrive between 1:30 and 2:00 pm if you would like to tour the facility. The public meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Garden Lake Park Youth Legacy Project

The Marines are Coming!

The City of Creswell is preparing to build an educational pavilion in Garden Lake Park. This pavilion will feature interpretive signage illustrating the sustainable design aspects of the pavilion, ecological aspects of the park, historical significance of the area, and the ongoing restoration efforts taking place in the park. It will allow visitors to truly understand and act as stewards towards their environment by showing them what they can do to help. With the recent donation of a rooftop solar electric panel, we will strive to educate the public on renewable energy sources. This project began after the City was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD). To fulfill

the grant requirements, The City of Creswell needs to raise \$50,000 in in-kind material/labor donations or cash to match the grant. The

U.S. Marine Reserves Eugene Engineering Company A of the 6th Engineering Support Battalion has stepped up and volunteered to do the entire construction of the pavilion. Construction will tentatively begin on April 20th with the Marines camping out in our Garden Lake Park! Let's show our support and appreciation for all of their hard work.



Earth Day Clean Up at Garden Lake

April 22nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

To celebrate Earth Day in Creswell, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will be hosting a work party at Garden Lake Park, **Wednesday April 22nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The work party, which will include volunteers from EPUD, will be conducting blackberry removal, weeding, and possibly mulching trails. So find your work boots, a pair of gloves and come join the fun!

Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1969, and was first commemorated on April 22, 1970. 20 million demonstrators turned out for what was the beginning of a grass roots effort to become better stewards of our environment. That year also marked the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by President Richard Nixon, who charged the newly formed agency with the task of protecting the environment and public health. Since that time, Earth Day has come to symbolize a time of civic participation and environmental education.



Annual Fishing Derby

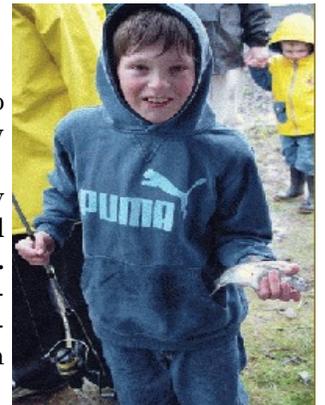
Saturday April 4th

Each year, just before fishing season is officially open Oregon Fish and Wildlife Heritage Foundation stocks Garden Lake Pond with trout as part of their annual Youth Angling Enhancement Program (YAEP). This program offers a day of fishing and fun as on site volunteers provide equipment, teach children how to bait and cast, and help them "reel in" their catch.

This program provides a unique opportunity

for children to learn how to fish and discover just how much fun it can be!

Come down and enjoy the fun on **Saturday, April 4th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm**. There is no charge to participate and equipment is provided! For more information contact ODFW at 726-3515.





North Oregon Avenue Study

Open House April 7th 6:00 pm at the Creswell Community Center

The North side of Oregon Avenue has been selected as a Quick Response Project by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Transportation and Growth Management Program (TGM). The City received a grant from TGM to conduct an Interchange Area Management Plan for the area around I-5 and to update the City Transportation System Plan. The Quick Response component (a study of North Oregon Avenue) was added when it became evident more attention was needed for Oregon Avenue. Quick Response is a program which aims to ensure that both transportation and land use decisions are made in a comprehensive process to address their complex interrelationships. Specific program objectives include mixed uses, efficient use of land, vibrant

downtowns, support for all modes of travel (with special attention to encourage walking, bicycling and transit) and better connectivity within local street networks.

In 2004, the City received similar support from the State for a study of the South side of Oregon Avenue. The North of Oregon Avenue Project Area includes the commercially designated land north of Oregon Avenue, west of Interstate 5, east of Mill Street (Highway 99), and extending slightly north of Art Lott Lane. **Everyone is invited to attend a public presentation on Tuesday, April 7th at 6 pm in the Creswell Community Center located at 99 S. 1st Street** to learn more about the project and to share ideas and information about Oregon Avenue.

Harvey Road/ 5th Street Construction Project

The City of Creswell, in partnership with Lane County will soon be starting construction work on Harvey Road. Several years in the planning stages, the work has been awarded to Delta Construction Company, with a projected start date of April 20th. From Cobalt Lane to Scott Avenue, the project consists of widening Harvey Road to two 12' travel lanes, a 6 foot wide paved bike lane on both sides of the road and a left turn lane at Nieblock Lane. The work also includes the installation of a closed storm drainage system along with curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. It will further include installing a pedestrian pathway along Nieblock Lane from Harvey Road to Creswell High School, along with school crossings and

intersection lighting at the Nieblock Lane and the Morse Avenue Intersections.

In addition to the County funded portion of the project, the City will replace the waterline along the entire length of the project, and will also replace additional waterline from Scott Ave to A Street. The City will also complete full street improvements from Scott Avenue to 5th Street and possibly full street improvements along "A" Street from 5th Street to 7th Street. The total cost of the County project and the City project is approximately, \$2.6 million. Please stay alert and watch out for construction workers for the duration of the project.

Water Treatment Plant Project

Thanks to everyone who has been patient as the City has replaced numerous aging waterlines throughout the City. This portion of the Water Improvement Project is nearly complete, with only the final paving to be completed in a few sections. Unfortunately, laying asphalt and rain are not the best combination, so as soon as the contractor can get a break in the weather, they will finish up the work. As for the water plant updates, work on that



piece of the project is moving along nicely, with approximately 65% of the project complete. You may see some upcoming weekend activity at the site, as the painting of the water tank is expected to occur on a few upcoming Saturdays. Project completion is expected near the end of August, and the new filtration system should be in use, bringing the city into compliance with the new federal arsenic standards.

City Hall Construction Project

The City Hall Construction project Phase I began fall of 2008. This facility, when completed, will be a two story structure built on the existing City Hall site and will include office space on the 1st floor and Council Chambers upstairs, enabling the city to host council meetings, court, planning commission & other municipal meetings on site again. Phases II & III will include improvements to the parking lot on 1st & C St. as well as completion of the second story and installation of an elevator for

handicapped access. You may feel as though construction with City Hall has stopped, but it hasn't. Recently, the contractor was delayed due to the receipt of steel that had to be returned to the supplier. Never fear, though, the contractor has said we will soon see a structure coming out of the ground, and he is on schedule to complete the Phase I of the project at the end of July.



City Wide Clean Up

May 9th from 8 am to 12 pm



Mark your Calendars!

May 9th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

is the City's annual clean up day.

With the help of the Creswell Ki-

wanis Club, P & J Disposal and

City Staff you can rid your ga-

rage and your yard of unwanted

items **free of charge**. 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 will **NOT** collect any hazardous waste materials or household garbage.

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 am on May 9th.

Anyone wishing to have items picked up must call City Hall no later than 5 pm Friday May 8th at 895-2531.

Airport Update

At the February 9th Council Meeting, a Rural Business Enterprise grant application was approved for the purpose of developing a feasibility study and business plan for the airport. This would help to achieve some of the goals outlined in the visioning process.

On February 23rd, Council approved a grant offer from the FAA for \$132,193 to continue work on the Airport Water Line Project. This funding will be used for design of phase II of the project, which will extend the water line onto the airport property.

Conservation Corner

How much water does a leaky faucet use?

You would be amazed to learn that leaky faucets and running toilets waste large amounts of water. In addition, leaks in hot-water lines will waste heat. Keep all valves and faucets tight. When a leak develops, replace faucet washers. If valves or faucets are damaged, replace faucet or valve assembly. Here are some examples of average water loss over a one month period:

If your faucet leaks:

30 drops per min = 54 gallons/ mo

60 drops per min = 113 gallons/mo

120 drops per min = 237 gallons/mo

Depending on its size, a continuously running toilet can waste between 1,000 to 4,000 gallons of water each month! Get those leaky faucets fixed and check your aging plumbing! For more tips on how to save water visit: www.wateruseitwisely.com

