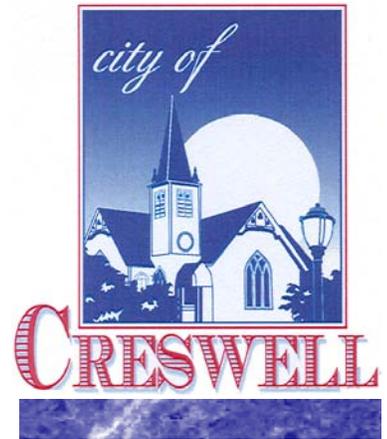


Creswell Connection

100th Year Anniversary

This year in July, the City of Creswell will be celebrating 100 years since it's incorporation. The first City Council Minutes are dated August 18, 1909, but the actual date of incorporation is July 7, 1909. The election was held on June 25, 1909 with 67 total votes cast. The results were 44 votes for incorporation,

and 21 against. The townspeople also voted on Creswell's first elected officials:
 Geo. L. Gilfry Mayor
 W.W. Scott Recorder
 E. J. Moore Marshall
 G. L. George, Marion Hager, F. W. Ogram, S. D. Reed, J. M. Shaub, and
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Anniversary Celebration & Dedication

Join us for Creswell's 100th birthday as an incorporated city!

When: August 9, 2009
12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Oregon Ave & 1st Street

A portion of Oregon Avenue will be closed so events can center around the Creswell Library and the new City Hall.

What's Happening:
 Creswell Library Annual Vintage Show & Shine
 Old fashioned cruise-in down Oregon Ave
 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of new City Hall
 Dedication of the City Hall Time Capsule
 FFA Barbequed chicken
 Old fashioned root beer floats
 Watermelon eating contest
 Pie Social and Music

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Special Dates:

July 4th	Harry Holt Park
July 4th	Ron Petitti Pavilion
	Dedication Ceremony at Garden Lake Park
July 4th	Fireworks, Creswell
	High School - Dusk
July 8th	Municipal Court
July 13th	City Council Meeting
July 15th	Airport Commission
July 16th	Planning Commission
August 9th	Time Capsule/ City Hall Dedication Ceremony
August 10th	City Council Meeting
August 12th	Municipal Court
August 20th	Planning Commission
September 7th	City Council Meeting
September 9th	Municipal Court
September 17th	Planning Commission



Deputy's Corner

Lane County Sheriff Deputy - Aly House

I had an interesting conversation with a young man on a bicycle this past week. I was on W. Oregon Ave. near the middle school, monitoring traffic, running stationary radar. The young man peddled up to me and said "you know, you could get more people if you hid and they didn't see you." This conversation continued with him asking me if I could "get" him for wearing his bike helmet improperly. The short answer is yes, the longer answer follows:

Traffic laws exist (for good or ill) for safety reasons. Speed zones are set with due concern for the type of traffic in an area, stop signs are posted to assist drivers in navigating without crashing, and helmet laws/seat belt laws are designed to assist operators surviving with less injury when they do crash.

It seems to me that many people view traffic laws as restrictions, and operate with a "what can I get away with?" attitude. I think that was the young man's perspective when he told me I could "get" more violators if I hid.

What I do "get" when I am visibly monitoring traffic is compliance with traffic laws. I watch the speed climb from 26-31 MPH and suddenly decrease to 25. I see the surreptitious motion from the driver's left shoulder area to right hip area as they grab the seat belt to fasten it. I see the roll through the stop sign become a hard stop partway into the intersection. Are all of these violations? Yes. Have I altered people's driving to conform to traffic laws? Yes. That is my goal. Safety exhibited by compliance with laws.

One thing I would ask folks to do: Pay attention when you're driving. Think consciously about operating your car as opposed to being on "automatic pilot" while you're driving. Following distance, complete stops, using turn indicators and just paying attention to the other traffic. Drive like I'm watching...even when I'm not. Not just because it's the law, and I could "get" you; but because you and everyone around you will be safer.

Garden Lake Park Youth Legacy Dedication Ceremony July 4th, From 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

As part of Oregon's sesquicentennial (150th birthday), the Oregon Parks Department awarded five \$50,000 grants throughout the state for projects which reconnected youth with the outdoors. Creswell was one of the lucky recipients of these grant awards. With much hard work, and volunteerism, the Pavilion Project we chose for our Youth Legacy Grant is a great success!

On July 4th, 2009, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., the City of Creswell will dedicate the Ron Petitti Pavilion in Garden Lake Park. Governor Barbara Roberts will be giving the keynote address. An evening of free food and music will accompany a youth nature fair. Join us for hot dogs, ice cream

and sno-cones. The Opal Creek Band will give a live performance, featuring a banjo, guitar and fiddle. ReWild Eugene will be offering games and activities to increase natural awareness and demonstrate friction fire and other traditional living skills. There will be a children's nature craft table allowing children to make art from things found in nature. Many other organizations will host exhibits on history, renewable energy, and local ecology. The dedication of this pavilion will mark the beginning of carrying on late Mayor Ron Petitti's legacy to involve youth in nature.



New Creswell Park Rules Ordinance No. 459



At the May 11th City Council Meeting, an ordinance was passed, adding park and park exclusion rules. This ordinance is in response to vandalism, drinking and other issues which have become prevalent within our parks.

The park rules allow signs to be posted giving notice of limits of use. All City Parks will be open between dawn and dusk, unless otherwise posted. Violations of the limits of use could result in a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and or, exclusion from a

park for a period of 30, 180, or 365 days depending on the offense. These new rules also apply to other property used for cultural or recreational use owned by the City, such as the Community Center and the Cobalt Lane building. A person excluded from a park or other property who violates the terms of exclusion may be arrested and prosecuted for trespassing. This rule will allow law enforcement to have a better lever for dealing with juvenile, and other offenders. It is the intent of the Council that this ordinance make our parks safer and more enjoyable for everyone.



July 4th Celebration Sponsored by the Creswell Chamber of Commerce

This year marks the 19th annual July 4th Celebration in Creswell. Thanks to the hard work of the Creswell Chamber of Commerce, I am sure this year will be even better than before! Festivities will begin at 7:00 am at Harry Holt Park, with a Chamber hosted breakfast, followed by the annual parade at 11:00 am. From 10:00 am to 5:00 pm there will be food and craft booths at the park along with an after-

noon of entertainment. The Youth Legacy Pavilion Dedication ceremony at Garden Lake Park will follow, beginning at 4:30 p.m. We will finish up the day's festivities with a brilliant fireworks display at the Creswell High School. For more information call 895-5161 or visit: www.creswellchamber.com





100th Year Anniversary, cont.

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C. L. Weber were elected Alderman of the newly created City.

The Township of Creswell began some 38 years prior when on November 1, 1871, the Original Plat of Creswell was recorded, as laid out by James Robinette and Alvin Hughes. This area encompassed land from Front Street to 5th Street and from A Street to D Street, creating 20 city blocks. Many settlers arrived in this area during the mid to late 1800's

including: Joseph Petty, Benjamin Morss, Sam Dillard, John Killingsworth, William Walker and W.J.J. Scott. All names you probably recognize on street signs around town. Many descendants of the early settlers still live in the area including Petty's, Hughs', Tunnels, Scarbroughts, Schwerings, Gilfry's, Howes and many others. Creswell has an impressive and colorful history of which we should all be proud. Creswell was, and still is the Friendly City.

Tidbits

- ◇ Local winner of the "If I Were Mayor" contest Tegan Easter, a middle school student at Ace Academy for Character Education, won a \$50.00 gift card from Bi-Mart and will be entered in a statewide competition to win a new laptop. The
- second place winner, Josh Rimer, Creswell Middle School, won a \$25.00 gift card from Bi-Mart.
- ◇ The City wide clean up day was a huge success this May, with volunteers picking up a total of 38 tons of yard debris and other items this year.

City Hall Project

Phase I of the City Hall Construction Project is almost complete. Construction should be finished in August, with City Hall moving to the new facility in September.

Phase II will encompass the installation of the elevator, equipment and furnishings for the completed first floor and awnings on the exterior of the building. The final phase of the project will include improvements to the parking lot located across from the Community Center, and finishing the second story. Completion of the project will enable Council, Court, Planning Commission, Airport Commission, and other city business to be conducted at City Hall. The second

story, when finished, will also house additional office and storage space.

The City is receiving a green credit from Oregon Energy Trust for heating, air, mechanical and lighting systems. Ecologically friendly choices were made for construction materials wherever possible, and the roof is constructed to house solar panels in the future.



Water Treatment Plant Project

The new water treatment plant is nearing completion with a tentative "on line" date to be early September. This will mark the end of a two-year building project

for the City, and the end of the arsenic violation letters for our consumers. This project began back in 2004 when the new federal laws mandated more stringent regulations regarding ac-

ceptable arsenic levels.

Water in Creswell comes from both well fields, and the Coast Fork of the Willamette river. The new plant will treat well water and river water on site, with a membrane filtration system geared to address arsenic levels and other contaminants found in our local water sources. There is also a new 3 million gallon storage tank on site, providing much needed equalization, fire and reserve storage.

The picture to the left shows the new membrane filter system. Membranes are expected to be installed in the frames within the next month.



Harvey Road/ 5th Street Construction Project

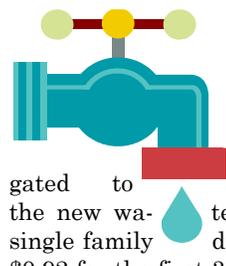
The Harvey Road Construction project is finally underway. Delta Construction in Eugene was awarded the contract by Lane County.

The waterline portion of the project is complete, and all affected customers have been switched to the new waterline. Tree removal and excavation should be nearing an end.

Installation of the storm water system is scheduled to begin July 6th. This portion of the project will be ongoing throughout the month of July. Installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks is scheduled to begin in early August, with paving scheduled to start shortly after Labor Day. The project is currently on schedule for completion in late October.

The street improvements on 5th St. from A St to Scott St., have been advertised for bid by the City. The improvements on A St., from 5th to 7th have been advertised for bid as an alternate, provided adequate funding is available to complete reconstruction of both streets.

Please stay alert and watch out for construction workers for the duration of the project. An increase in truck traffic should be expected, and motorists should use alternate routes whenever possible to avoid traffic delays.



Water Rates

July 1st will mark the last of the water rate increases the City was obligated to establish in order to secure funding for the new water treatment plant. The base rate for a single family dwelling, inside city limits will increase \$0.92 for the first 300 cubic ft of consumption. The overage rate will increase \$0.09 per 100 cubic ft. The average water bill (935 cubic ft of consumption) will increase about \$1.50

per month. Beginning July 1, 2010, 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.

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.

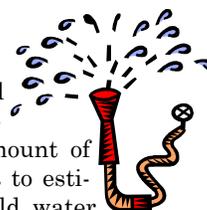
Simple tips for smart watering:

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>