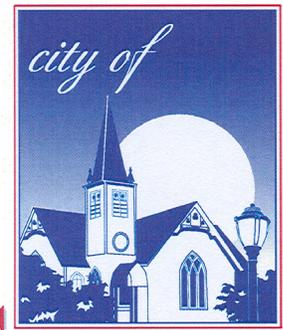


Creswell Connection



City Hall Elevator Installation

From August 6th through August 19th the front entrance to City Hall will be closed during the installation of an elevator. We will remain open to the public during construction, but ask that you use the entrance on the northwest corner of the building.

During the upcoming year, the city will be working on engineering and

design for the next phase of City Hall. This will include completion of the second story, parking improvements on 1st & C Streets, as well as preliminary design drawings for a pocket park adjacent to the public parking area.

We would like to thank you in advance for your patience during construction.

Cobalt Building Update

With help from a Ford Family Technical Assistance Grant, the City is moving forward with the Cobalt Building Redevelopment Project. Working with Cascadia Consulting Partnership, the City will develop and launch a capital campaign necessary to bring the Cobalt Building to fruition as a Community Recreation and Education Center.

Due to the significance of this Redevelopment Project, a community based fundraising process is required to transform the Cobalt Building into a vibrant community treasure. Helping move this effort forward, is the City's recently formalized the Cobalt Building Capital Campaign Committee (CBCCC).

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Special Dates:

July 4th	Celebration - Holt Park
July 12th	City Council Meeting
July 15th	Planning Commission
July 17th	Run for the Kids
Aug 9th	City Council Meeting
Aug 11th	Municipal Court
Aug 19th	Planning Commission
Aug 23rd	City Council/ Airport Commission Joint Meeting
Sept 2nd	Airport Commission
Sept 6th	Holiday - Labor Day
Sept 13th	City Council Meeting
Sept 16th	Planning Commission

South Lane Wheels

For those of you who responded to the survey you received in your water bill last month, thank you. We would like to clarify that South Lane Wheels is a not for profit entity, which already provides service in Creswell and Cottage Grove, and is not part of either city. The survey was conducted to determine if an increased presence in Creswell

would be beneficial to the community.

23% said they would use the service, while 40% responded they would not. 14% were unsure, though 9% thought it was a good idea, they also said they would not use the service at this time. 10% said they would not use the service, but rates seemed ok, and 4% thought the service would mean new taxes.

Deputy's Corner - Enjoy Your Summer!

Summertime. Kids out of school. Long, languid summer evenings. Day trips to the lake, or vacations out of town. Some safety tips:

Let your neighbors know you're out of town. Drop by City Hall and fill out a green sheet to let LCSO know you're traveling and leave a contact number. Keep an eye out on your neighbor's place while they're gone. When you're traveling, set some lights or TV/radio on a timer. Make sure your newspaper and mail are stopped. Secure all doors and

windows. Have someone mow or water your yard.

Keep an eye out for kids on their various wheeled contrivances. Make sure that all kids under 16 have a helmet. Scooters, bikes, skateboards included. Watch for them especially around parks, schools, and stores. Be attentive at dusk.

General traffic notice. Stop at stop signs. A full stop is where all forward motion ceases. With the better weather, there is a lot more foot traffic. Please pay attention.



Creswell Celebrates the 4th of July!



When: July 4, 2010

**Where: Harry Holt Park
Between 4th & 5th on A Street**

Time: 7:00 AM to 10:30 PM

If you have never experienced the 4th of July in Creswell, then you are truly missing out on one of the best home town events around! Being in the park on July 4th is like walking into a Norman Rockwell painting. It makes you reminisce (or dream) of simpler times, when baseball was baseball and a movie (with popcorn) cost less than \$1.00. When dinner was served by 5:30 every evening and everyone ate at the table. Creswell's celebration is iconic of what the word Americana means.

Start the day off right with a good breakfast of pancakes and eggs in the park from 7:00 to 10:30. Breakfast has been a staple of our celebration since its inception, and not to be missed.

There is nothing quite like the parade, brought to you by South Lane County Fire and Rescue, with more than 100 entries expected this year. The parade will start at 11:00 AM at Creslane Elementary and head south on 10th to Oregon Ave., head east on Oregon Ave. to 1st Street, then travel north to Morse, and west to Creswood where it will head back south to A Street, ending at Creslane Elementary. Roads will be closed to thru traffic beginning no later than 10:30, so plan accordingly.

We will receive our annual visit by F-15's this year, compliments of the 114th Fighter Squadron Kingsley Field, Oregon, anticipated to fly over Creswell about 11:27 AM, followed by an afternoon of fun and friendship with all the food you could possibly eat in our own Holt Park. Make sure to visit the booths as the majority of our volunteer organizations make an ap-

pearance to raise money for many wonderful causes, most of which directly benefit those who live in and around Creswell. How great is that?

And then, just when you think all the fun is winding down, get ready for a full on (bring your own blanket) fireworks display hosted in the fields of Creslane Elementary and Creswell High School.

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 do not bring 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 showing of volunteerism is a prime example of why Creswell is such a great town! So if you see someone working while you enjoy the day, stop and take time to give them a great big thank you for making Creswell the place to be on July 4th!

Event Schedule Recap:

7:00 am - 10:30 am	Chamber Breakfast Adult \$6.00 - Children \$4.00 Under 12 - Free
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Entertainment
10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Food and Craft Booths
11:00 am	Parade
Dusk	Fireworks

Independence trivia

(Test your knowledge, answers appear on page 4)

1. When was the first meeting of the Continental Congress?
2. When was Paul Revere's famous ride?
3. When was George Washington named Commander in Chief of the Continental Army?
4. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?

5. Who were the youngest and oldest signers of the Declaration of Independence?
6. On what date did most of the delegates sign the Declaration of Independence?
7. When was the French Alliance signed?
8. When were the Articles of Confederation adopted?
9. Who was Benedict Arnold?
10. When was the United States Constitution adopted?

Youth Have a Voice in Creswell



In April of this year, the City of Creswell gained what should be a valuable tool in its continued growth as a community. With the unanimous approval of Creswell's City Council, the Creswell Youth Advisory Council, or CYAC, was officially recognized. Establishment of the CYAC will help give Creswell's youth an active voice in decisions made by City Council. Decisions are made amongst active CYAC members, and then reported by a representative to the City Council for its deliberation. However, CYAC will

not be limited to just commentary; in its bylaws, the purpose of the Council is also to "identify and carry out events that are important to youth".

Already, on June 18th, CYAC orchestrated a cleanup day at Creswell's Holt Park, where Council members worked with children from Creswell Clubhouse to pick up trash and repaint picnic tables, park benches, and the gazebo. CYAC hopes that by motivating youth to be active in their community, they can improve communication between Creswell's youth and the City of Creswell.

(This article was written by CYAC committee member, Ryan Dodson)

Community Sharing

As the City of Creswell has grown, so has the need for local access to community assistance services. In hopes of improving access to these vital services, the City initiated a partnership with the Community Sharing Program in January of this year. This partnership resulted in a 5-month pilot project, allowing the Community Sharing Program to open a satellite office in the Creswell Community Center.

As the pilot project has come to an end, we continue to be absolutely astounded at the positive impact the Community Sharing Program has in the City of Creswell. Since January, over \$7,000 worth of services and products have been provided to Creswell residents via the Creswell based satellite office.

As a result of the insight gleaned via the pilot

project, both the Community Sharing Program and the City of Creswell have determined that maintaining local access to community assistance services is vital to our community's health. In order to move this effort forward, the City of Creswell will be collaborating with the Community Sharing Program to develop a one-year work plan. Compilation of a one-year work plan is one of the first steps we are taking, which expectantly will result in development of a permanent site where Community Sharing Program can administer community assistance services here in the City of Creswell.

For more information about the services that the Community Sharing Program provides, please visit <http://www.communitysharing.org/>



Noxious Vegetation

Each year, between June 15th and September 30th, 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 4th 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.





Paperless Billing - Sign Up For E-Bills Today!

Did you know the City of Creswell now offers paperless billing and online payment services? When you sign up for paperless billing, each month you will receive an email notification to view your bill online. You will also continue to receive the City Newsletter, and other information normally mailed to each customer conveniently by email.

For customers who pay their bill from their online banking service, make sure the account number in your online banking matches the account number on your most recent statement. You do not have to pay your bill online to receive your bill electronically, but you must sign up with an online user account. To sign up for paperless billing and/or pay your bill online, check out our website at: www.ci.creswell.or.us.

Online Bill Pay Is Here!

Payment/ Billing Services:

Paperless Billing — Get rid of paper statements. We'll send you an email when your bill is due with a link to your online statement. Sign up online at www.ci.creswell.or.us.

E-bill/ Online Payment — View your bill, make payments, manage your account, all online. Check your billing and usage history, update information, and more.

Auto Pay — Set up automatic monthly payments from your bank account, credit or debit card. You choose how and when the payments are made.

Trivia Questions Answers:

1. September 5th to October 26th, 1774.
2. April 18, 1775, along with William Dawes.
3. June 15, 1775.
4. Thomas Jefferson
5. Edward Rutledge age 26, and Benjamin Franklin age 70.
6. Many Delegates are said to have signed the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776, though the last signatures were probably obtained in September and October of the same year.
7. May 4, 1778, but knowledge of the alliance did not come to Washington until May Day 1778.
8. March 2, 1781
9. He was a General for the Continental Army, securing command of the fort of West Point, New York. He plotted unsuccessfully to surrender his post to the British, which was discovered by the Americans in September of 1780, after which he defected to the British Army.
10. June 21, 1788 the US Constitution is adopted when New Hampshire ratifies it, though it was signed on September 17, 1787.

Self Help Kiosk

— City Hall now has a self help kiosk. If you would like to sign up to pay your bill online, and do not have a computer at home, or if you would just like to check your balance we have installed a self help computer in the lobby of the new City Hall building.

Not ready for all the fancy choices? Don't worry, you can continue to mail us your payment, use the drop box, or pay over the counter, directly at City Hall.

GO GREEN !