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## City Partners with Schools in Pursuit of Sidewalk Grant

Sutherlin School District completed a survey of parents to learn about their concerns with children walking to and from schools. This information was used to write a *Safe Routes to Schools* grant application that would provide funding to improve sidewalks around the schools. This project adds and rehabilitates approximately 2,600 linear feet of sidewalks to the pedestrian system around our schools. The project is part of the City of Sutherlin's Transportation System Plan and the estimated cost of the project is \$500,000.



The scope of the project is to provide a continuous sidewalk 1) West Elementary on N. Comstock to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue then down to Sherman Street, and infill 150 feet of sidewalk on Sherman St.; 2) construct sidewalk along Mardonna from Central Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and 3) construct and rehabilitate sidewalk along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from State Street to Umatilla and along State Street from Central Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

A decision on the grant application is expected in May of 2011.

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer at the City of Sutherlin. We currently are in need of volunteers at Dial a Ride and the Visitor's Center. There are also vacancies on the Transportation Committee, Parks Committee and Transient

Room Tax Advisory Committee. More information can be obtained by calling City Hall at 541-459-2856 or you can go to our website at [www.ci.sutherlin.or.us](http://www.ci.sutherlin.or.us) and download the application.

## New Ridewater Pump Station Project

The new building to house new pump station equipment and distribution lines is nearly complete. This project is a required precursor to the new Cooper Creek Water Treatment Plant that will be under construction this spring. The Ridewater Pump Station provides upper water service to residents in the Ridgewater area near Cooper Creek and will continue to provide service when the new plant is complete. Once the new plant is operational the existing pump station would not be compatible with the newer equipment and electronic communication system.



## Grant Activity Update

### Grants Submitted:

- Safe Routes To Schools - sidewalk construction - \$470,000
- Transportation Enhancement - off road trails - Red Rock Road - \$920,000

### Grants in Process:

- Oregon State Parks & Recreation - City Parks
- Scenic By-ways - Visitors Center
- US Tennis Association - tennis court maintenance.

### Grants Awarded:

- Dial-A-Ride Vehicle and maintenance grant award \$52,000.
- Douglas County Traffic Safety Coalition - Radar Unit \$2,000.
- ODOT Grant for Training in Child Protective Seats. \$300.



## Department Activity Reports

**Sutherlin Police Department:** We had a total of 675 calls for service for the month of December. The case clearance rate was right at 78% for the month, with the year's average finishing at 77%, however there are a few cases still under investigation so it could change. We had a relatively quiet and uneventful holiday period, with a very quiet New Years Eve.

Officer, Dave Huntsman, is officially retired. We will miss Dave, with his good humor, strong work ethic, and willingness to help out. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

We have the "100-Year Anniversary" badges and will be worn during 2011 in honor of the Cities 100th birthday. These were presented to the officers at the January Council meeting.

A new patrol car has been ordered and should be finished at the end of January for delivery in February

**Dial-a-Ride:** - 207 people 60 years and over/disabled were transported for the month of December. Under 60 years disabled were 162 and under 60 years was 129 making a grand total of 561 transports for the month. 1,121 miles were driven and 393 hours were logged by our Volunteers. The Volunteers are the ones that keep this program running. Call us if you'd like to volunteer for Dial-a-Ride at (541)459-2429.

**Community Development Department:** The Airport Lift Station project bid was awarded; this project will eliminate major repair and staff time. Waite St./Glen Avenue waterline replacement project is under design and should be ready for bid documents in February. Repair of the 6th Avenue water main at the Railroad Tracks project is underway.

Staff has been working closely with the contractor throughout the Calapooia Sewer main extension project and it should be nearing completion early February. We have also worked toward completion of an ODOT Trail Grant, a Safe Routes to Schools Grant and other development opportunities throughout the city. Provision of water for the downtown area was examined; staff has determined that the estimated cost per water access point will be \$60. Components for water usage will be installed by early Spring.

**Finance Department:** The Finance Department is working towards meeting all the conditions set by the

USDA for financing of the Cooper Creek Water Treatment Plant, including securing interim financing. Additionally, the Department is soliciting for IT services, evaluating the potential of providing on-line bill pay services, and we've also just wrapped up the 2010 Annual Audit.

**The Visitor Center:** A newly formed committee hoping to provide a "Summer Concert Series" for Sutherlin conducted their first meeting. Numerous ideas and possibilities were discussed as they began the guidelines for the committee.

On behalf of the Sutherlin Visitor Center we want to thank Sutherlin School District, Superintendent, John Lahley, and the Business Management Department, Jacinda Sullivan and her students for the donation of a used computer and also with their help in setting it up.

Director, Char Hendershott, was at the Visitor Center for the arrival of the River Road Parks & Rec Club, of Eugene, on Saturday, December 18th. Special arrangements were made in advance for them to attend the Timber Toyland Light Parade. Sgt. Joe Felix, Sutherlin PD, made sure their arrival and departure was a safe one. The group was escorted to Gallery Book Store where they were treated to coffee and snacks provided by Cheryl & Jim Owens. The Blackberry Festival Committee provided fire-pots for those who wanted to bear the cold and rain. Packets with local information and Sutherlin's own brochure with flyers of Sutherlin's Centennial were given to them.

### Happenings...

February 28th - City Council - 7pm - Civic Auditorium

March 13th - St. Patrick's Day Dinner 12-2pm - St. Francis

March 14th - City Council - 7pm - Civic Auditorium

March 15th - TRTAC meeting - 7pm - City Hall Conf Rm

March 18-19 - Sutherlin Alumni BB Tourney - High School Gym

March 24th - Parks Mtg - 6:30 pm - City Hall Conf Rm

March 26th - Spaghetti Feed - Community Center 5-7pm

March 28th - City Council - 7pm - Civic Auditorium

April 11th - City Council 7pm - Civic Auditorium

April 19th - Planning Commission - 7pm - Civic Auditorium

April 19th - TRTAC meeting - 7pm - City Hall Conference Rm

April 25th - City Council - 7pm - Civic Auditorium

April 28th - Parks Mtg - 6:30pm - City Hall Conference Rm

