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From the Desk of the City Manager - Happy New Year!



2012 was indeed a year of transition, planning for the future and establishing a culture of "getting things done." We began the construction of a new water treatment facility and are approximately

2/3 complete, built a new park behind the fire station, completed a major street and slide repair project on Ridgeview Drive, facilitated the reconstruction of Hastings Avenue, smoke tested and repaired hundreds of feet of sewer lines, hired a new Chief of Police, established a new Main Street/Beautification Program through Sutherlin Downtown Development, established a business retention and economic development program to include a new web page, and established a "first ever" City Vision accompanied by Council Goals. You elected two new City Councilors; Karen Meier and Todd McKnight, re-elected Forrest Stone and Mayor Cameron. They were sworn in on January 14th.

Here's the city's new Vision Statement followed by eight Council Goals:

Vision Statement

With a "can do" attitude, we honor the past while building toward a prosperous future.

With community collaboration and civic pride, the city of Sutherlin is a beautiful, safe, and welcoming place to live, work, and play.

GOALS

- Sustain a high level of public safety.
- Encourage and support successful community events that add to our quality of life.
- Plan, construct and maintain a complete transportation system including walking and biking opportunities.
- Ensure public decision making and problem solving includes broad public input, especially affected stakeholders and community partners.
- Create a thriving and diverse local economy by retaining and expanding current businesses,

attracting new businesses and rejuvenating a comprehensive tourism program.

- Establish Sutherlin as a regionally recognized community for its attractive and positive image.
- Continually plan and maintain fiscally sustainable public services and infrastructure.
- Continue developing a visually appealing Central Avenue corridor, including a vibrant downtown.

2013 brings with it another long list of hopeful achievements. Beginning in early March, we should be rebuilding Fourth Avenue behind East School. We will also be constructing new restroom facilities and a pavilion on the new park grounds behind the Fire Station. Along with these projects, we are working with the Blackberry Festival and the Sutherlin Rodeo at making power and site improvements for their activities. Former Councilor, Dr. Adam Sarnoski, has purchased the equipment and will be sponsoring "Movies in the Park" for children of all ages this Summer; be looking for notice of the dates and time. We will continue working with the Sutherlin Chamber in Business Retention and Expansion efforts which begun in 2012 and adding commercial lands inventory to our new economic development web page. In addition, look for our continued beautification efforts with Sutherlin Downtown Development, Inc., especially the hanging baskets and the street-level barrel plantings. The downtown merchants plan a series of special shopping events to include an open air market. Look for dates and times on the Visitor Center website at visitsutherlin.com.

City Council will be completing the strategic planning process by building an operational list of objectives targeted toward Council Goals. Please be looking for this on our web page and call should you have any questions. (page 2) ►

City Now Offers On-line Bill Pay

You now have more choices in how you pay your water/sewer bill. The City of Sutherlin now offers online bill pay. We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay, the premier provider for online bill payment systems. All you need is an internet connection through a Web browser and an e-mail address. Once you sign up for your free account and start using this service, you'll wonder how you ever got along without it!

It's simple to use. Each month you'll receive a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is online. Then you just log in to your account at XpressBillPay.com and view your bill. It's formatted like your paper statement so it will look familiar to you. You can also see up to a full

year's history of your account online, so you can compare your current bill to a year ago. You will have the option of going paperless also.

When you're ready to pay your bill, select payment type, paying with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer, enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month.

We offered this service at the request of our customers – You asked and we delivered! To sign up, just go to www.cityofsutherlin.com and use the link in the upper right hand corner of the city's home page. More information regarding this service is also provided on the city's website home page or call 541-459-2856.



On Friday, December 14, 2012, the lives of all Americans changed dramatically. A small community in Newtown, Connecticut had a lone gunman enter the Sandy Hook Elementary School and kill 20 young children and 6 adults. Today, this incident is best known as the “deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.”

In response to this alarming incident, the Sutherlin Police Department quickly made plans to staff all of our schools (Sutherlin and Oakland) with officers at the start time and ending time of each school day. We have also provided random visits throughout the day until Christmas break began on December 21, 2012. Some might be wondering why, with no credible threat to our schools specifically, we would engage in this proactive effort.

My experience in public safety work over the past 32 years is that there is both a “real” and “perceived” sense of safety and security that we can all identify with on a daily basis. Our effort as a professional law enforcement agency is to be visible, approachable, answer questions that parents or students may have, and to provide a “real” and “perceived” sense of safety and security in our community.

This effort will continue into the foreseeable future, but on a more random basis throughout each week that school is in session this year. I invite you to read some of the very favorable, positive and appreciative comments that were posted on the Sutherlin Police Department Facebook webpage by going to www.cityofsutherlin.com, police department. You can also learn more about how to protect yourself, your family, and your coworkers by watching a video that has been posted

on that site titled “Run, Hide, Fight,” posted as of December 17, 2012.

As a community, we all hope, of course, that the type of devastation and trauma the nation saw occur at Sandy Hook Elementary never occurs here in Douglas County. However, responsible law enforcement leadership and management dictates planning and preparing for the possibility that it could. We are therefore fully committed to being increasingly prepared to respond with immediate, effective action in order to, above all, save lives should a similar incident occur in our area.

As a result of our heightened commitment, on February 2, 2013, the Sutherlin Police Department is hosting an “Active Shooter” course to which we have invited any law enforcement agency in Douglas County to train with us. This training will be focused on good critical incident management, rapid response to an event, and deployment of resources to control, contain and stop any threat that may exist at any school, business, or venue where large numbers of people are present. The four officers who are state certified to teach this specialized course are Sgt. Justin Marquis, Master Officers, Rich Hopkins and Vaughn Rains, and Officer, Erik Johnson.

Our hope is to not be needed for an active shooter situation in our communities, our commitment is to be prepared in the event that we are.

We are honored to protect and serve the Cities of Sutherlin and Oakland in 2013!

- Chief, Kirk Sanfilippo

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In the meantime, we’re here to serve you through effective, efficient government service. We have established a purpose, mission, core values and beliefs statement I hope you will appreciate as follows:

Our Purpose -To facilitate, problem-solve, administer, and manage the process of government service on behalf of the City Council and citizens of Sutherlin.

Our Mission - To serve the community through the efficient and effective administration and delivery of a vast array of activities, services and policy directives intended to address the community vision and goals of the Sutherlin City Council.

Our Core Values and Beliefs

As a team, we value above all, the personal integrity, honesty, pride in accomplishment and commitment to excellence we each bring to the City of Sutherlin. We expect allegiance to our mission and purpose from one another while respecting each other’s opinions, unique qualities, and contributions to the team. We believe in having fun while sustaining the highest measures of superior competence and professionalism. Above all, we are absolutely devoted in service to our community.

-Respectfully, Jerry Gillham, City Manager

Amnesty Program Offered For Old Fines - February 1- May 31

Beginning February 1, 2013, the Sutherlin Municipal Court will extend an amnesty period to those individuals with outstanding court fines accrued from 2007 or earlier. Those who qualify will have until 5:00 pm on May 31, 2013 to take advantage of this one-time offer.

Debt forgiveness of 25% of the amount of overdue fines (which includes all collection fees) will be granted to those individuals who meet the following conditions:

OVERDUE FINES are defined as those imposed by the Court in 2007 or earlier; have resulted in DMV suspension status (if ORS violations) AND have been assigned to Pacific Coast Credit Collections or Professional Credit Services in Eugene, OR.

EXCLUSIONS: Cases with restitution owed or cases sent to litigation do not qualify for the amnesty program. Reductions will not be given for partial payments as the purpose of this amnesty program is to resolve and close outstanding cases for the benefit of both debtors and

the Court.

PAYMENT TERMS: Payments must be made within the designated amnesty dates in the form of cash, money order, cashier’s check, Visa or MasterCard. Payments can be made in person, by U.S. mail or via phone authorization to any representative from made to Sutherlin Municipal Court or Professional Credit Services. To mail payments, use the following address: Sutherlin Municipal Court, 126 E. Central Avenue, Sutherlin, OR, 97479.

REINSTATEMENT OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES: Upon payment in full, the Court will clear any Driver’s License suspension that was issued by Sutherlin Municipal Court through the Oregon DMV.

PLEASE NOTE: Your license is NOT automatically reinstated with the payment of your fines. Be sure to complete the necessary requirements with the DMV to obtain a valid license.