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Sutherlin City News

Skate Park Update

Fall



The Sutherlin Skate Park Steering Committee has made the decision to use funds raised (approximately \$30,000) to purchase new components that will be placed at Hartley Park converting the tennis courts to a usable skate park. Originally the plan was to raise \$300,000 for a new skate park facility. This change in plans is a result of the overall economy coupled with a lack of involvement by skaters and their parents. The group has been meeting for several years now and has struggled to maintain the momentum necessary to build a skate park.



The park was opened earlier in the year when the group acquired used ramps from

another community and placed them on the tennis court. However, the City was forced to shut it down in order to comply with safety issues raised by their insurance company.

The committee has established a successful program of fund raising through the collection of cans for their deposit taking in over \$1,000 in some months. Once the new park is operational, the group has discussed possibly taking up another cause.

For more information on how you can become involved in this effort feel free to email the City at admin@ci.sutherlin.or.us or you can call us at 541-459-2856.

Reflections of a Busy Summer

I must confess that last spring when I saw the number of events that were planned to be held in Sutherlin, I was more than a little skeptical about our ability to accomplish so much. One of the challenges volunteer organizations have is finding enough volunteers. I have been involved in more than one conversation about this problem. How would we ever find the help? Blackberry, Triathlon, and Rodeo, were an every year occurrence. But now the community had taken on the Sutherlin 100, The Wall, and Cycle Oregon.

Through strong leadership and brute force, each of these events happened in spectacular fashion. So many memories were created for us all, as well as permanent reminders remain. The improvements at the Central Park Veterans Memorial were done in conjunction with the Wall. Historical documentation for each of the names in the memorial was created for perpetuity

sake. The Calapooia Reflections Museum was created as part of the Sutherlin 100 event along with a book that uses pictures to record our history. Cycle Oregon pumped thousands of dollars into our local school district enabling many improvements to be done at the school, while also contributing a great deal of money into other non-profit organizations who stepped up to make this event a success.



Looking ahead to 2012 it appears that we will be returning to normal. However, one must ask themselves if we will ever been the same again. These accomplishments have left us with a sense that there is nothing we cannot accomplish when we join together all working for a common cause. Leaves one feeling that we need to rest up. This coming year might just be another one for the ages.

Roseburg Optimists Club - Officer of the Year

This years winner for the Optimist Club's Officer of the Year from the Sutherlin Police Department is Officer, Vaughn Rains. He was described by his co-workers as having a positive attitude and outlook towards his job, as well as his Co-workers, that



he puts his heart into his training programs, and for being an excellent example of good, professional conduct. He was rewarded with a nice plaque and a Seven Feathers gift package at a recent banquet. Congratulations and great job to Officer Rains!

Department Updates

Sutherlin Police Department: It's been business as usual this fall at the Sutherlin Police Department. At the department we have hosted numerous training classes to further the experience and professionalism of the department members. Kids are back in school, so we have increased our presence and enforcement in the school zones. We would like to remind people to use extra caution in the mornings and afternoons when kids are walking to and from school.

Community Development Department Includes water, wastewater, streets and storm drainage, as well as parks and planning. During the last quarter Community Development completed numerous facility maintenance projects including Community Center painting, Festival Grounds Pavilion lighting and painting, safety issues, parking lot repair and roofing work throughout city facilities. Phase II of the Festival Grounds Drainage Project was completed and a portion of Red Rock Road was cleaned up for future parking use. The Community should see continued improvements throughout the fall, winter and spring in this area including volleyball courts and soccer field improvements. Staff also completed the Airport Wastewater Lift Station improvements and completed design work for rehabilitation work on the Everett Avenue Wastewater Lift Station. Plans for the Everett Avenue water line replacement and street repair are complete and final stage work on the Red Rock Trail Grant has been accomplished.

Visitor Center: The fall/winter hours have now started for the Visitor Center. Thanks to our great volunteers we will be open daily from 10am-1pm Monday through Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday. After November 17 it will then be closed Thursday, Saturday and Sundays.

Emergency Communications

Communications are crucial during an emergency. In addition to radio and television, Douglas County has a computer program that will automatically dial home phone numbers to notify residents of an emergency. In the past I have used this in another community to notify the residents of a water supply emergency. One of the problems we have discussed is that today, many people no longer have home phones. They rely completely on cell phone service. If you or someone you know no longer has home phone service, you can register your cell phone number to be contacted. Go to the Douglas County Sheriffs website at: www.dcsso.com and follow the link to "**Emergency Notification System**". If you don't have internet access you can contact the sheriff's office at 541-440-4450 and you will be given instructions on how to register your cell phone number.

City Code you may not know....

Over the last few months we have been dealing with numerous Municipal Code Violations, from noise complaints to tall grass. But there is one set of complaints that have come to light recently regarding a code that very few people are aware of, and that is riding bicycles and skateboards on the sidewalks in the downtown district.

Sutherlin Municipal Code (SMC) 10.44.130 dealing with bicycles reads as follows: *10.44.130 Riding on sidewalks. No person may ride or operate a bicycle upon a sidewalk in a business district. A person riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.*

And Sutherlin Municipal Code 10.52.020 dealing with skateboards and other devices reads: *10.52.020 Riding on sidewalks restricted. No person may ride or operate a device commonly called or known as a skateboard, roller skates, coaster, scooter or other toy vehicle, or similar device, upon a sidewalk in the commercial downtown zone, as defined herein, or upon Central Avenue. A person riding a skateboard upon a sidewalk or street outside of the described commercial downtown zone, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and vehicle traffic and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing any pedestrian.*

The effected area is basically between the railroad tracks on the west to the park on the east, along Central Ave and one block to the north and south. There are also provisions dealing with Parental Responsibilities regarding these codes, and violators could face a citation, fine, and have their bicycle or skateboard seized. Thanks for your cooperation. If you have questions City Code is on our website at www.cityofsutherlin.com or call the Police Dept. at 541-459-2211 or email us at police@ci.sutherlin.or.us.

Happenings...



- October 29 - Halloween Carnival - West School - 6-8pm
- October 29- Hobo Stew - Community Center - 4:30-6:30pm
- November 3-5 - Library Book Sale - call 459-9161 for info
- November 6 - Daylight Savings Ends - "Fall Back"
- November 7 - TRTAC Mtg - City Hall Conf. Rm - 7pm
- November 14 - City Council Mtg - 7pm
- November 15 - Planning Commission Mtg - 7pm
- November 24-25 - Happy Thanksgiving! City Offices Closed.
- November 24 - Parks Mtg - CANCELLED
- November 28 - City Council Mtg - 7pm
- December 5 - TRTAC Mtg - City Hall Conf. Rm 7pm
- December 12 - City Council Mtg - 7pm
- December 17 - Christmas Festival - Community Center -
- December 17 - Toyland Timber Light Parade - Central - 7pm
- December 22 - Parks Mtg - CANCELLED
- December 26 - Merry Christmas! City Offices Closed
- December 27 - City Council Mtg - 7pm - NOTE: TUESDAY
- December 31 - Rotary New Years Eve Party - Oak Hills Golf
- January 1 - Happy New Year!
- January 2 - New Years Holiday - City Offices Closed
- January 2 - TRTAC Mtg - CANCELLED
- January 9 - City Council Mtg - 7pm

