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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

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VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Jacksonville celebrates the holidays and our past with **Victorian Christmas**. The celebration begins with a merchant open house tree lighting ceremony on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and continues on the first three weekends in December, with some activities the weekend after Christmas. The town is decorated in all natural greenery with white lights and red bows to evoke Christmases past. On weekends there are pictures with Father Christmas, strolling carolers – some in vintage costumes – and complimentary hot cider.

Tree lighting & community caroling will start Saturday November 25th at 5pm.

The Victorian Christmas Celebration is coordinated by the **Jacksonville Oregon Chamber of Commerce and Business Association**.

For a complete calendar of events please visit www.ChristmasInJacksonville.com

If you are interested in participating or donating please contact Jacksonville Oregon Chamber of Commerce and Business Association
541-899-8118 or email chamber@jacksonvilleoregon.org

Mayor

Paul Becker

Council

Brad Bennington

Criss Garcia

David Jesser

Jim Lewis

Ken Gregg

Steve Casaleggio

City Administrator

Jeff Alvis

City Hall

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Police

Office 541-899-7100

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Fire

Office 541-899-7246

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Planning

541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

800-358-8034

How Does Urban Renewal Tax Increment Affect Property Tax Payers?

In an effort to help you better understand how Urban Renewal affects your property taxes, here is a brief description of how it works.

Once an urban renewal plan is adopted in an urban renewal area, tax payers within that area will see a line item on their property tax statements for urban renewal. Your overall tax bill does not increase, but the allocation of revenues received from your payment is changed as a portion of that payment now goes to urban renewal. This is called "division of taxes" and is the administrative way that assessors must calculate the urban renewal revenue. The total taxes does not change, they are just distributed differently if there is urban renewal.

Happy Holidays!

City Office Holiday Hours:

Closed Monday and Tuesday

December 25th & 26th



After Hour Call-Out Fee Charge

If a water customer requests a call-out outside of normal working hours to turn a water meter off or on for a NON-EMERGENCY situation, they will be charged a fee of \$80.00, which will be added to their monthly bill. The fee would be charged for each call-out on the weekends, holidays and before 7:30a.m. or after 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Indoor Christmas Trees & Fire Prevention

The Jacksonville Fire & Rescue wants to remind residents to be fire safe with their holiday decorations, especially Christmas trees. Improper care and decoration of a live or artificial tree can lead to a catastrophic fire. Christmas time is a time for joyful gatherings of friends and neighbors we at Jacksonville Fire & Rescue want you and your loved ones to be safe this holiday season. For this reason we have assembled some holiday safety tips.

Christmas Tree Safety Tips:

Caring for your freshly cut tree

- Select the freshest looking tree available. Very few needles should fall from the tree when you either shake or bounce the tree on its stump or gently grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pull it toward you.

Water the tree daily, keeping the stand full of water at all times. Make a fresh cut off the bottom of the trunk approximately 1/2" from the bottom just before putting it in the stand. The stand should hold at least one quart of water for every inch diameter of the trunk.

Protect your tree from fire hazards

- Place the tree well away from heat sources including space heaters and fireplaces, wood stoves, televisions and computers. These items will speed up moisture loss of the tree.
- Always use safe tree lights designed for indoor use. Larger tree lights should also have some type of reflector rather than a bare bulb and all lights should be UL listed.
- Make sure any artificial trees are labeled as fire-retardant. Never use electric lights on a metal tree.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
- Always unplug tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.

Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

Holiday Lights

- Maintain Your Holiday Lights Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

- Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.

Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended

Be prepared

- Residential fire sprinklers offer the best protection to ensure escape from the fire.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- Make and practice a home escape plan. Be sure to have two ways out of every room and decide on a designated meeting place outside.
- Get Out and Stay Out. Go directly to your planned meeting place and stay there. Call the fire department from a neighbor's home or a cell phone once safely outside.
- Crawl low in smoke. If you are trapped in smoke, get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe way out.
- Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothes catch on fire.

**Have a Safe and Happy Holidays,
Jacksonville Fire Department**



Committee for Citizen Involvement

The application for City of Jacksonville Committee for Citizen Involvement was approved at the City Council Meeting, November 21, 2017. If you are interested in submitting an application they are available on the website and at the City Office. All applications must be submitted to the City Recorder's office by 12:00 pm, January 16, 2018. Any specific questions need to be addressed with the Planning Department.

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
Cemetery Commission	Tuesday, December 4th	4:30 pm	New City Hall
City Council	Tuesday, December 5th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
Planning Commission	Wednesday, December 13th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
HARC	Wednesday, December 20th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall