



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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# JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

## November 2017

### **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

## *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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:chamber@jacksonvilleoregon.org)



## **News from Fire Chief Hull**

With the devastation of very recent California Fires, it very important that we not let our guard down. Fire Season is behind us, but the winter months are a good time to attain fire defensible space around our homes and businesses. As we saw vividly in the news, the disastrous wind driven fires were not confined to the wildland interface, but burned right through the rural communities and businesses. Our hearts are broken for the folks who have lost loved ones, their homes and all their possessions.

Jacksonville has had multiple fires destroying much of the town in the 1880's, but we don't have to look back so far to see the serious impact fire has had not only in residential areas of Ashland and Weed but also in their business districts just a few years ago.

Many lessons will be learned from the California Fires, but we need to take responsibility for our properties and minimize combustibles and take action. It is imperative that we as citizens be aware and practice disaster preparedness for Fire, Earthquake, and Flood. Your Fire Department has information available to help you be prepared.

## Household Emergency Water Supply

Every household is responsible for its own disaster preparedness and should have an emergency supply of potable water. A good rule of thumb is to have 1 gallon of water per person per day for fourteen days stored for the household. Households with animals should add an adequate stored supply of water for them also.

An adequate emergency supply of drinking water in each household is a tremendous asset to the water system.

For more information on disaster preparedness, browse through the American Red Cross website at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).



## A Helping Hand

Jacksonville is a town full of great volunteers who help with cleaning up our parks, cemetery and walking trails. This takes a great burden off of the City's Public Works Department. If you would like to be a volunteer in your own way, we would appreciate it if you would not blow the falling leaves into the street for the street sweeper to pick up. There is a lot of manpower involved with getting the streets swept, disposing of the debris, and cleaning the machinery. In the summer, we can normally get the streets swept once a week. Now that the leaves are falling, if we try to sweep up all the leaves, we won't get to many streets before the sweeper fills up. Leaves left in the street can turn into mush and leave an unsightly mess for a few days. We ask you to please help in disposing of leaves in the street by your property. Thank you all who help in our community.



## Sidewalk Maintenance Safety and Repair Responsibilities

Our town's historic nature brings many visitors who enjoy walking through it. Our local residents also enjoy walking to places instead of driving. It is important that our sidewalks are free of hazards that could trip a pedestrian and cause injury. Please be aware that the sidewalks abutting your property are your responsibility to keep free of hazardous conditions (Municipal Code Chapter 12.20). If someone is hurt because of the condition of the sidewalk, you could be responsible for any claims they file. Please take time to look at the sidewalk next to your property and remove any hazards that might exist, including:

**Repairing uneven joints, edges, or surfaces that can be trip hazards**

**Cleaning up debris from trees (wet leaves, nuts, branches, etc.)**

**Removing snow and ice promptly**

**Thank you for keeping conditions safe for pedestrians.**

## Do you want to get emails about upcoming Public Meetings?

Go to the city website ([www.jacksonvilleor.us](http://www.jacksonvilleor.us)) and click on the "Sign up for announcements" button on the right-hand side. Just fill out the appropriate information, check "I agree" and then click submit. You will then start receiving emails about upcoming meeting agendas, times and locations. We will also send out Newsletters or bulletins periodically. *You can unsubscribe at any time.*

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council	Tuesday, November 7	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
Planning Commission	Wednesday, November 8	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
Parks Committee	Thursday, November 9	5:00 pm	New City Hall Conference Room
City Council	Tuesday, November 21	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
HARC	Wednesday, November 22	6:00 pm	Old City Hall