

City of Seaside Newsletter

December 18, 2015



CITY HALL

MEETINGS:

Community and Senior Commission meeting scheduled Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 10:00 am, at the Bob Chisholm Community Center.

Library Board meeting scheduled Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 4:30 pm, at the Library.

Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 7:00 pm, Seaside City Hall.

Improvement Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 7:00 pm, Seaside City Hall.

Parks Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2016, 7:00 pm, Seaside City Hall.

City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2016, 7:00 pm, Seaside City Hall.

Convention Center Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2016, 5:00 pm, at the Convention Center

Planning Commission work session scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:00 pm, Seaside City Hall.

Tourism Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 3:00 pm, Seaside City Hall.

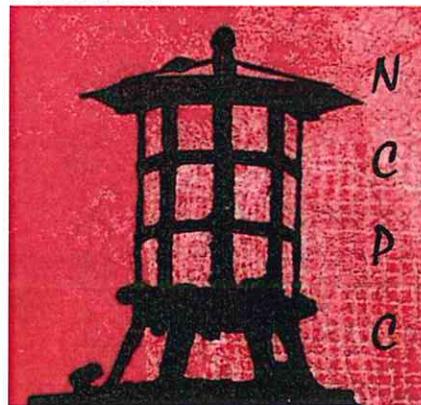
City Tree Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016, 4:00 pm, at Seaside City Hall.

Transportation Advisory Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016, 6:00 pm, Seaside City Hall.

Airport Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 6:00 pm, Seaside City Hall.

LIBRARY

Now showing and running through January 26, 2016, The North Coast Printmakers Collective will be displaying original artwork at the library. The exhibit will be hanging in the Community Room and foyer. These inspired and obsessed artists produce quality original prints reflecting personal insights and shared aesthetics. While the incentive to work cooperatively is primarily based on the common need to access printmaking equipment and studio space, an opportune outcome has been growth through the interactive flow of ideas and technical knowledge. Included in the NCPC's repertoire are monotypes, monoprints, intaglio prints of all varieties, and relief prints including linocuts and woodblocks.



Teen Tuesday and Kinder Storytime are on hiatus this week but Preschool Storytime will be at its regular time on Wednesday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m. You might like to guess the haps goin down—It's not about bunnies or even a clown—I know you're all thinking bout Han and some Wookiee's—But storytimes all about Santa and Cookies.

CONVENTION CENTER

Star Wars picture courtesy of Wookieepedia.



POLICE

Seaside Police Sergeant Gary Welborn has been attending the Supervisors Academy in Salem and he will be completing the course on Friday. This training is a requirement for all supervisory ranks in law enforcement and this will complete his required training to obtain his supervisory certification through the state.

Three recruit officers (Jess Vaughan, Nathan Tappert and Elise Parkman) who are attending the Basic Police Academy in Salem, will be back in Seaside for the next two weeks while the academy is out of service for a holiday break. These recruits will be assigned to work patrol with other officers and will also complete some in house training before their return to class the first week in January.

POLICE DEPARTMENT AUCTION:

Saturday (December 19, 2015) the Police Department will be auctioning off some surplus and found property. There are a lot of bicycles to be auctioned off, some of which are in pretty nice shape. If you are in need of bike, come to Seaside Police Department and make a bid. Also being auctioned off is a 2003 Honda trail motorcycle (XR100R) and the 1991 Pontiac Trans AM (the old DARE car). The car is in very bad condition, but if you or someone you know is in need of parts or large project to take on, this maybe something to check out. Viewing of all the items to be auctioned begins at 9:30AM and the auction starts at 10:00AM. The auction will be held in the north parking lot at Seaside Police Department.

The Convention Center was host to the Foster Children's Christmas Party on Monday, December 14, 2015, and will host the Rotary Wishing Tree Program from Tuesday, December 15 through Friday, December 18, 2015.



After 13 years with the City of Seaside, Terry Gizdavich is retiring. Terry worked at City Hall for 5 years and at the Convention Center for 8. She will be moving to her hometown of Newport, Rhode Island in January, 2016. Her last day at work will be Wednesday, December 23, 2015. You are cordially invited to join us from 3:00 -5:00 pm at the Convention Center for a piece of cake, and to wish her well on her next adventure.

We will miss her smiling face, her laugh, and quick wit, and wish her nothing but the best in her retirement. Bon voyage Theresa!

FIRE

On December 12th Seaside Fire and Rescue hosted Sensory Friendly open house at their station. For two hours Seaside Fire welcomed families with kids that have sensory processing difficulty, autism, or other conditions.

The idea of hosting such an event came about when one of Seaside's firefighter brought his autistic child down to hang out with firefighters on duty. In his visit firefighters discovered it was challenging working or communicating with the child in an atmosphere that was sensitive to him.

After a little research, firefighters learned that they needed to make a few adjustments around the station. First off we had to regulate the noise around the station. Dispatch was notified to make emergency calls through the radio and that the radio's volume needed to be turned down during the open house. Apparatus used for responses would be staged outside away from where the tour was to take place. When a call was dispatched for an emergency the apparatus when leaving would wait to turn on warning devices. Many of the lights at the station needed to be turned off or down. The ladder truck extended out its ladder for the presentation before any families arrived to help minimize noise. There were no flashing lights and no equipment running while the families were in the station for the open house.

Different areas around the station were set up for different activities. One activity was the EMS station, where mom and dad could explain how to approach a special needs child, and firefighters explained why vital signs were taken during a medical emergency. While firefighters practiced with the kids, parents explained to firefighters what the best way possible with the children was. This helped both families and firefighter learn from each other's actions.

Additionally a firefighter dressed in full turnout gear while another is explaining each piece of equipment used. Kids could hear him breathe while in his SCBA. Before he took his gear off, the firefighter gave each child enough time to come to the firefighter (if the child was comfortable) to touch and feel his gear. Again, this helped both families and firefighter learn from each other's actions and reactions.

A big shout out goes to Steven Zamora and Warrenton Fire Department for providing Sparky the Fire Dog, NFPA's official mascot and spokes dog on fire safety. Steven is a volunteer for Warrenton Fire Department and an employee with Medix Ambulance.

Although only a few families participated in this unique open house, all families were tremendously supportive of the concept of a sensory friendly open house. The feedback Seaside Fire crews received from parents was how it's almost always impossible to have their children experience a tour or activity with other children involved because of their sensitivity to noise and bright lights. For example, just a visit to sit with Santa Claus is virtually always out of the question.

Seaside Fire is already planning a similar event next December.



HOLIDAY, CANDLE, AND CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE SAFETY

The stormy season is among us once again, and it is important to be prepared for any large storms. It is hard to believe that only 9 years ago, Seaside had a terrible storm, resulting in a tragic and fatal house fire where two residents lost their lives while they were sleeping.



Smoke Alarms:

Smoke alarms provide an early warning to a fire, allowing occupants crucial minutes to escape the fire; most deaths are caused by smoke, not flames. Most fire deaths and injuries occur at night while victims are asleep. The earlier you are alerted to a fire, the more likely it is that you will get out in time. Smoke alarms won't prevent fires, but they will increase your chances of getting out and calling the fire department.

Smoke alarms are just one part of the fire survival solution. They must be used in combination with a home fire escape plan.

The following is a checklist of what the Seaside Fire Department recommends all residents check to insure their home is safe from any potential fire hazards this holiday season:

Candle Care:

Avoid using lit candles. If you use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot easily be knocked down.

Never leave the house with candles burning.

Selecting a tree for the Holiday:

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard

Caring for your tree:

Set your tree up in a safe area that is located away from all heat sources. Do not place the tree near a fireplace or heating vent because the heat will dry out the tree. If there are smokers in the house, do not allow them to smoke near the tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Indoor 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. Unplug all decorative lighting before you go to bed or leave the house.

Outdoor Lights:

Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory and marked for outdoor use. Turn off electricity to the supply outlet before working with outdoor wiring. Run all outdoor cords above ground, keeping them out of the puddles and snow.

To prevent moisture from entering bulb sockets, turn the bulbs to face the ground.

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.**

Are there smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom? Involve the whole family in the testing process so they get familiar with the sound. This is a good time to talk to your children about where they are to go to as a safe meeting site. Choose a meeting place that everyone in the household knows in the event of an emergency. Practice! Practice! Practice! Remember practicing all of these tips will increase your chance of surviving a fire in your home and mitigating damage to your home. Personal responsibility is the key. Each household is responsible for making sure they have addressed fire safety.

Fire hazards must be identified and mitigated. If you have any questions concerning fire safety at home, please do not hesitate to call Seaside Fire and Rescue Department at 503-738-5420.

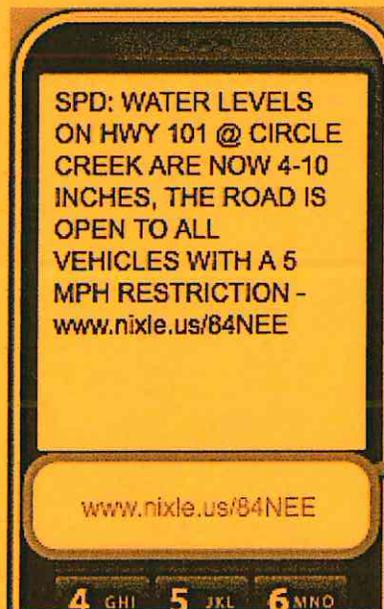
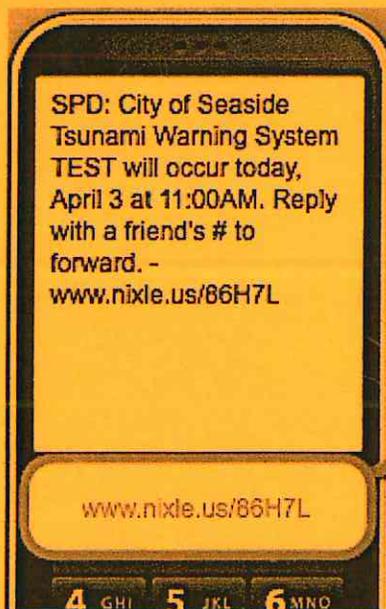
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Are you receiving alerts about road closures, accidents and the possibility of emergency situations in the Seaside area?

If not, you should be and it's easy to subscribe.

The City of Seaside and Seaside Police Department use Nixle alerts* to inform the community when it is necessary to get information out in a timely fashion. Nixle alerts come in the form of an SMS text message, email, or both (depending on your free subscription).



Examples of alerts include the announcement of a Tsunami warning system test, high water levels or an accident along Highway 101 that may impact travel.

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WHAT'S YOUR PRIORITY FOR BUS SERVICE IN CLATSOP COUNTY?

Direct bus route from **ASTORIA** to **SEASIDE**?
Shoppers shuttles serving **YOUR** neighborhood?
More service to **COLUMBIA** and **TILLAMOOK** Counties?

The Sunset Empire Transportation District (SETD) provides local and regional bus service and has undertaken a long-range plan to determine transit needs throughout Clatsop County. We need your opinions and regional needs for public transportation services and hope you can participate in this short survey.



Please **Take 5 minutes** to fill out
the survey about public transit in Clatsop County

[TRANSITSTUDY.RIDETHEBUS.ORG/SURVEY](https://transitstudy.ridethebus.org/survey)



December 1, 2015

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Press Contact: Debbie Hamel | 503.861.0578 X 3500 | dhamel@recology.com

RE: Christmas Holiday

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Start)

Recology Western Oregon customers with a normal service day of Friday will receive pickup on Saturday, December 26th. Pickup schedules for all other days of the week will run as normal.

The Astoria Transfer Station located on Williamsport Road will close early at 2pm on December 24th, and will be closed all day December 25th.

The Seaside Recycle Depot will be open normal hours on December 24th; closed all day on December 25th.

The Warrenton Customer Service office will close early at 2pm on December 24th, and will be closed all day on December 25th.

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Thank you,

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RE: New Years Holiday

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Normal collection schedules for Recology Western Oregon customers will not be affected by the New Years holiday.

The Astoria Transfer Station, located on Williamsport Road, will close early at 2pm on December 31st, and will be closed all day January 1st.

The Seaside Recycle Depot will be open normal hours December 31st, and closed all day January 1st.

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