

CITY COUNCIL E-NEWSLETTER

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Echo Mountain Fire and FEMA Trailers

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Saturday, March 6, 2021 was a milestone day for the Echo Mt Fire survivors. Sixteen trailers were moved onto Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians RV Park property on Logan Road in Lincoln City. Water and sewer pipes have been installed underground, electrical power hooked up, and survivors have been contacted so their specific needs can be addressed. FEMA held a walk-through for elected officials of the tribe, county, city, and media were also invited.

This has been a long time coming for those folks who have been living in motels since the wildfire of September 6, 2020. The trailers are 2- and 3-bedroom units and all survivors moving in are adults. The trailers come with beds, dressers, sofas, table and chairs, and have handrails in the bathrooms. Of special note, as our tour guide was happy to share, the sprinkler system is unique as each

sprinkler has its own set off valve, so they all don't go off at the same time and flood the trailers as they have in the past. Lessons learned!

The survivors will begin moving in as soon as the steps to the front doors are completed. The trailers will be available to them for 18-24 months from the date the Housing Mission was approved by FEMA.



Siletz Tribal Council Chairman, Delores Pigsley



Mr. Duke Davis, FEMA Deputy Federal Coordinator Officer for the Oregon Wildfires

Welcome to our new neighbors!

City Council appointed me to work with Ken to participate in the more than twice a week meetings with the Governor's Task Force and FEMA/State/County/City. As I have learned a lot and pushed for much, this is 'old hand' for Ken as he comes from FEMA to the city. Much thanks has to be given to County Commissioner Kaety Jacobson for her unrelenting efforts to provide for all the many different needs of these almost 300 individuals whose lives have been upended for so long. She has worked tirelessly and professionally and has accomplished much.



Trailer inside look

Dates to Remember and Surviving Numbers for Echo Mountain Fire

Dates to remember:

September 6, 2020 Straight Line Windstorm followed by Kimberling and Echo Mt Wildfires

November 10, 2020 FEMA approves Lincoln County's request for a Housing Mission designation allowing FEMA to provide housing for the survivors.

December 14, 2020 City Council approves Resolution 2020-24 allowing the city to provide temporary emergency housing for the Echo Mt Fire survivors on city-owned property.

City Manager moves forward to negotiate a contract with FEMA for the lease of city-owned property known as the Fernwood Development (located in the Villages at Sitka Woods). FEMA later declined this location in favor of another, flat, easier to assemble property.

January 11, 2021 City Council approved Resolution 2021-03 allowing FEMA to place housing onto tribe-owned property through this emergency declaration.

March 6, 2021 FEMA and Confederated Siletz Tribe hold open house to walk through (six months to the day from the fire)

Survivor Numbers as of Feb 23, 2021:

Of 269 self-reported property damage to FEMA, 183 were destroyed, 39 major, 27 moderate, 9 minor, and 11 unknown

784 total valid registrations with FEMA, and of them 147 are available for housing assistance with a budget of \$1,872,715

Of the 147 available for housing assistance, 16 requested direct assistance (FEMA trailers)

Current locations of the survivors include: 244 with friends and family, 184 at hotel/motel, 167 in their damaged building, 51 new temporary rental, 48 in mass shelter, 47 in RV/camper, 28 are homeless, 13 in their secondary residence, 6 in church/house of worship, 5 in their car, 4 purchased new home, 3 in new permanent rental, and 3 in place of employment.

Upcoming Plastic Foam Food Container Ban Reminder

On April 13th, 2020, Lincoln City's City Council adopted ordinance 2020-09 declaring foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) plastic food and other containers a public nuisance. The use of these containers has been prohibited. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the effective date of the ordinance was delayed by a year. This was done to give restaurants time to shift to environmentally friendly containers. We are approaching the end of the one-year postponement.

The ban on foam polystyrene containers goes into effect on April 13th, 2021. In order to give businesses additional time to use up existing foam container stock, enforcement of the plastic foam food container ban will be delayed by an additional 90 days.

After July 13th, 2021, the ban on foam polystyrene food containers will be enforced. Violations will be Class C misdemeanors that include fines.

Styrofoam is a major source of ocean pollution. It breaks down into microplastic pieces that literally take thousands of years to fully decompose..



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



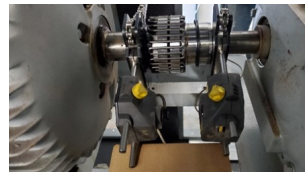
Public Works projects completed:

Graveled and graded SE Harbor, SE Oar, NE 13th, NW Inlet, SW Bard Rd, NW Mast, SE 47th, SW Anchor, SE 16th and NE 1st.

Installed Traffic Speed Indicators at NE 36th, NW 30th, East Devils Lake Road and West Devils Lake Road

Repaired and re-installed the Little Lending Library at Wecoma Park. Removed trees on NE Neptune and SW Ebb. Extended the storm water drain pipe at NE 10th & NE Oar

Repaired the stop sign at NW 30th & NW Port. Cleared and cut brush along the fire access road from SW 51st to SW 47th beach access. Maintained the decking on the Head to Bay Trail boardwalk. Four erosion control kits have been delivered. Two deceased deer have been picked up and disposed.



Installed new drive coupler at the waste water treatment plant and changed out Diffuser membrane.



Spring Cleaning Safety Checklist Reminder from Parks & Recreation

Spring cleaning time is here! Follow this Spring Cleaning Safety Checklist to keep your home safe and secure..

Inside:

- ◆ Test Smoke Detectors
- ◆ Ensure fire extinguishers work
- ◆ Check carbon monoxide detectors
- ◆ Create or review your family emergency plan
- ◆ Update your first-aid and 72-hour kits
- ◆ Clean out your medicine cabinet
- ◆ Secure your home
- ◆ Replace your air filters

Outside:

- ◆ Look for pests
- ◆ Check the pipes
- ◆ Prepare your yard
- ◆ Clean chimneys and gutters

Let's keep the coast clear.
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MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE



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WEAR A MASK



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WASH YOUR HANDS



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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, March 15th
City Council—Work Session

Tuesday, March 16th
Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 9am

Wednesday, March 17th
Parks & Rec Board Regular mtg. at 2:30pm
Public Arts Committee Regular mtg at 4:00pm
Parks & Recreation Board mtg. at 5pm

Monday March 22nd
City Council Regular mtg at 6:00pm

Monday, March 29th
City Council Work Session at 4:30pm

Wednesday, March 31st
City Council Executive Session at 4:00pm
Wednesday, April 7th
Library Board Regular mtg at 3:30pm