

City Hall News May 2021



BLUE BAG BRIGADE UPDATE

The Blue Bag Brigade is alive and well in Gold Hill! The response from all of you has been tremendous!

Christmas in Gold Hill is looking merrier and brighter already!

Remember you can **drop off and pickup** Blue Bags at Gold Hill City Hall.

Keep those Blue Bags coming!!

ROCK POINT CEMETERY Clean-Up

Day will be May 22nd. Tables and chairs will be available for you to sit at if you want to bring a sack lunch. We will provide bottled water and sodas. There will also be sanitary wipes, hand sanitizers and paper towels set up for your use. We will have free informational hand-outs and T-shirts for sale. Everyone is welcome to attend our annual board meeting following the noon lunch break, approximately 1:00pm. Fire season is very early again this year. It is important that we have all the mowing and weed eating done by the end of May. Hope to see you May 22nd.

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From the Mayor

Make Gold Hill Beautiful Again – After years of deferred maintenance, our village got looking shoddy and rough around the edges. This shortcoming is being addressed on multiple fronts.

When Fire District 3 under **Justin Bates** and **Brian Murdock** surveyed our town, they assigned a Risk Designation to every house. The areas of highest risk- “Extreme Risk”, were concentrated along the river and the interface of 6th Avenue - 7th Avenues where they meet Nugget Butte.

Special thanks to **Richard Hart** and his crew- they put volunteers to work on Weedwhacker Wednesdays (most weeks). Please bring your hat, gloves and hydration and be a part of the progress. For more info, see **Friends of the Gold Hill** page on Facebook.

Sports Park Cleanup – Blackberry overgrowth has been attacked head-on by **Shannon Tolman** of our Public Works department, and with noteworthy results. A walk along our Sports Park bike path shows a newly opened-up vista. This is not a One-and-Done phenomenon – weed removal will need to be done every year going forward. With some capital equipment purchases, we will have the machinery capable of maintaining this progress for future years.

Beach Park Cleanup:

We can finally see the river beneath 1st Avenue! Imagine the possibilities for picnics along the river and outings with the kids to explore this rich riparian zone and all its critters.

Anyone interested in clearing their riverbanks of blackberries is encouraged to call **B & B Fire Suppression and Tim Bailey @ 541-761-0094**. We will finally be able to fully enjoy this unmatched natural wonder in the heart of downtown Gold Hill. Yippee!

July 3: 1st Annual Gold Hill Treasure Hunt from noon - 3 pm.

Join us for this interactive family adventure and beach party, for children 5- 11 years and their parents. See further details on the City website for what is likely to be an annual and unforgettable kid’s memory.

Brad Studebaker, Mayor

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MEETING NOTICES: ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. LINK TO THE MEETINGS FROM OUR CITY WEBSITE, WWW.CITYOFGOLDHILL.COM

- **City Council Meeting – Monday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm**
- Parks Committee – Wednesday, May 5th at 3:00 pm
- **Budget Committee Meeting – Monday, May 10th @ 6:00 pm**
- **If you’d like an announcement posted either in this newsletter or on the city website, please submit it by the 25th of the preceding month.**

Notes from our Community Partners

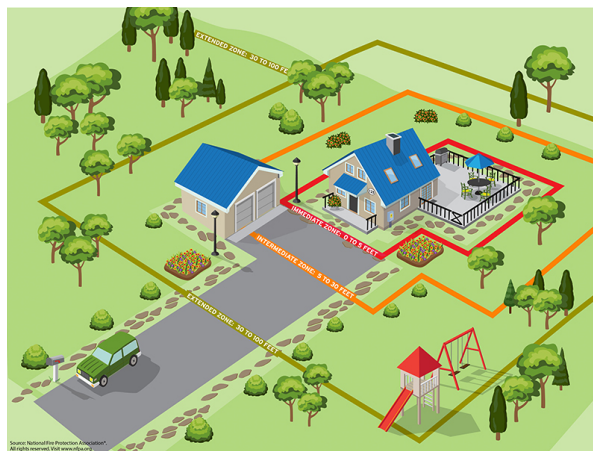
The fires of summer 2020 were the most devastating fires our communities have experienced in years, if ever. Crews from various agencies banded together to fight as one against the raging flames that were the Almeda and Obenchain fires. The state sent any resources they could spare, and community members came together to support and care for those in need. With shifting winds, homes and businesses were quickly lost to the flames, quicker than anyone could have imagined.

Captain Don Manning of Fire District 3 reflects of how quickly the fires spread sharing that, “the biggest take away is that during extreme fire events there is a lack of resources despite efforts. The houses that stood are the ones who had done the prep work prior to fire season and were able to withstand the fire.

The fire was so extreme that we couldn’t stay in front of it and work around the houses like we train. You must prepare your home to standalone; if the owner had done the prep work the house had a better chance of survival. “

Captain Manning also recommends that in addition to preparing your home, you pay attention to the weather events in your community. Is it a red flag day? Are winds higher than normal? These things can be key factors in wildfire outbreak. Knowing evacuation level and having an escape route is also key to keeping you safe in an event of a wildfire. Take the time to consider what you will take with you and if possible, have a to-go bag ready.

May is National Wildfire Preparedness Month and with fire season nearly upon us it’s time to ask yourself, are you prepared? Research shows that there is a positive rate of home survival when properly prepared in defending the home ignition zone. Visit www.nfpa.org for a comprehensive home preparation list.



At Fire District 3 we are committed to ensuring that you have the resources and support to set yourself up for success. We currently offer two fuels reduction programs to best fit your needs. Our Wildfire Fuels Collection Site is located at 60 Rogue River Drive Eagle Point and is open 7 days a week during daylight hours. A list of acceptable debris is located on site as well as on our website at www.jcfd3.com.

If hauling your debris to the site isn’t an option, let us bring the resource to you! Our fuels reduction trailer is a dump trailer capable of handling hundreds of pounds of debris and is available by reservation. A District employee will drop off the trailer at your scheduled time, allowing you three days to load your debris upon which we will return to pick up and dispose of it for you. To submit a reservation request, visit our website at www.jcfd3.com and simply click on the Fuels Reduction Trailer button to fill out a request form.

Both fuels reduction resources are free of charge and available throughout the year. Fire District 3 is honored to be a part of your community, thank you for letting us serve you.

Heather Sears, FD3 Community Engagement Coordinator