

# City Hall News October 2021

## BLUE BAG BRIGADE UPDATE & CHRISTMAS 2021



The Blue Bag Brigade and planning for **Light Up Gold Hill 2021** are both going strong. The “Merry and Bright Elves” have had two meetings so far and preparations to **Light Up Gold Hill 2021** are being made for even more and better lights! In addition, a couple of new events (music in the City Park and decorating the Lucky’s Block of Second Avenue) are being planned.

The “Merry and Bright” Elves will have their next meeting on **Wednesday, October 13, from 6:00-8:00 PM on Zoom**. We have a couple of new members of the group. If you would like to help out, it is not too late to get involved. Contact Carol Holm at [ccklh@charter.net](mailto:ccklh@charter.net) or call 541.944.8829 or Jessica Simpson at City Hall [jessica.simpson@cityofgoldhill.com](mailto:jessica.simpson@cityofgoldhill.com) or call 541.855.1525.

**Keep those Blue Bags coming!** The money that has been raised through the **Blue Bag Brigade** is now at \$5907.56.

Stay tuned for more information on **Light Up Gold Hill 2021** in the City’s November Newsletter.

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## From the Mayor

Please join me in welcoming our new CM Jerry Breckinridge. Jerry has worked in a variety of city roles in central California for 26 years, each with increasing responsibility and including Police Chief and City Manager. His vast experience and friendly demeanor will be a great help in our village finishing the many projects and priorities we have started over recent years. Say hi as you see him about town!

## Fire Season has peaked?

With recent rains, it appears that that the worst of the Fire Season is behind us. Many thanks to our residents who have cleared their lots, reducing underbrush and other flammable plants and bushes. As a community, Gold Hill is pursuing FireWise status, which will further us along the path of resistance to fire and open up access to a variety of public funding sources. This program is open to all interested- please watch for notice on city website of upcoming meetings and work parties to help clear lots.

Just remember, the Almeda Fire happened last year in September, so we are not out of the woods yet. Be smart about open flames until the ground is fully saturated with moisture and the risk subsides.

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](http://WWW.CITYOFGOLDHILL.COM)**

- City Council Meeting – Monday, October 4 at 6:00 pm
- **Parks Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 6 at 3:00 pm**
- If you’d like an announcement posted either in this newsletter or on the city website, please submit it by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

# Community Partner News October 2021



Jackson County Fire District 3 has welcomed a new Community Engagement Coordinator to their team! Samantha Didion will be serving the community through strategic communication, program marketing, as well as digital and written content creation.

Samantha is originally from Sandusky, Ohio where she attended Ashland University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Digital Media Journalism with a minor in Digital Media Production. While at AU, Samantha worked in numerous media positions and served as Captain of the track and field team.

Most recently, Samantha was a multi-media journalist, producer, and anchor for KDRV NewsWatch 12 in the Rogue Valley. Samantha is excited to help Fire District 3 on their mission to preserve the community's quality of life through the value-added services they provide!



*Sign Up only takes 5 minutes!*

One of the exceptional services provided to accomplish this mission is Fire District 3's Community Connect program. Through this program, FD3 and the public can come together, building a safer community through prevention, preparedness, and response.

Community Connect is a free, secure, and easy to use platform that allows you to share critical information about your household or business that will aid first responders and emergency response personnel.

Any information you provide through Community Connect is completely voluntary and based on what you are comfortable sharing. Data that you

provide through Community Connect is secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving you during emergency situations. All logins are password protected with bank level encryption and security. If you're comfortable logging in to your online bank, you'll be comfortable logging in to Community Connect.

Through this program FD3 can also reach you with important information, direct to your inbox. This would include any pertinent safety information to share, or if FD3 is hosting a hazardous vegetation/fuels reduction event in your neighborhood.

Join your neighbors and friends in establishing your Community Connect profile and stay engaged with FD3!

## **How does it work?**

1. Create an account: Sign in for free and get started doing your part. It just takes your email, phone number and address.
2. Enter the info that matters most: Enter valuable information that can help us assist more effectively during an emergency.
3. Help your Fire Department when seconds count: That's it. Just keep us updated when things change overtime so we can always be prepared.

## **What kind of Information can I provide?**

For Households: We have made it easy for you to know what may be important by organizing your secure portal into bucket of information you can enter. This includes information about your property, pets, needs, and family members.

For Businesses: Enable your business, school, age-care facility or other public location First Responders with critical information valuable emergency plans and more- available at a moment's notice in the event of an incident. Stay aware with notifications from First Responders through text messages in the event they are dispatched to your property. Provide information on your property, people, contact info, and plans in the event of an emergency.