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TOLEDO City News

FROM MAYOR ROD CROSS

Can you believe it? Summer is almost gone and the new school year is upon us. Please remember to drive with an eye out for all of our students as they make their way to and from school.

There are still events happening here this month. On Labor Day weekend, the 29th Annual Art Walk will be in full swing, with artists displaying and discussing their work. It is not too early for Christmas presents, if you want to procure a piece of art for family or friends. Art Toledo's last Art, Oysters and Brews event will be Sept. 2, on Main Street, from 12p-5p. Come on down and enjoy the family fun.

The final Cycle Oregon Classic is Sept. 13-15. This is an historic moment, and we are proud and honored to be a part of it. We will have up to 3,000 folks in attendance – welcome! Your group can volunteer to help out, and make money for your cause. Contact Lisa Figueroa at City Hall for more information.

A Town Hall meeting will be held in conjunction with the Oct. 4 City Council meeting, at the Fire Hall. There will be activities for the kids, so bring the whole family. We have several topics for discussion, and your input is welcome. As a bonus incentive, food will be provided.

Boomer sports are alive and well. Support our youth playing volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays; football on Fridays, and as they represent us around the state.

I want to personally welcome Doug Wiggins, our new city manager. We believe he will be a great fit. He comes from Union, near LaGrande in northeastern Oregon. He brings many years of municipal experience to his role here.

We will soon be down to just four members of a seven-member City Council. Council President Betty Kamikawa is resigning soon to retire with her husband to Wisconsin, to be closer to family. Retiring City Manager Judy Richter also retired to Wisconsin, to reunite with her kids and grandkids. Hey – is there a trend here? We wish both of these hard-working professionals the best and thank them for their good work.

If you are interested in city council or other volunteer positions, please contact me or any council member.

WELCOME, CITY MANAGER DOUG WIGGINS

This month, Toledo says “farewell” to retiring City Manager Judy Richter and “welcome” to City Manager Doug Wiggins. Doug comes to us from northeastern Oregon, where he has been the Union city administrator for almost six years. Prior to that, he served Wheatland WY as city administrator for just over two years.

Doug brings some great project management experience to Toledo, having worked to obtain a \$2.2 million grant from the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program to cover the cost of installing a back-up power generator system for Union. He also helped negotiate a contract with the Union County Sheriff to get a deputy serving Union part of each month, and a second Block Grant to fund the deputy position.

City Manager Judy Richter has kindly stayed on until Doug could finish up his annual audit in Union, and will work her last day as CM on August 31. However, she has also agreed to serve the city in the temporary capacity of Financial Director, while they go through the process of finding a new director. She will also be available to Doug for questions about ongoing projects.



DOUG WIGGINS



Pine Needle Basket Weaving:
Unleash your creativity and delve into the ancient art of pine needle basket making in our Basic Pine Needle Basket Class. Learn the fundamentals of weaving and create your very own unique and functional basket using natural materials. Let your imagination weave wonders!

Only 14 seats registration required
call the Library to register
541-336-3132

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023
10 O'CLOCK**

**TOLEDO PUBLIC LIBRARY
173 NW 7TH STREET
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
INSTRUCTOR: ALISHA HIBBARD**

Come to the Toledo Public Library for a one-of-a-kind screening of Buster Keaton's thrilling and hilarious 1926 film "The General!" This family-friendly event, co-presented with the Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society, will feature audience participation, a railroad safety presentation, and a live score performed by Elizabeth Soper. The screening will take place in the downstairs meeting room at the library at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 29. Seating is limited, so prior registration is required. Call the library at 541-336-3132 to reserve your seats today!



OCTOBER 4, 2023

TOWN HALL - OPEN HOUSE

TOLEDO FIRE DEPARTMENT - 285 NE Burgess Rd, Toledo

Details on the city website, www.cityoftoledo.org

Meet the City
Council & the new
City Manager

Refreshments &
food provided



Lincoln County's Annual

LIGHTS OF HOPE



SEPTEMBER 9TH 2023

Join us at the Waterfront Park in Toledo, Oregon, 5pm to dusk for a fun & free annual community event. Look forward to a mini carnival the kids will love, kiddie train, dunk tank, face painting, magician, mini golf course, free food & drinks, and so much more! We will have live music, speakers, booths and resource information, as well as free Narcan that we hope everyone will keep handy. Bring your chairs and candles. Bring your friends and family. Be ready for our best year yet! Stay tuned for our speaker lineup announcement.

BRINGING LIGHT
TO THE DRUG AND
MENTAL HEALTH
EPIDEMIC



- Candle Colors:
- White: Those in recovery
- Grey: Those incarcerated
- Red: Those in active addiction
- Black: Those we've lost too soon
- Yellow: To support recovery



FACEBOOK
@LINCOLN COUNTY OREGON LIGHTS OF HOPE

Drought in Lincoln County: How You Can Help

Lincoln County declared a drought emergency on August 2, 2023, due to low streamflows, high temperatures, and decreased precipitation affecting businesses, residents, and the environment. During drought, water supplies for humans, fish, and wildlife are especially strained—making water conservation more important than ever. Let's work together to reduce the pressure on our water resources. Here are some water-saving ideas:

CHECK FOR LEAKS

Leaks are one of the biggest water wasters. Inspect your indoor and outdoor water fixtures for leaks—including irrigation systems—and fix any that you find. Another way to check for leaks is to read your water meter before leaving the house when no water fixtures are in use. If your water meter number is different when you return, you have a leak.

USE WATER EFFICIENTLY

The way you use your water makes a big difference:

Water your garden early in the morning to prevent water waste. Only water when your lawn absolutely needs it.

Use water-saving irrigation tools, i.e., a weather-based irrigation controller, soil moisture sensor, drip irrigation.

Install water-efficient showerheads and faucet aerators on your sinks. Stop by City Hall for a FREE faucet aerator! Reduce your shower time to save even more water.

Upgrade your toilets to more efficient models that use 1.28 gallons per flush or less.

For more information, visit www.midcoastwater.org



CITY OF TOLEDO WELCOMES NEW DISPATCHERS

Natasha Crea has been a Toledo resident for 13 years and previously worked for Toledo Police Department from 2008 to 2015. She comes from a law enforcement family, and public service is her passion. Natasha has a Bachelor's of Science degree from Oregon State University and an Associate's degree from Oregon Coast Community College. She enjoys spending time with family, the outdoors, arts and music.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW??

Need a job? Toledo is hiring!

Need to serve? Volunteer or be a council member!

For more info, just call 541-336-2247



Colton Loveless grew up in Philomath and is a 2019 graduate of Philomath High School. Colton moved to Newport shortly after graduation after having met his girlfriend, who lived here. Now married, the two have a black Lab/German shorthair dog named Ruger, who is 3, and the recent addition of "the wife's" cat, as he lovingly calls it. He really does like her! Colton enjoys his family time, being social with friends, and working on cars with his family - with whom he is restoring a 1968 Chevelle.

What's happening at Arcadia Park?

There sure has been lots of digging going on! Our Public Works Department has been preparing the location for the new public restrooms that will support the park and the Skate Park across the street. The project is funded in part by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds the City received post-pandemic.



*Old tennis court fence being replaced (left);
new restroom rebar installation (above).*

Through a grant from the State of Oregon, the rusty, worn-out metal fencing will be replaced and new lighting will be installed, as well as ADA-accessible ramps and gates. Although we are having problems locating someone to do the work, the plan includes resurfacing the tennis courts.

Arcadia Park is one of the most used parks in the City. Please be patient with the interruptions.

Help us Help YOU, Toledo

Water meter reading is being hampered at a few properties this summer, due to landscaping, vehicles or structures placed over the meter cover. Public Works crew has to be able to access the meter each month, or water service may have to be suspended, until the meter is accessible.

Please check your water meter cover and be sure you have not inadvertently covered it up with wood chips, decorative yard statues or new soil.



Volunteers needed!

City of Toledo has committee openings, as well as seats on the City Council and Planning Commission. If you have thought about giving back to the Toledo community but are not sure how to do so, please consider one of the positions. The City website at www.cityoftoledo.org has information, Or call the City Recorder at 541-336-2247, ext. 2060, for full description of the positions.

Toledo Council and City Hall Contact Information

Toledo Council meetings are held the first, third and fourth Wednesday at 6 pm, in-person at City Hall council chambers, 206 N. Main St., and available via Zoom. Mayor and Council members may be reached at these email addresses:

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