

Friday August 26, 2016

Good Friday afternoon everyone. Another record high temperature is expected today, but it looks like it is going to cool down nicely over the weekend. There are several things going on around town this weekend as well as national parks free entrance weekend at Crater Lake. As always, you can find things to do around the area at <http://www.visitroseburg.com/events/>. Tonight we are showing Star Wars - The Force Awakens, the final Movie in the Park, which was originally rained out in June. Pre-entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. with the movie beginning at dark around 8:15 p.m. (see attached). I would like to share that Representative Peter Defazio is holding a town hall meeting in the City Council Chambers next Tuesday, August 30th at 5:00 p.m. The entire community is invited to attend.



In addition to our Council meeting last Monday, I attended a meeting of county wide leaders to discuss a potential application to participate in a future "Blue Zone" program. Representatives from the Douglas Education Service District, health and mental health, county school districts, cities and The Ford Family Foundation were present. The DESD is submitting the county wide application. The primary purpose of the Blue Zone program is to educate the community about healthy choices while being proactive with community health assets and choices. Much of the work will be with schools throughout the county, but community engagement is also important. You can follow the general Oregon link at <https://oregon.bluezonesproject.com/> or look at the work Klamath County has done as the first pilot done in Oregon at <https://www.bluezones.com/2016/03/klamath-embraces-blue-zones/>.



The City currently utilizes a number of the initiatives employed by the Blue Zone concepts, but the broader county community has scored very poorly when measuring health data like tobacco use, prescription drug use, illegal drug use, child hood and adult obesity and chronic disease. A link to the County statistics can be found at <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/oregon/2016/rankings/douglas/county/outcomes/overall/snapshot>. Our involvement will likely be small if the application is approved, but we can provide a leadership role in policy development for a number of the smaller municipalities.



Wednesday Mayor Rich was on hand to receive the proceeds (ok, it was fake check) from recent Roseburg Morning Rotary fundraising efforts to help provide community support with funding for the Fir Grove playground and spray park. The original request to Morning Rotary was \$40,000 that would help provide "community support" for the project for submittal to some additional foundations. Rotary immediately developed a campaign goal of \$80,000. Dan Clark and Stacey Crowe provided campaign leadership, and on Wednesday, Morning Rotary presented the City with a check for just

over \$107,000. The generosity of our community, through this effort by our local Rotary, shows how supportive our community is for important projects that benefit our constituents, especially our youth.

On Thursday, Chief Burge and I attended the County's Local Public Safety Coordinating Council quarterly meeting. The LPSCC is a statutorily mandated committee charged with reviewing and implementing strategies in the community around public safety, primarily related to post incarceration issues as a result of the State of Oregon policies attempting to keep prisoners incarcerated at the local level as opposed to in the state penitentiary. There are some resources provided by the state and federal governments but much of the resource needs to be generated and allocated locally. We continue to work together on issues like drug court, mental health court, the juvenile system, judicial and DA funding, post incarceration housing and homelessness, parole and probation as well as post incarceration housing and treatment options. There are representatives from many sectors involved in providing the governmental and private sector services needed to meet the needs outlined above. Many of the issues we are dealing with have a direct effect on our services as the jail and court system as well as the juvenile system are all located directly across the street from City Hall.



Earlier today, we held a blood drive for City of Roseburg employees at the Public Safety Center. About 20 employees gave the gift of life today. I want to thank the local American Red Cross and each of our staff who signed up for this very worthwhile cause.



Sheila sent out a notice to all of you earlier today listing the folks who have indicated they are interested in pursuing City Council and Mayoral positions in the next election. All of the requirements for the election must be fulfilled by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29th.

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the slightly cooler weather that appears to be heading our way!



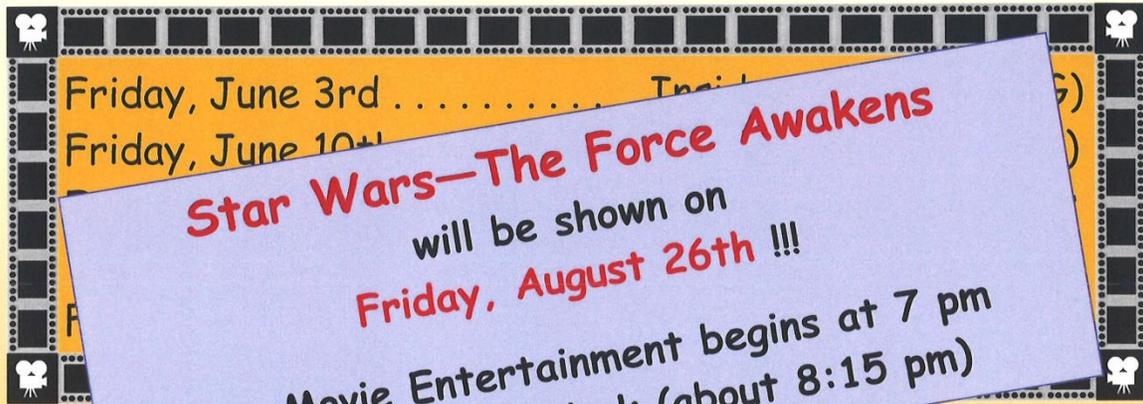
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Movies in the Park



Stewart Park Half Shell



Friday, June 3rd ()

Friday, June 10th ()

Star Wars—The Force Awakens

will be shown on

Friday, August 26th !!!

Pre-Movie Entertainment begins at 7 pm
Movie begins at dusk (about 8:15 pm)



A few important things we want you to know:

- * No alcohol or tobacco products. * No pets.
- * All movies and activities are weather permitting.
- * Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.