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# SUTHERLIN NEWS MAGAZINE

## 2016 – INAUGURAL ISSUE

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Discover Our Backyard: The City of Sutherlin’s Annual Newsmagazine!

We are proud to update you on 2015 achievements that have enhanced our community.

Many new businesses have moved to Sutherlin or expanded their locations, offering more shopping and dining opportunities.

2016 opens with several exciting economic proposal projects on the table, any one of which would bring an added

vibrancy to Sutherlin. Our natural resources and annual events are a pleasure for locals and visitors alike!

We hope you will enjoy this Newsmagazine!

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## A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

**Working Together** ~ I knew when I ran for Mayor that I wanted to change the process of local governance here in Sutherlin. Two years as a City Councilor allowed me to observe and consider a better approach to meetings, working with staff and other agencies and increasing our overall effectiveness by working together.

After my oath of office, I asked council and staff to meet and work as a team in developing big picture priorities for the greater good of our citizens. Together, the council and I let the City Manager and his staff know that we supported them and yet had great expectations for getting council priorities completed while simultaneously serving as a catalyst for helping “community changing” ideas and projects come to realization.

This News Magazine provides a 2015 progress report so to speak, as to how we, as a team, have transformed the governance process for the long-term betterment of the citizens here in Sutherlin. By working together, we are beginning to see successful results that can truly change Sutherlin for the better. Finally, I want to thank you for electing me as your Mayor.

Todd McKnight



## A WORD FROM THE CITY MANAGER



**Hope** ~ As I complete my fourth year serving as your City Manager, my personal hope of being able to contribute in a positive way to the future of Sutherlin is starting to come to fruition. My hope for a better economy, better employment opportunities, better quality of life and subsequently, a better community. Mayor McKnight and our City Council have come together with an expectant attitude of moving the community forward in a positive direction. We have called this city-wide effort “prepositioning the city of Sutherlin for success” and as you will see as you read this annual report, our trust and teamwork dedicated to this new agenda is unfolding into a tapestry of good news.

Also know that we understand our imperative role in ensuring that as these projects are completed, we continue to work together to ensure your public safety, build new and maintain existing parks and public facilities, manage the infrastructure and utilities system to be the finest at the lowest costs possible, seek ways to build new streets and maintain the street system, and work constantly in serving you, our citizens, to the absolute best of our abilities.

I would also encourage you to look up the city website [www.cityofsutherlin.com](http://www.cityofsutherlin.com) where our city vision, goals and objectives are available as part of our strategic plan.

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# SUTHERLIN PUBLIC SAFETY

## Service, Professionalism, and Dedication

On July 1, 2015, the City of Sutherlin began providing Fire Service to the community by once again “standing up” our own City of Sutherlin Fire Department. The majority of our 12 to 15 firefighters are volunteers and we have three full time paid positions assigned and dedicated to the Fire Department. June, 2015, Chief Charles Perdomo was hired as our Fire Chief. On January 16, 2016, we hired Fire Lieutenant Avery Hazard, and we are currently filling an Assistant Fire Chief position.

From July 1 to December 31, 2015 the Fire Department has received 183 calls for service, an average of 31 calls per month.

The response times and quality of service have been outstanding, due to the dedicated group of volunteer firefighters we have the pleasure of working with. These volunteer firefighters have donated and dedicated countless hours to our community, and they hold dearly the fire department’s motto of “Serving our Community with Pride.”

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter for the City of Sutherlin please contact the Police or Fire Departments, or look under “Employment Opportunities” at [www.cityofsutherlin.com](http://www.cityofsutherlin.com)

The City of Sutherlin Police Department has also seen some changes as we look towards providing professional public safety services in the 21st Century. In October, 2015, the two Police Department Sergeants, Justin Marquis and Troy Mills, began fire “cross training” with the Sutherlin Fire Department. In early February both Sergeants will be schooled as “Entry Level” firefighters. In approximately April/May 2016,



both will have earned their Firefighter 1 Certificates in the State of Oregon. As the Police Chief, and having been certified for 32 years as a Firefighter in the State of California, I am now cross-certified as a Firefighter in the State of Oregon and will be assisting Chief Perdomo as needed (both as a firefighter and fire scene command officer). Sgt. Marquis, Sgt. Mills and I are dedicated to providing quality and professional fire services along with our Sutherlin Fire Department firefighters!

Your Police Department has also been very busy, and has received 8,610 calls for service since January 1, 2015 (an average of 718 calls per month). We have also hired two new officers, Rob Man-

uel and Nicholas Murtha. They are both dedicated to providing professional policing and public safety services to the cities of Sutherlin and Oakland.

Our Police and Fire Departments are proud to provide premier public safety services to the Sutherlin community, and policing services to our contract city of Oakland.

Chief Perdomo and I appreciate feedback. The Sutherlin Fire Department number is (541) 459-1394. The Sutherlin Police Department number is (541) 459-2211. Our email addresses are: [c.perdomo@ci.sutherlin.or.us](mailto:c.perdomo@ci.sutherlin.or.us), [k.sanfilippo@ci.sutherlin.or.us](mailto:k.sanfilippo@ci.sutherlin.or.us).

Without the support of the Sutherlin City Council and the City Manager, we could not have realized and enjoyed the level of success that exists today. We will continue to focus on building community support, trust and goodwill as we move forward with our public safety mission.



To receive emergency Police, Fire or Medical Aid services please dial 911. For non-emergency services please dial (541) 440-4471. All lift assist calls are currently being handled by Bay Cities Ambulance Dispatch Service, and the direct phone number for this provider is (541) 673-5096.

Kirk M. Sanfilippo - Interim Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police

To learn more about your Police and Fire Departments please visit [www.cityofsutherlin.com](http://www.cityofsutherlin.com) and/or our Facebook page.



Superintendents Aaron Swan, Operations and Brian Elliot, Utilities

### Wastewater Treatment Facility

In 1956, Sutherlin built its first Wastewater Treatment Plant. Prior to that time the city’s 3,500 residents relied on individual septic tank and drain field systems. In 1977, our current facility was designed and built to accommodate a population of 8,000. As of July 1, 2015, our population was recorded at 7,975.

In order to address State and Federal regulatory issues,

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the City of Sutherlin is in the process of upgrading the Wastewater Treatment Facility infrastructure. The ability to meet today’s needs, as well as residential/commercial community growth through the year 2040 required a Wastewater Master Plan.

The tremendous need for recycled water storage was identified in the Wastewater Master Plan. The City purchased 202 acres that included Ford’s Pond (a 95 acre pond) to be used as a storage facility for Class-A Recycled Water, which will give our community the best possible multifaceted uses.

Sutherlin Utilities Superintendent, Brian Elliott states, “Wastewater Treatment infrastructure is a given in any community. There is always an investment involved. However, it is seldom that a community is able to re-

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**PUBLIC WORKS** continued

ceive something more than standard usage. The new facility bringing Class-A water to Ford’s Pond and the Golf Course has added tremendous value. Funding for the new WWTF has been approved. The completion date is scheduled for December 2018.”

The City of Sutherlin’s water system consists of two water treatment plants, ten potable water storage tanks and approximately 51 miles of distribution lines. Raw water is currently diverted from two sources and treated at two separate facilities: Calapooia Creek at the Nonpareil Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Cooper Creek Reservoir at the Cooper Creek WTP. The Nonpareil WTP was built in 1983 and has a design capacity of 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD). The Cooper Creek WTP was originally built in 1971 with a design capacity of 2.0 MGD. In 2014 the city completely rebuilt the Cooper Creek WTP with a design capacity of 4.0 MGD.

**Other Projects:**

Water Projects: North Comstock from Central Avenue to Laurel Street (approximately 2200’). The City will be replacing an existing 6” waterline with 12” Ductile Iron (DI) pipe. The existing waterline is old and in need of replacement. Staff has experienced several main breaks in the past few years. North Comstock’s 12” water main was identified in the 2015-16 Capital Outlay. The estimated cost is \$367,000 and is scheduled to be completed in 2016.

**Street Projects:**

The N. Comstock pavement project will be similar to the S. Comstock project. It is a county project and once complete the City will take ownership. Approximately 2,000 linear feet, from Central Ave. to the Northside of West Elementary School will be completely rebuilt. Traffic for residential and West Elementary School makes this a very busy street. The current condition of the pavement, storm drains and sidewalks are very poor. The project will be viable for this community’s safety and infrastructure. It is estimated to cost \$1.6M; \$1.0M to be funded by the State, \$400K to be funded by the County and \$200K funded by the City. N. Comstock pavement improvement is scheduled to go out for bid in the fall of 2016 and be completed in fall of 2017.

Also transpiring on the street front, the City has been actively engaged in negotiations with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the transfer of ownership of Central Avenue from Comstock to Calapooia. This portion of Central, although in the city limits, is owned by and the responsibility of ODOT. They are asking that the city take ownership of Central and the City has been willing to discuss this proposal but only if ODOT were to bring this portion up to new condition. Both ODOT and the City have conducted engineering analysis of what this cost would be and agreed to an amount of \$1.3M. However, city council was concerned with the possibility of over-expenditures and the future increased maintenance. After further discussions, ODOT has agreed to pay the city \$1.9M dollars, thus, if all engineering estimates are accurate, giving the city an additional \$600K to continue street maintenance along Central and other areas of needed repairs.

**FORD’S POND**

Ford’s Pond beckons to those who enjoy birding, fishing, paddle boating and walking the 1.6-mile nature trail that loops around the pond. Leashed dogs may walk along too!

The Oregon Birding Association has already held major meetings in Sutherlin, bringing business to the community. The local Audubon Chapter has supported the economic message of “birding” by hosting two symposiums here.

Each year, Sutherlin welcomes hundreds of visitors worldwide to experience this local gem located conveniently right off Hwy 138 and Church Road.

**FRIENDS OF FORD’S POND**

In 2014, the City of Sutherlin purchased the 202-acre Ford’s Pond property, which included the 95-acre Ford’s Pond, a former logging pond, for storage of treated effluent during the summer months. The plan to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant to produce Class A effluent created the possibility for unrestricted public access to

Ford’s Pond. Local citizens, familiar with the pond’s historical popularity for fishing and birding, saw the opportunity for use as both a recycled water storage pond and a new recreational area.

The Friends of Ford’s Pond was established as an Oregon nonprofit in 2014, entered into a partnership with the City in March 2015 (Resolution 2015-01), and received tax-exempt status from the IRS in August 2015.

The Friends see the potential and possibilities to develop the Ford’s Pond property as a safe place where residents and visitors can enjoy healthy, outdoor activities and serve as a model of what citizens and small cities can achieve by working in partnership.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, we will assist the City in raising funds for the development of an open-space, natural community park, with our



Original Board Members - (L-R) Janel Sorenson, Wendi Stinnett, Josh Waechter, Michelle Harding-Olson, Colin Murphy, Beth Houseman, Jim Houseman



first need being the development of the Ford’s Pond Master Design Plan. No recreational improvements are permitted until Ford’s Pond begins receiving Class-A water effluent, no earlier than 2019.

This property is basically a “blank slate” with a steep hillside offering impressive views of the pond, mountains, and valley; natural wetlands and the 95-acre pond; large areas for facilities; and the potential for a 2-mile trail around the pond from the proposed parking area.

Citizens and our partner groups, including the local Audubon chapter, have been very supportive and hope to see fishing access (including disabled access), a hardened trail for walking, running, and biking, exercise stations, a parking area, picnic areas, a children’s playground, interpretive displays, and wildlife viewing areas.

For more information please visit: [www.fordspond.org](http://www.fordspond.org)

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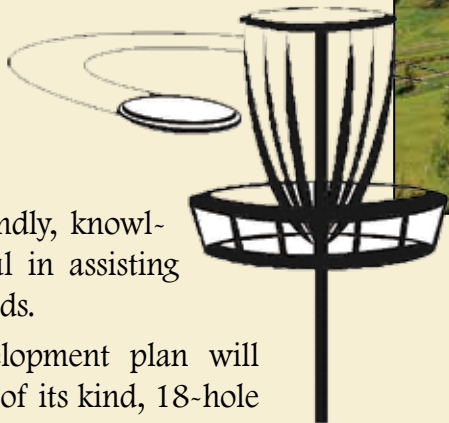
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# UMPQUA GOLF RESORT

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hancement, tent camping, food service, theater and of course, a wide selection of your favorite beverages. The Umpqua Golf Resort is sure to have something for everyone in your family.



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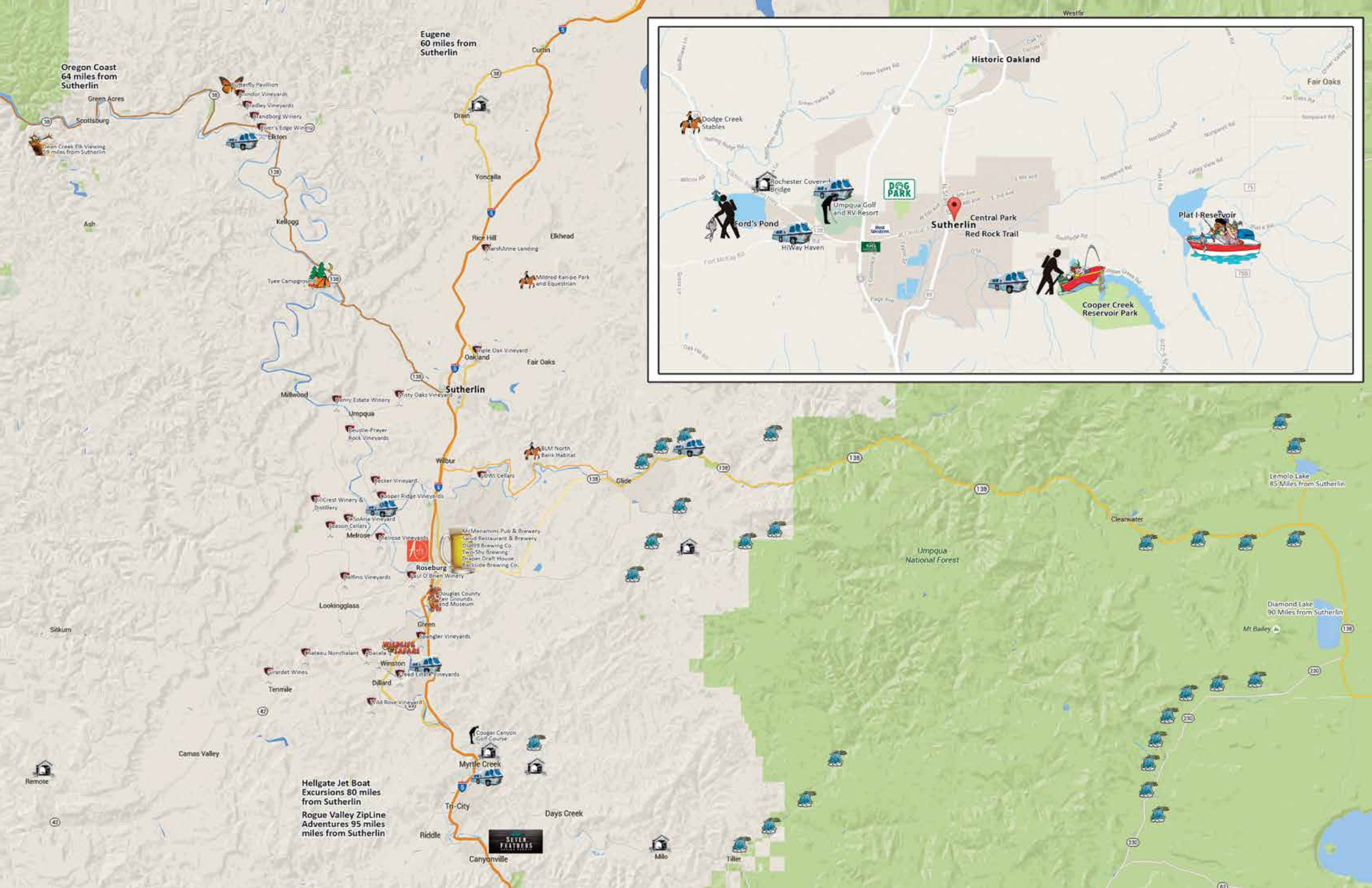
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## 2016 EVENTS

- JANUARY 23** Wine & Chocolate  
Calapooia Museum
- FEBRUARY 20** First Citizens Awards Banquet  
**March 26-27** Easter Weekend  
([www.visitsutherlin.com](http://www.visitsutherlin.com))
- APRIL-OCTOBER** Farmer's Market Sutherlin  
Every Friday
- APRIL 16** Ladies' Tea  
**MAY 8** Lions Annual  
Mothers Day Breakfast
- JUNE 4** Sutherlin Citywide Yard Sale  
**JUNE 4-5** Free Fishing Weekend  
Cooper Creek
- JUNE 17-19** Woofstock Festival  
Central Park
- JULY 1 - AUG 28** Music Off Central,  
Friday & Sunday evenings
- JULY 4** Lions Old Fashioned  
4th of July Picnic
- JULY 8** Graffiti Sutherlin Cruise  
to the Street Fair
- JULY 15-16** Sutherlin Stampede Weekend  
**AUGUST 19-21** Blackberry Festival  
Central Park
- SEPTEMBER 10** Hot Rod Fun Run  
**OCTOBER 29** Halloween Downtown  
**NOVEMBER 27** Community Tree Lighting  
**DECEMBER 17** Timber Town Toyland Parade

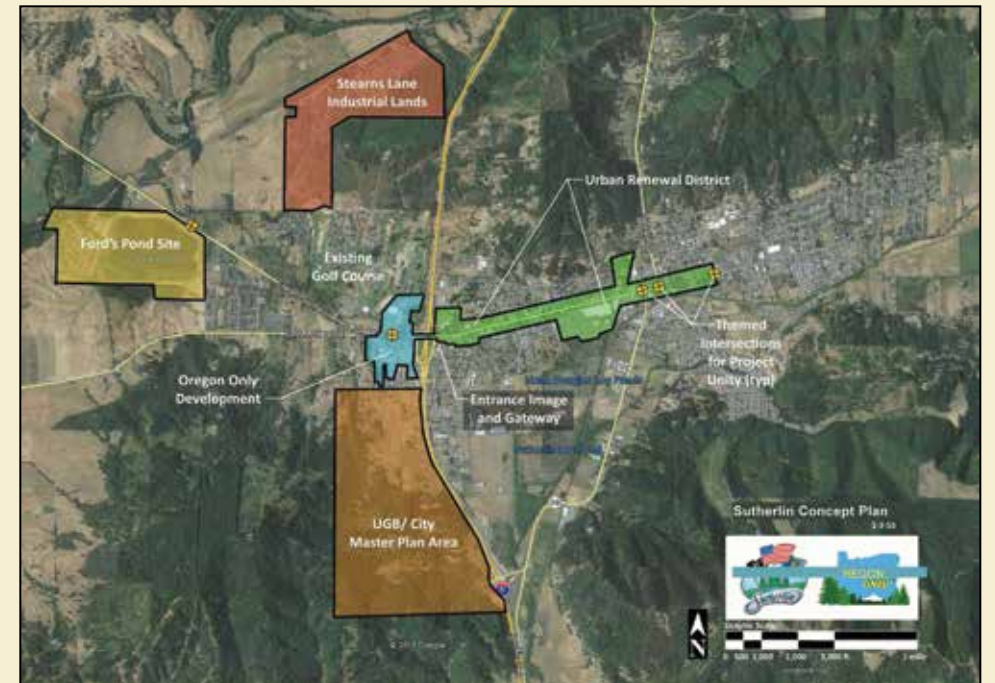


## OREGON ONLY/ EXIT 136

This is a very exciting project that is planned for the available lands at Exit 136. Bruce Brunette, a developer out of the Portland area is spearheading this development to create a one-of-a-kind destination by marrying the timber industry and timber-themed architecture to other 'Oregon-Only' businesses and partners to make a regional/national tourist destination and attraction.

This project would include a Wood Products Museum and Interpretive Center, Hotel & Conference Center, Destination Resort and 'timber-themed' Amusement Park, and 'Oregon-Only' Company Shopping Village. There are other components that could be added as this becomes the popular attraction that we foresee it to be.

This development is a natural 'fit' for this area – it is an opportunity to showcase the history of the timber industry, in the area that was once the timber capital of the nation, and pair that with other businesses that have originated in Oregon. Each company will include the history of their respective companies built into their portion of the project: where and how they started, where they currently are and where they are going in the future.



There is a dynamic team forming to bring this project to fruition: the developer and his partners, the timber industry, the 6 landowners, Oregon Tourism staff, local chamber of commerce & city staff and possibly design and engineering teams from both U of O and OSU. It is exciting to be poised on the cusp of a project this big for the Sutherlin area, with so many partners involved. Wouldn't it be ironic if the very industry that originally launched Douglas County's prosperity could be responsible for a resurgence of that prosperity?



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# ALL SEASON TURF FIELD

The Sutherlin Community All Season Turf Field project, located at Sutherlin High School will bring in people throughout the northwest, resulting in more patronage to sporting events and more revenue for the school district and local businesses. The field compatibility for football, soccer, and track will allow Sutherlin to host OSAA playoff games, district and regional competitions for all leagues, as well as additional field space for other public uses.

Currently the High school field is at the mercy of weather, many times unusable for meets or practices into April each year. Sutherlin High School Athletic Director Josh Grotting stated, “The Sutherlin Middle School has no athletic field. The Turf project would develop our Parks and Recreation activities and provide opportunities for our rural kids to have a state of the art facility at no cost to the school.” Plans are to also allow other rural communities access to the field.

The \$1.3 million project began taking shape when a Grant for \$850,000 was received. Approximately \$225,000 in cash donations has been raised to date by Booster Club fundraisers and private donations.

Raising the amount necessary for completion of this project would seem to be a strong reality. The actual costs are in the process of being confirmed. Ongoing fundraising projects will continue. There is currently an opportunity to purchase personalized bricks for \$1000 that will be part of a paved walkway. For additional information please contact Josh Grotting at 541-459-9551 or email: [sutherlinboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:sutherlinboosterclub@gmail.com)



# SUTHERLIN'S NEW RESOURCE RECREATION CENTER DREAM MOVING FORWARD

The Sutherlin Community Resource Center is a tremendous asset to a broad spectrum of people and interests! The SCRC serves the combined needs of a Resource Center, Recreation Department and Community Adult Education facility.

Their open doors offer assistance to folks dropping in with tangible needs such as moving furniture, having grass mowed, needing to use a computer, and information on assistance programs and area rentals. The SCRC, a remarkable non-profit (501c3), located at 104 East Central since 2001 has outgrown its current building.

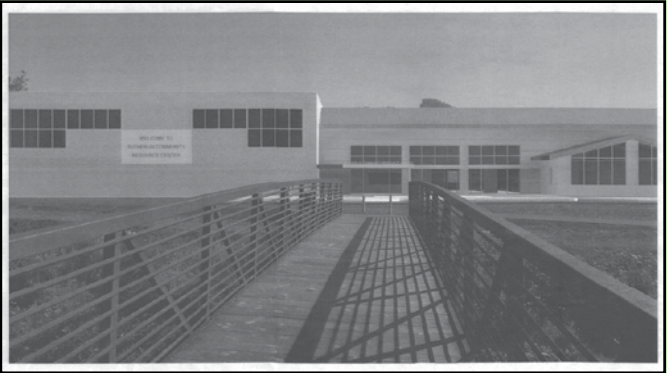
SCRC is a hub of activity, with Director Zada Wright at the helm, caring for our community youth with After School and Summer Activity programs, while providing free lunch and snacks for kids under age 18. The year-round Youth Sports Program Registration is also handled at SCRC where relationships between parents, kids and the center have continued to grow through generations. Athletic Committee and Board meetings are held at SCRC and all Sports Program records are located there as well.

The Recreation program sponsors a summer swim bus and field trips for adults and kids alike. This community service provides opportunities for folks to participate in events and visit attractions in Oregon they otherwise may not have access to.

Community Adult Education classes, sponsored by the Recreation program are also housed at SCRC. The classes include everything from painting and bead making to health and nutrition programs, and beginning computer classes.

The dream of a new building is a collaborative vision between the Recreation Department and the Resource Center. Sutherlin Valley Recreation District newly elected Board Member Herbert Wood has championed the discussions, which began with Jerry Gillham, our City Manager. The vacant property behind the Sutherlin Fire Station has been identified. Preliminary Architectural plans have ensued.

The New Resource Recreation Center two-story build-



ing will house administrative offices and community programs for kids, teens and adults. The center will include a double basketball floor, full gym with stage and commercial kitchen. Classrooms will be designated based on need for art, computer skills, nutrition, music and dance lessons.

The special events area with 300-person capacity will be easily rented out for conventions, weddings, proms and more. The design will also meet other needs, such as an Emergency/Warming Center or primary play-school. The goal is to be self-supporting, also using grant money.

There are three things that need to be sorted out in order to move forward with this project.

1. City of Sutherlin donates the property behind the Sutherlin Fire Station
2. Then the Sutherlin Resource Center will go after grants to build the facility.
3. Meanwhile the Recreation Program will go after a tax measure to provide operating expenses for the building and a full time Director.



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# COOPER CREEK RESERVOIR

Like a diamond, there are many facets to dazzle you at Cooper Creek!

Located 2 miles east of downtown Sutherlin you'll find a picturesque spot that lends itself to outdoor activities any time of year.

A mid-range challenging hiking/mountain bike trail circles the entire 160-acre reservoir. There are also plenty of easy access paths that are densely covered for you to explore nature's beauty in. Put on those hiking boots, grab your bike and enjoy. Be sure to pack your lunch and relax in picnic areas with complete amenities for your comfort.



There are three parking areas and entrances to Cooper Creek with availability for swimming, boating and fishing complete with a dock, two concrete boats launches and good bank access for fishing. Legal-size rainbow trout are stocked each spring. Cooper Creek boasts largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and brown bullhead catfish angling opportunities. Cooper Creek hosts a Free Fishing Weekend each June. Jet skiing and water skiing are very popular activities. See you soon and please note the park is for day use only, and no camping is allowed.

# PLAT I RESERVOIR

Would you like to take the kids to a playground, have a picnic and do some bird-watching all in one spot? Plat I Reservoir is located just east of Sutherlin, about 5 miles from Interstate 5. The 150-acre Reservoir is ideal for canoeing, boat or bank fishing for largemouth bass and a variety of other warm-water species. The Umpqua Model Club Water-Fly event is held at Plat I each June.

With plenty of barbecues and picnic tables along with a covered pavilion Plat I is perfect for family or group activities!



# RED ROCK TRAIL



Whether you are strolling along, walking your dog, or bicycling, the Red Rock Trail provides a joy to the senses. Now approximately 1.75 miles in length, the paved trail runs from State Street to Nicholas Court along Sutherlin Creek through the City right of way offering scenic views and the sounds of wildlife in the Wetland Conservation areas.

The City recently completed the trail extension from Waite Street to Nicholas Court and is now looking at signage, benches, and trash receptacles for that area. There are three nice walk bridges over Sutherlin Creek - one off of Everett Street, one off of Glen Street, and one off of Sea Street. This trail is closed to motorized vehicles. Both law enforcement and fire and life safety personnel



have access keys to the locked entryways onto the trail. The City will be responsible for maintenance of vegetation control and paving surface.

There is limited parking at both Nicholas Court and Sunny Court. Additional parking can be found at Waite Street. There is also parking where the two bridge crossings are at Central Park and at the City Hall/Library area on Everett Street. The goal was to provide an enjoyable pathway for people of all ages to experience close-to-home-recreational opportunities that enhance our quality of life. Based on the people who are using the trail, you could say the goals have been achieved!



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# SUTHERLIN’S PARKS

**Sutherlin Dog Park** is a scenic and welcoming place to take your special pal for a fun off-leash romp. It is located just off the I-5, making it a convenient road trip stop. Local dogs and their people enjoy the Dog Park as a place to socialize, make new friends and build relationships!

The vision for this play-place in the pines began in 2004 when a few local residents saw the need, and asked the City for a dog park. The City donated 2.5 acres at the top of the hill in Hartley Park. It was up to the volunteers to raise the funds to clear the over-grown brush, and blackberries and to build the facility.

It took more than 4 ½ years of fundraising to complete the \$28,000 project. Through rummage sales, pictures with your pets, low cost-rabies clinics, selling engraved dedication bricks and more, the Dog Park Volunteers never gave up. We are grateful for their tremendous efforts and success.

Today, Sutherlin Dog Park enjoys beautiful views and a huge, safely fenced-in area divided for both large and small dogs. The sidewalk is paved for wheelchair access; covered areas keep the rain and sun at bay and there is a good walking path inside the fence line for “people” to get their exercise, too!

This “Yelp” reviewer sums it up quite well:

“Wow! What a great find. Passing through Sutherlin and stopped by to let the dog have some fun. This may be the best dog park I've been to. Water, chairs, shade, sun, doggie bags, port-a-potty for the people, small dog area, sloped grade, grass...awesome.”

**Hartley Park**, with a children’s playground and skate-park is located just below the Dog Park, at 6th Street and Maple.

For more information, visit the Sutherlin Dog Park Facebook page. Sutherlin Dog Park is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Donations for further improvements and maintenance are always welcome: P.O. Box 1609 Sutherlin, OR 97479

**Central Park** is one of the many prized assets in the Sutherlin community. The park proudly features a Veteran’s Memorial and displays one of 59 surviving steam locomotives in Oregon. It is also home to The Sutherlin Community Center which houses kitchen and auditorium facilities. Locals and tourists participate in a variety of activities here year around. Movies in the Park, The Woofstock Festival



(for Dogs and Their People), The Lions 4th of July Picnic, Music Off Central, and The Blackberry Festival are some of the annual events.

The park features tennis courts, picnic areas and a playground. There is a conceptual plan in place to create a play area for 2-5 year olds and to make the existing play area more welcoming. Sutherlin’s Community Development Department is currently looking for funding opportunities to be able to move forward. Once this park has been renovated they plan to reuse whatever pieces they can at other park areas such as Hartley Park and perhaps the Ford’s Pond areas. There is also a desire to build a permanent stage at Central Park.

Be sure to visit Central Park for some relaxing outdoor time and come back for the many fun events offered throughout the year. Remember, your leashed dog is welcome, too!

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT – TAMI TROWBRIDGE

It is my pleasure to be part of the inaugural City of Sutherlin Magazine; a quality publication highlighting the good things that are happening in our community! What a fabulous opportunity to showcase all the amenities we already have here, and talk about other things that are on the horizon!

We really are located at the heart of everything Oregon; an hour to the coast, 1-3/4 hours to Diamond Lake, 1-1/2 to Rogue Valley Jet Boats, 45 minutes to waterfalls, almost two dozen wineries within half an hour, Seven Feathers Casino and Resort, 15 minutes to good fishing, boating, hiking, bird-watching, an abundance of low-traffic roads for biking, horseback riding, and camping...it’s all here. We are very fortunate in our surroundings.

We are also one of the best-kept secrets around and believe this magazine is a great step towards changing that. Come and experience our community. If you already live here, take the family out for a walk on Red Rock Trail, or fishing at Cooper Creek. Spend some time walking through downtown and visit the new businesses, or check out the walking tour of the Flag Monuments and experience an interesting slice of history.

There is always something new to appreciate in the Sutherlin Area.

Discover Our Backyard!  
*Tami Trowbridge*



## SUTHERLIN FLAG MONUMENT PROJECT:

We are very excited about our monument project. It is a great melding of interesting history, beautiful artistry and promotion of our community and local businesses. The flag is integral to our community: part of the city logo; the 3 flags flying at the memorial on the freeway; the 6 flags flying at the Veterans memorial in Central Park; and the flags lining the street on every major commemorative holiday (a time-honored tradition carried out by the Sutherlin Lions Club). And the American Flag itself is truly rich in history. We want to share that. The Chamber, the City and the Sutherlin Downtown Development have joined together to create the framework for this exciting project by purchasing 7 of the possible 28 monuments. Local businesses and other individuals and organizations are invited to sponsor the others. The response has been good and there are only 17 remaining opportunities. What a great way to honor our country and the states themselves by telling pieces of their story. See how you can be a part of this project!





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