



In this month's message, I would like to acknowledge the members of the Sutherlin City Council. The individuals comprising the council include Council President Debbie Hamilton, Councilors Tom Boggs, Gary Dagle, Joe Groussman, Shawn Smalley and Larry Whitaker. These council members serve without pay and are rarely given the credit due for their hard work and diligent efforts to advance the cause of the city. Each is a key member of a strong team. Although coming from varied backgrounds, differing lengths of time serving on the council, and either homegrown or a transplant to the area, all share a common goal in preserving a high livability standard for Sutherlin with growth in good planning. I am proud to be associated with these fine individuals that so effectively represent you, the citizens of Sutherlin.

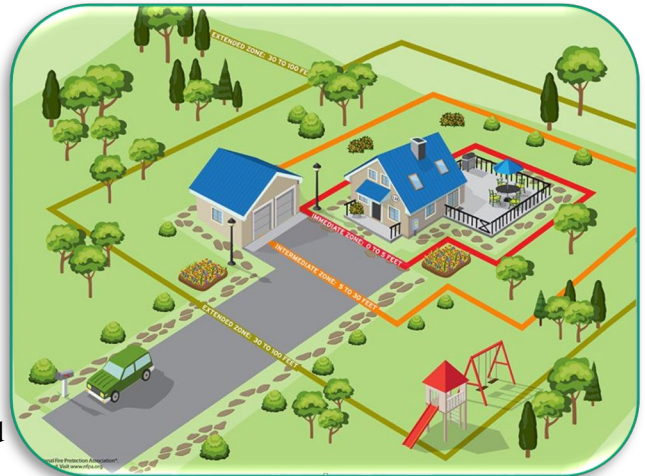
Preparing Your Home for Fire Season

To increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire, choose fire-resistant building materials and limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. The zones include:

- **Immediate Zone:** 0 to 5 feet around the house (red)
- **Intermediate Zone:** 5 to 30 feet around the house (orange)
- **Extended Zone:** 30 to 100 feet around the house (green)

To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread:

- Trim branches that overhang your home, porch, and deck.
- Clean leaves and needles off your roof, out of your gutters, and those that have fallen immediately around your home.
- Store firewood piles, lumber piles, and other flammable materials at least 30 feet away from your home.
- Mow your lawn prior to the start of fire season and maintain it over the course of the summer.
- Always check fire restrictions before mowing dry grass during fire season.
- Remove plants that are dead or dying within 100 feet of your home in addition to those that contain resins, oils, and waxes. ~ *Continued on reverse side.*



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 9th** City Council Meeting – Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
- May 16th** Urban Renewal & City Budget Meetings – Civic Auditorium 6:30 p.m.
- May 20-22nd** Sutherlin Geocaching & Coin Event
- May 24th** Planning Commission Meeting – Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
- May 30th** Memorial Day – City Offices Closed

Fire Season Cont. . . .

- Prune branches on large trees up 6 to 10 feet (depending on their height) from the ground in addition to removing other vegetation that is growing immediately around the tree.

Learn more about how to protect your home and property from wildfires at www.firewise.org.

For up-to-date fire restrictions, www.dfpa.net (Douglas Fire Prevention Agency) or by calling (541) 672-0379.



Sutherlin Farmer's Market - Growing the Community

The spring season brings the Farmer's Market back to the corner of Willamette Street and Everett Avenue. The market was established in 2010 and now in 2022, will renew its mission to provide an array of local and fresh products. Market Manager Sheri Barclay and Director of Marketing Jenn Silvas are two women with a passion to support local farmers, crafters, and musicians by providing a venue that is accessible to the community.

The opening day was on April 7th and under festive canopies, the vendors displayed their wares of garden fresh produce, eggs, wood crafts, plants, baked goods, handmade soaps, music and food. Each week the market continues to grow with more vendors popping up in the rows like sprouts in the garden. There is also a weekly raffle with prizes provided by local businesses. Supporting the Sutherlin Farmer's Market is a way to contribute to the growth and strength of the community. The market is open each Thursday, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Sutherlin Takes Center Stage

A multi-use stage, funded by the American Rescue Plan, will tentatively begin construction in Central Park on May 2, 2022. In addition to the event stage, a half shell cover in the Sutherlin Schools "Bulldog" colors of blue and white will set the stage for Sutherlin to host its own 'Music Off Central'. The approval by city council in January 2022 allowed the project to move forward and a target date for completion has been set for mid-July of 2022. The stage will be located in the northeast corner of Central Park and in addition to being a venue for concerts; it will also provide support for Sutherlin's signature Christmas trees.



The completion of the event stage and half shell cover will coincide with the launch of 'Music Off Central', concert series on Thursday, July 7, 2022. The concerts will be held weekly on Thursday evenings throughout the month of July. This year, food trucks will be bringing their culinary creations to feast on while music fills the summer nights in Central Park.

"The impact of such an event on our small community goes well beyond what can be measured in economic terms. Not only will this have the potential to attract visitors, which stimulates the growth of tourism in our town, which benefits businesses, but it can also contribute to our quality of life and strengthen our community."

Debbie Hamilton, Council President

