

Strength of Community



Recently, a sign was erected on the site of Ford's Pond, strong and sturdy, it has been built to last. The sign states simply and clearly, 'Ford's Pond, a Community Park, City of Sutherlin'. Reflected in the message of this reclaimed pond, is the greater one of endurance. Sutherlin is once again embracing changes that test the strength and vitality of the community.

In response to the resignation of Seth Vincent as Mayor, Councilor, Michelle Sumner has now assumed the role of Mayor for the City of Sutherlin. She intends to make the transition a seamless one, ready to lead with the confidence and an accessibility that will allow people to get to know her with the knowledge that she is listening to their concerns.

Mayor Sumner has worked in the public sector for twenty-nine years and takes pride in the contributions she has made during her years of service. In the eleven years that she has been a part of the Sutherlin community, she has seen an abundance of positive growth in the services that the City has provided to its citizens. The specific examples she gives are the response to 'Snowmageddon' of 2019 and the wildfires last year. These events provided the opportunity to improve emergency services and reinforced the strength of commitment in working together in times of need that is the hallmark of Sutherlin. In addition, one of her top priorities is to promote the plans for the continuation of Urban Renewal and the benefits that it brings to downtown Sutherlin.

In a changing time, Michelle will be the first woman Mayor for Sutherlin but her agenda is of long standing for the Council and one that continues to lead the City forward into a prosperous future. *"It is an honor and privilege to be chosen by the Council as one of the first women to take on a position of leadership. I share this with Debbie Hamilton, newly appointed Council President. We are forward thinking, strong, independent women and work will as a team with the best interests of the City at heart. I want our community to be a welcoming environment for new businesses, a place where current businesses are able to thrive and for tourism to flourish. We will make this a great place to live, work and play."*

- Mayor, Sumner

Welcome to Sutherlin City Council, Shawn Smalley



The Sutherlin City Council meeting, held on September 13, 2021, was reduced in size but not in significance. The opening of each Council meeting begins with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, with each member respectfully placing their hand over their hearts. Following this protocol, Shawn

Smalley took his oath to uphold his duties and was sworn in as the newly appointed council member. This was facilitated by City Recorder, Diane Harris.

The decision for Mr. Smalley to submit his application for council member was predicated on his forty-four year involvement with the community and with the encouragement of his wife, how he could accomplish the

Newly Appointed Council President

Councilor, Debbie Hamilton, has given many years of service to the City of Sutherlin and now has been appointed Council President. It will be a first as she takes on her role with the newly instated Mayor of Sutherlin, Michelle Sumner, distinguishing it as a time when both positions are filled by women. It marks a new beginning in the history of the city and leads the way forward for Sutherlin.



Council President Hamilton feels confident that her past experience as a city employee and council member, gives her a unique insight into the best interest of the City and its citizens. *"I will continue to promote Sutherlin not only to bring new business here, but also with any projects that are within our budget and will enhance the livability of our community. My experience has allowed me to get to know*

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most good. He sees his role on the City Council as one of being supportive of local businesses and hopes to help the City stay on track and avoid problems down the road. The goal would be to meet the needs of the citizens of Sutherlin both in short term and long term.

"I do not have any previous experience in city government and I expect to use that to my advantage, looking into each issue with an open and fair mindset."

- Councilor Smalley



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many of our business owners on a one-to-one basis and I feel this relationship is the opening door to better communication. We have a very cohesive team as a City Council that maintains a good relationship with the City Manager and Staff. We will continue to do our job for the citizens of Sutherlin. I do not see that changing at all."

- Council President, Hamilton

Happy Halloween



Holiday Food Baskets – Building Bridges

The title of School Resource Officer that Jake McGarvey holds within the Sutherlin Police Department does not define the limits of his position. He views his primary responsibility of the job is in building relationships and to develop ongoing communication with the students. This creates an atmosphere of trust while also teaching students to respect the role that Officer McGarvey has and to be aware of the boundaries that are necessary for the relationships. As the holiday season approaches, those boundaries are exceeded in the effort to help provide students and their families with a food basket that is an annual event for Sutherlin schools and one that Officer McGarvey has been involved with for four years. He considers himself one of the volunteers that contribute to this tradition, taking on every task from donation collection, to the delivering of

the baskets. His outreach and collection of food donations at the beginning of October with teachers, staff and students all involved in making



contributions. Local businesses also contribute, which includes Sherm's Thunderbird, Costco and Sutherlin Servpro are among those that donate each year. The space for donations is limited so each school designates an area to be used temporarily until it is time for distribution. The basket building begins when the number of families to receive them are identified; the amount is usually between 22 to 24

baskets. The decision on which students will receive a basket is determined by the observation of the teachers and the privacy of the families is always protected.

"The impact of the holiday food baskets is immeasurable and a humbling experience for all those that give their time to make it happen. It builds bridges in the community and furthers the mission of keeping kids healthy and in school." Officer Jake McGarvey



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 11th** City Council Meeting – Civic Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
- October 16th** Woofstock Howloween Dog Carnival – Central Park
- October 19th** Planning Commission Meeting – Civic Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
- October 30th** Sutherlin Halloween Downtown/Trunk-or-Treat

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