



A Message from Mayor Sumner

Yay, its December and the cool weather is here! This means its time to enjoy such things as hot cocoa with family, warm fires, and that little bit of wonder as to what Santa just might bring. I hope you enjoy the downtown lights, the Christmas tree display in Central Park, and the awesome Timber Town Light Parade on Saturday, December 17th. Please remember to shop local! I have enjoyed being Mayor this year and am looking forward to renewing my commitment in the new year! Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

The Year in Review

As we look back on the year of 2022, the City of Sutherlin has undertaken many projects to bring economic growth to the community and transform the standard of livability in our community. Here are some highlights:

One of the most notable, with its canopy of contrasting colors of blue and white, is the multi-use stage that now stands as an anchor in Central Park.



It provides a venue for Music Off Central, the summer concert series, with plans to expand and bring in more events throughout the year for the benefit of the community. It also provides a permanent place for the City's signature Christmas trees and will now include the 50' tree that will light the way to the new year of 2023.

The Sutherlin Downtown Development, Inc. and the City announced that a grant in the amount of \$199,835.75 was awarded by the Oregon Main Street Organization to Sutherlin for the restoration of the Historic Bank Building. Matching funds of \$60,000 will be provided from the Urban Renewal District. The face of Central Avenue will continue to change as

the façade of additional buildings and businesses are upgraded. Central Plaza Park has had a cover and entry arch added, with thanks going to Sutherlin FFA, Buglin' Heights Drafting & Design, Harvey Engineering, Great Northern Trailer Works, Inc. and Sutherlin Public Works Department.

The urban wildlife refuge and 'Jewel in the Crown' of Sutherlin, is Ford's Pond Community Park. The Friend's of Ford's Pond and the Community Development staff have generated 1.2 million in grants toward the purchase of playground equipment, the installation of restrooms, the creation of picnic areas, completion of the pond loop path and additional parking. This also allows for the planned Phase 2 construction to move forward in 2023. As stated by Board President Jim Houseman, "It is a place to walk and contemplate, an oasis for the community."



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



The annual Sutherlin Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 4th, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in Central Park. The trees designed by Adam Sarnoski of Cooper Creek Creative will be secured on the multi-use stage and the 50' tree will again be the centerpiece of the display with a multitude of colored, blinking lights to welcome the Christmas season. Refreshments will be available. The event is sponsored by the Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center.



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Timber Town Toy Land Electric Light Parade Celebrating Thirty Years

Christmas will again be on parade through the streets of downtown Sutherlin on Saturday, December 17, 2022. Now in its thirtieth year, the Timber Town Toy Land Electric Light Parade is a long standing Christmas tradition for the community. Each year the parade draws on a classic, holiday theme for contestants to represent in the decoration of their vehicles. This year, the theme is 'WhoVille', the fantasy village found in the timeless story of 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas', written by Dr. Seuss.

All entrants will be judged prior to the start of the parade, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Registration and lineup begins at 5:00 p.m. and is located at the corner of Hastings and Taylor. The four categories designated for the judging are:

* Best of Theme

* Santa's Favorite

* Commercial or Non-Profit

Entry into the parade is free and all floats must be festooned with lights. The awards will be given out at the end of the parade in the Sutherlin Community Center.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Duane Waller, Chairman, @ 541-580-8621 or by mail: Sutherlin Blackberry Festival

c/o Light Parade

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Annual First Citizens Banquet

Every year, the Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center honor outstanding community members with the First Citizens Award for their service. The awards ceremony this year was held at The Stockyard Social Hall with the following recognitions:

Man of the Year: City Councilman Joe Groussman

Woman of the Year: Gwen Best

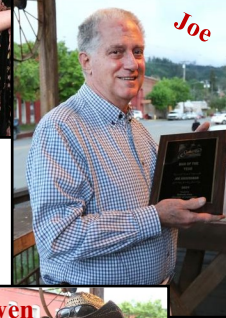
Outstanding Area Business: Family and Friends Mercantile

Outstanding Educators: Laura Casey & Jennifer Ball

Inspirational Leader: Wendy Wilson

Outstanding Service: Joanna Avery

President's Award: Sue Gillham



So much of what is accomplished for the greater good is done by those who continue to give back to the community by just doing their job and make planning for the future of Sutherlin possible.



City of Sutherlin Volunteer Opportunities

Planning Commission: Three (3) vacancies will become available as of January 1, 2023 - terms ending December 31, 2026. *These are 4-year appointments.*

Budget Committee: Four (4) vacancies will become available as of January 1, 2023 - terms ending December 31, 2025. *These are 3-year appointments.*

Library Board: Three (3) vacancies will become available as of January 1, 2023 - terms ending December 31, 2026. *These are 4-year appointments.*

Parks Advisory Committee: Four (4) vacancies will become available as of January 1, 2023 - terms ending December 31, 2024. *These are 2-year appointments.*



Ice Cream Social

The Annual 'Back to School, Ice Cream Social', sponsored by the Sutherlin Police Department was held on Thursday, August 25th. The festivities were held in Central Park and open to children of all ages, with free ice cream, back to school goodies and the opportunity to 'Dunk an Officer.' This year, 100%

of the donations went to departments of the Sutherlin School District.

Officer of the Year

On May 26th, the Roseburg Optimist Club presented Sutherlin Police Officer, Jon Rausch with their Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for 2021. Officer Rausch was overwhelmingly voted on by his peers to be the recipient of this award. The presentation was made by Peter Sudduth of the Roseburg Optimist Club and held in the Sutherlin Council Chambers.



Battle of the Badges



- ◆ 29 units of blood collected
- ◆ 87 potential lives saved.
- ◆ 5 first time donors!

On February 22nd, the annual 'Battle of the Badges' blood drive took place at the Sutherlin Community Center. This year, the Police Department won for the 4th year in a row!

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 COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS | SUTHERLIN BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL



Library Celebrates 5 years

In April, the Library celebrated five full years of operations and began its sixth year as a stand-alone public library in Oregon. In cooperation with the City of Sutherlin, the library is staffed by an all-volunteer group.

Little Libraries in Sutherlin

Sutherlin High School graduate, Ethan Yarbrough in collaboration with Library volunteer, Nancy Anderson created four Little Libraries that are located throughout Sutherlin.

The four locations are, both Sutherlin East and West Primary Schools, on Central Avenue near the Sutherlin District Office, and on Valentine Street near Driftwood Market. These books are provided by donations.



Farmer's Market

The spring season brought the Farmer's Market back to the corner of Willamette Street and Everett Avenue.

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. Supporting the Sutherlin Farmer's Market is a way to contribute to the growth and strength of the community.



Calendar of Events

December 4th	Annual Community Tree Lighting - Central Park 5 p.m.
December 9th - 10th	Timber Town Christmas Bazaar - Community Center 10-6 p.m.
December 12th	City Council Meeting - Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
December 17th	Timber Town Light Parade - Comstock Rd. & Central Ave.
December 20th	Planning Commission Meeting - Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
December 26th	Holiday - City Hall Closed
January 2nd	Holiday - City Hall Closed





City Staff and Councilors
would like to wish everyone
a happy and safe
holiday season.



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