

▪ Tuesday, December 12, 2023

• Police Department (TPD):

- Last week the weather and flooding kept the Police Department officers busy with assisting in water rescues after motorists drove into flooded roadways. Officers issued several citations for motorists going around the road with closed signs and traffic cones. As a side note, if you were to calculate all the resources including but not limited to Tillamook Police Department, County Sheriff's Office, Tillamook Fire District, ODOT, 911 Center, County and City Public Works Departments, Adventist Health ambulances and hospital, etc. involved helping motorists who refuse to obey traffic devices, you would find it extremely expensive. Most of those costs are borne by taxpayers. Please remember that it's not worth it, just turn around and don't drown.
- Executive Assistant Lacey Larson and Lt. Troxel along with other community partners selected children to go shopping with a Cop. This will take place on Saturday, December 16, at our local Fred Meyer Hypermarket. Thank you for the continued support from our community.
- Lt. Troxel along with other agency partners attended a meeting with Tillamook Family Counseling Center's Crisis Response Team. This meeting is a valuable part of ensuring the lines of communication are clear between all agencies from contact on the 911 Center, Contact with Law Enforcement on the Street, to the Crisis Team Response, and then transport to the hospital for care.
- Lt. Troxel attended a monthly meeting with Lt. Tucker from the Oregon State Police, and Aubry Olson, Tillamook County District Attorney. This meeting is a great way to ensure effective and efficient communications between all law enforcement agencies. They missed Sheriff Brown and Chief Harth and hope they can attend next month.

• Public Works (PW):

- The Water Distribution Division staff are reading water meters this week. Please do not park on or block access to your water meter so we can ensure an accurate read. This is important for billing correctly and detecting inevitable water leaks that may not be visible. An unusually high read can indicate a water leak or even a running toilet, which can unexpectedly spike your water bill. Utility payments are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. Payments can be made on our website at [www.tillamookor.gov](http://www.tillamookor.gov) or over the phone by calling 503-842-2472.

- Consistent high water and flooding of the Trask River resulted in sediment and debris buildup at Carnahan Park and throughout downtown Tillamook. Our Streets Division crew is working to maintain and repair any damage caused by inclement weather. Carnahan Park will remain closed until the end of the week.
- Did you know that wetlands in the U.S. save more than \$30 billion in annual flood damage repair costs? Wetlands act as natural sponges, storing and slowly releasing floodwaters after peak flood flows have passed. A single acre of wetland, saturated to a depth of one foot, will retain 330,000 gallons of water, enough to flood thirteen average-sized homes thigh-deep. Tillamook County's Southern Flow Corridor project is one of Oregon's most significant tidal wetland restoration projects, with 443 acres of tidal marsh and swamp restored in 2016. Since 2013, the Estuary Technical Group has collaborated with Oregon State University, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the University of Oregon, and the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership to monitor pre- and post-restoration ecosystem recovery at this site, which is located on the western edge of Tillamook, near the city limits and Hoquarten Slough, and bordered on the south by the Wilson River.
- Lt. Troxel and the City Manager had the opportunity to attend a meeting yesterday regarding homelessness with the Houseless Action Network: City Subgroup. This was a very productive meeting with many of the cities in Tillamook County represented as we collaborated with Commissioner Skaar.
- The City and our engineers have been meeting and will continue meeting with the Port of Tillamook Bay as we design and work to replace phase I of our water transmission lines between the Water Treatment Plant and the City of Tillamook, a line that is over six (6) miles long. Phase I is mostly just under or near the Port of Tillamook Bay's property. Most of the City's water transmission line was originally installed between 1928 and the early 1940's; hence it is in dire need of being replaced. The City appreciates the Port's partnership in this program.
- The City has a house and business Holiday decoration contest. Please go to our website, call our main number then transfer to the Utilities Division, or stop by City Hall to learn more about how you can participate. The winners will receive a month free of charge from City Utilities.
- We have several technician positions available in the Public Works Department. Please visit our website or stop by City Hall for an application.

- A reminder that if you see something, say something by calling 911 for emergencies or Dispatch for non-emergencies.
- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, December 18, at 7 PM. We encourage everyone interested in your local government to attend virtually or in person.