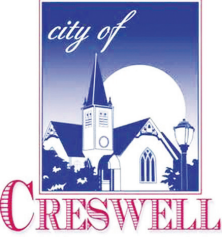


City Council Meeting
The City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the McCluskey Chambers of City Hall.

Park and Tree Advisory Board
The Park and Tree Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in the City Hall Conference Room beginning at 10:00 am.

Planning Commission Meeting
The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, October 17, 2019 in the McCluskey Chambers of City Hall beginning at 6:30 pm.





More than a dozen local business owners and curious entrepreneurs met with representatives of non-profit Oregon RAIN last week to discuss the possible benefits of collaboration in Creswell. RAIN offers Rural Venture Catalyst programs with the goal of building “entrepreneurial ecosystems and innovation economies” throughout rural Oregon.

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South Lane Teen CERT

The Teen CERT concept was created to address preparedness and response capabilities from within high schools. While many schools have taken measures to provide for site security analysis and equipment, more effort is needed to train staff and students in school security and emergency response procedures, and to involve youth in the country’s overall emergency preparedness and response plans. Teen CERT aims to train students in emergency preparedness and basic response to ensure that they have the skills needed to protect themselves, and assist others, in the event of an emergency.

When will the program begin?

Parent and youth Q and A meeting. October 13th at 233 E. Harrison Ave. in Cottage Grove. The meeting begins at 6:00.

Who is eligible?

All community members who are 14 - 20 years of age.

How do I apply?

You can download an application by going to <https://www.southlanefire.org/join-us/cert>. Please turn applications in to Creswell City Hall at 13 S 1st St, Creswell, OR 97426 or Station 201 at 233 E. Harrison Ave., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Applications will also be available on October 13th. Contact Division Chief Aaron Smith with questions at asmith@southlanefire.org or 541-942-4493.

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Community members request to learn more via RAIN’s website, and that gets the ball rolling.

According to City Manager Michelle Amberg, Creswell is ready for the stimulus that RAIN can provide. “I’d like to see (Creswell) thrive. We have a lot of empty spaces downtown,” Amberg said. “We have opportunities for entrepreneurs to fill those spaces.”

By first holding information sessions such as this one, the team at RAIN is able to connect with local residents about what their needs are individually and as a community. Cummings, who is also RAIN’s venture catalyst manager, said it is important to assess the situation before jumping right in to a plan. Taking this extra time and effort enables the best chances of success by laying a solid foundation.

By being responsive instead of reactive to the need for growth, RAIN helps the risk-takers, job creators and change-makers in the community fine-tune their efforts and connects them to investors in ways they would not otherwise have had the opportunity to do.

“This could give consistency to our efforts over a long period of time,” Amberg said. “It could provide access to capital and mentoring that is not already happening.”

As the presentation unfolded, Cummings and her associate, Oregon Venture Catalyst Ariel Ruben, explored a slew of strategic resources available to Creswell entrepreneurs should they choose to proceed.

RAIN, which is run by success-

ful entrepreneurs and “angel” investors, plugs enterprising business owners in with ways to launch and scale business ventures, not only with accessible capital funding, but also educational and training programs and mentoring connections.

In efforts to build thriving economies, RAIN helps communities build economic strength by keeping business close to home and encouraging variety in venture ideas. Ruben is a key player in the program, managing outreach efforts for the Oregon Mid-Coast Region (Florence up through Lincoln City). She works one-on-one with people to find their passions, and helps build them into thriving opportunities for individuals and their communities at large.

Other key factors to success, according to Cummings, are RAIN’s long-term commitment to their team’s in the communities and the inclusion of anyone and everyone who wants to participate.

To participate in RAIN’s Rural Venture Catalyst programs, the next step for Creswell is a vote from Creswell City Council to approve to collaboration between the city and RAIN.

Those in attendance Tuesday – restaurant owners, a chiropractor, a couple graphic designers and more – voiced enthusiasm about the possibilities of building individual businesses and the local economy.

“Don’t do it alone,” Cummings emphasized, “you need the support.”

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