

Building a digital defense against vacation scams: by the FBI

The kids are almost out of school, and the weather is warming up... definitely a good time to start planning your next escape out of town. It seems like it has never been easier to find the perfect space in the perfect place to take your family. Want to rent a condo for a few nights in the big city? A cottage in the woods? Or a bungalow by the beach? There are tons of options for every kind of possible vacation, and you can find them all with a few quick clicks on the keyboard.

Our friends at the Federal Trade Commission, though, have some advice to help make sure that your quest for rest and relaxation doesn't lead you to a rental scam.

Here's how it can work: you find a great house or apartment listed for rent on the internet. The photos look great, and the rates are somewhere between very low and reasonable. You make contact with the person you think is the owner, book a date and pre-pay some or all of your fee. In some cases, a fraudster may have just lifted the info and pictures from a real listing

and re-posted them elsewhere. He changes the contact info so you come to him, not the owner, and now he's making money.

In other cases, the fraudster posts a phantom listing... the rental doesn't really exist. He promises all kinds of amenities, and you think you've just snagged a great option at a low price. All he has to do is get you to pay up before you figure things out.

Here's how to protect yourself:

- Be wary if the owner asks you to pay by wire transfer. This is like sending cash – you likely will never get your money back if there's a problem. Use a credit card.
- Watch out if the owner says he is overseas and wants you to send a deposit to a foreign bank. If you are traveling overseas, again, your best bet is to use a credit card.
- Consider only using a reputable travel website to book your stay. Look for sites that use secure payment portals and/or those that don't release the payment to the owner until you've checked in.

- Use mapping apps – like Google maps or similar – to confirm that the property really exists.
- Remember - if you have been victimized by an online scam, you can report your suspicious contacts

to the FBI. You can file an online report at the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov or call your FBI local office.

If you have been victimized by this or any cyber fraud, be sure to report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov or call your local FBI office.

Tech Tuesday Tips: Vacation Scams

- Be wary if asked to pay by wire transfer or to send money to a foreign bank.
- Always use a credit card.
- Only use reputable businesses & websites to book your stay. Look for secure payment portals/policies.
- Use maps to confirm the property really exists.
- Report scams to www.ic3.gov.



FBI – Portland Division

Today in History: by The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 29, the 149th day of 2019. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 29, 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

On this date:

In 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses.

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1914, the Canadian ocean liner RMS Empress of Ireland sank in the St. Lawrence River in eastern Quebec after colliding with the Norwegian cargo ship SS Storstad; of the 1,477 people on board the Empress of Ireland, 1,012 died. (The Storstad suffered only minor damage.)

In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Massachusetts.

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1954, English runner Diane Leather became the first woman to run a sub-five-minute mile, finishing in 4:59.6 during the Midland Championships in Birmingham.

In 1977, Janet Guthrie

became the first woman to race in the Indianapolis 500, finishing in 29th place (the winner was A.J. Foyt).

In 1985, 39 people were killed at the European Cup Final in Brussels, Belgium, when rioting broke out and a wall separating British and Italian soccer fans collapsed.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened their historic summit in Moscow.

In 1998, Republican elder statesman Barry Goldwater died in Paradise Valley, Arizona, at age 89.

In 2008, the Vatican issued a decree stating that anyone trying to ordain a woman as a priest and any woman who attempted to receive the ordination would incur automatic excommunication. Actor-comedian Harvey Korman, Emmy winner for "The Carol Burnett Show," died in Los Angeles at age 81.

Ten years ago: A judge in Los Angeles sentenced music producer Phil Spector to 19 years to life in prison for the murder of actress Lana Clarkson. Jay Leno hosted "The Tonight Show" on NBC supposedly for the final time, giving up his desk to Conan O'Brien. (After a stint in prime time, Leno returned to "Tonight" in March 2010, stepping down again in February 2014.)

Five years ago: Saying he wanted kids to play sports but play safely, President Barack Obama called for more and better research into the effects and treatment of concussions in youth athletes

during a summit at the White House. The Food and Drug Administration required tanning beds and sun lamps to carry new warnings that they should not be used by anyone under age 18. Shelly Sterling signed a binding contract to sell the Los Angeles Clippers to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for a record-breaking \$2 billion.

One year ago:

ABC canceled the reboot of "Roseanne," after star Roseanne Barr's tweet that referred to former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett as a product of the Muslim Brotherhood and the "Planet

of the Apes." Starbucks closed thousands of stores for part of the day to hold training sessions for employees on unconscious bias, in response to the arrests of two black men in Philadelphia at one of its stores.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 81. Motorsports Hall of Famer Al Unser is 80. Actor Kevin Conway is 77. Actor Helmut Berger is 75. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 74. Actor Anthony Geary is 72. Actor Cotter Smith is 70. Singer Rebbie (ree-bee) Jackson is 69. Movie composer Danny

Elfman is 66. Singer LaToya Jackson is 63. Actor Ted Levine is 62. Actress Annette Bening is 61. Actor Rupert Everett is 60. Actor Adrian Paul is 60. Singer Melissa Etheridge is 58. Actress Lisa Whelchel is 56. Actress Tracey Bregman is 56. Rock musician Noel Gallagher is 52. Singer Jayski McGowan (Quad City DJ's) is 52. Actor Anthony Azizi is 50. Rock musician Chan Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 50. Actress Laverne Cox is 47. Rock musician Mark Lee (Third Day) is 46. Cartoonist Aaron McGruder ("The Boondocks") is 45. Singer Melanie Brown (Spice Girls) is 44. Rapper

Playa Poncho is 44. Latin singer Fonseca is 40. Actor Justin Chon (TV: "Deception"; "Dr. Ken") is 38. NBA player Carmelo Anthony is 35. Actor Billy Flynn is 34. Actor Blake Foster is 34. Actress Riley Keough is 30. Actor Brandon Mychal Smith is 30. Actress Kristen Alderson is 28.

Thought for Today:

"When we recall the past, we usually find that it is the simplest things — not the great occasions — that in retrospect give off the greatest glow of happiness." — British-born American comedian Bob Hope (born this date in 1903, died 2003).

FORM LB-1		NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING	
A public meeting of the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction will be held on June 10, 2019, at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 222 W. Lister St., Cave Junction, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 as approved by the City of Cave Junction Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 222 W. Lister Street, Cave Junction, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 12:30pm - 4:00pm. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the basis of accounting used during the preceding year.			
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amounts 2017-2018	Adopted Budget This Year 2018-2019	Approved Budget Next Year 2019-2020
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,824,981	2,267,684	2,159,259
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	1,635,878	1,949,000	1,840,750
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	46,400	261,400	307,300
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	1,338,514	1,581,684	1,038,684
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	100,178	22,000	34,000
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	238,297	235,000	242,000
Total Resources	5,184,248	6,316,768	5,621,993

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	775,566	903,298	953,625
Materials and Services	877,536	1,132,100	1,163,400
Capital Outlay	37,769	1,283,350	1,484,925
Debt Service	183,684	183,684	367,368
Interfund Transfers	1,154,830	1,581,684	855,000
Contingencies		319,000	244,000
Special Payments		0	183,684
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	2,154,863	993,350	369,991
Total Requirements	5,184,248	6,396,466	5,621,993

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
ADMINISTRATION	107,714	114,483	117,430
FTE	1.54	1.6	1.6
PARK & REC	3443	10017	11286
FTE	0.11	0.05	0.05
WATER FUND	206451	252885	266785
FTE	2.86	2.77	2.77
SEWER FUND	206451	243229	292899
FTE	2.86	2.77	2.77
STREET MAINT FUND	245861	273804	256022
FTE	3.41	3.41	3.41
LAW ENFORCEMENT	5646	8880	9203
FTE	0.22	0.22	0.22
Name			
FTE			
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE			
Total Requirements	775,566	903,298	953,625
Total FTE	11	11	11

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *			

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2017-2018	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2018-2019	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2019-2020
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.8959 per \$1,000)	1.8959	1.8959	1.8959
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$183,684	
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings		
Total	\$183,684	

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