

From the mayor’s desk: by Meadow Martell



As summer slowly comes on, the city has many big projects in process and more coming up. Our

Public Works Director, Alex Ponder, keeps me well informed and I would like to share a few highlights:
Taylor’s Country Store: The city tapped the 8” watermain on the corner of Hussey and Schumacher and installed a new 2” service line and meter for the new building’s water supply. At the same time, we also tapped the main and ran a dedicated 4” fire service line and connected it to a backflow prevention assembly. To do this work, we had to saw cut the asphalt, then excavate a trench approximately 4 ft. deep from the 8” watermain all the way across Hussey to Taylor’s. If you drive

down behind Taylors Country Store you can see where the trench is located. As of right now it is a gravel surface. After Copeland is done with installing the new ADA ramps, they will come back and asphalt that whole intersection.
199/Watkins: We are wrapping up our plan review of the 199/Watkins Waterline Replacement Project. We had to revise our original plan. In order to cap the old 2” water main at its source we added 125 ft further east on Watkins. This is a section of rotten pressurized galvanized pipe that would cause us issues in the future.
Bulk Water Station: The

initial plans are back, and Public Works is in the process of reviewing them. Except for a few minor changes they are looking good. We added the Welcome to Cave Junction sign to this project since it will be on the same piece of property, just nearer to 199. We should be done with the plan check the first of the week and hopefully get the project out to bid in the next week or two.
RV Park: There is interest in putting a 61 space RV park at 25401 Redwood Hwy. Civil West Engineering Services, RVCOG, and City staff are in the process of plan review. We will have some changes to their original plans, but this looks

like it is going to be a very nice park and a welcome addition to the city.
Water Distribution Pump: Our #2 distribution pump went down last week. Specialists came in and quickly narrowed the problem down to the pumps soft start, which was original 23-year-old equipment. Replacing all three intake pumps could cost \$300,000. The city needs to put more time and research into the issue of having aging infrastructure. For now, we are repairing and replacing parts to keep old equipment up and running.

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Well Done!
Kudos to Rikki Perrin and Josephine County Emergency Management for their recent 7-week course at the Illinois Valley’s own Fire District office. Each Thursday evening participants learned about different aspects of surviving — and helping neighbors to survive — “the Big One” or other area-wide catastrophes.
Guest speakers taught subjects ranging from water filtration to “bug-out” bag planning to methods for burying the dead. Serious stuff. And extremely practical. I hope there will be more such courses here in the future. A prepared community will make any emergency more manageable.
Tina Wright Selma

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June 26 & July 10
Storytelling Workshop with Master Storyteller, Georgia Churchill, at the Southern Oregon Guild’s Gallery & Art Center and on Zoom, Sundays June 26 and July 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Reasonable fee encourages family participation. More information and registration at southernorenguild.org. The Gallery is at the Kerby Belt Building on Hwy 199 in Kerby. Zoom link will be sent with registration.
Questions – email guild@southernorenguild.org or call 541-659-3858.
June 29
The Southern Oregon Guild initiates a bi-monthly community gathering with an open house June

29 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Guild Gallery & Art Center at the Kerby Belt Building in Kerby. Painter Don Jader, whose work is prominent in the current Guild exhibit, will talk about both his inspiration and his artist’s process.
July 1-2
To honor our nation’s birthday, the Kerbyville Museum invite all veterans to come help celebrate July 1 from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and July 3 from noon to 4 p.m. veterans are free of charge.
July 1-3
Mark your calendar for ReunionMania - schedule coming soon. July 2 Golf Tourney !!

July 2
**Illinois Valley Senior Center (IVSC) annual Flea Market. Saturday, July 2, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. IVSC, Cave Junction. 520 E. River Street. (East on River off 199)
*CJ Soapbox Derby from noon to 4 p.m. on Schumacker St.
July 3
I.V. Fire District Pancake Breakfast. Support I.V. Senior Scholarships and I.V. Firefighters Association! IVHS Senior Scholarship Donations Accepted. Sunday, July 3, 2022 at Jubilee Park Pavilion at 8 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. Adults \$8, 12 & under \$6, senior \$6. Sponsored by IVHS Alumni & Friends.

****Food Pantry Tuesdays**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cave Junction Adventist/Community Services Food Distribution, 265 S. Old Stage Rd. Volunteers are needed to help stock, date check, sort food, pack boxes and handout food boxes, etc. to volunteer please email cavejunctionacs@gmail.com. Contributions can be made out to the CJ Seventh-day Adventist Church and identify that they are in support of the Community Service by writing “CJACS” in the memo section of your check. Mail to: Cave Junction Seventh-day Adventist Church PO Box 330, Cave Junction, OR 97523
**** WeThePeopleUnited of Josephine County** are hosting meetings at Wild River Pizza’s

back room in Cave Junction, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 6-8 p.m. We are currently running a GMRS Radio net on Mondays @ 7 p.m. and starting a Ham Radio Group for the Illinois Valley.
New members are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information please email: wethepeopleunitedjoco@protonmail.com.
**** HIV Alliance** offers services in Cave Junction every Tuesday from noon – 3 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church (across from ShopSmart). Services include: Free and confidential HIV and Hep C testing. Needle Exchange and drop box (all syringes welcome), and overdose response and Naloxone

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