

From the mayor's desk: by Meadow Martell



This is my last letter in 2022 and the end of my second term as Mayor of Cave Junction. I hope you are having a wonderful Christmas holiday. I will be back in 2023 which is also the start of my third term as mayor. The Jan. 9, 2023, City Council meeting will include the swearing in of the newly elected officials and the State of the City address.

I want to talk about one of the issues that residents periodically come in conflict with- fence requirements and permits. All cities have ordinances or laws that deal with maintaining public health and safety, zoning, public morals, behavior, and general welfare. Laws are enacted in cities to protect the visual texture of our area and to keep neighbors in a civil and neighborly relationship with each other. In Cave Junction, as in many other cities, this includes a fencing ordinance. Even

though you may want to build any kind of fence anywhere, at any height, and at any position to the property line, this is illegal without an approved fencing permit.

Any time you install a new fence or make changes to an existing fence you need a Fence Permit. Before installing or making any changes you must submit a complete application, pay a permit fee, and the city must approve the fence location before you can begin. Permit application and guidelines are available in City Hall at the front desk during regular business hours. Our friendly and knowledgeable front desk staff are very helpful and can answer questions. Be warned that if you build your fence without a permit or before the city has approved it, you will have to pay double the permit fee. If you don't make the required changes, you

risk a nuisance violation which can be very expensive.

There are many reasonable sounding arguments why someone may want to do something different than what city ordinance allows. However, if city council starts making an exception for one person, then there is very little argument for not making the next exception. If exceptions are the rule there is no point in making laws. It's important to remember that the city council members are elected and sworn in to enforce the city laws as they exist. Laws can be changed, but there is a significant process that must be followed first. This may sound harsh, but code enforcement can be an important part of maintaining the appearance, functioning, and property values of our city and neighborhoods.

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 at 7 p.m.
 150 Lewis Ct. Cave Junction, Or.
 541-507-7458 or 541-592-2290

Country Breakfast
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520 E River St Cave Junction

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Solution: 1. Bush behind stable is missing. 2. Donkey's teeth are hidden. 3. Strap appears on sandal. 4. Shepherd's moustache is missing. 5. Patch on robe sleeve is colored in. 6. Patch on robe has moved. 7. Knothole in manger has moved. 8. Board on stable wall has moved. 9. Lamb's tail is larger. 10. Stripe on blanket is larger. 11. Headrest is longer. 12. Neckline on robe is lower.

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Save the date

Dec. 22 & 23
 **A Booth and Table Merchandise Sale to support Ascension Art and Tea House will be held on the 22nd and 23rd, at 200 A Lister St. Cave Junction from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Have things you want to sell or buy, call Christie at 541-592-9308 or text her.

Dec. 24
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Dec. 25
**** Merry Christmas!**

Jan. 4
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Wednesday, Jan. 4. Happy New Year! We will return Jan. 11.

Jan. 10
 **Illinois Valley Amateur Radio Club (IVARC) will be having our monthly meeting @ 6pm at Wild

River Pizza in CJ. As well as our meeting at Wild River every second Tuesday at 6pm, we have a weekly emergency General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) net check-in every Monday @ 7pm. New members are welcome and encouraged to contact us and attend our meetings. For more information, please visit our website Illinois Valley Amateur Radio Club (ivarc.org) or email: IVARC.org@proton.me

Tuesdays
****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

Wednesdays
****AWANA** 6:15 - 8 p.m. 3 Years to 6th Grade. 113 So. Caves Ave.

Saturdays
****Take your bottles and cans** to IVCanDo's Cans for Kids behind the Chevron Station 10 - 2.

ONGOING
****Drop-in Storytime** at Josephine County Library in Cave Junction, 11am - 2pm, with stories read aloud by Deborah every half hour and a themed craft available all day. For families on a tight time schedule, craft kits are available to take home!

****Adopt-A-Senior**
Volunteers wanted to assist senior and disabled residents in their home with light duty activities and/or socialization and to drive residents to doctor or grocery store. Gift

cards are provided for volunteers. Background check and references required call 541-592-9781 or email ivwellnessresources@gmail.com.

****Join for a Death Café** at the IV Grange, 3763 Holland Loop, Dec.27th 4:30-6:30pm. Donations welcome, but no one turned away for lack of funds. Sweet treats and light refreshments will be provided. Death Cafe's provide an agenda-free safe place to discuss death and dying and life and living. Not a grief support group, it is no more and no less than a friendly group discussing death, dying and end of life topics. For questions, email: Angela Franklin crossroadsdeathcare@gmail.com or call 541-450-5336.

**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Folks residing in Illinois Valley will have the opportunity to participate in a pilot project that offers support to older adults (60+) and adults with physical disabilities, living with life-limiting illness and who are experiencing loneliness and

other emotional distress. This project will train community members as "companions," providing respite and support. If successful, this will be replicated and offered for free throughout the state of Oregon. If you are interested in learning how to support your community at end-of-life and how to be a compassionate presence to others, please consider volunteering. The training will happen Feb 2. For more information or to request an application, please contact Angela Franklin: email afranklin@optionsonline.org or call 541-450-2036. Background check required for all volunteers.

**** HIV Alliance** offers services in Cave Junction every Tuesday from noon - 3 p.m. at Immanuel United Methodist Church (across from Shop Smart). Services include: Free and confidential HIV and Hep C testing. Needle Exchange and drop box (all syringes welcome), and overdose response and Naloxone training.

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