

Community calendar ... by Carol Berger

Community Calendar for Port Orford, Sixes, & Langlois for January 22-28

Thursday January 22
Port Orford Rotary Club, noon, American Legion Hall
Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m., Port Orford Library community meeting room, 332-2072 or 332-5085

Sunday, January 25
Two-step Dance Lessons, 3-5 p.m.,

Beachcombers Cove, 332-2310

Monday, January 26
TOPS, 9:30 a.m., Senior Center

Tuesday, January 27
Senior Center Members Lunch, 11:30, Senior Center, 332-5771
Senior Center Membership Meeting, 12:30, Senior Center, 332-5771
Beginning Folk Dance, 7-8:20 p.m., Senior Center, 332-0950

Birthdays for January 2009			
22 Chris Becker	27 Toby Dillingham	28 Tiffany Lopez	29 Dave Lopez
26 Paul Compton	28 Brenda Fanning Foster	28 Rita Armstrong	30 Dot Mathews

Community Calendar Guidelines: Calendar runs from Thursday through the next Wednesday. Events must be held in Port Orford, Sixes, or Langlois. Any exceptions are at

the discretion of the Port Orford News. Information is limited to date, name of event, time, place, and contact number, due to space constraints. Please e-mail Carol Berger at

lobiesquatch@yahoo.com by Friday at 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next week's paper. Please put "Community Calendar" in the subject line of your e-mail!

Police report

Jan. 10
Police responded to a civil complaint, and assisted in settling the matter peacefully, and to everyone's satisfaction

Police responded to a complaint of an intoxicated subject causing

problems with traffic on Hwy 101. The subject was given a courtesy ride home, and received a stern warning about the danger he caused to himself and others.

Jan. 11
Police received a call about

the destruction of private property. This case is currently under investigation.

Jan. 13
There was a report of a wild turkey acting strangely. Perhaps the wild turkey had partaken of some of the other "wild turkey." Last seen on 18th street, headed toward Hwy 101. Officers unable to locate.

Officers also received a report of two roosters moving into a Lakeshore Drive neighborhood, and creating a disturbance at all hours. Roosters remain at large. They have, so far, eluded capture.

Jan. 15
Police received a report of two small puppies locked in an RV trailer at a park. RV manager and owner of the trailer gave

police permission to enter the trailer for a welfare check on the puppies. It was reported that the animals were without food or water for about 5 days. Police contacted the owner of the dogs and issued citations for two cases of Animal Neglect 2, and for 2 cases of Animal Abandonment. Dogs were taken to Curry County Animal Control where they will be placed in foster care pending disposition of the case.

Jan. 16
Report of an alarm at a local bank. Officer responded and found the bank was secure. Bank employee and alarm company notified.

Report of a burglary at a local business. Subjects kicked in the door and made off with cash

and coins. Finger prints were obtained from the scene, and are being sent to the Crime lab for further investigation. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call your police department.

Note: The Port Orford Police Department did not get new police cars. The existing vehicles got new markings. All police cars are now marked units, and all of them have the same markings. These new decals are reflective, making the vehicles more visible at night. Thank you to Reserve Officer Derwin Boggs for his efforts for coordinating the purchase of the new decals.

Workshop scheduled Jan. 27
Another note of interest to Citizens of Port Orford—on

January 27, the City Council will be having a workshop with consultants from Advanced Strategies Group about your Police Department. This is an all day workshop, and the public is invited. There will be at least three opportunities for public input in the process. This workshop is meant to assist the community in defining the police department—what it is to do, how it is to function, how it is to be governed, and how to measure how successful it is. Just what does the community want and need from its police department?? This will result in a policy document that will, hopefully, get everyone on the same page so that we can move forward and meet the identified needs of the community.

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The Savoy Theatre will be closed for 4 weeks, beginning Jan. 12.

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general public.”

◆ Jack Mahrol warned about secrecy in government meetings: “I’m not here t just stir the pot,” said Mahrol. “I grew up with “Big Brother,” I grew up in Germany. It’s absolutely necessary that we the people do the watching.”

In departmental reports:
◆ Public Works Director Wagner stated that he is “honored to be back with the city - it’s good to be back. I’m getting accustomed to things.

“We’re searching for water leaks and doing some street work,” he said.

Wagner reported finding and repairing three leaks recently.

◆ Chamber of Commerce President and council liaison Smith reported on the Chamber: “The awards banquet is Jan. 30,” said Smith (See Chamber News). Smith also reported that Gold Beach had won the Christmas Lights contest.

“It was decided on a coin flip,” he said. “I wasn’t there, but they assured me that it was all fair - so we won’t get out trophy back this year.”

◆ In the Parks report Clancy reported that the committee was up and running. “It’s great to be on it,” she said. “But there is still one position (on the committee) open.”

◆ Port Orford Rural Volunteer Fire Department Chief Gayle Wilcox presented the department’s quarterly report. (See PORVFD Quarterly Report).

In old business:

Concerning the revamping of the Port Orford Police Department and plans for another run at passing a police levy this spring, Murphy indicated that there would be an “Open House,” beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the council chambers. “It will be to find out what people want from the police department,” said Murphy. “How do they want it to function? How should it be evaluated? This will help to get everyone clear on the police department and hopefully avoid some of the (past) dysfunction.”

The Public Policy Workshop will also look at the hiring of a temporary, possibly hal-time police chief.

“The insurance company really wants us to hire an interim chief,” said Murphy, and I have an excellent candidate for that. He would be willing to do it half time and help us to move the department along.

In new business:
The council decided to meet twice a month instead of the old policy of one meeting. The first meeting will be on the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m., and the next would be held on the third Thursday at 6 p.m. The motion was passed 6-0.

“This will allow us to dispense with subcommittee meetings,” noted Smith of the new change.

As a result, the next council meeting will be at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5.

◆ A hazardous waste collection day will be held on June 19-20, “on Idaho between 18th and

19th streets with tents and ground tarps,” said Murphy. “It’s a program the state runs. On Friday it will be for small businesses and on Saturday private individuals - the waste can be dropped off.”

◆ The council voted 3-1, with one Clancy abstaining, to move forward on getting a nuisance abatement against a private individual for failure to maintain property within the city limits. The name of the individual affected has not yet been released.

“This is not an easy thing,” noted Hewitt.

◆ The council voted to support the North Curry Ford Foundation Leadership groups efforts to build a bioswale, or rain garden, at Battle Rock Park.

“I had no idea what a bioswale was,” said McArdle. “It’s one heck of a good idea. It takes toxins out of the water, and we have a lot of interest in cleaning up the environment.”

The rain garden will be built at Battle Rock park to absorb and clean up the runoff from the parking lot prior to the point that it reaches the sea.

“It will be behind the wall, up on the hill and behind the visitors center,” said McArdle. “It will look nice, do something good and will negate the problem of water from the parking lot. It will show people that Port Orford cares.

“It’s a good work, something that I’m proud of and proud of being involved in.”

“It’s not only great for the environment,” added Smith, “but

it’s also going to be aesthetically pleasing and help with an erosion.”

The vote was 6-0 in favor of supporting the project.

◆ The city’s annual awards of the transient lodging tax grants was announced with the following organizations getting grants:

Sunset Garden Club - \$700, Team Jubilee - \$1,500, Chamber of Commerce - \$3,100, Theatre 101 - \$1,000, the North Curry rain garden - \$1,000, the P.O. Skate Park - \$1,200 and the Cedar Expo - \$1,500.

◆ It was noted by Murphy that “the Arts council does not want to manage the Community Building anymore.”

Smith suggested that the Port Orford Rotary, which already manages the American Legion Hall, might be willing to take on the management. The council voted 6-0 to approach them with the idea and contract.

◆ An already approved right-of-way for a restaurant to be established by Chris Hawthorne was reexamined with concern voiced for views from the parking area being impeded.

Hawthorne assured the council that he would not. “I don’t want to do anything to impede public access or view,” he said.

The consent calendar:
The consent calendar, which included approval of mayoral appointees Jim Auburn to the budget committee and George Bennett to the planning committee, was accepted.

The council adjourned just prior to 9 p.m.

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Project Grad to begin collecting

Project Graduation is collecting clean, usable items for its upcoming yard sale.

Fone Finder!

PON is about to begin work on the 2009 Fone Finder. We hope to have it finished by the end of February. You will notice that we are publishing it at a different time of year than in the past, and when you see the finished product, you will notice other changes that we hope you will like.

One of the changes is that we want to include your cell phone as well as your land line!

Please e-mail us at portorfordnews@gmail.com (use “FONE” in the subject line, please) or call us at 541-332-NEWS with your cell phone number if you would like it listed, or with any other needed changes, additions, or deletions, so the new Fone Finder will be as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

No clothes, please. Items can be dropped off at Driftwood School on Sat., Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact 332-4503 for information.

PHS Clothing Drive helps Shoes for Kids

Cleaning out your kids’ closets for the New Year? Bring those boxes of gently used school clothes to Pacific High School!

Pacific High School has volunteered to assist the Shoes for Kids program by collecting an assortment of school clothing which will be provided to students in need. Thanks to the hard work of student volunteers, clothing for high school students is already available at Pacific High all during the school year. In addition, the school will now collect school clothing for all ages from January to May.

Pacific students, lead by Courtney Lakey and Ashley Curry, will sort and store school clothes to be distributed to those in need at no charge next August as part of the Shoes for Kids program.

Please bring your donations of school-appropriate clothing in good repair to Pacific High School, during school hours (8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Monday - Friday.

Shoes for Kids is a program of The Common Good food pantry. Shoes for Kids provides local students-in-need with new shoes, socks, personal care supplies and the opportunity to choose from a big selection of gently used quality school clothing each August. This support can make a big difference to struggling families, and help

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