

Fireworks: Keep them legal, keep them safe

SALEM — The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Oregon fire service, Keep Oregon Green, natural resource agencies, Oregon fireworks wholesalers and safety experts encourage Oregonians to “Keep it Legal and Keep it Safe” when using fireworks.

The 2015 Oregon fireworks sales season continues through Sunday, July 5.

The OSFM and its partners want everyone to know what fireworks are legal in Oregon, where they are permitted, and the important steps to take for

fireworks safety.

“People often forget that legal fireworks can only be purchased from Oregon permitted fireworks retailers and stands,” says State Fire Marshal Jim Walker. “Regulations limit where those fireworks may be used. For example, fireworks are prohibited on all Oregon beaches and in parks and campgrounds.”

July 4th holiday forest visitors are advised to leave all fireworks at home. The use of fireworks is prohibited on all national forestland and most

other public lands.

“Fireworks compound the threat to already dry forests,” says Keep Oregon Green president Kristin Babbs. “Enjoy fireworks where they belong: on the pavement, safely away from houses, vehicles and flammable vegetation.”

Oregon law bans possession, use or sale of fireworks that fly, explode or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches into the air.

Fireworks commonly called bottle rockets, Roman Candles, and firecrackers are illegal in

Oregon.

There were 165 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon during 2014, resulting in 33 injuries and more than \$178,000 in property damage.

Over the past five years, from 2010 through 2014, there were 839 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon resulting in one death, 159 civilian injuries and more than \$3.9 million in property damage.

Officials can seize illegal fireworks and fine offenders up to \$1,000 per violation. Those who misuse fireworks or allow

fireworks to cause damage are liable and may be required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage.

Parents are also liable for fireworks damage caused by their children.

“All Oregonians share the responsibility to use only legal fireworks and use them carefully,” says Walker. “And we encourage you to be aware and considerate of neighbors and their pets, before deciding on when and where you choose to light fireworks.”

The OSFM encourages

everyone to use the “Four ‘B’s” of safe fireworks use:

- Be Prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.
- Be Safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Be Responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal.
- Be Aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places.

IN BRIEF

Summer hours begin at LCC

Lane Community College will close on Fridays through Friday, Aug. 28.

No services will be available, and no classes or events will be held, unless otherwise scheduled by a department or program.

British Car Club meets today

The Central Oregon Coast British Car Club will hold its monthly breakfast meeting, rain or shine, today, June 27, starting at 9 a.m., at Kozy Kitchen Restaurant, 820 Highway 101.

Anyone with an interest in British vehicles is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 541-997-7354.

Ham radio operators hosting 24-hour event

Today through tomorrow, June 27-28, members of the Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club will establish four amateur radio stations capable of communicating all over the world at Sutton Campground in group area A.

Beginning at today 11 a.m., local hams will operate these stations continuously for 24 hours until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

During that time they will communicate with other stations in Canada, the United States and Oceania to test abilities, equipment and practices.

Ukulele players to strum tomorrow

Florence Ukulele Club (The Flukes) will meet Sunday, June 28, from 3 to 4:00 p.m. for a

song circle. Beginners meet first from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The group meets in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Meetings are open to ukulele players of all levels and those interested in learning about the club and/or listen and sing along. For information, email janetwellington@charter.net.

FAHS Garden Tour tomorrow

The Florence Area Humane Society will host its annual

Tour of Gardens tomorrow, June 28, featuring five distinctive gardens in the Florence and Mapleton area.

Tickets are \$15 and the tour will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A colorful glass garden art tree is being offered as the raffle prize.

Tickets for this item are one for \$3, four for \$10 and eight for \$20 and will be available today during the monthly Hot Dog and Hamburger Sale at Grocery Outlet and tomorrow at the gardens during the Tour of Gardens.

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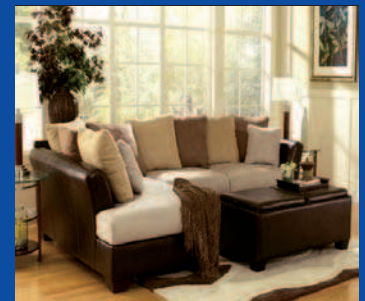
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