

On The Record

Oregon State Fire Marshal gives firework safety tips

The Office of State Fire Marshal, Oregon Fire Service, natural resource agencies, Oregon licensed fireworks wholesalers and safety experts encourage Oregonians to “Keep it Legal and Keep it Safe” when using fireworks.

The 2019 Oregon fireworks retail sales season opens June 23 and runs through July 6.

“To help inform Oregonians about the safe and legal use of fireworks in Oregon before legal fireworks sales begin, our office has prepared fireworks safety and education materials,” said

Mark Johnston, assistant chief deputy fire marshal. “The downloadable items will help Oregonians understand what fireworks are legal to use in Oregon without a permit, where they are permitted to be used, and the important safety steps to take when using fireworks. We want Oregonians to share this information with their friends, families, and neighbors.”

The OSFM will also reach out to its fire service and other partners to share the information on their social media sites. OSFM’s fireworks materials can be

found on its website, www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/sfm/Pages/Fireworks.aspx#education.

The OSFM encourages everyone to use the four BEs 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.

The OSFM website also features FAQs for commonly answered questions about the sale and legal use of consumer fireworks, permits for the retail sale of fireworks, and state rules for their use and enforcement activities.

Remember, officials may seize illegal fireworks and charge offenders with a class B misdemeanor, which could result in a fine of up to \$2,500 per violation and a civil penalty of up to \$500. 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.

Despite their regulated sale and use, fireworks in Oregon represent a public safety and health threat every year. For the last reported five years through 2018, there were 1,264 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon, resulting in more than \$3.5 million in property damage. During that same period, fires resulting from fireworks resulted one death and 26 injuries.

OBITUARY

GILBERT—Jeff Gilbert, age 58, of Florence passed away June 8, 2019.

Arrangements are being held through Burns’s Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 4	66	28	0.00
June 5	59	28	0.01
June 6	60	28	0.00
June 7	61	28	0.30
June 8	65	28	0.00
June 9	70	28	0.00
June 10	74	28	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.31”
Month: 0.31” Year: 37.35”

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham



SIUSLAW NEWS

POLICE

May 30

Arrest, with warrant, was reported on Highway 101 and 27th Street.

Harassment was reported on the 3200 block of Laurelwood Street.

Trespass was reported on the 2500 block of Highway 101.

Criminal mischief was reported on the 800 block of Kingwood Street.

Harassment was reported on the 1500 block of Second Street.

Criminal mischief was reported on the 1400 block of Highway 101.

May 31

DUII was reported on Highway 101 and 10th Street.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 5600 block of Highway 126.

Criminal mischief was reported on the first block of Shoreline Drive.

Harassment was reported on the 300 block of Laurel Street.

Theft was reported on the 4300 block of Highway 101.

Accident, with injury, was reported on Highway 101

and Eighth Street.

June 1

Dispute was reported on the 2400 block of Highway 101.

Trespass was reported on the 1500 block of Ninth Street.

Animal abuse was reported on the 1300 block of Highway 101.

June 2

No issues reported.

June 3

Burglary was reported on the 1500 block of 12th Street.

June 4

Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 900 block of Greenwood Street.

Accident, without injury, was reported on the 1300 block of Highway 101.

Trespass was reported on the 600 block of Juniper Street.

June 5

Harassment was reported on the first block of Village Loop.

Theft was reported on the 2000 block of 40th Street.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the first block of Redwood Street.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 1500 block of Ninth Street.

June 6

DUII and drug arrest were reported on the 1500 block of Ninth Street.

Harassment was reported on the 2200 block of 20th Street.

June 7

Arrest, with warrant, was reported on Maple Street and Bay Street.

Hit and run was reported on the 1200 block of Bay Street.

Hit and run was reported on the 900 block of Highway 101.

June 8

DUII was reported on Rhododendron Dr.

Harassment was reported on the 2100 block of 15th Place.

June 9

Theft was reported on the 700 block of Highway 101.

Animal abuse was reported on the 100 block of Harbor Street.

Theft was reported on the 400 block of Highway 101.

Animal abuse was reported

ed on Bay Street.

Assault was reported on the 1600 block of 16th Street.

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Honeyman to learn about Hug-a-Tree

Oregon State Parks will present the Hug-a-Tree and Survive Program at Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park on today, June 15, at 7 p.m. in the amphitheater. An additional presentation will be held on Saturday, June 29. The events are free, but a parking pass is required.

Originally, Hug-a-Tree was meant to save children lost in the woods, but the information is good for all who enjoy exploring the outdoors.

For survival tips, visit www.nasar.org/education/hug-a-tree.

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