

As summer approaches, hot car is no place for pets

While many of us welcome the warmer weather this time of year, we must remind ourselves that some of our loved ones may find themselves in an uncomfortable predicament.

It could even result in their death.

We are speaking about our pets who accompany many of us on our trips and errands in a motor vehicle. We should never leave our pet unattended in a parked car.

On warm days, and even cloudy days, the temperature in a car can rise to dangerous levels in minutes,

even with the windows cracked open.

The brief stop we plan to make at the store could stretch to 15 minutes or more before we know it.

Our mistake could cost our pet its life.

Leaving the windows cracked won't cool the car enough to protect our beloved pet, even if we have made water available.

In June of 2017, Governor Kate Brown signed into law House Bill 2732 to protect dogs and children left in hot.

Oregon was the 11th state to pass such a Good

Samaritan Law, which provides that anyone — not just first responders — can enter a vehicle (by force or otherwise) to remove an unattended domestic animal without fear of civil or criminal liability.

If you come upon a scenario like above where you believe an animal could perish, call 911 before deciding to enter the vehicle.

Be ready to convey your location, the vehicle description, and a description of you.

Animal Service Deputies will make every effort to respond quickly.

If you determine that more immediate life-saving action is necessary, ensure that you:

- Have a reasonable belief that the animal is in imminent danger of suffering harm;
- Notify law enforcement or emergency services either before or soon after entering the vehicle;
- Use only the minimum force necessary to enter the vehicle; and
- Stay with the animal until law enforcement, emergency services, or the owner or operator of the vehicle arrives.

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SNF from 1B

• June 25: Sand Lake Recreation Area, including campgrounds, sand camping, and day use sites. This date was selected at the request of local community officials to ensure community readiness for an influx of visitors.

The ability to open recreation sites, and the level of service offered at open

sites, depends on several factors, including aligning with local government, workforce capacity, and the ability to provide services in a manner that is safe for employees.

Visitors should be prepared to be self-sufficient as they may encounter a reduction in or lack of services, such as bathrooms and trash collection.

"We know visitors are excited to get back to rec-

reating on public lands, and we want them to do so safely," said Donna Mickleley, acting forest supervisor. "We're asking visitors to please provide adequate physical distancing and to avoid gathering in large groups. We can all do our part to ensure we're keeping everyone, including local communities, safe by being prepared to recreate responsibly."

For more information and the complete list of recreation sites opening on this month, as well as what to expect when camping, visit <http://go.usa.gov/xdzAE>. This website will be updated regularly and the list of open sites may change with little notice. Visitors should review the list prior to leaving home to ensure their destination is open for use.

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March from 1B

Hall, down Maple Street to Bay Street, before returning to the church via Kingwood street.

Those who can't walk

are encouraged to sit along the route with signs of support.

This will be a peaceful, positive event with the goal of building community dialogue.

All are welcome to at-

tend one or both events.

The march will practice health safety guidelines at all times.

Participants are asked to wear a mask at all times and to practice safe social distancing.

For more information about the Juneteenth Celebration rally and march, visit <https://florencence.org>.

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Parks from 1B

press release Monday, which explained that community members visiting local parks and trails may notice some differences.

"We are happy to report that the skate park at Miller Park and the tennis/pickleball courts at Rolling Dunes Park are now open," the City said in Monday's release. "However, drinking fountains, basketball courts and playgrounds at all City parks remain closed.

"The playgrounds unfortunately will remain closed until such time that the state releases its guidance on sanitation and disinfection requirements for playground equipment and play areas."

All public restrooms at Florence-area parks, with the exception of Munsel Greenway Park, are open to the public and cleaned twice daily.

Munsel Greenway Park's restrooms, due to the remote area that it is

Parks, paths & trails	OPEN	Physical Distancing Rules Apply
Basketball Courts	CLOSED	No contact sports during phase 2
Community Gardens	OPEN	Physical Distancing Rules Apply
Dog Off Leash Areas	OPEN	Physical Distancing Rules Apply
Drinking Fountains	CLOSED	
Picnic Site/Shelters	OPEN	Physical Distancing Rules Apply
Playgrounds/Structures	CLOSED	
Skate Parks	OPEN	Physical Distancing Rules Apply
Tennis/Pickleball Courts	OPEN	Physical Distancing Rules Apply
Restrooms	*OPEN	Cleaned Twice Daily *Munsel Greenway Park Restrooms Remain Closed

bring their own water for drinking since all drinking fountains in local parks are not available in order to comply with OHA guidance.

"Florence Public Works would like to extend its thanks to the public for their patience as we navigate the rapidly changing guidance from the state on re-opening of our park facilities," the City said in its press release. "We value our community members and will continue to provide updates to City parks and facilities on the City website www.ci.florence.or.us."

Residents with questions or concerns can call the City of Florence Public Works office at 541-997-4106.

A chart of rules and guidelines regarding health precautions that should be taken at area parks.

located, will remain closed until further notice.

Visitors to area parks are still required, under the governor's "Stay Home, Save Lives" order, to maintain 6-feet of physical distance between others.

Signs encouraging physical distancing are posted in prominent areas of area parks that are open for use. In addition, park users are encouraged to bring

hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes for personal use on any surfaces touched.

Park users will need to

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