

On The Record

Only the cranberries should be sauced. Drive sober this holiday season.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office and Lane County transportation planners remind everyone to drive sober and slow down this holiday season.

"We typically see an increase in impaired driving during the holidays," said Lane County Sheriff's Sergeant Tim Ware. "People are busy celebrating and maybe not tracking their alcohol or cannabis consumption. We also tend to encounter people who are drinking or using other substances more during the holidays to cope with family or seasonal stressors – and if they get behind the wheel it can be deadly."

Utilizing grant funding provided through Oregon

Impact, the Sheriff's Office will be staffing additional DUII patrols this holiday season.

Stay safe:

- Plan ahead for a sober driver to safely drive you to your destination. As with drunk driving, it is essential that drug-impaired drivers refrain from driving a vehicle.
- Passengers should never ride with an impaired driver. If you think a driver may be impaired, do not get in the car.
- Do you have a friend or family member who is about to drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs? Take the keys away and arrange to get them home

safely. Don't worry about offending someone — they'll thank you later.

• If you see an impaired driver on the road, call 9-1-1.

"We especially want to remind people who will be driving in rural Lane County this holiday season," said Becky Taylor. "Our rural county roads are often winding and narrow with little room to recover if you leave your travel lane. Sadly, there are several county roads with high numbers of serious injury or fatal crashes, including London Road south of Cottage Grove which is our first Safety Corridor and the focus of several education and en-

gineering efforts."

In addition, drivers should not drive drowsy. To remain alert and avoid drowsiness:

- Get plenty of sleep (at least six hours) the night before a long trip
- Travel at times when you are normally awake, and stay overnight rather than drive straight through
- Schedule a break every two hours or every 100 miles
- Stop driving if you become sleepy.
- Avoid sleepy times of day. Take a mid-afternoon nap and find a place to sleep between midnight and 6 a.m.
- Travel with an awake passenger.

Firefighters to dispose of old Christmas trees

Once again, the Siuslaw Valley Firefighters Association, representing local volunteer firefighters, will be conducting the annual Christmas Tree Pick-Up event in January.

Firefighters will be available to pick up old Christmas Trees on Sunday, Jan. 2, or Saturday, Jan. 8.

Simply call the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Administrative Office at 541-997-3212 to schedule a pick-up. A minimum donation of \$5 is suggested and you can place it in a plastic bag and attach it to the discarded tree.

The Christmas Tree Pick-Up is a major fundraiser for the Firefighters Association, with all funds donated going to support association events such as our scholarship fund, which recognizes two graduating seniors each

year. This is a way for the community to help properly dispose of old and dried out Christmas Trees and support local firefighters.

Learn more at svfr.org.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Nov. 30	58	46	0.02
Dec. 1	57	45	0.00
Dec. 2	52	39	0.00
Dec. 3	49	35	0.00
Dec. 4	50	39	0.22
Dec. 5	45	35	0.00
Dec. 6	47	40	1.15

Rainfall Week: 1.39"
Month: 9.36" Year: 53.67"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

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WLCF 2022 grant applications due in January

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has opened its 2022 grant cycle. The grant application can be found at wlcfonline.org.

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than close of business on Jan. 15.

Each year, WLCF awards grants to local nonprofit organizations for projects/programs in its target area of western Lane County. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts, and social and civic services.

In 2021, over \$89,000 was awarded to many of these worthy causes.

The annual amount to be awarded is determined

by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year.

The deadline for 2022 grant requests is Jan. 15, 2022. The application may be downloaded from WLCF's website. It is highly recommended that applicants review the updated Grant Guidelines.

People can submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or by email to wlcw@wlcwonline.org in PDF format.

Applications will be reviewed by the WLCF Board of Directors and each applicant will be contacted by a board member for an interview regarding the request for

funds.

Grantees will be selected in February and awarded in late March. Selected grant recipients will be required to submit a grant report due by Sept. 30, 2022.

Grant requests and awards will be selected based on merit, need and benefit to the community at large. Grant requests and award amounts vary greatly, but are usually between \$100 and \$5,000, depending on the nature of the grant project and funds available for distribution.

If applicants have questions or concerns about the new grant application, they are encouraged to contact WLCF at wlcw@wlcwonline.org or 541-997-1274.

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