

New Year to bring new laws, public officials

A list of the changes ahead for 2017

January 1, 2017 and the subsequent months will usher in a new set of laws and public officials throughout Lane County and the state of Oregon. The following is a detailed list of the new ordinances, officials and other changes taking effect.

- **Ballot Measure 20-245:** Cottage Grove voters approved the measure that institutes a three percent retail sales tax on recreational marijuana. The tax adds to the state's 17 percent tax on the same product and enacts Cottage Grove City Ordinance 3068 Section 5.0.
- **Ballot Measure 095:** Allows investments in equities by public universities to reduce financial risk and increase investments to benefit students.
- **Ballot Measure 096:** Dedicates 1.5 percent of state lottery net proceeds to funding support services for veterans.
- **Ballot Measure 098:** Requires state funding for dropout prevention and career and college readiness programs in the state's high schools.
- **Ballot Measure 20-240:** This measure passed in May but its efforts will come

to fruition in the New Year. The \$35.6 million bond measure was passed to replace Harrison Elementary School. The construction process will continue before the planning commission in January.

- **House Bill 4140:** As of January 1, Oregonians will no longer be permitted to fly "sky lanterns" in the state. Described as a paper sack suspended over a flame, the lanterns are often used for wedding celebrations, grieving rituals and to mark the New Year. After January 1, releasing the lanterns will become a Class A violation carrying a maximum fine of \$2,000.
- **House Bill 4046:** The bill increases penalties for unlawfully taking or killing wildlife around the state. The law will see some fines double from \$25,00 to \$50,000 if individuals are caught poaching.
- **Senate Bill 1600:** Victims of sexual assault will now have longer to report the crime. The bill eliminates the 12-year statute of limitations on first-degree sex crimes in cases where other evidence exists.
- **Senate Bill 1571:** Dubbed "Melissa's Law," the

bill mandates that evidence collected in the investigation of a sexual assault be kept for 60 years. The law is named for Melissa Bittler; a 14-year-old who was raped, sodomized and murdered in 2001 on her way to school after previously untested rape kits allowed her killer to go undetected.

- **House Bill 4082:** "Promoting prostitution" will now include receiving goods and services rather than just money and property.
- **House Bill 6047:** A new whistleblower law allows employees to alert officials of abuse, fraud or other illegal activities with less risks and greater protections.
- **Senate Bill 1567:** Oregonians can no longer impersonate a public servant or veteran. The new law makes such acts illegal when intended to cause a person harm, as well as for financial gain.
- **House Bill 4053:** Breweries will have an easy time filling out paperwork after January 1. The law broadens the brewery license to include retail more cumbersome process.



Several new laws will come into effect at the beginning of the New Year while governing bodies will see new and familiar faces return.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON

For the Sentinel

Happy New Year everyone. Welcome to 2017. Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District has resumed their normal school schedule, barring weather complications. Please check your radio and/or

TV for school delays for any inclement weather. We are due for some cold weather, so please drive carefully.

Rural Art movie night at Lorane Grange is January 14 with a delicious soup dinner starting at 6 pm. The film, "Meet John Doe" stars Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwick. Come enjoy a delightful evening with dinner, wonderful coffee and visiting with friends and neighbors; the shorts and door prizes plus a really good movie in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Take a

friend to the movies in Lorane.

Lorane Grange meets for the month Thursday, January 19 at their new time - 7:00 pm. Grangers, please mark the new time.

Spaghetti dinners and bingo resume at Lorane Grange on Saturday, January 28, 5:30 pm. Bingo begins at 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Come enjoy the good food, 50/50 raffle, plus fun and visiting. The progressive bingo has grown too. Let's start the year with a huge turnout.

SENIOR MEALS

Offering Meals on Wheels and Cafe 60 at the following locations:

Cottage Grove Riverview Terrace

925 W. Main St., Cottage Grove

Noon: Tues., Wed., Thurs.

Creswell Cresview Villa

350 S. 2nd St., Creswell

Noon: Mon., Wed., Fri.

THURSDAY, JAN. 5: Beef Swiss Style Patty or Roast Pork

w/Honey Dijon

FRIDAY, JAN. 6: Turkey Club

Mini Salad or Garden Chicken

Mini Salad

MONDAY, JAN. 9: Chicken

Tetrazzini or Beef Cabbage

Bake

TUESDAY, JAN. 10: Turkey

Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich

Halves

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11:

Chicken Pot Pie or Pork Sau-

sage Gravy

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Served at 400 Main St., Yoncalla.

(For Douglas County Meals on Wheels eligibility, call 541-440-3677.)

Suggested donation \$3.50

THURSDAY, JAN. 5: Swedish

Meatball w/Penne Pasta

FRIDAY, JAN. 6: Chicken A La King

TUESDAY, JAN. 10: Spaghetti

w/Meat Sc. or Broccoli Omelet Bake

Libraries continued

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Director of the library system, Harold Hayes declined comment.

However, Boice said he had spoken with the director and submitted three options to be discussed during the public hearing.

The first option would see the county utilize the existing library budget.

"We did front load that budget and spent the majority of that money so the proposal would mean a sharp decline in services and the closure of branches soon after the new year," he said, noting he thought it to be the least likely scenario.

Another option, according to Boice, would be to maintain the

current level of service through the end of the fiscal year in July. This move would require the county to adjust the budget.

The third option would see something in-between option one and two.

"It might mean the same level of operations for 90 days or something like that," Boice said. "Our concern is for the employees and staff to make sure they have ample notice and know what's going on. That's a priority."

Bob Bell, a resident of Douglas County, attended a meeting of the county commissioners and got involved with the efforts to save the county libraries.

"The county commissioners had some meetings and one of the things they wanted to do was to form a taskforce to figure out if there's a way to save the library before they close it down," he said. He noted that, unless another solution presents itself, the commissioners would have no choice but to shut the system down once it runs out of money this summer.

The taskforce is currently looking for funds to pay for a facilitator and move forward with looking for options.

"We're going to meet after the commission and hopefully the facilitator will lead us to maybe saving the libraries."



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