

Community Sharing gets donations, could use more

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Community Sharing--nonprofit that distributes food to low-income individuals--announced earlier this month that its shelves were sparse and the usual slow time of the year had hit hard.

"We're doing better but we're not out of the woods," executive director Mike Fleck said. He noted that the organization had received \$5,000 in donations since the initial call for help in the form of two checks--one for \$3,000 and one for \$2,000.

The organization receives food from Food for Lane County, a food pantry that serves more than 100 programs around Lane County, as well as statewide programs and donations from the community. Fleck noted that, to his knowledge, outside sources were maintaining their level of giving. As for the reasoning behind the shortage, he said he believed it was a multitude of factors.

Residents unable to utilize Community Sharing or who have been receiving food from the local Gleaner organization still under suspension from Food for Lane County, can consult other local food assistance programs or free meals around the community. They can also consult the Community Calendar printed in every Sentinel that keeps a running list of community meals. The list provided at the right is in no way meant to serve as a complete and full list of available resources and qualifications are unique to each program.

Distracted driver law Oct. 1

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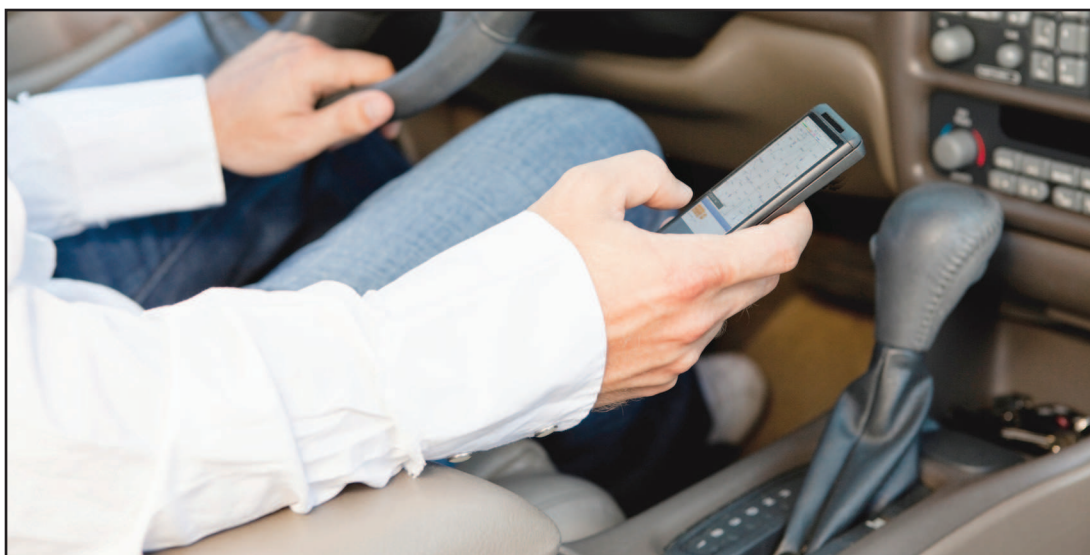
Drivers who use their phones while driving risk getting into a lot more (expensive) trouble come October 1.

Oregon's new distracted driving law goes into effect on Sunday, October 1 after House Bill 2597 passed the state legislature and was

signed by the Governor Kate Brown.

The law addresses a loophole in the original 2009 legislation that mandates drivers use hands-free devices when using their phones. The law specifically named only texting and calling, essentially leaving drivers free to scroll through social media or play games while driving. House Bill 2597 closes that loophole and imposes more serious fines and penalties for anyone caught without their hands on the wheel.

The initial fine for drivers caught using the phones behind the wheel will raise from \$160 to \$260. A second violation or a violation that leads to a crash will cost the driver \$435. A third offense within 10 years will carry up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Cottage Grove will be offering Inquiry sessions that last about an hour beginning Sunday, October 1, 2017 at noon in the Parish Center. (They will continue for the next 4 Sundays.) There is no charge for these Sunday sessions and ALL are welcome to attend. The Church is located at 1025 North 19th Street in Cottage Grove. Call Betty Krumlauf at 541-954-7012 for more information.

FOOD SOURCES

Community Sharing
1440 Birch Ave.
(541) 942-2176

Up River Pantry
(541) 946-1606
37895 Row River Rd. Dorena

Department of Human Services
(Produce Plus Program)
305 Coup Court
541-942-9186

Seventh Day Adventist Church
(541) 942-5213
820 S. 10th St.

Farmer's Market
Main St. and 7th St.
SNAPS benefits eligible for up to \$10 in matching funds for produce.

Soup's On
700 E. Gibbs Ave.
(541) 942-3828
5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Sundays only

Trinity Lutheran Church
675 S 7th St.
(541) 942-2373
Tuesday/Thursday 5:15 p.m.

Fish Drain Food Pantry
131 W.A. Ave Drain
Tuesday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Church of Christ Food Pantry
205 Birch St. Yoncalla
Last Monday of the month 4 p.m.-5p.m.

Care and Share
1008 Hayhurst Ln. Yoncalla
Last Monday of the month 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Food for Lane County
(541) 343-2882

Senior Grocery
(541) 343-2882 ext. 315

Meals on Wheels
(541) 942-9261



Look for the Raffle logo at participating businesses.

Recipient Agencies:

Family Relief Nursery - Cottage Grove, Bridgeway House, The Child Center, CASA and Parenting Now

Celebration and winners announcement

Friday, October 13, 2017
Sheppard Motors 4pm



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