

Mayor's Message

Wow!! What an amazing July! We had the return of the Sutherlin Stampede and the 2nd Annual Sutherlin Throwdown! Both events were wildly successful. Additionally, we had three outstanding Music Off Central concerts that sent large, happy crowds movin' and groovin' into the night.

And get ready for more! August sees the continuation of the Music Off Central concert series and the return of the always popular Blackberry Festival. I can't wait for another busy and fun summer month.

The Ford's Pond trail and playground are nearly complete. The final touches should be done by month's end. Look for the Grand Opening soon and the city will send out a press release when the big day is here! In the meantime, the trail is beautiful and ready for you to enjoy. I even saw a beaver out swimming the other day while walking Hunter.

The next Coffee with the Mayor will be held at Backside Brewery Outpost, 105 West Central Avenue, on Saturday, August 3rd, 10:00 to 11:30 AM. I look forward to seeing you and sharing some great conversations.

I hope you have a safe and fun August!!!



Mayor Sumner and Hunter



36th Annual Blackberry Festival

The 36th Annual Sutherlin Blackberry Festival will begin on August 16th through the 18th. This community event will be held in Central Park and various other locations around town. In following with tradition, throughout the third weekend of August, Sutherlin celebrates each day with an array of festivities, from car shows to cook offs and culminating in a raffle with first place prize being a 1968 Chevelle. A full schedule of events can be found on the website www.blackberry-festival.com, or call 541.680.1341 for more information.

"Be Prepared" With Brandan McGarr Fire Division Chief



In this issue, Division Chief McGarr of the Sutherlin Fire Department, has provided a quarterly report for the months of April through June of 2024. The graphics show the breakdown of the number of incidents, responses and combined training hours.

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Be Prepared Cont...

Sutherlin Fire Department

2024 Q2 Statistics (Apr-Jun)

54 Simultaneous Calls



Incidents that occurred at the same time which frequently caused a delayed response.



Sutherlin Fire Department

2024 Q2 Statistics (Apr-Jun)



2,113 Combined Training Hours!



Sutherlin Fire Department

2024 Q2 Statistics (Apr-Jun)



4 Structure Fires



0 Vehicle Fires



19 Motor Vehicle Accidents



6 Mutual/Auto Aid Received



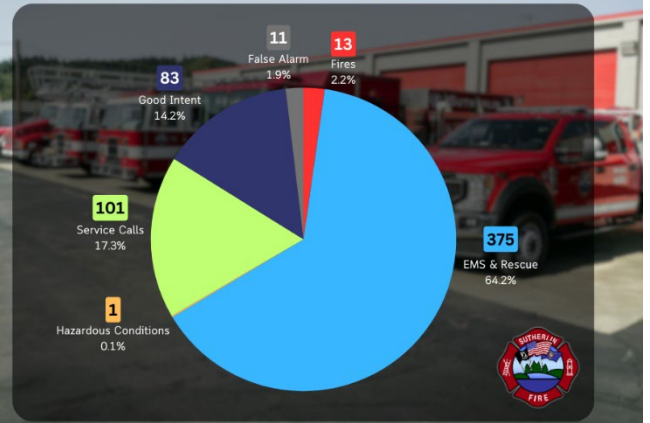
13 Mutual/Auto Aid Given



Sutherlin Fire Department

2024 Q2 Statistics (Apr-Jun)

584 Incidents



Graphics created by: Lieutenant John Tranter

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 1 st	Music off Central – Rock Shop 7 p.m.
Aug 1 st	Farmer's Market – Motel 6 Parking Lot
Aug 8 th	Music off Central – Wild Rumors 7 p.m.
Aug 8 th	Farmer's Market – Motel 6 Parking Lot
Aug 7-10 th	Douglas County Fair
Aug 12 th	City Council Meeting - Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
Aug 15 th	Farmer's Market – Motel 6 Parking Lot
Aug 16 th	24 th Annual Rotary Golf Tournament - Oak Hills Golf Club
Aug 16-18 th	Blackberry Festival - Central Park
Aug 20 th	Planning Commission Meeting - Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
Aug 22 nd	Music off Central – Summer Groove Party Band 7 p.m.
Aug 22 nd	Farmer's Market – Motel 6 Parking Lot
Aug 29 th	Farmer's Market – Motel 6 Parking Lot
Aug 31 st	Aloha Eats & Beats – Wailani Shave Ice and Island Grinds

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Ford's Pond Community Park Ten Year Anniversary

In April of this year, Ford's Pond Community Park marked its ten-year anniversary, signifying its reclamation from the logging pond to the development of the place "Where Everyone Plays". Since 2014, the Friends of Ford's Pond, in a public/private partnership with the City of Sutherlin, have taken 202 acres on the west side of the city and created a haven for the community as well as a destination for visitors. "We envisioned Ford's Pond as a place for everyone to observe wildlife, exercise, connect, play or enjoy some quiet time. The design was guided by the park master plan which relied on extensive public outreach. We wanted the park design to be inclusive to all ages and abilities using the Universal Design principles, to have a



unique playground, amenities and to create educational opportunities. The decision to only develop 5 acres as a community park allowed for the rest to remain an open space park. Listening to the public's needs and ideas led to the best result, a great park for everyone. Collaborating with community members on the birding plaza and interpretive panels introduced us to some very talented and generous people. Working with USFWS grant and partnering with the Sutherlin FFA Chapter students to restore 50 acres of oak savanna has been such a rewarding experience. At the end of the day, the volunteers and the community are the reason we now have Ford's Pond Community Park." Beth Houseman, Friends of Ford's Pond



Community Park, Brandi Medeiros, Community Development Assistant for the City of Sutherlin, has provided an update on the completed projects. The construction is 99% complete, pending final inspection. A list of recent work includes, the play safety surfacing installation, the paving of the .9-mile section of the ADA accessible path, the installation of the boardwalk through wetland mitigation areas has been completed, the ping pong table, by Stone Age Concrete Table Tennis, has been installed, the lawn section has been freshly seeded. The benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles have also been put into place. The RV parking area is paved and striped. All awaits the announcement from the city that the park is open for hiking, fishing, kayaking, bird watching, walking along the path, the all-inclusive playground with swings, slides, merry-go-round, musical instruments and picnics with a view of the pond.

In anticipation of the official opening of Ford's Pond



"This is an exciting project to see come to fruition. Ford's Pond Community Park will be a great asset to the community and those who visit our area. It has been wonderful to be a part of the project." Kristi Gilbert, Community Development Director, City of Sutherlin



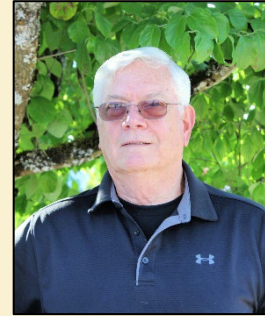
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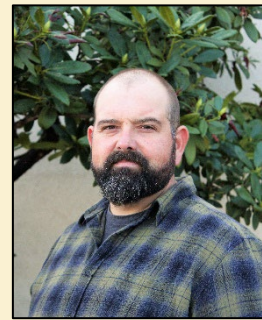
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