

Mayor's Message

A busy summer is coming to a close. And what a fantastic summer we have had! We have had many very successful events including Woofstock, five excellent Music Off Central concerts, Sutherland Throwdown weekend, and Blackberry Festival weekend. Lots of reasons for having fun in the sun! But now it's time to prepare for the fall weather and the kids heading back to school. Speaking of which, remember to watch for the little ones out and about to and from school when you are out driving. Traffic is the least of THEIR worries when talking to their friends, running to the bus, or riding their bikes.

Although fall is coming quickly, the weather is still warm, and the fire danger is still high! Please remain vigilant and keep your family and our city safe.

NOTE: The September "Coffee with the Mayor" is cancelled as I will be unavailable. The next one is Saturday, October 7, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at the Books Gallery, 220 W Central Ave. Please stop by and chat.



Pictured: Mayor Sumner & Hunter

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 4

Labor Day, City Offices Closed

September 7, 14, 21, 28

Farmers Market 10am – 2pm – Tractor Supply Parking Lot

September 11th

City Council Meeting 7pm – Civic Auditorium

September 19th

Planning Commission Meeting 7pm – Civic Auditorium



Back to School Safety with Officer McGarvey

Greetings and welcome back to school everyone. I am very excited for another school year at the Sutherland and Oakland school districts. I would like to highlight a few things that will help our parents this year. Since some of you are dropping and picking students up at different schools, we have seen some congestion on the streets. To alleviate the resulting frustration, please have your child ready to exit cars and help staff by driving up to our designated areas. If you are able to park outside of the congested area and walk with your student, please do so. We all want the students to arrive and leave safely. For the students riding bicycles or scooters, remember to wear a helmet and stay to the sides of the road to allow cars to safely pass. Plan a route with your family and avoiding Central Avenue is the safest option. If you need a helmet, the Sutherland Police Department provides free helmets and bicycle locks for students.

The following are some rules and regulations for students who are new drivers. If your student gets their driver's permit this year, remember they must have a valid driver over 25 years of age and not under the influence, with them when they are driving the vehicle. If your student gets their driver's license this year, they cannot have passengers unless it is an immediate family member for the first six months. They are allowed to have younger brothers and sisters in the vehicle when driving them to school. I often see students driving with friends immediately after getting their license. This will get my attention. Please do not allow this and also talk to your child beforehand.

To all parents and students, I am grateful to serve as your School Resource Officer. Please contact me with any questions or comments. My email is j.mcgarvey@ci.sutherland.or.us. Looking forward to a great year!

‘Spotlight On’ ~ Public Works ‘Working Together, to Keep Sutherlin Working’

“When the public gives recognition to municipal employees, it is the first responders: Police, Firefighters and EMT’s that receive the acknowledgement. They are certainly deserving of the praise for putting their lives on the line for the greater good of their fellow citizens. There is however, another group of city employees that often goes unnoticed even though they provide a valuable service to the community. They are the Water and Wastewater Operators who take care of critical city infrastructure. Think of the everyday activity of turning on the water faucet in your home. Consider what is required to make that happen and is often taken for granted. The public utility workers also deserve recognition and thanks for their tireless work to ensure that the community continues to benefit from the services that are provided every day.” Jody Gardner, Wastewater Supervisor

The Public Works Department is comprised of Water Treatment, Wastewater, and Facilities. If you have an appreciation for the quality of life in Sutherlin, it is this team that is committed to keeping the standards high for the community. The Public Works Facilities Supervisor is Gary Fugate. Sutherlin is his hometown and he has worked for the city since 2004. Gary establishes the priorities and oversees the daily tasks for the team. His knowledge of the city’s infrastructure is invaluable and he is well respected by staff. Members of the Facilities team include: Shawn McHaffie – Backflow and Water Meter Specialist; Jerry Harris - All-around utility worker, trouble-shooter and problem solver; Todd Powell - Journeyman Plumber and Equipment Operator; and the newest team member Doug Clark - Equipment Operator / Truck Driver and Street Sweeper with a ‘can-do’ attitude.



Pictured left to right: Todd Powell, Jerry Harris, Shawn McHaffie, Gary Fugate, Doug Clark, Aaron Swan

The Water Treatment Supervisor is Alan Taylor. He is our water treatment guru and keeps both of our plants running smoothly. During the Nonpareil Water Treatment Plant upgrades, Alan worked tirelessly with contractors and engineers through the myriad of technical difficulties to get the plant back online. Members of Alan’s team are: Aaron Atencio - A young, enthusiastic Operator with a bright future; and Ryan Gilbert - Newest team member just learning the ropes. Both are dedicated to providing Sutherlin residents with high quality water.

Jody Gardner assumed the role of Wastewater Supervisor one year ago. According to Director Aaron Swan, Jody is doing a great job. He is very capable, affable in nature, well-liked by his crew and dedicated to the City of Sutherlin. Essential to the team is Justin Nunley – Lead Operator who is responsible for the day to day plant operations. Critical to this goal and bringing years of experience is Shawn Powers – Operator with expertise in both water and wastewater. The team is rounded out with Nate Terrell - Operator specializing in equipment maintenance.

These three departments’ responsibilities range from repairing and maintaining important city infrastructure to providing



Pictured left to right: Jody Gardner, Alan Taylor, Nate Terrell, Aaron Atencio (in photo), Ryan Gilbert, Shawn Powers, Justin Nunley

safe and plentiful drinking water to ensuring that the grass in Central Park is green, manicured and ready for festivals. They are also stewards of the environment in treating the wastewater effectively before recycling it. The dedication that this Department brings to their jobs, both individually and as a team, is reflected in the high praise from Swan. He talks about their willingness to take on difficult challenges while going above and beyond to get the job done. “It’s a real pleasure to work with a group of guys that are not only capable but likable. All of their individual skills dovetail together to make a team that can tackle any problems that may arise. It feels like a real family here in Sutherlin. It’s a pleasure to come to work every day.” ~ A.S.