

# Special Edition *Sutherlin News*

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## *A Message from Mayor Sumner*

As we slide into the last month of the year, I wanted to take a little time to really think about how lucky I am to live in Sutherlin. This is a beautiful city with generous people and businesses who want to thrive. We have city staff who work tirelessly so our citizens have the best services. Our police and fire departments are ready, willing, and able to serve. When someone is in need, neighbors jump in with both feet to help. I would not want to live or serve anywhere else.

December is spent reminiscing with friends and family about the last year and where it went. As I do this, I realize Sutherlin has had an exciting year. We had our first Sutherlin Throwdown which brought people from all over the West Coast! We had the biggest turnout for our Music off Central! And, Sutherlin Evergreen Family Medicine came to town, to name just a few. With this much excitement this year, I cannot wait to see what is in store for next year!

I do want to remind everyone of our last few end of the year blow out events including: Central Park Tree Lighting - Sunday, December 3 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Central Park and Timber Town Toy Land Light Parade - Saturday, December 16 7:00 PM down Central Ave.

### *Side note:*

The December "Coffee with the Mayor" has been cancelled due to the holidays. Please come see me on January 6, 2024 10:00 to 11:30 AM.

Several businesses in downtown will be staying open until 7:00 PM on Fridays in December until Christmas. Remember to shop local this holiday season.

Hoping you have a safe and fun December!



## *Calendar of Events*

December 3rd	Annual Community Tree Lighting - Central Park 6 p.m.
December 11th	City Council Meeting - Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
December 16th	Timber Town Light Parade - Comstock Rd. & Central Ave.
December 19th	Planning Commission Meeting - Civic Auditorium 7 p.m.
December 25th	Holiday - City Hall Closed
January 1st	Holiday - City Hall Closed



## *City of Sutherlin Volunteer Opportunities*

Budget Committee: One (1) vacancy is available - term ending December 31, 2025. 3-year appointment.

Library Board: Three (3) vacancies are available - terms ending December 31, 2026. 4-year appointments.

## *'Spotlight On' The Sutherlin Fire Department*

The Sutherlin Fire Department is excited to announce the hiring of two Battalion Chiefs and the promotion of three Volunteer Fire Lieutenants. In July of 2023, Battalion Chief Mike Merlino was hired full time. He has more than 25 years of fire service, bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and experience. This includes paramedic and technical rescue. Battalion Chief Dwayne Gettys returns after having been transferred to the Douglas County Fire District in 2010, as part of the contract for service. He is also a paramedic and works part time for Umpqua Community College as a Paramedic/ EMT Instructor. The department promoted three of its own to Fire Lieutenants. Congratulations to, Lieutenant Josh McDonald, Lieutenant John Tranter and to Lieutenant Justin Standley. In mid-October of 2023, all three successfully passed the lieutenant's exam and assessment center. This new rank allows the fire department to continue increasing the capacity of its Volunteer Firefighter programs.



**Battalion Chief  
Mike Merlino**



**Battalion Chief  
Dwayne Gettys**



**Lt. Josh McDonald**



**Lt. John Tranter**



**Lt. Justin Standley**

## *Annual Christmas Tree Lighting*

The annual Sutherlin Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in Central Park. The event is sponsored by the Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center.



**Merry  
Christmas**



# Shoe and Sock Drive

Spread holiday cheer  
and make a difference  
in our community!

ACCEPTING  
DONATIONS FROM  
11/20 TO 12/08

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
SUTHERLIN SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

DROP OFF NEW SOCKS AND SHOES AT  
SUTHERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT  
250 S STATE STREET





## *"Spotlight On' Amaris Bowles Sutherlin Police Department*

On November 16, 2023, Amaris Bowles was sworn in as the newest officer for the Sutherlin Police Department. She has worked as a Reserve Officer for the department since July of 2022. Becoming a law enforcement officer has been a long-time goal for Officer Bowles and in 2019 she was accepted into the Umpqua Community College Reserve Academy. She will now be attending the Department of Public Safety Standards & Training in Salem, Oregon to complete her officer training.



"The program required serious dedication and perseverance. I told myself if I could graduate from the academy and still have a passion

for law enforcement, then it was the right choice for me. There were obstacles along the way, but with the support of family and friends, I succeeded, graduating in June of 2020. The Sutherlin Police Department is the right place for me. They are a family-oriented agency that cares about the staff and officers. Everyone was welcoming and made me feel a part of the team. I look forward to serving the community of Sutherlin."



## *Timber Town Toy Land Electric Light Parade*

A 'Charlie Brown Christmas' is the theme for the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Timber Town Toy Land Electric Light Parade. On Saturday, December 16, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m., the parade will again light up the holiday season in downtown Sutherlin. The parade is free to enter and the four categories for judging the floats include:

- Best of Theme
- Santa's Favorite
- Non-Profit
- Commercial

The floats are judged prior to the beginning of the parade and the awards will be presented afterwards at the Community Center.

If you would like to be a sponsor or donate, contact Duane Waller, Blackberry Festival Chairman, 541.580.8621.

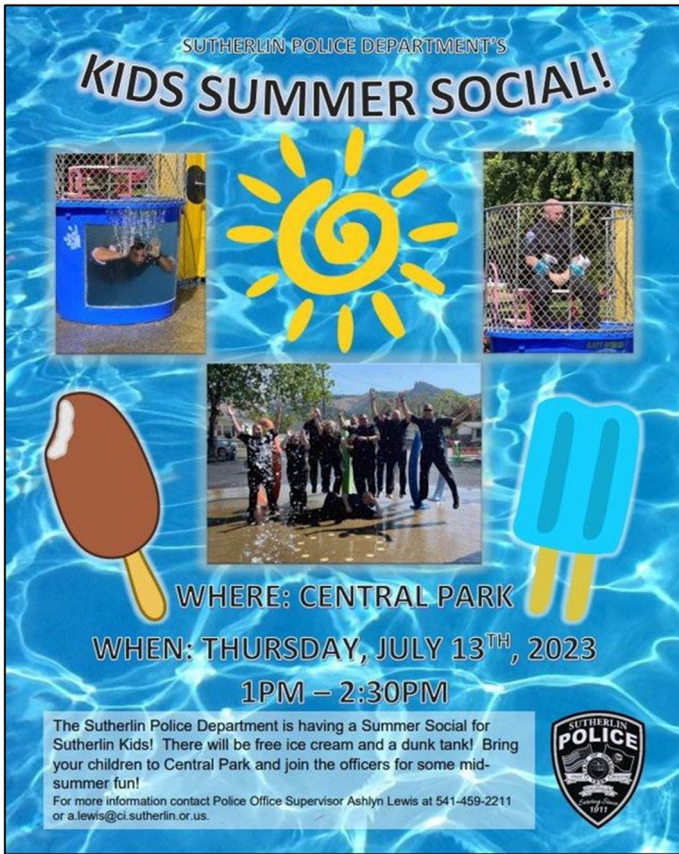
### Checks can be made payable to:

Sutherlin Blackberry Festival  
c/o Light Parade  
P.O. Box 1248  
Sutherlin, Oregon 97479





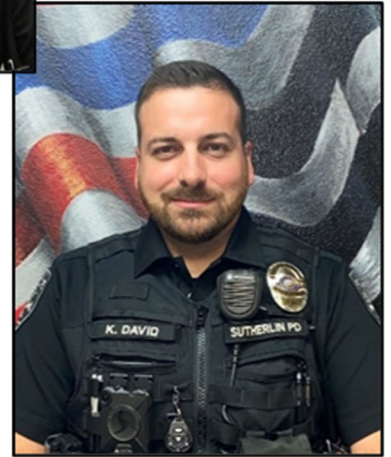
# A Year In Review - 2023 Highlights



*Master Police Officer Kyle Nelson*



*Officer of the Year Kyle David*



## Annual First Citizens Banquet

Every year, the Sutherlin Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center honor outstanding community members with the First Citizens Award for their service. The awards ceremony this year was held at The Stockyard Social Hall with the following recognitions:

*Man of the Year: Toby Palm*

*Woman of the Year: Theresa Call*

*Outstanding Area Business: Great Northern Trailer Works & The News Review*

*Outstanding Educators: Josh Gary & Wendy Fennell*

*Inspirational Leader: Wayne Ellsworth*

*Outstanding Service: Sutherlin Police & Fire Departments*

*President's Award: Jan Knowlton*



So much of what is accomplished for the greater good is done by those who continue to give back to the community by just doing their job and make planning for the future of Sutherlin possible.



## *The City Welcomed New Members to the Team*



***Brandi Medeiros***  
Community Development  
Assistant



***Lindsay Priest***  
Finance and Administrative  
Assistant



***Tena Smith***  
Finance and Admin  
Technician



## *Tesla Super-Charging Station Grand Opening*







Located in  
Beautiful Downtown  
Sutherlin Oregon!

- ✓ BBQ Competition
- ✓ Cornhole Tournament
- ✓ Beer/Wine Festival
- ✓ Live Music

**July 15-16th, 2023**

**10 Games  
Guaranteed**



**\$5,000  
CORNHOLE  
Prize Payout**



**Sanctioned 4 Meat  
BBQ Competition**

**\$10,000  
BBQ Competition  
Prize Payout**

✓ **20 Breweries**



**IPA's  
Stouts  
Pale Ales  
Ciders  
& MORE**



Country recording artist Jessie Leigh has spent the past few years on tour sharing stages with fellow country artists such as Luke Combs, Tanya Tucker, Josh Turner, LoCash, Chris Janson, Joe Nichols, and Craig Morgan -creating memories for fans along the way.

**SCHEDULE**

**July 15, 2023**  
BBQ Sampling  
Cornhole Tournament  
Beer Fest  
Jessie Leigh Concert

**July 16, 2023**  
BBQ Sampling/Competition  
Beer Fest  
Cornhole Tournament



**CONTACT:** Terry Brock - 541-733-5164  
Lisa Blair - 541-784-7421

**SutherlinThrowdown.org**

## Happy Retirement!!

This year, two individuals with a combined career and knowledge base of 46 years, retired.

Diane Harris, City Recorder/HR & Brian Elliott, Community Development Director.



## The City Welcomed Councilor Lisa Woods



**OREGON  
SHOWDOWN  
TRUCK SHOW**

BEST OF SHOW  
MDS BEST PICK  
KLAPT KREW BEST PICK  
BEST CLASSIC  
BEST SEMI  
BEST FORD  
BEST CHEVY  
BEST DODGE  
BIGGEST SHIT BOX

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MOBILE DIESEL SERVICE, INC.

KLAPT  
KREW

**OCTOBER 7TH 2023**  
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## SPENDING LOCALLY

Benefits your community,  
Keeps money in the local area,  
Employs friends & neighbors.

"SUPPORT YOUR OWN  
ECONOMY RIGHT WHERE  
YOU LIVE"



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City Councilors and staff would  
like to wish everyone a happy  
and safe holiday season.



Honor your hero. Be a hero. **Donate blood.**

## BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE



THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

9 AM - 1 PM



SUTHERLIN COMMUNITY CENTER | 150 S. WILLAMETTE STREET  
PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Battle of the Badges is a friendly competition among first responders to see who can recruit the most blood donors from their communities. Visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and use the sponsor code **SutherlinPD** to schedule and appointment, "cause" you're just our type!

Questions,  
contact Ashlyn Lewis at  
[a.lewis@ci.sutherlin.or.us](mailto:a.lewis@ci.sutherlin.or.us)

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by  
visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation  
reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



SUTHERLIN  
Development

Presents

# TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 28th, 2023

Central Avenue - Downtown Sutherlin

4pm-6pm

Scarecrow Contest  
Raffle Items  
Photo Station  
Food Trucks  
& LOTS of Candy



For more information - Visit [Sutherlin.com](http://Sutherlin.com) - (541) 459-3280

UMPQUA WOOFSTOCK PRESENTS

## HOWL-O-WEEN

**FESTIVAL & DISCOUNT PET VACCINE CLINIC**

10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Canine Costume Contest starts at Noon

11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Vaccines are \$10 each  
Microchips are \$25 per animal

Canine Pie Eating Contest begins at 1:00 pm

Games (for dogs and people), Storytelling, Vendors, Photobooth, Kids activity area, and more!

Costume Contest will have Best Family Costume award as well.

The spooky fun happens  
**OCTOBER 14, 2023**

**SUTHERLIN CENTRAL PARK**

Well mannered dogs are always welcome, on leash!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:  
[WWW.UMPQUAWOOFSTOCK.NET](http://WWW.UMPQUAWOOFSTOCK.NET)

## Evergreen Family Medicine - North Campus

