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Tulelake City Banner



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Winter Solstice Is Monday, December 21, 2020 & Is The Shortest Day Of The Year

MARIJUANA GROWING PROHIBITED

The City Council passed an Urgency Ordinance on January 19, 2016, prohibiting the cultivation of marijuana within the Tulelake city limits. Marijuana cultivation and medical marijuana cultivation is defined in Ordinance 17.52.020 as follows: "The planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading or trimming of cannabis or processing of marijuana plants or any part thereof." No person may engage in the cultivation of marijuana or medical marijuana in the City of Tulelake. (Ord. 17.52.030) The entire ordinance is on file at City Hall and is available to anyone wishing more information.

TULELAKE REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

This is a group of citizens who are dedicated in making this city welcoming and beautiful! They plan events and come up with ways to attract visitors to our small community. The committee has come up with many ideas. One such idea is to have metal birds placed around Main Street businesses to encourage visitors to keep looking for more around town! Kyle Schaad generously made them for the cost of the metal and we hope to have them up before the Winter Wings Festival in February. Meetings are usually held at City Hall on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm. We encourage you to come see what we are about and share your ideas to help make this a beautiful town to be proud of!

FUN WINTER FACTS

- Red Squirrels make mushroom jerky to prepare for the winter
- The Earth is closest to the Sun during winter
- Snow can be yellow, orange, green and purple, due to tiny particles of dust or algae
- Snowflakes almost always have six sides

BUS SERVICE IN TULELAKE

The Sage Stage operates a bus that makes one round trip from Alturas to Klamath Falls, stopping in Tulelake on Thursdays. The bus stops at Ross Market on the corner of E and Main Streets for passengers. Drop off options in Klamath Falls are: The Airport, Amtrak/Greyhound Station, Walmart or the Basin Transit Downtown Transfer Center. After about four (4) hours in Klamath, the bus will return passengers to Tulelake. Regular round trip fare is twelve dollars (\$12.00) and discount round trip for seniors and those disabled is nine dollars (\$9.00). Reservations are also available with an appropriate time frame. For more information visit their website at www.sagestage.com or you can contact their office at 530-233-6410.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, masks must be worn while on the bus. Thank you!

15 WAYS TO SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER

- * Play music and sing songs
- * Start a new family tradition
- * Bake something yummy
- * Take time to be grateful
- * Share what you have with others
- * Be a good neighbor
- * Be a super secret Santa
- * Give someone your undivided attention
- * Offer a helping hand
- * Buy coffee for a stranger (Pay it forward)
- * Shovel your neighbors driveway
- * Leave a nice tip for your waitress
- * Adopt a family for the holidays
- * Scatter anonymous kind notes
- * Decorate the outside of your home

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not be having a tree lighting ceremony this year, or a tree on Main Street. We want to encourage everyone to light up your home or business! We still want to spread holiday cheer anyway we can! We will be having a lighted house contest again this year so spread the word to friends and neighbors!

Residential House Lighting Contest:

To have your home judged, you **must** register at City Hall by calling 530-667-5522 or stop by to sign up. Judges will be coming around at dark on Monday, December 14, 2020, so have everything ready no later than December 13th! Winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Prizes will be awarded to the most festive home. Businesses will not be judged but are strongly encouraged to join in on the holiday lighting fun! We could all use some holiday cheer this year.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

There is a charge for the following items:

- Lost/stolen/damaged garbage can: \$100
- Meter/meter box damage: \$100/\$150
- Requested water shut off/on: \$50
- Water shut off standby for repairs: \$15
- Meter tampering: \$100
- Account changes: \$25
- Copy of business license: \$5
- Copy of utility bill/any copies: \$.25 each
- Faxes: \$1 per page
- Returned payment: \$25
- Online bill pay: approx. 3% of total bill
- Automatic credit card payment: \$3.00





TULELAKE LIBRARY

We have something to be thankful for...did you know that besides our regular books, our large type books, our books on CD and our movies... we also offer Ebooks? That's right... anytime you get an urge to read a new book, you can go to the County library website at www.siskiyoulibrary.info and get an eBook! You'll find information at <https://northnet.overdrive.com/northnet-siskiyou/content>

If you have any questions about this service, stop by the library any time Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 5:00pm and we will be happy to help you! And don't forget about our little thrift shop at the back of the library. We have new items being donated all the time with all proceeds going toward the upkeep of the library. Find gently used gifts for any occasion ... and you might even find something for yourself!

LIBRARY HOURS

- Monday:** 12:00pm to 5:00pm
- Tuesday:** 12:00pm to 5:00pm
- Wednesday:** 12:00pm to 5:00pm

CITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Just to name a few of the bigger things that have been done since about 2013:

- New Park equipment for Otis Roper & Ridgeview Parks.
- New sewer system which allows more housing to be built bringing the City out of a "cease and desist" to operate, which was put on us by the State of California.
- Booth at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair bringing awareness about our City and raising money to purchase new Christmas decorations for the street lights.
- Applied for and received a grant which enabled the water tower to be painted.
- New, bigger garbage cans provided to residents.
- City provided funding & labor for the new soccer field at the High School.
- Entered into new leases providing much needed general fund money for the city.
- Funded eight local residents with low interest loans for the purchase of homes.
- Established many positive relationships with organizations such as Rural Klamath Connects, Discover Siskiyou & Siskiyou Revitalization.
- Built trust back within the community and vendors, regaining a good credit reputation.
- Acquired property, applied for and received a grant to be able to expand Veterans Park... coming soon!
- Numerous repairs to our streets and sidewalks.
- The removal of the old Bergman Plumbing building and expansion of Mike Bunch Park next to the library.

And we're not done yet! We are working hard for our community!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- November 26:** Thanksgiving
- December 07:** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- December 10:** First day of Hanukkah
- December 24:** Christmas Eve
- December 25:** Christmas Day
- January 01:** New Year's Day
- January 03:** Fruitcake Toss Day
- January 18:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20:** Inauguration Day
- February 02:** Groundhog Day
- February 07:** Super Bowl Sunday
- February 14:** Valentine's Day
- February 15:** President's Day
- February 17:** Ash Wednesday

ONLINE BILL PAY

We are almost there! Getting our online bill pay program going has been one obstacle after another but we haven't given up! We have learned the service charge for this convenience will be 3% of your total bill. Please remember, this is not a fee the City is charging. The City does not benefit from this fee. This fee is imposed by the bill provider for maintaining the service for you and goes directly to them. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work out all the bugs with our billing and IT support teams. We are hopeful to have this working by the end of the year. Cross your fingers!

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Pending Certification from Siskiyou County
The City of Tulelake would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest City Council Member, Teresa Williams. We are happy to have a new community member getting involved and contributing positively to our City! Congratulations to our re-elected officials who will be serving the City for another four years: Council Members Penny Velador and Gary Fensler. Sara Luscombe was re-elected as our City Treasurer and Raul Figueroa, was a write-in candidate for City Clerk. They will both serve a term of two years. Thank you all for your time and service to our community!

TULELAKE DMV NEWS

The Tulelake DMV office has been closed due to Covid-19 and we are unsure when they will reopen. The offices in Alturas, Fall River Mills & Yreka are open at this time. Visit the website, dmv.ca.gov, for the hours of operation of your second choice DMV office or for services you may be able to take care of yourself online.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

- December 24: Christmas Eve**
Pick up on Wednesday, Dec 23rd
- December 25: Christmas Day**
Pick up on Wednesday, Dec 23rd
- January 01: New Year's Day**
Pick up on Thursday, Dec 31st
- January 18: Martin Luther King Jr**
Pick up on Tuesday, Jan 19th
- February 15: President's Day**
Pick up on Tuesday, Feb 16th

CITY HALL HOURS

Open: Monday-Thursday: 8:00am to 5:00pm
Closed for lunch from Noon to 1:00pm
Closed: Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday

BURN PIT HOURS

The Burn Pit is closed for the season and will reopen in Mid-March 2021 with the following hours:
Friday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Sun & Mon: 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

TRANSFER STATION

The City of Tulelake is operating the Transfer Station located on County Road 95001 (South Stateline Road, West of Sheepy Ridge Trailer Park)
Open: Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Hours: 11:00am to 4:00pm
Closed: Sun. Mon. Tues. & Wed.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNER

I hope this finds everyone well as we are going through a tough time right now with Covid-19. If everyone follows the Health Department guidelines and wears a mask when out in public and stays home when sick and not feeling well, everyone should be a bit safer until we can turn the corner on this virus. Once the election results are certified we will have a complete 5-member council again. Our City Treasurer and City Clerk will be staying on for another two years. Your vote does matter! Just look at the race between Teresa Williams and Bryan Hendricks who were only two votes apart, as of the last report by Siskiyou County on November 17, 2020. Please vote! It is an important privilege we have in the United States of America that many other countries don't get to enjoy. Our two ballot measures failed; the Transient Occupancy Tax & Public Safety Tax. They were both very well thought out and researched measures and their defeat is going to hinder our efforts to promote Tulelake and attract businesses and other community projects to our area. Our City revenues are very limited and we don't have the extra funds to do the things that are needed in order to make the necessary improvements for our City residents. The accomplishments you see in this newsletter mention some of the things we have achieved, mostly through the hard work of all our City staff and by using money received by pursuing grants. We have not been sitting on our hands nor will we in the future. We will continue to work for the betterment of Tulelake and hopefully we will get even more community support in the future.

YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Hank Ebinger:** Mayor
- Richard Marcillac:** Mayor Pro Tem
- Penny Velador:** Council Member
- Gary Fensler:** Council Member
- Vacant:** Council Member

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Hank Ebinger, Mayor

