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WHAT TO DO WHEN IT GETS LEAFY OUT THERE

When **Summer** changes to **Fall**, we notice not only that it gets cooler, and well, a lot wetter in Lane County; fall is also clearly marked by the shedding of leaves. And here in Lane County, an important task is to collect these leaves to prevent the clogging of our storm water drains and reduce driving hazards.

Several local jurisdictions including Lane County Public Works and the cities of Springfield and Eugene help in the leaf collection effort.

Lane County serves the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara/River Road and Springfield on Lane County maintained curbed roads with storm drainage systems.

Equipment operators come through and scoop up piled, unbagged leaves on unincorporated County maintained roads. The Lane County Public Works Leaf Collection Program begins in early November and continues through the end of December depending on the volume of leaves in our service areas. Two complete cycles are made through each area beginning with River Road/Santa Clara and finishing with unincorporated areas of Springfield. *cont'd page 2*

WHY COLLECT LEAVES?

It allows storm water to run off, prevents flooding, reduces pollution, and reduces driving and bicycling hazards. It is far more cost effective to pick leaves up before flooding can occur.

ON WHAT ROADS WILL THE COUNTY COLLECT LEAVES?

Detailed maps are located online at www.lanecounty.org/PW/Leaf.htm and The Register-Guard will have a flyer with information prior to the first pick-up.

What are the LEAF PREPARATION GUIDELINES?

- Do not bag leaves. (Volume and equipment used require leaves to be loose).
- Leaves must be in the roadway and piled away from parked vehicles, storm drains, gutters, curbs, and bike and traffic lanes.
- Keep leaves free from debris such as branches, rocks, and metal and lawn clippings.
 - Prepare leaves less than a week before the scheduled pickup – this helps prevent leaves from scattering and plugging storm water systems.

When will the County be ON MY ROAD?

Each day's success depends on many variables including weather, staffing levels, working equipment, amount of leaves collected and storm events – which do not allow the exact streets to be pinpointed each day. The information Hotline (541-682-8586) is updated by 5 p.m. on Fridays describing where leaf pick-up begins for the upcoming week. The County's leaf collection program begins Monday, November 8. Updated schedules are also in The Register-Guard each Saturday during the program.

Where does the County TAKE COLLECTED LEAVES?

Rexius Forest By-Products and Lane Forest Products.

Can I have a LOAD OF LEAVES dropped off at my property?

During the program, community members may request delivery of leaves to private property. Not all requests can be honored, and each request is processed individually. For more information, call 541-682-6999.

What if my road or intersection is flooding because the storm drains and GUTTERS ARE CLOGGED WITH LEAVES?

Call us at 541-682-6900 to let us know you are experiencing flooding of your street or intersection. If you can, safely unclog the leaves from the storm drains until County crews can pick up leaves from the area.

Why is my road SO MESSY after leaves are removed?

Leaves pushed to collection points may shed and blow around leaving some debris on roadways. The leaf collection service is followed by a street sweeper as time permits.

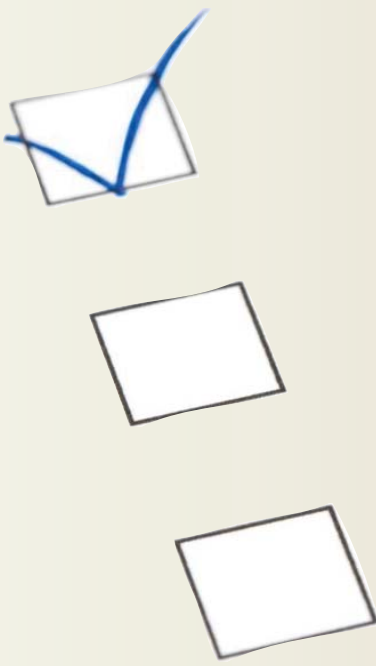
Why didn't the STREET SWEEPER sweep my road?

Routine street sweeping is provided on curbed roadways on a regular schedule. A sweeper follows the leaf pick-up crew sweeping only those leaf collection areas. It will return and sweep your road during its regularly scheduled intervals.



Questions?

Contact John Petsch,
Road Maintenance
Division, at 541-682-6999



Lane County Board puts

Home Rule Charter

Amendments to a Vote

The Lane County Board of Commissioners is proposing three amendments to the Lane County Home rule Charter for voter consideration this November 2, 2010 Election. If approved by Lane County voters, these amendments would allow for more flexibility to the County’s operating structure, allow the County Administrator the authority to make changes to the County operating structure, and clarify language.

The Lane County Charter and Ballot Measure information is available online at www.lanecounty.org under the “Current Issues” tab.

Measure 20-174: Amendment of Section 19 of Lane County Charter

The Charter currently requires certain County functions or services to be provided by specific departments. The proposed language changes would still require that current functions be provided. However, it would allow for greater flexibility in determining what departments should exist to provide specific service. This change would not result in any change to services or in additional costs to the citizens of Lane County.

Measure 20-175: Amendment of Section 21 of Lane County Charter

The Charter currently requires changes to departmental structure be approved by County Commissioners. This amendment would add language that allows Commissioners to delegate this authority to the County Administrator so that the County can adapt more quickly to needed changes regarding departmental structure. This change would not result in any change to services or in additional costs to the citizens of Lane County.

Measure 20-176: Amendment of Section 22 of Lane County Charter

This amendment clarifies current language while keeping Section 22 requirements in place. The proposed amendments would not change the Commissioners’ authority to make changes to departments or the restrictions regarding changes to the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Assessment and Taxation. This change would not result in any change to services or in additional costs to the citizens of Lane County.

Families in Lane County have a way to connect, be supported, and learn together.

The Lane County Department of Children and Families supports 11

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) in nine school districts in Lane County including: Bethel, South Lane, 4J, Junction City, Marcola, McKenzie, Oakridge-Westfir, Pleasant Hill and Springfield. The FRC network provides free services to you and your family in your community, where you need them.

FRCs serve as a central hub in our local communities. This is especially true in rural areas where schools often play an important role. They are often the first place to look for information on basic needs. FRC staff can connect your family with important resources, bringing a personal face to these services.

At your local FRC, your family will receive services and the chance to be involved in activities that are free, easy to access, and open to everyone. In this way, FRCs help to prepare your children for success in school and in life.

Department of Children and Families **Parents, Schools, Communities** **Together for Children**

FRCs offer free support and services including:

- **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**
- **PARENT SUPPORT AND EDUCATION**
- **CLOTHES CLOSETS**
- **SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAYS**
- **PLAYGROUP AND FAMILY NIGHTS**
- **HOMEWORK HELP**
- **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SUPPORT**
- **COMPUTER, FAX AND PHONE ACCESS**
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

“*[the FRC]...has been a godsend for both my daughter and me. Two years ago, living away from my family, I was feeling very isolated and lonely. We started attending the FRC every Tuesday and Thursday. It has given me the opportunity to interact with other moms, and my daughter with other children, who are now her friends. The teachers are wonderful: they help give us all a perspective of what to expect from our infants and toddlers.*”

- A new, young mother

If you would like more information on FRCs and the location of one closest to you, go to:
<http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/CCF/Prevention/Pages/familyresourcecenters.aspx>

To learn more about Kids' FIRST and their services, go to www.lanecounty.org/KidsFIRST or call 541-682-3938.

Every day in Lane County, children are being sexually and physically assaulted and abused. Every day in Lane County, children are neglected – sometimes to the point of death.

PUTTING OUR

Kids' FIRST



It's difficult to imagine.

Yet it does happen in our communities. And every day, the staff and volunteers at Lane County Kids' FIRST (Forensic Intervention Response and Support Team) listen to these children, coordinate services for them and their families; and work with child protective services, law enforcement, and prosecutors to keep these kids safe and to hold offenders accountable. Kids' FIRST staff is committed to lessening the trauma experienced by abused children by providing a one-stop support center designed to assist them through the investigative and judicial process. This non-profit organization is part of the Lane County District Attorney's Office.

GET INVOLVED

Part of what makes Kids' FIRST so successful is the compassionate community members who volunteer. Interested in learning more about how you can support this work and make a difference in the lives of children? Call 541-682-3938 to learn more.

Imagine having to tell about being raped or beaten to a total stranger. Now imagine what that might feel like for a child. Children who are often nervous and scared when coming to the Center begin to relax once they experience the safe and welcoming atmosphere defined by the child play areas and the supportive staff. We realize the successful impact of our services daily when kids leave with a smile on their face, teddy bear in hand, and new found hope for their future. This is where the healing begins.

By the Numbers

Kids' FIRST has served more than 8,500 children since 1995.

The **Kids' FIRST** Center receives children upon referral from 10 different law enforcement agencies, Services to Children and Families (state protective services), and the District Attorney's Office.

The Center provides a central location for the investigation of child abuse cases, eliminating the need for a child to give a statement at the police station, and then go to a doctor's office. The Center's team of employees and volunteers offer a warm, non-threatening environment where specially-trained interviewers take videotaped statements from children to gather information and evidence about their experiences. The Center also houses facilities for medical follow-up and hosts Lane County's grand juries for child victim cases. Through this work, better child abuse investigations are possible, increasing the number of successful prosecutions to hold offenders accountable and reducing the number of children having to testify.



While there is much work here in Lane County, Kids' FIRST also provides regional services support to Douglas and Coos counties – including training and complex case consultations.



10 Years of Making a Difference

The Lane County Department of Youth Services' Recovery and Progress Program (RAP Court), celebrated 10 years of service to youth, families and the community this year.

That's 10 years of making a difference in the lives of local youth who have entered the juvenile criminal justice system due to drug abuse and related criminal activities. RAP Court is much more than a judicial process. Not only does RAP Court address drug abuse – it goes a step further to address the underlying causes that lead youth to make unhealthy choices.

RAP Court began in April 2000 funded in large part by a grant Lane County Department of Youth Services secured to address substance abuse and criminal behaviors associated with substance abuse. It is Oregon's first drug court for youths.

Judge Kip Leonard, former Youth Services Director Steve Carmichael, Juvenile Public Defender Peter Warburg and Senior Juvenile Counselor Terri Fraser began RAP Court – which serves as the model for many national juvenile drug courts.

Weekly court appearances track the youth's progress through program phases by providing support and encouragement for successes and enforcing sanctions for youth who fall off the path to rehabilitation. Successful graduates of this program are able to enter their adulthood without a criminal drug record. Many youth credit RAP Court to their successful transition to a healthy and responsible adult. Of those who enter RAP Court, 75 percent successfully complete the program.

RAP court currently serves 40 to 50 juveniles a month. Adjudicated youth receive intensive monitoring and treatment to support the recovery of addiction. Treatment includes focus on family involvement, which improves the youth's ability to be successful at home; weekly court appearances; and frequent monitoring of the youth by a juvenile counselor. Collaboration with treatment providers, schools and other social service agencies also provide input toward an overall successful recovery.

For more information, contact Lane County Department of Youth Services at 541-682-4700.

Research continues to show the harms of underage drinking:

Alcohol-related accidents are the leading cause of death nationwide for people between 16 and 24.

Oregon youth who drink are eight times more likely to smoke cigarettes and 10 times more likely to smoke marijuana.

47 percent of youth who begin drinking before age 15 become alcohol-dependent at some point in life.

about 1/3 of Lane County eighth graders drank alcohol within the past month.

SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE:

Community in Action

In 2007, community members and leaders joined together after resident Shauna Snapp lost her 17-year-old son Ryan, in an alcohol-involved incident.

In response, the McKenzie Community for Substance Free Youth (MCSFY) was formed to prevent underage drinking and future accidents. Lane County Health & Human Services' Prevention Program staff met with MCSFY, bringing evidence-based prevention research, and helping facilitate a town hall on underage drinking.

The coalition embraced the idea of a Social Host Ordinance (SHO), an evidence-based, practical way to hold adults accountable for underage drinking. MCSFY, with the support of Commissioner Faye Stewart and County prevention staff, proposed the SHO to the Board of County Commissioners. Advocates countywide provided testimony in support of SHO, which passed at the beginning of this year.

Lane County's SHO holds adults responsible and fines them for underage drinking events on property they lease, own or control in unincorporated areas of Lane County. It's also a way to limit kids' access to alcohol by preventing parents and other adults from hosting underage drinking parties.

Too many parents disregard the dangers of alcohol, said C.A. Baskerville, Lane County Prevention coordinator.

"Some parents and community members provide opportunities for young people to drink because they feel like it's better to drink, perhaps, than to use illegal drugs," said Baskerville.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME:

- Set a good example. Check your own beliefs and behaviors regarding alcohol.
- Know the warning signs for underage drinking (e.g., grades dropping, mood changes, friends changing, secretive behavior, and lost motivation).
- Lock it up! Securely store any alcohol in your home.
- Talk with your kids. Be sure to set ground rules with your teen before any party. For more tips on talking with kids about alcohol, visit www.preventionlane.org
- Talk to your kids' friends and their parents. Let them know your rules and that you expect your child to follow them no matter where they are.
- Engage in your community's efforts to address underage drinking.

Michelle Lowery, a Lane County prevention specialist who first worked with community members on the effort, said, "The McKenzie community has taken a stand at a time when some adults believe underage drinking is just a part of growing up. They have found a way to send a clear message that underage drinking is harmful and unacceptable by holding hosts, and their properties, responsible."

What happens ^{page 7} when a group of concerned community members get together with their passion and research?

Change happens!

Where to Go

3040 North Delta Highway–Fleet Services Building

Bidding Information:

- Equipment and bidding information may be previewed at: www.lanecounty.org/fleetauction
- Please contact 541-682-8580 with questions

Annual Fleet and Equipment Auction: October 28, 29, 30

Looking for a new family vehicle? Maybe you need a new van for your business?

Whatever the reason, Lane County Fleet Services will be selling or “recycling” to new owners, a diverse lot full of vehicles as well as many miscellaneous items. Two of the cars for sale this year are Toyota Prius hybrids, which should bring lots of interest!

Fleet Services staff is again working with different government agencies selling their surplus equipment. Lane Transit District will bring buses to the sale as the ultimate carpool vehicle.

Lane County’s annual auction supports recycling, hybrid and alternative transportation technology, and interdepartmental and interagency cooperation. The auction supports a safe and reliable transportation system, sustainability, and also provides good stewardship of resources with the proceeds returned to the vehicle replacement fund, which provides funding for the purchase of new vehicles.

Why Should You Check Out the Auction?

All Lane County Fleet Services vehicles have been operated under a strict preventive maintenance program, so even though they have reached the end of their life cycle here, they can provide many miles of reliable safe transportation to the next owner.

12th Annual Sealed Bid Sale Includes:

- Various vehicles and sedans
- Police cars
- Pickup trucks
- Vans
- Sport Utility Vehicles
- Plus many miscellaneous items