

Code Enforcement Report
January 2015

We have had our share of transients moving through the Village. When I see them hanging around for more than two days, I know I can expect some serious problems. Such was the case this month with two residential break-ins and theft, including jewelry, knives and weapons, sleeping in the post office, camping in the picnic shelter and in our Park woods and harassing residents on their way to the market.

This is a matter for the Sheriff's Department, but I do get involved and monitor their movements.

- Attend Council work session.
- Complaint of rooster on N. Reeves Circle. Rooster gone.
- Complaint of outside light being turned off on Radar Road. Checked around vacant neighbor's home. Everything secure.
- Vacation Rental inspection on W 3rd Street.
- Complaint of run-off from motel.
- Doggie bag dispenser at State Park on Yachats Ocean Road missing. Traced it to Park employees. Supervisor said it would be replaced.
- Started grease trap inspections.
- Called Oregon State Parks, South Beach to report RV on blocks at Yachats State Park.
- Talked to business owner next to gym. No business license. Claimed she was not selling in Oregon and was moving.
- Remove transient articles from the picnic shelter.
- Attend City Council meeting.
- Complaint of properties in disrepair on Lemwick Street. Contacted property owner.
- Complaint of crossbow arrows landing on neighbor's lawn. Will contact the party involved. We have no ordinance prohibiting bows and arrows or crossbows.

Complaint of man selling homemade furniture at the closed Miller's Real Estate location. Tools and materials were stored behind the building. I left my card. The man called the next day. I explained the licensing process. He visited City Hall. All of his tools and materials were gone the next day.

- New property owner on W. 1st Street was using the City's shut-off valve to do some plumbing work. Showed him the private shut-off valve.

- Call about transient with a cooking fire in the tepee that the children had made in the woods behind the Commons. Fire Department had already put out the fire. Sheriff suggested dismantling the tepee. Cleaned up the left over food and clothing. Dismantled the tepee the next day. The transient ran off.

- 3 transients in the picnic shelter.

Report of break-in on Aqua Vista. Report of break-in on Evergreen Street, north of town. Knives, jewelry and weapons stolen.

- One man arrested at the market with one of the stolen weapons.

Attended the State of the City event.

Re-installed the doggie bag dispense at State Park on Yachats Ocean Road.

Talked to property owner on Crestview. He was dumping cuttings in the ditch, which is on City Right of Way. He will use the dumpster from now on.

-Sprayed all the locks on the doggie bag dispensers. Corrosion had already started.

- Bank doors were unlocked. Called Cheryl in Newport. She came down to secure the building.

Checked on leaning Alder in Quiet Water. This tree should come down. Losing the massive root wad could compromise the riparian bank and could cause some major erosion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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