



# CANNON BEACH COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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## Cannon Beach a Fireworks- Free Wildlife Safe Zone

***A message from Chief of Police Jason Schermerhorn***

The 4th of July is fast approaching. In Cannon Beach we want to remind everyone that **ALL** Fireworks are illegal with fines up to \$5,000 for offenders. The City Council unanimously voted in 2020 to entirely ban fireworks, based on the public concerns for fire danger, as well as the concern for sea birds and animals.

During the 4th of July, endangered birds like Tufted Puffins and Black Oyster Catchers are nesting and fireworks cause them to abandon their nest and the chicks can die. We are already experiencing a dry spring season going into summer and the fire risk is a large concern. The CERT teams will work with the Police Dept and Fire Dept to enforce the fireworks ban over the 4th of July holiday and the weekends before and after the 4th.

Thank you for honoring our Fireworks Ban in Cannon Beach. Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

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### THIS MONTH'S AGENDA

- CITY HALL CLOSED 7/4 INDEP. DAY**
- City Council Meeting - 7/5
- CBE Research Advisory Meeting - 7/6
- City Council Special Meeting - 7/10
- City Council Special Meeting & WS - 7/11
- Code Audit Joint Meeting - 7/12
- Coffee with Councilors - 7/17
- Public Works Committee Meeting - 7/18
- Parks & Community Services- 7/20
- Design Review Board - 7/20
- CBE Research Advisory Meeting - 7/24
- Planning Commission - 7/27
- [FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)**

# City Welcomes Steve Sokolowski, Community Development Director



Community Development Director  
Steve Sokolowski

Making the cross-country move from Sheboygan, WI to Cannon Beach was a “no-brainer” for Steve Sokolowski, Cannon Beach’s new Community Development Director. Sokolowski and his wife, Dawn, who originally began their professional careers in Hermiston, OR before relocating to Sheboygan to be closer to family, always felt like moving to a place like Cannon Beach could be an eventual natural step.

Sokolowski served for twenty years as the Manager of Planning and Zoning for Sheboygan, WI, on the west coast of Lake Michigan. While Steve loved his community, career, and coworkers, when an opportunity arose with the City of Cannon Beach, the Sokolowskis knew they needed to take the plunge and begin the next phase of their lives.

And what a plunge it has been – in addition to balancing the logistics of uprooting from twenty years with the same community, Sokolowski’s first three weeks with the City have required him to dive headfirst into learning about years-long land use contentions, a municipal code currently under review, and an entirely new community – tasks he credits his coworkers Robert St. Clair and Emily Bare as instrumental to. Though this acclimation is daunting, Steve is up to the challenge: “While regulations are generally the same, individual people’s needs are not,” he explained, identifying community partnership as a priority of his.

Steve sees Cannon Beach as facing many of the same challenges as communities nationwide as far as housing, economics, and reconciling the old with the often necessary new. He feels that the coastal town is set apart by how visible its processes are to the public, and how passionate and interested the community is in its land use processes. Recognizing the community’s desire to be actively involved in achieving creative solutions, Steve explained that he has aimed to begin his role by listening to and better understanding the community’s concerns and priorities for now and in the future.

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# New Community Development Director

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Decades of expertise in strategic planning and land use aren't the only things Sokolowski has brought to the table. Like most residents of the north coast, Steve appreciates the unique majesty of the natural world around him. Since arriving in Cannon Beach, he's enjoyed the meditative nature of walks through the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve, evening strolls to the shore, and exploring Oswald West State Park, explaining that "nature is a calming reminder every day" of why he's here.

Sokolowski's move will bring him and Dawn closer to their daughter, Savana, in California, and provide their son Steven, completing his degree in July, with a potential opportunity to come explore the coast. The change also affords Steve the opportunity to explore how he can affect positive change in another community. The ever-changing nature of the job keeps it interesting for Sokolowski, but "noticing incrementally over time the way that individual projects [he's] worked with have culminated to affect the community for the better," makes the work rewarding.

"Everyone has been very welcoming," he said, describing his early experiences assimilating into a tight-knit community of people all hoping to protect what they love: the natural beauty and community character of Cannon Beach. When you see Steve in town, help welcome him to Cannon Beach – he's very much looking forward to joining the community. ■

## City Announces Updated Utility Rates

Utility rates cover the cost of operations/maintenance and capital projects in the City's 3 utility funds: Water, Wastewater, and Storm Drain. Capital projects are funded through debt in the form of loans and use of reserves from operations.

Cannon Beach City Council approved rate increases to the Wastewater system and the Storm Drain system effective July 1, 2023. Wastewater rates increased 16.2% and Storm Drain increased 30.0%. The wastewater base rate for a ¾" meter is \$33.39 per month with an allowance of 400 cubic feet of usage and is a dollar increase of \$4.65 per month. The storm drain residential base rate increased to 11.99 per month from \$9.22 per month and is a dollar increase of \$2.77 per month. Water rates are not increasing at this time.

The city is conducting a rate study for the 3 utilities and the results will be reviewed by council in the coming months. It is expected that the water rate will be adjusted at that time as well as potential adjustments to the wastewater and storm drain rates at that time.

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# Utility Rate Increases (Cont'd)

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The following tables show the rates for each utility and meter size. Please refer to your billing statement for the size of your meter. ■

## Water

Meter Size	Base Rate	Base Allowance	Unit Rate per 100 Cubic Feet
3/4"	\$25.67	400 cubic feet	\$6.42
1"	\$64.19	400 cubic feet	
1-1/2"	\$128.37	400 cubic feet	
2"	\$205.39	400 cubic feet	
3"	\$410.77	400 cubic feet	
4"	\$641.84	400 cubic feet	
6"	\$1,283.67	400 cubic feet	
Irrigation Line	\$51.35	400 cubic feet	
Note:	Cannon Beach Rural Fire District is exempt from charges		

## Wastewater

Meter Size	Base Rate	Base Allowance	Unit Rate per 100 Cubic Feet
3/4"	\$33.39	400 cubic feet	\$8.35
1"	\$83.48	400 cubic feet	
1-1/2"	\$166.95	400 cubic feet	
2"	\$267.12	400 cubic feet	
3"	\$534.24	400 cubic feet	
4"	\$834.75	400 cubic feet	
6"	\$1,669.50	400 cubic feet	
Note	Cannon Beach Rural Fire District is exempt from charges		

# Buskers' Happy Hours in the Park!

Every Thursday afternoon in the summer the City and Paul Dueber sponsor a free concert in the main City Park starting at 5:00 and ending about 7:00.

Bring your favorite lawn chair (or binky), a bottle of wine and a few friends and enjoy some great music in the sun.

Well behaved dogs on leashes are certainly welcome.

Tips for the band are also welcome so you might want to bring a bit of cash.

This is one of the coolest community events that is happening now so don't miss it.

We hope to see you there! ■







# Buskers in the Park

## JULY

July 6 - Uncle Jerry  
July 13 - Fox & Bones  
July 20 - The Cider Janes  
July 27 - Bruce Thomas Smith Band

## AUGUST

August 3 - Kathryn Claire & Margot  
August 10 - The Horsenecks  
August 17 - Lloyd Jones Band  
August 24 - Lauren Sheehan & Friend  
August 31 - Brownsmead Flats

## SEPTEMBER

September 7 - Adams & Costello  
September 14 - Your Uncle Mary

THURSDAYS | 5:00 | MAIN CITY PARK

**Band Schedule**

**2023**

# ODF Raises Fire Danger Level to Moderate in Northwest Oregon

As the warmer weather increases the temperatures in the northwest corner of the state, fire managers will be increasing the fire danger level to Moderate (blue) for the Public Use Restrictions in the Northwest 1, 2, and 3 (NW-1, NW-2, and NW-3) weather zones. This change will be effective at 1:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Campfires will only be allowed at designated camping sites. Dispersed campfires will no longer be allowed. Motorists traveling on forest roads are required to have a shovel and one gallon of water or a 2.5 lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher. Non-industrial use of chain saws is allowed.

In conjunction with the county fire chiefs, a county wide burn ban remains in effect.

Open debris burning has not be allowed since June 14. Burn barrels require a burning permit, which can be obtained through the Oregon Department of Forestry or a local fire department depending on the location of the residence. For rural residences using burn barrels: only metal barrels in good condition covered by heavy mesh screens with holes no larger than ¼ inch are acceptable. A charged water supply and hand tools are required to be on site.

The Industrial Fire Precaution levels (IFPL) for NW-1, NW-2, and NW-3 will remain at a level I, with a 1-hour fire watch required.

For up-to-date recorded information about fire season requirements, call 503-325-7215. To request a burning permit or obtain additional information, call 503-325-5451 during business hours.

Public Restrictions Website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.aspx>



# Wipes Clog Pipes: a Public Works PSA

The City of Cannon Beach Public Works Department wishes to remind you that our sewer systems and treatment plants were not designed to handle wipes, hygiene products, food waste, or other trash. These items clog pipes and pumps, cause property damage, and cost ratepayers and residents lots of money in additional maintenance costs.



## WIPES CLOG PIPES!

*Do your part to care for your public infrastructure and avoid additional costs to ratepayers by:*

- 1 Flushing ONLY human waste and toilet paper
- 2 Throwing away "flushable" wipes, diapers, and hygiene products that stick in pipes
- 3 Disposing of food waste, fats, oils, and grease in the garbage

Especially as Cannon Beach enters our busy summer season and visitors place higher demand on our public infrastructure, it is critical to remember that the only things that should be flushed down toilets are human waste and toilet paper. Everything else must be disposed of in the garbage.



# Jobs & Committee Vacancies



## **THE CANNON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING A POLICE OFFICER**

The City of Cannon Beach is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Police Officer.

To learn more and apply, visit:

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/jobs>



## **PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBER**

The Parks & Community Services Committee seeks to fill one vacancy for a four-year term beginning immediately.

Learn more and apply at:

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/volunteer-committees>



## **TOURISM & ARTS COMMISSION SEEKING TWO (2) NEW MEMBERS**

The Tourism & Arts Commission seeks to fill two vacancies for a four-year term beginning immediately.

Learn more and apply at:

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/volunteer-committees>



## **BUDGET COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBER**

The Budget Committee seeks to fill one vacancy to fill a three-year term beginning immediately.

Learn more and apply at:

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/volunteer-committees>

# Fireworks Make Us Flee Our Nests!

Research has shown that disturbances like fireworks cause nest abandonment and high stress in adult birds.



All fireworks are now illegal in Cannon Beach.



Fireworks are a serious fire hazard.

Cannon Beach is a "Safe Zone" for birds, pets and wildlife.

Please join us in embracing this new law.

Cannon Beach Municipal Code  
Ordinance 9.16.010 and fines up to \$5,000  
see Ordinance 9.16.030 Violation - Penalty levels



[www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/ordinances/ordinance-20-18](http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/ordinances/ordinance-20-18)



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023 4:30PM-7PM

CITY PARK AT THE CHAMBER IN CANNON BEACH

8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

PRESENTED BY:

CANNON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



PLEASE COME JOIN US IN THIS FUN AND INFORMATIVE EVENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING SOME GOOD FUN, GOOD CONVERSATION AND HOPEFULLY YOU'LL WALK AWAY WITH SOME GOOD INFORMATION.

WE PROVIDE THE HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, CAKE AND DRINKS



FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES

WHY:

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS A NATIONAL EFFORT BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY UNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS IN FIGHTING CRIME TOGETHER.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE MONETARY OR PRIZE DONATIONS CONTACT:

CHIEF JASON SCHERMERHORN

CELL: 971-601-0530

EMAIL:

SCHERMERHORN@CI.CANNON-BEACH.OR.US



# NOCHE NACIONAL AFUERA

MARTES, EL 1 DE AGOSTO 2023  
DE 4:30PM HASTA LAS 7PM

EN EL PARQUE DEL CENTRO DE CANNON BEACH

EL DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICÍA DE CANNON  
BEACH PRESENTARA ÉL

OCTAVO EVENTO ANUAL DE NOCHE NACIONAL AFUERA



POR FAVOR VENGAN A DISFRUTAR DE ESTE EVENTO DIVERTIDO E INFORMATIVO CON NOSOTROS. ESPERAMOS, ES QUE SE VAYAN CON INFORMACIÓN QUE LES AYUDEN Y QUE DISFRUTEN CONVERSACIONES CON LOS OFICIALES.

VAMOS A TENER HAMBURGUESAS, PERROS CALIENTES, PASTEL, Y BEBIDAS GRATIS.



EN EVENTO **GRATIS**, PARA  
TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y DE  
TODAS LAS EDADES.

**POR QUE:**  
NOCHE NACIONAL AFUERA ES  
UN EVENTO NACIONAL ENTRE  
LOS DEPARTAMENTOS DE  
POLICÍA Y LAS COMUNIDADES  
QUE PROTEGEN, PARA  
PROMOCIONAR UNA  
RELACIÓN AMISTOSA, PARA  
COMBATIR EL CRIMEN  
UNIDOS.


**PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN:**  
CONTACTEN EL JEFE DE LA  
POLICÍA JASON  
SCHERMERHORN, SI TIENEN  
ALGUNA PREGUNTA,  
QUISIERAN HACER UN  
DONATIVO, O PARA EL  
GANADOR DEL PREMIO.

CELULAR: 971-601-0530  
CORREO ELECTRONICO:  
SCHERMERHORN@CI.CANNON-  
BEACH.OR.US



JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY

# FARMER'S MARKET



HEMLOCK & GOWER | TUESDAY  
STREET PARKING LOT | 1:00PM -5:00PM  
CANNON BEACH OR

Flowers  
Honey  
Vegetables  
Food Vendors  
Wine  
Snacks  
Meat  
and much more...

# Notice: Updated Deadlines



## Public Input for Council Meeting Deadlines

- To include in the Council packet, you must submit your items **the Monday eight days before the council meeting.**
- Once the packet has been distributed, the deadline for written public comment for non-hearing items is **3:00 pm the day before the meeting.**

\*\* Written comments received after the deadline will be forwarded to Council and included in the record. They will not be read prior to the meeting and will not be posted on the meeting page of the website.\*\*

## Application Deadline for a City Committee, Board, Or Commission

- The deadline to apply for a vacancy is the **Monday, eight days before the regular council meeting.**

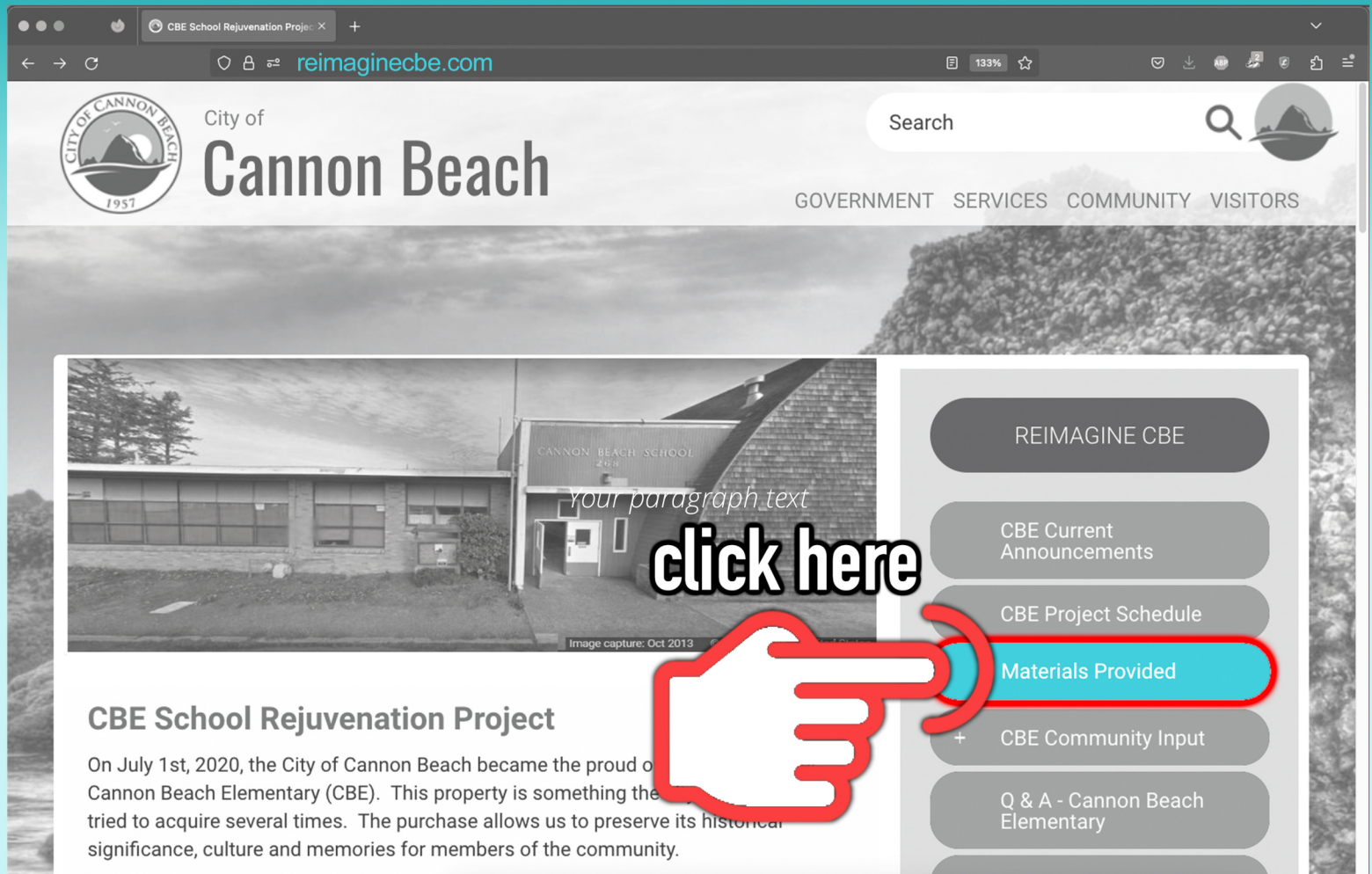
For a full meeting schedule, please visit [www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/meetings](http://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/meetings)



# Where are the documents?

Elementary School Design & Construction Proposals

Available at **ReImagineCBE.com**



Visit **ReImagineCBE.com** and click the **"Materials Provided"** button on the right sidebar for a list of all the latest design and construction documents

**All Elementary School Rejuvenation Project info  
available at:**

**[ReImagineCBE.com](https://reimaginecbe.com)**

# SPOTTED A PROBLEM? FILE A **CODE COMPLAINT**



## **COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS:**

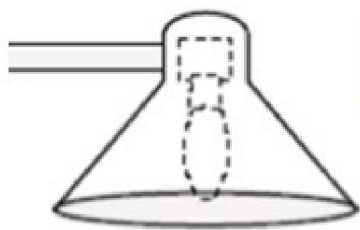
PARKING ILLEGALLY  
HIGH GRASS, UNKEMPT GROUNDS  
EXCESSIVE NOISE  
STRUCTURE IN DISREPAIR  
UNSAFE OR UNSECURED STRUCTURE  
UNLICENSED SHORT-TERM RENTAL



**FILE A COMPLAINT USING THE P.D.'S  
ONLINE FORM AND OFFICERS WILL  
INVESTIGATE**



# Is Your Home Lighting in Compliance with the Dark Sky Ordinance?



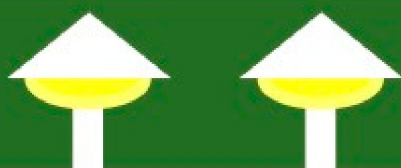
**Residential Lighting  
Must be  
Fully-shielded &  
<1,260 lumens EXCEPT:**

**1**

One partly shielded or unshielded luminaire at the main entry, **not** exceeding 630 lumens.



All other partly shielded or unshielded lighting must be below 315 lumens.



Landscape lighting must be below 2,100 lumens & directed away from adjacent properties.



Flood-lights must be below 2,100 lumens & not visible from adjacent properties.



All sensor lighting must extinguish after 15 minutes.

Open flame gas lamps are cool.



**Learn more about the Dark Sky Ordinance:**

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/planning/page/dark-skies-cannon-beach>





# Got a Leak?

**EyeOnWater** will find it



Download on the **App Store** | Get it on **Google play**

The **EyeOnWater** app, a free leak detection and usage monitoring system, is available to all water customers in Cannon Beach. City staff encourage all homeowners to install the app on their smartphone or access it via desktop computer. It's a great, easy to use, and valuable tool!

If you need assistance installing or accessing the app on your phone or desktop computer, contact City Hall and a member of the water team will help get you up and running.

## Download the EyeOnWater App

**WANT TO ATTEND A LIVE CITY MEETING VIRTUALLY?**



1. Click Agenda and Minutes from the City's Website.
2. Find your meeting and click View Details.
3. Click on the Zoom link.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/meetings>

## CODE ENFORCEMENT



Did you know the City has a Code Enforcement Complaint Form on their website?

1. Find Services from the menu on the City's Website.
2. Click Code Enforcement Complaint under Police Department.
3. Complete the form to submit your complaint.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/police/webform/code-enforcement-complaint-form>

## COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION LIST SIGNUP

Want to receive emergency or important notifications from the City? Click the link below to be added to the Community Notification List.

<https://www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us/emergencymgmt/webform/sign-community-notification-list>

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN SIGNUP

Sign up here to get the Community Bulletin delivered to your Inbox

Subscribe

## CLATSOP ALERTS



### Clatsop Emergency Notification & Community Information

**BE IN THE KNOW... We can't alert you if we can't reach YOU!**

Community members and visitors can **CHOOSE UP TO 3** ways to receive emergency notifications and community information from Public Safety, City, Tribal and County Officials for Clatsop County, Oregon.

1. Residential and business landline numbers are automatically included in the emergency contact list and do not require any action.
2. Address specific numbers such as mobile numbers, mobile texts, e-mail, and fax numbers are not included in the emergency contact list and require a manual sign-up.

**SIGN UP at <https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/em/page/clatsopalerts>**