



# Hot off the Press

Summer 2017

## Community Events:

**National Night Out**  
August 1, 6pm—9 pm

**First Aid/CPR Class**  
August 12, 9 am—4pm

**Solar Eclipse**  
August 21, 2017

**Back to School**  
August 29th & 30th

**First Aid/CPR Class**  
September 9  
9 am—4pm

**Philomath Fire & Rescue  
Station 1 Ribbon Cutting**  
September 11, 11:30

**Philomath Fire & Rescue  
Open House**  
October 7, 11 am—2pm

## Solar Eclipse Resources:

Corvallis Public Library is hosting Solar Eclipse Information Sessions. Contact the Corvallis Public Library for more information, 541-766-6926.

OSU150 Space Grant Festival: OSU will host an informative and fun event for all to enjoy. Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20th. This event is free to the public.

[www.co.benton.or.us/midvalleyeclipse](http://www.co.benton.or.us/midvalleyeclipse)

[www.greatamericaneclipse.com/](http://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/)

[www.oregon.gov/osp/sfm/Pages/eclipse.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/sfm/Pages/eclipse.aspx)

## A word from the Chief

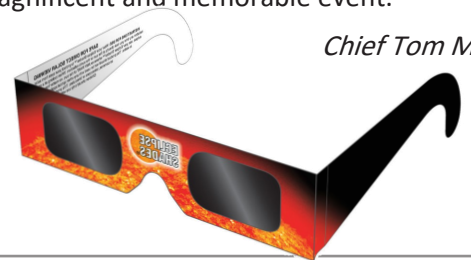
On August 21, 2017 around 10 am Philomath will find itself in the “path of totality” for a solar eclipse. This means that, for a few minutes, the sun will be completely obscured by the moon, causing twilight darkness during the day. Complete solar eclipses draw crowds of spectators. As many as 400,000 visitors are expected to travel to the “path of totality” in Oregon.

With that in mind, there are a few things to remember:

- If you have visitors coming in from out of town, encourage them to arrive early and to stay put.
- Have plenty of food and water on hand for you, your family, and pets. Traffic will be a major factor (think OSU football game days on steroids), travel time will be prolonged.

- Refill prescriptions and fuel tanks ahead of the solar eclipse weekend.
- Park in designated areas only. Do not trespass to view the eclipse.
- Cell phone service may be spotty with the additional demand on the system.
- Use eclipse viewing glasses. Do not try to view the eclipse while driving.
- There will be a burn-ban the weekend of the eclipse, no fires of any sort will be allowed within the city limits and there will be restrictions on fires in the surrounding areas.

With a few safety steps, eclipse viewing can be a magnificent and memorable event.



Chief Tom Miller

## Volunteer Perspective—Mitch Robison



I was born in Philomath and attended Philomath Elementary until 3rd grade when my family moved to Portland. I would spend summers and holidays in Philomath and Corvallis with my extended family. After having received a bachelor's degree at Weber State University, I worked in law enforcement for three years in Utah. I missed the Pacific Northwest and wanted to come back. I was able to find a job in Law Enforcement and moved my wife and son to Philomath. After having worked in Law Enforcement for another year I transitioned into education and am

currently a teacher. I volunteer as a firefighter because I believe in the power of community and feel this is one of the best ways that I can contribute. I enjoy being part of an amazing team with Philomath Fire and Rescue, and look forward to the opportunities we have to serve.

# Philomath Fire & Rescue

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Visit our website: [www.philomathfire.com](http://www.philomathfire.com)  
and like us on Facebook!

## *Our Mission:*

*The preservation of property through the extinguishment and prevention of fires.*

*The protection and care of human life through education and treatment.*

*The development of character through commitment and teamwork.*

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## Backyard Burning - aka Open Burning

### What is it?

The burning of debris in an outdoor fireplace, burn barrel, backyard incinerator, or piles of yard debris that is not in support of an agricultural operation. Camp fires or recreation fires are not subject to these rules (**see Recreational Burning**).

### When is it allowed?

- March 1 through June 15 and Oct. 1 through Dec. 15. Backyard Burning is subject to daily DEQ restrictions, including start/stop times, during Open Burning season. Our Burn Line at 541.929.5903 is updated daily during those periods.
- A written burn permit from Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is required during fire season for those within an ODF Forest Protection District. Contact ODF at 541-929-3266 for more information.

### What can I burn?

#### Inside a special control area:

- Yard debris: wood, needles, or leaves from plants grown and burned on the property of origin

#### Outside a special control area:

- Construction waste: clean lumber, crates, etc. (no glues, or laminates)
- Domestic waste: includes yard debris

### What is a special control area?

- Any area within three miles of a boundary of a city with a population more than 1,000 but fewer than 45,000 people (Philomath, Monroe,)
- Any area within six miles of the boundary of a city with a population of more than 45,000 people (Corvallis)

### What can't I burn?

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) prohibits the burning of these materials:

- Demolition waste: includes land-clearing debris
- Tires (including when starting a fire)
- Plastics
- Decomposable garbage (organic material, paper)
- Petroleum and petroleum-related materials
- Asphalt and asphalt materials
- Chemicals (pesticides, cleaners, detergents, etc.)
- Material that produces black or dense smoke

## Slash Burning

### What is it?

Slash burning is the burning of debris from logging and is limited to burning on forest lands. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) regulates slash burning.

## Agricultural Burning

### What is it?

The burning of agricultural waste generated by an operation that uses, or intends to use, land primarily for the purpose of obtaining a profit by raising, harvesting, and selling crops, or animals (including poultry), or the products of animal husbandry. Prohibited materials, such as tires, can't be burned even in an agricultural setting. Demolition waste also is not considered agricultural waste even if it is from a farm structure, and cannot be burned. Agricultural Burning is subject to daily DEQ restrictions.

### Is land clearing the same as agricultural burning?

Agricultural burning may include brush cleared from land if an agricultural commodity will be planted or livestock raised for profit but does not include burning debris for the construction of buildings.

## Recreational Burning

### What is it?

A recreational fire is a fire at your residence or property that is used for the purpose of cooking, warming, or recreation. This does not include commercially bought or constructed BBQ equipment. Any fire needs to be in a designated fire pit or landscaped area. Only burn clean, dry wood or charcoal. Do not use your fire pit in high wind, dry, and hot days, or evenings! Make sure there is a responsible person present constantly. Have a fire extinguisher, water, or sand nearby to extinguish the fire. Keep fire smaller than 3 feet in diameter and don't let flames rise higher than 2 feet. Extinguish fire completely. Do not permit children to throw items into the fire. A permit is required for recreational fires within the District which may be obtained online at <http://www.philomathfire.com/rec-burn-waiver>. Recreational Fires may be subject to burn bans in extreme fire danger conditions – please contact our office at 541-360-0029 if you have any questions.

Fires discovered burning during restricted time periods, fire burning past the permitted stop time, illegal burning of restricted items at any time, or recreational fires without proper permits will be subject to immediate extinguishment and possible fees for fire suppression costs.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping Oregon Green and Fire Safe.

