



## Community Calendar:

Music in the Park  
June 30th @ 6pm

Philomath Frolic & Rodeo  
July 7—10

First Aid/CPR Class  
July 16th 9am—4pm

Music in the Park  
July 21st @ 6pm

Philomath Uncorked  
July 30th @ 3:30– 7pm

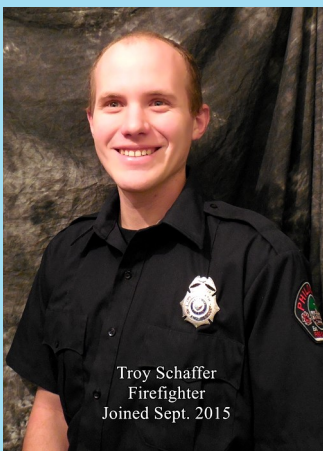
National Night Out  
August 2nd @ 6pm

Music in the Park  
August 18th @ 6pm

Lions Club Book Sale  
September 15th—17th

First Aid/CPR Class  
Sept. 17th, 9am—4pm

## Personnel Spotlight



Troy Schaffer  
Firefighter  
Joined Sept. 2015

Troy Schaffer recently joined our Resident Volunteers, replacing departing RV Michael Bowman.



## Board of Directors says “Thank you voters!”

The Board of Directors of Philomath Fire and Rescue is grateful for the support shown by the community in the May 17 Special Election. A dedicated group of volunteers also campaigned for us, and we thank them too. If you have not checked, the final tally was 62 percent in favor. Now the District can better meet your needs with new apparatus and equipment, and a renovation of the main station.

We interpret this outcome as a vote of confidence in the direction we are taking the District. Our Master Plan discusses the changing nature of the District in demographics, call

types, call frequencies, and needs for emergency preparedness. We have plans to find the right balance of vehicles, equipment, facilities, volunteers, and paid staff to respond and prepare.

On the subject of service, we know that about a third of those voting did not support the bond, and others chose not to vote. The process of asking for your vote gave us—the Board of Directors and District staff—an opportunity to start or reinvigorate a conversation with you. Those voting no had reasons, and we want to hear from you. The Board’s next meeting is Wednesday,

July 6 at 7 P.M. We have a period for public comment at the beginning of every meeting. We meet monthly, and dates and times are always posted on our website, so there are many opportunities throughout the year to be heard. You also can call the District to get contact information for any Board member or to schedule a meeting with the Chief. We value ideas and insights from all of our constituents, and one or more of us can help get your views represented at the next meeting.

*Board Members: Rick Brand, Joe Brier, Ruth Jacobs, Tom Ries, and Kevin Sullivan*

## Emergency Notifications



Linn-Benton Alert is an emergency notification system that calls or messages residents to warn of impending or occurring emergencies and provides critical safety instructions when they are needed most. The system is address-

based. It will send alerts to landline telephones (or the device of your choosing) in the zip code or neighborhood of areas affected by the emergency. If you receive a call, you will hear a computer-generated message, but please do not hang up. Instead, listen to the message in its entirety for important information.

By signing up for Linn-Benton Alert, you can also choose to have alerts sent to your cell phone, other phones or TTY devices, or receive text messages or emails. When you sign up, please make sure the address you input is accurate. The system maps to your physical address (no post office boxes) so please carefully enter your complete street address and correct zip code.

Once you sign up, you can manage your profile, making changes to your contact choices to ensure the system has your most up-to-date information.

*To sign up, please go to the following link:*

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/page/emergency-alert>

## Did you know?

We rely on volunteers to meet the needs of our community.

We have been serving the City of Philomath and surrounding areas for more than 85 years.

We respond to 700 emergency medical and fire calls each year.

We protect approximately 58 square miles and 9,000 community members.



## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER?

Learn more at [philomathfire.com](http://philomathfire.com)  
Call us at 541-929-3002

Or stop by **Station 201**  
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm at **1035 Main St.**  
**Philomath, Oregon 97370**

# 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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Philomath Fire & Rescue has an opening on its **Civil Service Commission**. The Civil Service Commission acts like a human resource department, reviewing hiring practices and promotional procedures for the Fire District. If you are interested in serving on this group, or are looking for more ways to get involved, go to our website: [www.philomathfire.com](http://www.philomathfire.com)

## Fire Season—ALREADY?

It only takes a couple of weeks of warm, dry conditions to significantly increase the risk of wildfire. If you live near wildlands, whether forest, brush, or grasslands, your home may be at risk. Once a wildfire starts, firefighters may not have the time or resources to protect every home in the fire's path. However, you can take action now to protect your home before a fire starts – by creating defensible space.

Defensible space includes three “zones” of protection:

**Zone 1** encircles the structure and all its attachments (wooden decks, fences, and boardwalks) for at least 30 feet on all sides. Create a “fire-free” area within 5 feet of the home using non-flammable landscaping materials and/or high-moisture-content annuals and perennials. Remove dead vegetation from under decks and within 10 feet of the house. Plants should be carefully spaced, low-growing, and free of resins, oils, and waxes. Mow the lawn regularly. Prune trees up 6 to 10 feet from the ground.

**Zone 2** is 30 to 100 feet from the home. Plants should be low-growing, well irrigated and relatively less flammable. Leave 30 feet between clusters of two to three trees, or 20 between individual trees. Encourage a mixture of deciduous and coniferous trees. Create “fuel breaks”: driveways, gravel walkways, and lawns. Prune trees up 6 to 10 feet from the ground.

**Zone 3** is 100 to 200 feet from the home. This area should be thinned, although less spacing is required than in Zone 2. Remove small conifers that are growing between tall trees. Remove heavy accumulations of woody debris. Reduce the density of tall trees so canopies are not touching.

*The following actions should be planned in advance of the fire season:*

- Stay aware of the latest news and updates from your local media and fire district. Get your family, home and pets prepared to evacuate.
- Know your emergency evacuation routes. If there are no established routes, create a plan – have two ways to get out of the area in the case one is blocked.
- Place your emergency supply kit and other valuables in your vehicle.
- Move deck furniture, cushions, door mats, and wooden planters indoors or as far away from the buildings as possible.
- Close and protect your home's openings, including doors, vents, and windows to prevent embers from penetrating your home.
- Connect garden hoses and fill pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, or other large containers with water to help Firefighters fight fires.

If evacuation is necessary, leave as early as possible. Do not linger. Once evacuation orders have been given promptly leave your home and neighborhood to clear roads for firefighters and equipment.

For more information, stop by the station or check our website, [www.philomathfire.com](http://www.philomathfire.com), under Fire & Life Safety, Programs and Courses. We provide home evaluations for defensible space, smoke and carbon monoxide detector placement, and other planning. Call us at 541-929-3002 and ask to speak with Lt. Saalsaa or the on-duty officer.

