

NEWSLETTER

CITY OF JEFFERSON

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CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

I am pleased to commemorate and celebrate women that were instrumental to Jefferson's success, while also paving the way for future generations of women in leadership:

While Jacob Conser founded Jefferson, let's not forget Nancy Gunsaulus. The two met and married in 1839 when Nancy was 16. In 1848, with 2 kids, the Conser's traveled the Oregon Trail, overcoming challenges we can only imagine. Once settled, they were a prominent family, contributing significantly to the building of Jefferson, serving in area politics, and in 1854 building the Jacob Conser House as their family home and hotel. In all, 10 children were born to the Conser's and I applaud Nancy's immense strength, hard work, and devotion - all behind the scenes and often overlooked in those times. Nancy Conser passed in 1879 at age 56.

In more modern times, Christine Cason served on the City Council, Budget Committee, Utility Committee and owned a local tax office in town for decades. Were it not for her sharp budgeting skills, knowledge and teachings of fund accounting, particularly debt service and the establishment of reserves, the City would not be in the strong financial position it remains in today. Christine's foresight set the City ahead of its time and, even still, Jefferson's accomplishments are often used as examples for other cities. She was a wealth of knowledge and I'm so grateful to have known her and to have had the opportunity to learn from her. In November 2001, Christine Cason closed the CPA office and she passed in early 2002.

#womeninhistory #womeninleadership #Jeffersonwomenleaders

PARKS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Jefferson City Council recently established a parks committee to help plan, design, research funding for the development of our three park properties.

You can find a volunteer application on our City website at jeffersonoregon.org or come down to City Hall to pick one up. Come help us plan for our community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stay tuned for more information about a summer festival
- Tuesday Market in August & September 3-7pm @ Conser house lawn
- Concerts at the Conser Tuesday nights in August and September
- SAVE THE DATE: National Night Out is August 1st 5-7:30pm @ City Hall

SPRING READING PROGRAM

The library partnered with the Retro Burger Company to put on the spring reading program. Read 7 books that match your reading level between:

Saturday, March 18th & Saturday, April 15th

and get a FREE Little Rascal Burger from the Retro Burger Company here in Jefferson! (Participants that have food allergies or food sensitivities are able to choose from other prizes they can take home.) AND a ticket to enter into one of several raffle prizes. Forms will be available for pickup at the library beginning March 11th!



MANAGER'S CORNER



Since 1995, the City has contracted with Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for 2 full time deputies. Over the last decade, as Jefferson's population has continued to grow, so has the need for additional police coverage. The recent implementation of the Public Safety Fee allowed for that to happen and Jefferson's 3rd deputy was brought on in January! It's a pleasure to work with them and to share a little bit about them with you:

*Deputy Aaron West has worked for MCSO since 2006. He grew up in the Coos Bay area and, when he's not working, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, fishing, baseball, and spending time with his family.

*Deputy Nate Morse has worked for MCSO for 6 years. He was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and raised in Vancouver, Washington. In his free time, he enjoys riding dirt bikes, weight training, and working on his lawn.

*Deputy Shawn Connelly has worked for MCSO for 6 years. He grew up on the coast in the Tillamook area. He enjoys spending time with his family and fishing and hunting.