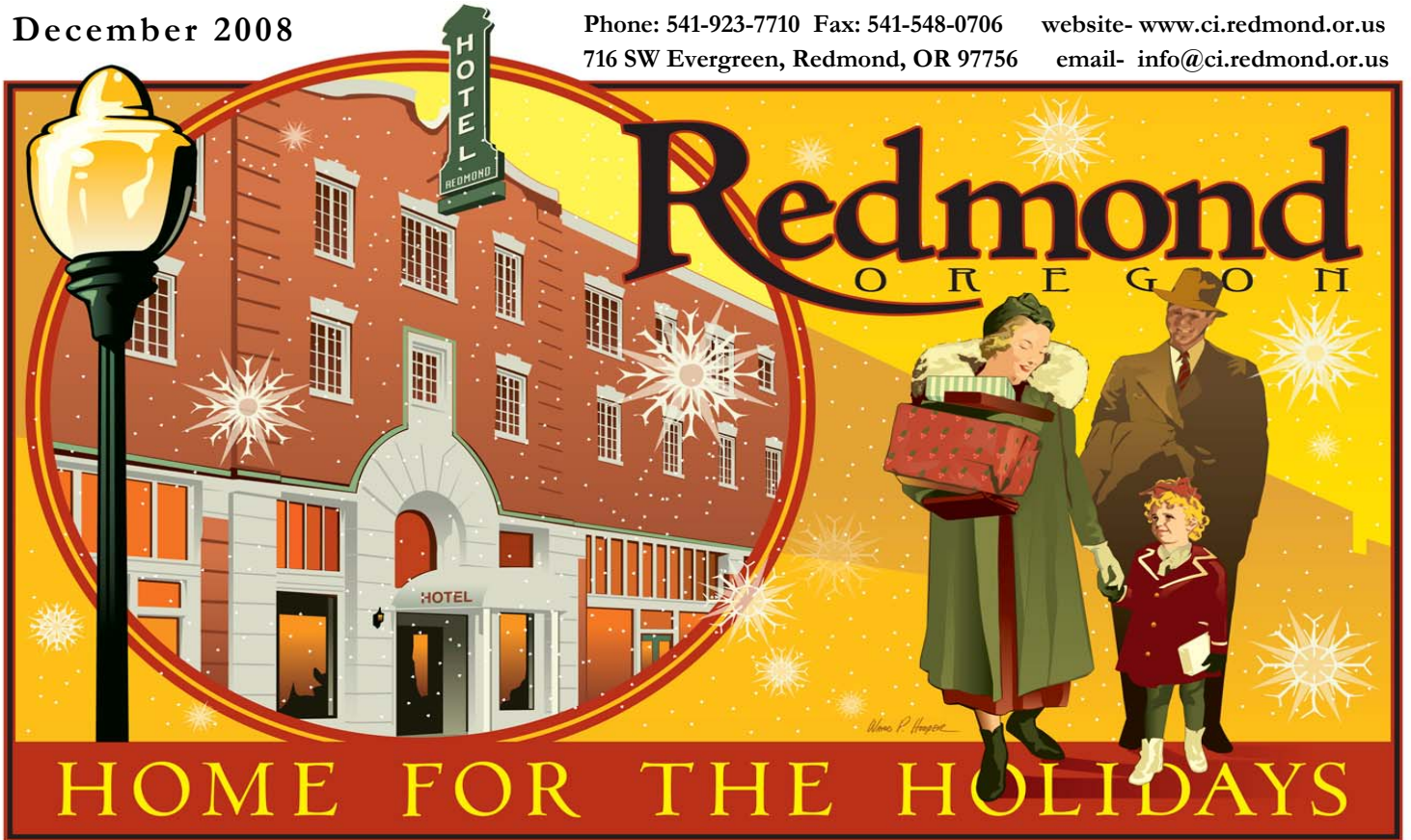


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VISION

The City of Redmond will be a model for northwest communities by being innovative in the creation of a high quality of life, ample family wage jobs and a safe environment in which to raise and educate families.

MISSION

The Mission of the Redmond City Council is to create and maintain community livability.

CORE VALUES

Employees of the City of Redmond recognize that providing the finest **CUSTOMER SERVICE** to our citizens and co-workers is best accomplished through **Integrity, Accountability, Leadership, Creativity and Respect.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the City of Redmond!

The City of Redmond would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This is the time of year to reflect upon our blessings and look toward the New Year with a renewed spirit. The City of Redmond would like to express our appreciation to our employees for their dedicated work through all the transitions in 2008. We are blessed and very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people as employees and co-workers.

We would also like to wish the best to our Community Development Director, Nick Lelack, as he joins Deschutes County and, at the same time, welcome Heather Richards as the Interim Community Development Director.



Have you heard about Redmond Downtown Dollars?

Same as cash! Redmond Downtown Dollars can be used as cash at downtown merchants. Just look for the decal in the window.

In order to promote the program and local shopping, the Redmond Downtown Urban Renewal Agency is giving the Downtown Dollars away for free at events and in programs such as the Redmond Wonka Bars! You can also buy them at a reduced price of \$0.75 per \$1.00. They make the perfect gift for family, friends, and co-workers! Increase the value of your money and support your local community. Available while supplies last!

Downtown Redmond. Who knew!

The New Smoke-Free Workplace

Since 2002, the Oregon Smokefree Workplace Law has protected employees against the harmful effects of secondhand smoke by making most workplaces smokefree. In June 2007, the Oregon legislature passed a law making the Oregon Smokefree Workplace Law even stronger. The new law takes effect January 1, 2009 and requires any business or organization that has one or more employees, or is ever open to the public, to prohibit smoking in the workplace and within 10 feet of all entrances, exits, windows and air intake vents.



Why the Law is Important:

Secondhand smoke causes heart disease, lung cancer and poor respiratory health. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is no known safe level of secondhand smoke exposure. The Smokefree Workplace Law makes sure all

Oregonians can work in a safer and healthier environment.

Employees and the public will be able to report violations of the new law once it takes effect by calling a toll-free number or completing an online complaint form.

Complaints will be investigated and violations pursued.

If your business is not in compliance with the new law by January 1, 2009, you could incur the following fines:

- \$500 per day
- Maximum \$2000 in a 30-day period
- Multiple violations will result in further administrative action.

Christmas

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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T H I S S N O I T A R O C E D H Y
E G G N O G M E H E L H T E B E O
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| ANGEL | FRUITCAKE | MANGER | SNOWFLAKES |
| BELLS | GABRIEL | MARY | SNOWMAN |
| BETHLEHEM | GIFTS | MISTLETOE | STABLE |
| CANDLES | GOLD | MYRRH | STAR |
| CANDY CANE | GREETING CARDS | ORNAMENTS | STOCKING |
| CAROLS | HOLLY | POINSETTIA | THREE WISE MEN |
| DECORATIONS | ICICLES | SANTA | TOBOGGAN |
| EGGNOG | JESUS | SHEPHERDS | TOYS |
| FAMILY | JOSEPH | SKATES | TREE |
| FRANKINCENSE | LIGHTS | SLEIGH | WREATH |
| FRIENDS | | | |

Community Event Calendar

- Dec. 19 thru Jan 4 - No School, Winter Break in Progress
 25 - City Offices CLOSED - Christmas Holiday
 26 - No Coffee Clatter
 Jan. 1 - City offices CLOSED - New Year's Day Holiday
 6 - City Council Meeting. 6:45am
 8 - Joint Workshop with County Commissioners, 7am
 City Council Chambers, City Council Chambers,
 777 SW Deschutes, Redmond
 12 - DURAC Meeting. 5pm
 Redmond Fire Station, 341 NW Dogwood
 13 - City Council Meeting, 6:45am
 13 - City Council Meeting, 7pm
 19 - No School - Martin Luther King Holiday
 19 - City Offices CLOSED - Martin Luther King
 Holiday
 20 - City Council Meeting, 6:45am
 27 - City Council Meeting, 6:45am
 27 - City Council Meeting, 7pm
 30 - No School - Teacher Work Day

Winter Driving Skills Will Soon be Tested



Winter weather brings both beauty and the hazards of bad driving conditions. Fog, rain, snow, sleet and ice each present different challenges for motorists. It is best to stay off the roads when severe conditions occur. However, often you have no choice but to brave the

elements. To help you along your journeys, read these seven guidelines to staying safe and secure this winter season.

- 1. Prepare your car.** Make sure your car is winter worthy by not only checking the standard items such as oil and fluid levels, brakes and tune-ups, but also your heater, battery and hazard lights.
- 2. Watch out for danger zones.** Intersections, hills and curves require special attention.
- 3. Give yourself some space.** It is recommended that drivers keep at least one to two car lengths between themselves and the vehicle in front of them.
- 4. Know how to react to a skid.** Try to shift into neutral, avoid braking, and look and turn the wheel in the direction you would like to go.
- 5. Keep your gas tank full.** Extra weight from a full tank of gas helps stabilize your vehicle in icy conditions.
- 6. Slow down.** This refers to everything you do during tricky winter weather conditions.
- 7. Prepare an emergency kit.** Hopefully you will never need it, but just in case you do, an emergency kit can be a real lifesaver. Load your kit with an ice scaper, jumper cables, heavy work gloves, a small shovel, bottled water, a tow line, de-icer, flares and a flashlight. Some people even carry a bag of kitty litter or gravel to use as traction if stuck.
- 8. Check road conditions,** when traveling over the mountain passes.