



Linn County Juvenile Department Newsletter

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Community Partnerships

"Juvenile Court Welcomes the Honorable James C. Egan"

Judge Egan was sworn in on July 15, 2010 and shortly thereafter was assigned as the juvenile delinquency administrator for Linn County Circuit Court. Judge Egan has been involved with the Juvenile Accountability Court for most of 2011 and as of September of 2011 will preside over the juvenile delinquency docket.

Judge Egan practiced law for 25 years with Kryger, Alexander, Egan, Elmer and Carlson, PC in Albany, Oregon. He graduated in 1985 from UO Law School. Judge Egan is also in charge of civil case administration, probate administration along with his delinquency duties. He will be replacing the Honorable Carl Brumund, who has done an exemplary job of conducting delinquency hearings for the past several years and will go to half time as a result of budget reductions. The department has been fortunate to work with judges who have shown great commitment to the juvenile system with great understanding of the dynamics and differences in the treatment of juvenile offenders.



Judge Egan brings a tremendous amount of energy and hope to his courtroom. He grew up in Tangent, Oregon where he was a self proclaimed juvenile delinquent. "My family life was tumultuous," Judge Egan explains. "There were deputies at my house on occasion because of the abuse issues. I became pretty rebellious and that caused some conflict with the law." Judge Egan brings this unique perspective on youth and family's issues to his courtroom. He has a strong belief that youth and families can change their lives and experience success with some additional guidance from the juvenile court. Sitting in his courtroom you will quickly get a sense of his belief in supporting young people to make changes and holding them accountable for their actions when needed. The department is grateful for the opportunity to work with another judge who is committed to juvenile issues.

Agency News

"NEW Linn County Juvenile Department Website"

In an effort to provide better service to youth, families, and community partners, we have developed a new website!

The new site includes more useful information for our clients and their families, including a general overview of the process once a youth is referred to our department. We've also included links to community resources, the expunction process, contact information for staff, and information on paying fees, fines, and restitution. The Spanish page is a work in progress, and we are adding translated information and documents on an ongoing basis. The new site also includes some informational brochures that we currently give to families in our office. We hope that our new website reflects our commitment to our clients, families, and our community in providing easy access to information and documents to simplify our process. **Special thanks goes out to Tracy Gravette,; Office Manager, Holly Borba; Probation Officer, Albert Papp; Detention Worker, and Shannon Lewis; Probation Officer, for all their time and effort put into the development of the website.*



Please visit the new site; <http://www.co.linn.or.us/juvenile>



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Vision: To provide public safety by helping youth and families achieve positive change.

Mission: To increase public safety by coaching youth and families to make positive choices through education, skill building and community partnerships.



Community Partnerships "The Spirit of Giving starts with You(th)"

Saturday the 19th was another cold, wet, and rainy November day. However, these conditions couldn't dampen the holiday spirit of Juvenile Work Program Officer Drew Crockett, OSU practicum student volunteer Wendy Hagemester, and their work crew of ten youth. These twelve individuals and numerous volunteers from the community turned out Saturday morning at Lebanon's Ralston Park to transform the park into a winter wonderland. The work crew helped decorate the park with over 125,000 lights and 125 three foot tall wooden candy canes. Additionally, each crew member was given the opportunity to put their own personal touch on a tree by sponsoring and decorating it.

This work project was coordinated with Lebanon Police Officer and "Holidays in the Park" Committee Coordinator Dala Johnson. Dala has been a strong supporter of the Juvenile Department's Work Crew Program and has been great to work with over the years. For the youth's efforts on this project she made sure they were provided with a very sincere thank you from her and community volunteers, as well as a gift bag, lunch, and an open invitation to help out in the future.

The annual tree lighting has been a tradition going strong since the mid Eighties, when a local resident had the vision of turning the park's towering cedar tree into a community Christmas tree. The basis for the community Christmas tree was a way to lift holiday spirits during harsh economic times, which holds as true today as it did then.

The tree lighting ceremony occurred on Saturday December 3rd, however, the park will remain decorated throughout the holidays.

