



Tradin' Crows

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City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings:

4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other meetings

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

- Cliff Combs
- Vacant
- Robert Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Earl Shamblin
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- John Schaeffer
- Don Daugherty
- JoAnne Mead
- Shirley O'Gara
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Bill Jones

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Ken Lewis

Public Works Director/City Engineer: John Krawczyk

City Council Update

The City Council held their regular meeting on December 18, 2014 due to the Christmas Holiday and opened with committee reports and continued on with the following agenda items:

- Agreements with the Joint Negotiation of Charter Communications Franchise and the Rogue Valley Council of Governments
- Canvassing the votes of the November 4, 2014 General Election
- Approving the budget calendar and appointing City Administrator Mark Reagles as the Budget Officer for the 2015-2016 budget
- Accepting Resignations from Planning Commissioners Don Daugherty and Bill Jones
- Appointing Evan Goeglein to Position No. 2 of the Planning Commission
- Reappointments of Dean Stirm and Don Collins to the Budget Committee
- Allowing a Leave of Absence for Planning Commissioner Shirley O'Gara

In January the staff will be busy updating water and sewer fees and land lease agreements. These rates are calculated by using the Consumer Price Index. The Budget Officer will be starting the process of preparing the 2015-2016 Budget for approval by June 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mayor and City Council are still looking to fill the vacated Council Position No 2. Applications are available at City Hall during normal working hours. If you have lived in the City limits for one-year and are interested in volunteering time to your community please stop by City Hall and pick up an application. Also, with the recent General Election the Planning Commission is losing two members so applications are being accepting for Alternate positions.

Thank you to the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce for the wonderful holiday decorations. We were blessed with the clear and cool weather for the Tree Lighting Event and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus leaving the City glowing with holiday spirit.

The Mayor and City Council's next project is to review the 1996 Strategic Plan and hold Town Hall Meetings to get the citizens input and direction for future development of the City. Keep your eyes and ears open for the dates, times and locations. We will post announcements around town and in the local newspapers.

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**To you and your families
from all of us at the
Rogue River City Hall and
Police Department**

JANUARY 2015						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			HAPPY NEW YEAR	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	MLK Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
FEBRUARY 2015						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Scheduled Events January 2015

1st	CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY	
7th	9:00am	Sign Review Board
	10:00am	Safety Committee
12th	6:00pm	Municipal Court
13th	10:00am	Planning Commission Workshop
14th	6:30pm	Tree City Committee
15th	10:00am	City Council Workshop
	2:30pm	Finance Committee
19th	CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	
21st	9:00am	Sign Review Board
22nd	7:00pm	City Council Meeting
27th	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
30th	2:30pm	Finance Committee

Mayor's Corner

With the new year here, this might be a good time to talk about disaster preparedness. If you haven't done anything yet, now is a good time to get started! Here are a few tips and suggestions:

- Sit down with your family and make a plan. Where will you meet if you're not all at home?
- Put together an emergency "go" kit. This can be as simple as a flashlight with extra batteries, drinking water, basic first aid kit, radio and non-perishable food for at least 3 days. If you're out and about as much as I am, your odds of being at home when a disaster occurs are lower so consider keeping your go bag in your trunk.
- Know your neighborhood and know your neighbors. Do you have elderly neighbors that may require assistance in an emergency? Or neighbors with special needs? Do you know all routes out in case your usual route is blocked?
- A great place to get additional "go" kit ideas are www.ready.gov/kit. We also have some excellent information on the counter at city hall.

Even if you don't believe all of the predictions about a significant earthquake, we live in a community subject to floods and forest fires, so being prepared for ANY emergency just makes sense. But most importantly, relying on and caring for one another will be our greatest strength in any kind of crisis situation.

May the New Year bring you good health, simple pleasures, and much love.

Respectfully Yours,

Mayor Pam

Winter Driving Tips: Make sure you have a tune-up, a full tank of gas, and fresh anti-freeze.

You should carry the following items in your trunk:

- Shovel, ice scraper and snow brush
- Jumper cables
- Tow and tire chains
- Bag of salt or cat litter
- Working flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Wooden stick matches in a waterproof container
- Supplies to keep you warm such as heavy woolen mittens, socks, a cap and blankets
- Foods like canned nuts, dried fruits, hard candy and water

If You Become Stranded...

- Do not leave your car unless you know exactly where you are, how far it is to possible help, and are certain you will improve your situation
- If you are sure the car's exhaust pipe is not blocked, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes every hour or so depending upon the amount of gas in the tank. Keep at least one window open slightly for fresh air

