



Tradin' Crows

October 2017 Edition



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:

- Vacant
- Fred England
- Robert Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- Rick Kempa
- Cindy England
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Carolyn Riley
- Dean Stirm
- Carolyn Riley

City Administrator:

Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Chris

Snyder

Public Works Director: Mike Bollweg



City Council Update



The September City Council meeting began with City Administrator Mark Reagles delivering the Invocation, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor and City Councilors gave their committee reports then heard public input from Wanda Nesbitt updating everyone on the new mural being painted on the drive thru of the Rogue River Pharmacy. She reported that they had raised all the money to complete the project and was very excited for it to begin. She presented the City a sketch of the mural that can be seen at City Hall.

The agenda for the meeting consisted of one item. It was an Oregon Liquor Control Commission Liquor License Application for an additional privilege of Off-Premise Sales for Paisano's Italian Kitchen at 510 East Main Street. The applicants were the owners James & Roxanne Southwick. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next workshops are scheduled for Thursday, October 5th and October 19th at 10:00 am and the Regular Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 pm. *Hope to see you there!*

HALLOWEEN IN ROGUE RIVER: City Hall and the Police Department will be participating in the local business "Halloween Trick-or-Treat" event on Tuesday, October 31st starting at

3:00 p.m. Safe House locations will be sponsored the Kiwanis at the Live Oak Grange from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the Veterans at the VFW Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Rogue River Fire Department will be providing hayrides from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



The Mayor, City Council and Staff are sad to announce they have lost a very important member of our City family. Over the Labor Day Weekend, Public Works Water Treatment Plant Operator, **Tom Farrell** passed away peacefully in his sleep. As we are all still in shock we offer our deepest sympathy and heartfelt blessings to his wife Beth and family. Tom's passing is a huge loss for our community.

Tom's first involvement with the City was by being appointed for a short time as a Planning Commissioner, he then applied for a position in Public Works and was hired. When Tom wasn't working at the water or waste water treatment plant he could be seen working on the streets, in a park, directing traffic, vacuuming leaves, digging out or placing a water meter. He also oversaw the installation of infrastructure for new developments. Tom loved giving the

DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES TRICK-OR-TREAT

Tuesday, October 31st
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pick up your Trick-or-Treat Bag and a map at City Hall



| October 2017 | | | | | | |
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“Mayor’s Corner”



CONGRATULATIONS to our City Recorder, Carol Weir, for receiving The President’s Award of Distinction at the 2017 Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders conference last week! I’ve been nominating her for Recorder of the Year these past few years but this year I discovered that there was also an Award of Distinction so I nominated her for both. Thank you to the Councilor’s, Citizen’s Advisory Committee and everyone else who wrote letters of support to present with my nomination. For over 30-years, Carol has been an integral part of our city and I’m so happy that she received this much-deserved recognition for her dedication and commitment to her profession and our community. Stop on by City Hall and congratulate her in person!



Ride the Rogue had a beautiful weekend for their event and from the reports that I’ve heard, it was a success. The money raised will help to continue to maintain and expand the Rogue River Greenway.

Don’t forget the Community Fair at the Rogue River Fire District on North River Road on October 7th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. This is a fun-filled event for the whole family so bring the kids, get your flu shot and enjoy some time with our fire and rescue personnel.

And of course, Halloween will be here at the end of the month so keep your eyes open for those little trick-or-treaters - some of them will have masks on that could make it hard for them to see you so please be extra careful driving that evening.

I almost forgot to mention how VERY HAPPY I am to welcome Autumn and say goodbye to the blistering heat of summer! Here’s a little poem that encapsulates that sentiment:



*Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam*

Scheduled Meetings October 2017

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| 4th | 9:00am | Sign Review Board | |
| | 10:00am | Safety Committee | |
| 5th | 9:00am | Personnel Committee | |
| | 10:00am | Council/Staff Workshop | |
| 10th | 10:00am | Planning Commission Workshop | |
| 11th | 6:30pm | Tree City Committee | |
| 13th | 2:00pm | Finance Committee | |
| 17th | 10:00am | Police Commission | |
| 18th | 9:00am | Sign Review Board | |
| 19th | 10:00am | Council/Staff Workshop | |
| 24th | 6:00pm | Planning Commission Meeting | |
| 26th | 6:00pm | Council Advisory Committee | |
| | 7:00pm | Council Meeting | |
| 30th | 2:00pm | Finance Committee | |
| First week in November | | | |
| 1st | 9:00am | Sign Review Board | |
| | 10:00 am | Safety Committee | |
| 2nd | 9:30am | Personnel Committee | |
| | 10:00am | Council/Staff Workshop | |

Fall is Here!

AND, IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

Fall is here and with that leaves begin to drop. We will start picking up leaves in the City on October 23rd. This service will continue through December 29th. Please call 541-582-4401 to schedule a pickup. This is for **LEAVES ONLY**, no grass, animal droppings, tree limbs, rocks or household garbage. The City has a leaf vacuum, and would like to utilize that as much as possible. All piles of leaves should be in an area accessible within the reach of the 6-foot vacuum hose, but not behind fences, on the sidewalk or in the gutter.



Please do not rake the leaves into open ditches.

The City will also pick up leaves in bags, and if you need bags, stop by City Hall and pick up some. Remember, if you cannot pick up the bag after you have filled it, it is most likely too heavy for our employees to pick up.

Energize Rogue: An Opportunity to Save Energy & Money

This Fall, Rogue River homeowners and businesses will have a unique opportunity to reduce utility bills and save energy by upgrading their heating and cooling systems.

Funded by a USDA Rural Business Development Grant, Energize Rogue is a limited-time energy efficiency program that reduces the regular price of a ductless heat pump system, simplifies the entire installation process for customers, and provides guidance on incentives, rebates and financing. Ductless heat pumps are highly efficient zonal heating and cooling systems that use 25-50 percent less energy than traditional electric heating systems, heat spaces more evenly, and provide air conditioning in summer.

Program participants can benefit from considerable savings. In addition to a discounted purchase price and lower long-term utility bills, Pacific Power customers may qualify for \$800 - \$1,000 in cash rebates through the Energy Trust of Oregon, if upgrading from another electric heat source. Residential customers may also qualify for state tax credits.

The first step for eligibility is to attend a free, 1-hour workshop taking place in Jackson and Josephine Counties this fall. Participants will learn about ductless heat pumps, cost savings associated with the technology, and incentives and rebates from installation professionals and program partners.

Questions? Call 541.236.5027. Register in advance online at <http://energizerogue.org/>.

