



# Tradin' Crows

August 2023 Edition



## City of Rogue River

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## City Hall Hours:

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

## City Council Meetings:

4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 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:

- Sharie Davis
- Vacant
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory



## Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Jonna Strauss
- Debbie Kenny
- Mark Minegar
- Sharen Lea Rockefeller

**City Administrator:** Ryan Nolan

**Chief of Police:** Jim Williams

**Public Works Director:** Michael Bollweg



## City Council Update ...



Mayor VanArsdale opened the meeting by hold a Moment of Silence and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the City Councilor's gave their committee reports the following items on the agenda were handled:

1 Approved an Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code Title 5.20, regulating Garage Sales for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

2 Approved an Ordinance repealing Ordinances No. 07-336-O and 08-351-O, and replacing Rogue River Municipal Code 10.25, regulating the use of skateboards, skates, scooters, and similar devices for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

3 A Public Hearing was held to hear comments regarding a request to annex property located in the Urban Growth Boundary at 230 Wards Creek Road, Rogue River, and be rezoned to Residential High-Density (R-2). Applicant/ Owner: J. Galt Properties.

4 Approved the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Sharen Lea Rockefeller as an Alternate on the Planning Commission.

5 Approved the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Lorrie Williams to Position No. 2 on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

6 Declared and directed staff to dispose of the following items as surplus property:

- Sound system component with wooden cabinet
- Used microphones and sound cables
- Small wheeled metal typewriter desk
- Media cart with television and VCR
- Printer stand with racks
- Retractable presentation screen

**The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**



**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE CHANGES:** During last months meeting the City Council approved eliminating permit for garage sales. Though some of the same rules still exist. The major changes were that all signs shall be located so that they do not obstruct or impair vision clearance, do not impair pedestrian traffic, and do not impair vehicular traffic. Sidewalk clearance of at least 4-feet shall be maintained at all times to accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, etc. And, all signs must be removed by the end of the day of the sale. These new rules will eventually be available on the City's website.

**REMEMBER TO LOOK FOR CHILDREN WHILE  
THEY'RE WALKING BACK AND FORTH TO  
SCHOOL! BE ADVISED THAT PATROL OFFICERS  
WILL BE PATROLLING IN THE AREA DURING  
THIS TIME!**

November 7, 2023 Election



## "The Mayor's Corner"

Well the summer seems to be zipping by – hard to believe it's nearly time for school to start again! If you planted a vegetable garden this year, this is a busy month of harvesting your bounty and putting it up for the winter months ahead. I freeze more than I can these days, even berries for jam go in the freezer until the weather cools off and then I don't mind having a canning kettle boiling on the stove.

A great big THANK YOU to Fire District 1 and all the other agencies that responded to the fire at the mill last week. They quickly had it extinguished and fortunately it wasn't quite so breezy that afternoon as it has been. It was a good reminder how important it is to have a plan in place. Ryan, our City Administrator, and I have been talking with our Fire Chief and the Jackson County Emergency Manager about things we can do here in Rogue River and updating our Emergency Operations Plan is first on the list. Becoming a "Firewise Community" is another task that I'd like us to consider. I'll have more information coming on what that involves and how you, the citizens of Rogue River can get involved.

**Respectfully Yours, Mayor Pam**

*And from the hot field's farthest edge  
The cricket's soft refrain  
With mellow accent tells the tale  
That August's here again.  
— Helen Maria Winslow (1851–1931)*





**Did You Know!**

**ALERT!!!** Now that we are in high to extreme fire danger I was alerted to the fact that home fire pits whether on patios, decks or concrete driveways can only be used if propane.

Wood or charcoal are not allowed. They are a high risk to the slightest breeze of spreading hot embers.

Please be careful out there and have good, safe, fun this summer.



**Do you need help paying your water and sewer bill?**

**ACCESS can help.**

ACCESS has extended their funding through September 30th.

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program is available to help eligible households pay their water and wastewater bills.

**Contact the ACCESS Energy Assistance Department at:  
541-779-9020**

### **Important Information on Protecting your Water Supply!**

In the heat of the summer water demand is high, and not just in our community but in the areas that surround our community. With those demands the likelihood of water being taken from our system by *Unauthorized Users* is extremely high. It is not just the theft of the water that creates an issue, when an illegal hauler hooks up to the system they can put the safety of the water system and its users at risk. The potential for an illegal "**cross connection**" (the ability of water that is not potable or SAFE! to be introduced into our drinking water system) is a serious concern. The public should be aware of the following as guidelines for us all to be an active member in protecting our drinking water supply and recourses. If you see a water tanker taking water from a hydrant, the water tanker should be marked and have clear identification as to whom the hauler is. Please report any suspicious activity that might suggest that water is being illegally taken from the City's water system. Any authorized use to withdraw water from our system will have trained personnel authorized by the City to hook up to our system and the hydrant will have a meter and backflow prevention device in place to protect our drinking water system from contaminants (pictured to the left is a typical installation).



**Never** fill a portable water container from your home by a hose, this is a serious cross connection hazard as well if the system was to lose pressure the potential contaminants in the tank you are filling would be drawn into the City's water supply. If you suspect an illegal connection to our water system call the City at (541) 582-4401 or Law Enforcement at 541-582-4931 immediately.

***You are the front line in protecting public health.***

**August 2023**



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**September 2023**

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### **Scheduled Meetings August 2023**

1st	9:00 am	Safety Committee
3rd	9:00 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
8th	10:00 am	Planning Commission
10th	11:00 am	Tree City Committee
17th	10:00 pm	Council/Staff Workshop
	11:30 am	Finance Committee
22nd	10:00 am	Planning Commission
24th	4:30 pm	Citizen Advisory Committee
	5:00 pm	Finance Committee
	6:00 pm	City Council

### **Second Week in September**

4th	CLOSED	Labor Day
5th	9:00 AM	Safety Committee
7th	9:00 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
	11:30 am	Finance Committee

