



Tradin' Crows

March 2023 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Staffing Hours:

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

City Council Meetings:

4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm
in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

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

See Calendar (page 2) for all meetings

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

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

Planning Commissioners:

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

City Administrator: Nolan Ryan

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update

The February City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pam VanArsdale, who lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. After hearing the committee reports from the Mayor and City Councilors they took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Continued the Revocation Hearing CUP 2021-03, regarding potential revocation of CUP 2016-03, a conditional use permit approving warehouse, production, and delivery of ice for failure to comply with conditions of approval. Subject property is 499 East Main Street, applicant HRP, LLC.
- 2 Continued an Appeal of Planning Commission denial of SIT 2022-08, a Site Plan Review for a

12- unit multi-family complex for property at 499 East Main Street, applicant HRP, LLC.

- 3 Adopted the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget Goals and Policies.
- 4 Appointed City Administrator Ryan Nolan as the 2023-2024 budget officer.
- 5 Declared certain outdated police equipment as surplus property.

The next scheduled City Council meeting is on Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT: We are looking to fill an elected position on the City Council and two citizen positions on the Budget Committee. The first Budget meeting is being held on Thursday, April 13th at 3:00 p.m. We are also taking applications for an Alternate Position on the Planning Commission. Information for these positons can be obtained from the City Recorder at City Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The Rogue River Kiwanis is happy to announce they will be holding their 2023 Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th beginning at 10:00 a.m. The event is for children 10 and under - Special Eggs Win Prizes - Special Toddler Area for children 5 and under - Free Hot Chocolate, Coffee & Donuts - Donations accepted



ARBOR DAY IS COMING!!!

Rogue River's celebrating **40-Years** of being designated a "Tree City USA"

The Celebration of the tree planting with the Rogue River Elementary School students will be on Thursday, April 6th at 12:30 pm in Palmerton Park!



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AVISTA reminds you safe digging is no accident; Call 811 Before You Dig



Before beginning any outdoor digging project, call 811 at least two business days before you dig. Calling 811 will get a professional locator to your site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines. There is a two-foot tolerance zone on each side of the line, and it is required to hand dig to determine the precise location of the utility in this tolerance zone. This service is free. Remember, you may have your own utilities that require a Private Locate request at 811.

Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you from injury, prevent damages to utilities and service disruptions, and avoid potential fines and repair costs. Underground utility lines can be just about anywhere, so keeping your shovel in the shed or garage and calling 811 first is a smart move (and it's the law).

Every digging job requires a call - even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Here are just a few examples of when to call:

- Installing a rural mailbox • Putting in a fence •
- Planting a tree or shrubbery • Building a patio or deck •
- Excavating a new garden area •

Call 811 or go to www.digsafelyoregon.com



MAYOR'S CORNER



It's a pleasure and a privilege to be writing the Mayor's Corner once again!

We're still looking for Budget Committee members as well as applicants for the vacant City Council seat. If you've considered applying for the Council position but can't attend our daytime workshop meetings due to a job or other commitments, the Council is open to changing those to evening meetings. No prior experience is necessary.

I hope to see a good turn out for our Town Hall Meeting on March 16th, which will be at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. The sole purpose is to discuss the current term limits for Mayor and Council and determine if there's enough interest in changing or removing those limits.

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."

- Henry Van Dyke, Fisherman's Luck

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



From the Desk of the Police Chief:

As stated in RRMC 12.25.020 C. No person shall permit any dog to run at large within any public park or on public land, including streets and sidewalks, and all dogs shall be kept in control on a **leash** at all times. Owners of dogs or other animals damaging or destroying park property or public land will be held liable for the full value of property damaged or destroyed. No dogs or animals shall be allowed in any building except seeing eye dogs. Owners of dogs that defecate on public property shall be responsible for cleaning up and depositing the material in the proper containers provided. *Please leash your dog when walking in town.*

From the Desk of the Public Works Director:

How should Fats, Oil & Grease (FOG) be handled at home?

To dispose of FOG properly, follow these simple steps:

- Never pour FOG into your sink or toilet
- Pour FOG into a can - a coffee can works well
- Place a lid over the top
- Store it to be reused until full
- When the can is full, throw it in the trash
- When there is FOG residue in a pan or on a dish, wipe it with a paper towel before washing and throw that towel in the trash
- Also, place a strainer in the kitchen sink drain to catch food scraps and other solids, then empty the strainer into the trash

PLEASE!!! If you see anyone dumping anything into a storm drain report it immediately to City Hall or the Police Department!

Fuel Reduction around homes and property to reduce the risk of wildfire!

"NOW" is the time for homeowners and tenants to do the work that may best protect our community from wildfire. Research points to home destruction vs. home survival in wildfires point to embers and small flames as the main way that majority of homes ignite in wildfires. Embers are burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind can cause spot fires and ignite home, debris and other objects. Please follow the HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST with simple steps from roof to foundation to make a home safer from embers and radiant heat! That could cause a wildfire;

1. **Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves and needles.**
2. **Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles.**
3. **Reduce embers that could pass through vents and eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening.**
4. **Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows.**
5. **Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustibles materials from accumulating.**
6. **Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors-mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles-anything that can burn!**
7. **Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.**

For more information and details visit **FIREWISE.ORG**

We strongly encourage all to do your part to protect yourselves, your homes and our community from fire! The City of Rogue River staff will be hanging notices for vegetation issues as time permits.

"The City of Rogue River is a beautiful Community, do your part to protect it from wildfires"