



Tradin' Crows

May 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 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council/Staff 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
- Vacancy
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

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

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

Happy Mother's Day City Council Update

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED

Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the April meeting with a Moment of Silence then led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Council Committee reports were heard the City Council took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Approved a Resolution adopting rules of procedure for all City Commissions, Committees, Council Liaisons, and Official City Representatives for the City of Rogue River, Oregon
- 2 Approved a request from Southern Oregon Sanitation for a general rate increase of 8.5% to the customers of Rogue River, Oregon
- 3 Approved a request from the Rogue River Kiwanis and the Rooster Crow committee to be a sponsor for the 70th Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest and to hang the Rooster Crow banner across Depot Street from May 15 to June 27, 2023

- 4 Approved a request from Deputy Recorder Stephanie Madtson for Out-of-State training at the Northwest Clerks Institute for Municipal Clerks Certification and Professional Development in Tacoma, Washington and the cost associated with June 4-9, 2023

- 5 Continued an appointment to the Citizen's Advisory Committee

- 6 Mayor VanArsdale read the following Proclamations:
 - Professional Municipal Clerks Week during May 1-6, 2023
 - National Police Week & Peace Officers Memorial Day during May 5-11, 2023

The City Council is still accepting applications for both the vacancies on the City Council and Planning Commission. Applications are available at City Hall.

8.05.300 Noxious Vegetation and Debris - WEEDS

No owner or person in control or possession of property may permit weeds or other noxious vegetation to grow upon his property. It is the duty of an owner or person in control or possession of property to cut down or to destroy weeds or other noxious vegetation from becoming unsightly or from becoming a fire hazard or from maturing or going to seed.

A. The term "noxious vegetation" does not include vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop unless that vegetation is a health hazard or a fire or traffic hazard within the meaning of subsection (B) of this section.

B. The term "noxious vegetation" includes:

1. Weeds more than 10- inches high.
2. Grass more than 10-inches high.

More information next month.



PERMIT COST: \$2.00

Each permit allows you to hold a 3-consecutive day garage/yard sale and allows you up to 4-sales per year. Signs must be posted on private property with permission from the property owner. It is illegal to post ANY sign on a utility pole, stop sign, or sidewalk by anyone other than the City or a Utility Company. Signs posted that are not in compliance will be removed by the City. *Violators of the Code can be cited into Court.*

The 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available at www.cityofrogueriver.org

This report informs you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ROGUE RIVER

You just turned
111 years old!



Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was initiated to honor the soldiers for the Union and Confederate armies who died during the American Civil War.

Celebrations honoring Civil War heroes started the year after the war ended. The establishment of a public holiday was meant to unify the celebration as a national day of remembrance instead of a holiday celebrated separately by the Union and Confederate states. By the late 19th century, the holiday became known as Memorial Day and was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday.

Join the Mayor, City Council and Staff in observing Memorial Day by remembering those that have given their lives to protect us and protect our freedom.

May 2023						
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June 2023						
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**Scheduled Meetings
May 2023**

2nd	9:00 am	Safety Committee
3rd	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
4th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
9th	6:30 pm	Planning Commission
10th	6:00 pm	Tree City Committee
15th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
17th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
18th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
23rd	10:00 am	Planning Commission Meeting
24th	4:30 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
29th	MEMORIAL DAY – City Hall Closed	
33th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
First week in June 2023		
1st	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop

MAYOR'S CORNER

The Council and I recently revamped the Citizen Advisory Committee and it now includes residents from both inside and outside of the city limits. The new boundary is the same as the Rogue River School District 35 boundary. There are a few openings so if you're interested and live anywhere in the Rogue River School District, stop by city hall for an application.

We've had some discussion about offering online bill pay and will continue to review some different options at our May 4th workshop. It's my hope that we'll make a decision this month and have it available for those who want to use it within the next few months.

*Oh! fragrant is the breath of May
In tranquil garden closes,
And soft yet regal is her sway
Among the springtide roses.*
-William Hamilton Hayne (1856-1929)



Respectfully Yours, Mayor Pam

SPRING TRASH CLEAN-UP

The City of Rogue River along with Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) will be conducting their annual Spring Trash Clean Up on

Friday, May 26, 2023

This is a free service provided by the City and SOS to encourage city resident's to clean their property and garages prior to the Rooster Crow weekend. **We have included a small flyer with the requirements and restrictions for your trash pick up.**

Remember, the City only stops by once at each address to pick up starting at 7:00 a.m.

We suggest you have your items out the night before.



For more SOS disposal information go to:
<https://www.sosanitation.com/waste-disposal-guide/>

**Announcing Rogue River's 70th Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest
Weekend Event - June 23-25, 2023**



The Rogue River Kiwanis Club and the Rooster Crow Committee with the assistance of the City of Rogue River is hosting the annual "70th Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest" weekend beginning with a dinner at the Rogue River Community Center on Friday evening and followed with live entertainment at the Woodville Museum Gazebo. Saturday morning starts with the Parade at 10 a.m. followed with the Cal-Ore Hydroplane Boat Racers qualifications, at 2 p.m. is the Human Crow which is judged by the audience and then at 2:30 p.m. the Rooster Crowing Contest will

begin and the day will end with live entertainment by the Old Time Fiddlers. Sunday morning we will be holding Church in the Park officiated by Pastor Coale from the Cowboy Church, the Cal-Ore Hydroplane Boat Racers will be holding their official races and the Rooster Crow Car Show where up to 100 pre-1975 vintage cars and pickups will be displayed along Pine Street in downtown Rogue River from 9am to 2pm. Music, raffles and Sponsor Plaques will be presented by the Sponsors' choice, "Best of Show" will be picked by judges and "Peoples' Choice" will be voted on by the spectators. Raffles will be held during the event. Live entertainment, craft and food vendors will be on First Street and the Umpqua Bank parking lot on both days. For more information about any of the events you can contact John Krawczyk at (541) 660-6162 and to sign up for the parade, for vendor opportunities or to pre-register your pre-1975 car or pickup in the car show stop by or call Carol Weir at City Hall (541) 582-4401 ext. 102 or email her at cweir@cityofrogueriver.org.

Our Home Town Charms

Did you know?

Anna Classick Bicentennial Park on Pine Street has had some wonderful additions in the last two years. The Tennis Court had a makeover and looks great. A Pickle Ball Court was added and oh, what fun! It definitely gets a lot of use. This brought a much needed Kiddie Playground. Under the direction of staff and the help of the National Guard a nice one was put in. It has fun equipment for the littles ones to play on. Come check it out.

Thanks to our awesome employees and volunteers there are more surprises to come. We will keep all of you updated.

P.S. Correction from last month: There are actually three bears, not two, in the wood carvings, one is just hiding.

