



Tradin' Crows

November 2023 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday from 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 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
- Grace Howell
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

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

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



City Council Update



Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the October meeting with a Moment of Silence then everyone proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the City councilors delivered their committee reports they took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Approved Council Bill No. 23-2473, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 22-417-0, the purchasing policy for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 2 Approved Council Bill No. 23-2474, an Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code Title 17.90, Storm and Surface Water Management for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 3 The City Council held a Public Hearing for the consideration of a Change to a Zoning Designation, Planning File No. 2023-01.

4 Approved the Planning Commission's recommendation to re zone property described as Township 36 West, Range 4 West, Section 22B, Tax Lot 502 located at 5450 North River Road.

5 Approved renewing the Retainer Agreement between Michael Franel and the City of Rogue River effective November 1, 2023.

6 Reviewed the minutes as submitted for the Council Advisory Committee on September 28, 2023 and the Tree City Committee on October 12, 2023.

Due to the November holiday schedule the next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m.



To those in uniform serving today, those who have served in the past, those who will serve in the future, and to their families you are our Heroes.

**WE HONOR YOU TODAY
AND EVERY DAY!**

To All Veterans



An Update on the Water Meter and Fire Hydrant Replacement Program

We are working with the supplier to finish the meter project. They are adjusting the antenna's and meters are being inspected. Some changes are being made so you may find that their workers or the City staff are working in your area installing the last of the antenna's or making adjustments. Soon staff will be addressing the meter box's that were no replaced or not installed correctly. As for the Fire Hydrants we are still waiting for supplies.

An Update on building of the new Reservoir

We recently contracted with a new Engineer who will be now be overseeing this project and hopefully we will see some headway in the Spring of 2024.

Please help make this Christmas Special for Families in our Community!

The Rogue River Community Christmas Partners who consist of the Rogue River's Community Center, Kiwanis, Tailholt Hope and the many volunteers invite everyone to help make Christmas a little bit sweeter for some local families. Their focus is to ensure that those in our community needing a little extra help has a Christmas dinner and that the children receive clothing and gifts from Santa. They're looking for such items but not limited to: food, household basics, toiletries, new toys, gift certificates, and gifts for all ages. This project serves an average of 80 to 100 low income families. Barrels are located around town, one being in the City Hall lobby for your convenience so stop by and pick a list of recommended items. If you have any questions you can contact the Rogue River Community Center at 541-585-0609.



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"Mayor's Corner"

And just like that the year is nearly over! It's been a busy 2023 for your City Council and me. We still hope to be able to bring an online bill pay option to you before the end of the year but making sure we're able to do that securely has meant some tech upgrades to our computer systems. With any luck, that's close to being completed.

I'm happy to tell you that the game tables for Rooster Park have arrived and will be installed this Spring. That includes a concrete ping pong table with a metal net so all you'll need to bring are paddles and balls. We are also getting some concrete cornhole equipment! I've just recently played cornhole for the first time and I think it will be a great addition to the park.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope you will take a moment to appreciate the many blessings, large and small in your lives. I am so grateful to live in Rogue River. Thank you to ALL of those that help make our town a community. From all our city employees, volunteers, Police Department, Fire District, local business owners and each and every citizen, we are truly blessed!

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



*The soft November days are here,
The aftermath of blossom's year.
—Sara Louisa Oberholtzer (1841–1930)*

Scheduled Events November 2023

3rd	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
	11:00 am	Finance Committee
7th	9:00 am	Safety Committee
9th	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee
10th	Closed in	OBSERVANCE of VETERANS DAY
14th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
16th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
	11:00 am	Finance Committee
	4:30 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
24th	Closed in	OBSERVANCE of THANKSGIVING
25th	Closed in	OBSERVANCE of THANKSGIVING
28th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
30th	11:00 am	Finance Committee
December 2023		
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PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST FROZEN & BURST PIPES



Prepare today:

Identify the main water shut-off to your home or business and try it before you have to use it. There should be a valve between your building and the water meter at the street. Call City Hall if you need assistance in locating your shutoff. **DO NOT** use the City turn off valve located between the meter and street.

Insulate pipes in your breeze way, crawl spaces and attic. These exposed pipes are the most susceptible to freezing.

Wrap vulnerable pipes with heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables. Be sure to use products that are UL-approved, and follow manufacturer's instructions.

Seal leaks with caulk or insulation to keep cold air from coming in near pipes, especially around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes.

IT'S LEAF PICK-UP TIME AGAIN!!!

Our Goal is to prevent leaves from entering our streets and storm drains. Why? Leaves clog our drains and cause flooding. When not removed, leaves will rot and release phosphorous into our waterways and cause dangerous algal blooms. These blooms are dangerous to fish, wildlife, and overall water health. The City's Leaf Pick-up Program starts on November 1, 2023 and will continue through December 31, 2023.

REMEMBER:

This is for **LEAVES ONLY**, no grass, pine needles, animal droppings, tree limbs, rocks or household garbage will be picked up. If you find that your leaves were not picked up it could be for one of these reasons. The City has a new leaf vacuum and we would like to utilize it 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. We have found that raking your leaves onto a tarp and pulling it out to the front of your property works well. Also, **WET LEAVES** are hard for the vacuum to pick-up. **DO NOT** blow the leaves into the street.

PLEASE DO NOT RAKE THE LEAVES INTO OPEN DITCHES!

The City will also pick up leaves in bags. Leaf bags are available at City Hall. If you're providing your own bags please make sure they are at least 1.5-mil thick and no larger than 33-gallon in size. A sure way to tell if the bag is the right size and not filled to full, if you cannot pick up the bag after you have filled it, it is most likely too heavy for our employees to pick up.

This is just another attempt the City makes to keep our Storm Drains clear and flowing freely during the winter months.

Did You Know?

The Bears are Back!! All 16 Bears are back and placed around our town. These bears are decorated, embellished, and painted by local artists. They call the City of Rogue River home from October to the New Year. Please come by City Hall and pick up a map showing the location of each bear and their names. You may want to show them off to your visiting families through out the Holidays! Enjoy the start of the Holiday Season.

