



Tradin' Crows

October 2023 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:

Are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

Are held on the 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:

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

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Mike Bollweg

City Council Update

Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the September City Council meeting and a moment of silence she led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. After hearing the committee reports from the Mayor and City Councilors they deliberated on the following agenda items:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 Approved an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 22-417-O, the Purchasing Policy for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 2 Approved an Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code 17.90, Storm and Surface Water Management for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 3 Approved the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Grace Howell to City Council Position No. 2.

4 Approve to authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the Low-Income Housing Water Assistance (LIHWA) Agreement facilitated through ACCESS to extend the program to March 31, 2024.

5 Approved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Wards Creek Restoration Project.

6 Review the minutes of the Tree City Committee held on September 14, 2023 and the Citizens Advisory meeting held on August 24, 2023

The Mayor and City Council would like to Welcome everyone to join them at the next City Council Meeting on October 26th at 6:00 p.m.



Election Day is November 7, 2023

REMEMBER, sidewalk's are your responsibility!

As a citizen it's your responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear for pedestrian traffic. This is a good time to trim back your bushes, hedges, and trees over the sidewalks and rake any fallen leaves making it easier for people to walk without having to walk out into the street.



The Bears are headed back to Rogue River!



17.65.025 Overnight use of motor vehicles

- A. The overnight use of motor vehicles for camping and living purposes is prohibited within the city limits, except as provided in subsections (B) and (C) of this section. In addition to the definition provided in state law, "motor vehicle" shall include any camping trailer, recreational vehicle or boat parked on a trailer which may not be used for overnight sleeping.
- B. The overnight use of motor vehicles is allowed in organized camping and recreational vehicle parks within the city.
- C. Limited overnight use of motor vehicles is allowed on private property with an existing residential use. In no event shall a motor vehicle be use for overnight camping for a period of time exceeding 14-consecutive days or a total of 14-days per calendar year **without special permission** from the City Recorder's office.
- D. No motor vehicle shall discharge any waste water or solid waste in the streets, public ways or upon private property except directly into a sanitary sewer, specifically designed for such use.



October 2023						
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November 2023						
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OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE October 2023

3rd	10:00 AM	Safety Committee	
5th	10:00 AM	Sign Review Board	
6th	9:00 AM	Personnel Committee	
	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop	
10th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop	
12th	11:00 PM	Tree City Committee	
19th	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop	
	11:00 AM	Finance Committee	
24th	6:00 PM	Planning Commission	
26th	4:30 PM	Council Advisory Committee	
	5:30 PM	Finance Committee	
	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting	
31st	3:00 PM	Downtown Halloween Event	
First Week in November 2023			
2nd	9:00 AM	Personnel Committee	
	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop	
	11:00 AM	Finance Committee	



HALLOWEEN IN ROGUE RIVER:



The City will be participating in the annual Downtown Business "Halloween Trick-or-Treating" event on Tuesday, October 31st beginning at 3:00 p.m. Other locations will be sponsored by the Kiwanis and Tailholt Hope at the Live Oak Grange and the Morrow Heights Assisted Living. Please be cautious when driving in the downtown area. Maps showing the participating businesses will be available at City Hall.



"Mayor's Corner"

And just when I thought it was Autumn at last, summer decided to give us one last hurrah in the first week of October! I hope everyone got a chance to soak up some sun and enjoy the outdoors while they could!

Our long time City Recorder Carol Weir officially retired last month but she'll be working through the end of December. We're planning to have a get-together at the Community Center December 19th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. so those of you who would like to wish her well will be able to do so. I know that she'll be missed!

One last reminder that there is a Special Election on November 7th and ballots should be in the mail soon. Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions you might have about the two ballot measures that the City is presenting to our voters.

Respectfully, Mayor Pam

*A birdnote sounding here and there,
A bloom, where leaves are brown and sober,
Warm noons, and nights with frosty air,
And loaded wagons say, October.
—Thomas Stephens Collier (1842–93)*



Winter is on the way – here are some flood facts!

What is a Flood?

Anywhere it rains, it can flood. A flood is a general and temporary condition where two or more acres of normally dry land or two or more properties are inundated by water or mudflow. Many conditions can result in a flood; hurricanes, broken levees, outdated or clogged drainage systems and rapid accumulation of rainfall.

Just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future. Flood risk isn't just based on history; it's also based on a number of factors; rainfall, river-flow and tidal-surge data, topography, flood-control measures, and changes due to building and development.

Flood-hazard maps have been created to show different degrees of risk for our community, which help determine the cost of flood insurance. The lower the degree of risk, the lower the cost for a flood insurance premium.



FALL COLOR TOUR AT PALMERTON PARK ARBORETUM



The Tree City, USA, Committee of Rogue River invites everyone to their annual "Fall Color Tour" at the Palmerton Park Arboretum, 300 West Evans Creek Road at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 8, 2023. They will point out some of the favorite trees in the Arboretum, explain their new Tree ID markers that show the names of the trees, and talk about their newest trees. It is time for some of the leaves to display their beautiful Fall color before they drop to the ground. There is no charge, and the tour will last 30 minutes to 1 hour. Please do join them on Sunday, October 8 at 2 p.m. If you have any question call City Hall at 541-582-4401.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

Fall is here and with that leaves have begun to drop. We will start picking up leaves in the City on November 1st. This service will continue through December 31st. Please call **541-582-4401** if your leaves were not picked up. *This program is for LEAVES ONLY, no grass, animal droppings, tree limbs, rocks or household garbage.* The City has a new 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, and not behind fences, on the sidewalk or in the gutter.

Please do not rake the leaves into open ditches, gutters or storm drains!

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 them up. Please make sure the bags are 30-pounds or less! ***This is just another attempt the City makes to keep our Storm Drains clear and flowing freely during the winter months.***

