



Tradin' Crows

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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
7:00 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:

- Bill Jones
- Vacant
- Bob Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- John Schaeffer
- JoAnne Mead
- Shirley O'Gara
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Dean Stirm

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Ken Lewis

Public Works Director/City
Engineer: John Krawczyk

City Council Update

February seemed to be a quiet month for the City Council. They were focused on the three Strategic Plan meetings held to hear comments from citizens from both inside and outside of the City limit including business owners also school and church representatives. Staff is compiling all the survey responses along with verbal comments from the meetings for the City Council to use in their Policy and Goal Setting. This will give them direction in making decisions for how best to move the City forward in the future and during the annual budget process.

Part of the duties of the Mayor and City Councilor's are to serve on committee's and commissions that facilitate the functions of the City. This year's standing committee and commission members were appointed by the City Council as recommended by the Mayor and are as follows:

Police Commission: Mark Poling, Chair and Bill Jones

Personnel Committee: Mark Poling, Chair and Bill Jones

Finance Committee: Bob Catherwood, Chair and Don Daugherty

Community Relations: Shelli Spencer, Chair

Planning Commission Liaison: Mark Poling

Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon (ECSO) Representative:

Robert Catherwood

Rogue Valley Council of Government (RVCOG) Representative:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale

Rogue Valley Area Commission of Transportation (RVACT) Representative:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale

Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) Representative:

Mayor Pam VanArsdale

In other business during the February meeting the City Council handled the following items:

- Appointed Dean Stirm as an Alternate to the Planning Commission
- Authorized a \$500 Sponsor Donation to the Elk Mountain Games
- Approved to ratify a request to waive the application fee and authorized the Mayor to sign an OLCC application for the "Miss Rogue River Scholarship Pageant Annual Crab Feed"
- Approved a request to waive the application fee and authorized the Mayor to sign an OLCC application for the "Save the Boobies and Green Beer Poker Walk" this year honoring a local Breast Cancer Victim and friend, Connie Fiske
- Mayor Pam VanArsdale read a Proclamation declaring April 7, 2015 be observed as the "Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service", a day to encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our City, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their community.

Remember that these meetings are always open to the public and the Mayor and City Council are always interested in hearing how you feel the city is progressing.



ARBOR DAY IS COMING!!! Mark your calendars for
Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Join us in Palmerton Park for a tree planting
ceremony at 10:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. at the Rogue River Elementary
Gymnasium for a special assembly with the kids!
Let's celebrate "Tree City USA" 31 years strong!





MARCH 2015

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APRIL 2015						
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Scheduled Events

March 2015

4th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee
5th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	City Council Workshop
10th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
11th	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee
13th	2:30 pm	Finance Committee
16th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court
17th		<i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>
18th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
19th	10:00 am	City Council Workshop
24th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Meeting
26th	6:00 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	7:00 pm	City Council Meeting
27th	2:30 pm	Finance Committee

MAYOR'S CORNER

A big "Thank You!" to everyone who attended our Strategic Plan Meetings and/or filled out a survey sheet. It's going to take us a little time to compile all of the comments but so far the majority of folks want to keep our small town identity, think we're growing just right, and hope that we're still a small friendly community in 20 years.

It's come to my attention that there is a website on the Internet that is incorrectly stating that the mayor of Rogue River is a paid position. If any of you have heard that rumor, let me assure you that it is simply not true. The mayor and city councilors volunteer their time and receive no compensation whatsoever.

Spring is just around the corner! We never did have much of a winter, but it's always nice when the days start getting longer and the daffodils start blooming.

In honor of St Patrick's Day, I leave you with this Irish blessing:

Mayor Pam



PLEASE KEEP "FLUSHABLE" WIPES OUT OF PIPES

Sometimes we forget the toilet is not a trash can. All wipes, disposable cleaning and so called "flushable" products belong in the trash, not the toilet. Did you know flushing wipes down the toilet causes problems in the City' sewer system? Those "disposable" wipes may be labeled "flushable", but they can clog the sewer system, contributing to costly cleanups and may result in sewage backups.

Over the last year the City has experienced a substantial increase in costly wastewater pump station malfunctions. Crews are regularly unclogging mounds of rags and wipes from pumps, at considerable expense, and the potential for environmental consequences could be raw sewage backing up into your or a neighbor's plumbing.

Common Offenders: ♦ Disinfecting wipes ♦ Swiffer mop refills ♦ Toss-in toilet bowl wands
♦ Shop towels/rags ♦ Towelettes ♦ Baby and Senior diapers and wipes ♦ Paper towels

Many cleaning products are labeled "flushable" or "disposable," but they often don't dissolve or break down after being flushed. A general guideline is, if it doesn't dissolve as fast as toilet paper, it's NOT FLUSHABLE.

Please help us keep costs down and keep the sewer system flowing by placing these materials where they belong: in the trash.

