



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. 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
- Fred England
- Robert Catherwood
- Shelli Spencer
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

Planning Commission Members:

- John Schaeffer
- JoAnne Mead
- Cindy England
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Dean Stirm
- Vacant

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Ken Lewis

City Engineer/Public Works Director: John Krawczyk

"CONGRATULATIONS"

to the Rogue River Greenway for another successful "Ride the Rogue" event.



City Council Update



The September City Council meeting was held early this month to accommodate the Mayor, City Councilors and Staff attending the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference in Bend, Oregon. The LOC Conference is an invaluable resource for city officials, and this year was no exception. They had the opportunity to network with fellow mayors, councilors, city managers and staff, allowing them to "mix and match" possible solutions to thorny problems that may plague Cities. In addition, the League's Conference Planning Committee spent a great deal of time and effort preparing a program both informative and entertaining, covering the usual broad range of topics, including tax reform, water supply, mental health, tourism, housing, and this year's hottest topic—marijuana.

The September meeting began with an Invocation from our newest Pastor, Nathan Billington, with the Church of Gold Holiness. The Mayor and City Councilors welcomed Pastor Billington and his family to Rogue River.

During the business portion of the meeting the City Council took action on the following items:

- ⇒ City Administrator Mark Reagles administered the Oath of Office to your new Patrol Officer Nathan Staller
- ⇒ Authorized the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement in Support of a Community Development Block Grant
- ⇒ Designated Voting Delegates for the League of Oregon Cities Conference
- ⇒ Approved to allow the Rogue River Fire District to hang the "FireMed" banner across Depot Street
- ⇒ Approved to allow the Rogue River American Legion Post 69 to hang the November 7th "Veteran's Day Parade" banner across Depot Street
- ⇒ Sadly accepted a resignation from Council Advisory Committee Member Bryan Dorsey expressing a scheduling conflict with the new meeting time for the Chamber of Commerce

Staff is preparing for the Fall and Winter season. Street striping is being finished for the year. Leaves are starting to turn colors, meaning that the Leaf Pickup Program will be beginning during this month. We have enclosed a leaflet to post on your refrigerator or bulletin board. The City parks will soon be weatherized; the hanging baskets will be coming down along with replacing the Rooster Crow banners with Holiday banners. Before we know it we will be seeing the Christmas decorations going up in preparation for the City's Holiday events. Then before we know it it's going to be a new year.

Those of you who have lived in Rogue River for many years will remember the previous City Recorder and the City's first City Administrator Leahnette "York" now Leahnette Rivers. During the League of Oregon Cities conference last week she was awarded the Herman Kehrlie Award. This award is presented to a city employee with outstanding contributions to city government in Oregon, providing lasting community benefits. The award recognizes the outstanding public service career of Herman Kehrlie, who was executive secretary of the League of Oregon Cities and director of the University of Oregon's Bureau of Governmental Research and Service (BGRS) from 1933 to 1966. Leahnette's contributions were recognized back to the time she spent with the City of Rogue River, the City of Talent and her current position at Columbia City. We express our sincerest **Congratulations** to Leahnette for receiving this prestigious award and are proud that Rogue River was even a small part of it.

Also during the LOC conference the City received the "Gold Safety Award" for no employee time lost due to accidents that occur on the job during fiscal year of 2014-2015.



DOWNTOWN BUSINESS TRICK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30th
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pick up your map at City Hall

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TRICK OR TREAT						
November 2015						
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MAYOR'S CORNER



They're back! I was so pleased to see the return of the bear statues gracing some of the corners and sidewalks of our downtown. These are different ones than we had last year so it's a perfect opportunity for some "me and a bear" selfies!

For those of you who weren't aware, the tennis courts were refinished thanks to a \$75,000 State Parks Grant that the city applied for (along with an additional \$20,000 of the City's money). Now that the project is complete, we're eligible to apply for another Parks Grant and would like to hear your ideas for improving our park at First and Pine St where we have the Rooster Crow contest every year. Most of the park needs to be open for that event, but there's room for some more permanent fixtures. I've been thinking that a small splash pad for kids in one corner would be nice, and a covered pavilion area with picnic tables would be good both for Rooster Crow and for parents to relax in the shade while their children are splashing around. We'll be discussing this in the coming months at Council Workshops, so either email your ideas to me or drop on by during a workshop (1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.)

It's finally beginning to look like autumn throughout our beautiful valley so I'll leave you with this quote by Stanley Horowitz: "Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all."

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



"A Fall Color Walk in the Park"

a guided tour of
Palmerton Park Arboretum



On Saturday, October 24, 2015, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, members of the Rogue River Tree City Committee will lead a tour through the 5-acre Palmerton Park Arboretum as the trees are displaying their best fall color. Some of the most distinctive trees in the Park will be highlighted and a short history of the 100 year-old Arboretum will be presented. Join us on the tour as Rogue River celebrates its 32nd year as a "Tree City USA" with the National Arbor Day Foundation. Color maps will be available for everyone. Bring your camera! To find the Park, from downtown take West Main Street, which becomes Foothill Blvd., and go right on West Evans Creek Road about 1/4 mile to Palmerton Park Arboretum. Please try to arrive by 10:45 a.m. so we can begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.. For further information, call JoAnn Dixon at 541-582-4805.



Scheduled Meetings October 2015

1st	10:00am	Council/Staff Workshop
7th	9:00am	Sign Review Board
	10:00am	Safety Committee
13th	10:00am	Planning Commission Workshop
14th	10:00am	Police Commission
	6:30pm	Tree City Committee
15th	10:00am	Council/Staff Workshop
	3:00pm	Finance Committee
21st	9:00am	Sign Review Board
22nd	6:00pm	Council Advisory Committee
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
27th	6:30pm	Planning Commission Meeting
30th	3:00pm	Finance Committee

First week in November

4th	9:00am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee
5th	9:30am	Personnel Committee
	10:00am	Council Workshop



The Mayor and City Council Welcomes Elisa Dawson as the City's new AmeriCorps Resource Assistant for the Rural Environments (RARE) program, a civil society program supported by the U.S. federal government, foundations, corporations, and other donors engaging adults in intensive community service work with the goal of helping with development code update and storm water regulations.

The October City Council workshops will be held on Thursday, October 1st and 15th at 10:00 a.m. and the Regular Council meeting on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public so please join us and find out first-hand what is going on at your City Hall.