



# Tradin' Crows

September 2017 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:

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:

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

### Planning Commission Members:

- Vacant
- Cindy England
- Don Collins
- Evan Goeglein
- Dean Stirm
- Rick Kempa
- Carolyn Riley

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Chris Snyder

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

## City Council Update

The August meeting was opened by Mayor Pam VanArsdale who invited Pastor Dale Schaffner with New Beginning Christian Center to deliver the Invocation, then she led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the Committee Chairs delivered their reports the Mayor with a sad heart presented former City Councilor Bill Jones with a Plaque for his time served on the City Council, thanking him for his time served and knowing that he and his wife Christine were moving away from Rogue River she also presented him with a Key to the City and told him that they would always be a forever member of our community. During Bill's time with the City he served just over 5-years on the Planning Commission and another 2-years on the City Council.

The City Council dealt with the following agenda items:

- ◆ After the Mayor's recommendation they approved that Councilor Fred England be appointed to the Rogue Valley Area Commission of Transportation and Chair of the Police Commission and that Councilor Don Daugherty be appointed to the Police Commission.
- ◆ An approval was made to give the non-union employees a 1% Cost of Living Increase.
- ◆ They appointed Mayor Pam as the City's voting Delegate at the League of Oregon

Cities Conference in September.

- ◆ The Homestead Pub and Restaurant was approved for a Temporary Use of an Annual Liquor License to hold a shuffle board tournament on September 11-17, 2017 upstairs in their old banquet room.
- ◆ Fifteen of sixteen Annual Liquor License Renewals were approved.
- ◆ Approval of the Rogue River Fire District's Health and Safety Carnival banner being held on October 7, 2017.
- ◆ And, the final item was setting meeting dates for September, with numerous training and conferences scheduled the City Council will be hold their workshop on Thursday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. and their Council meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.

### **THEY'RE ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU!**

Your Mayor, City Council and staff are here for you. Just stop in during the work week at City Hall or attend the workshops normally on the First and Third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and the Fourth Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. They want to hear your thoughts about what is happening or what you would like to see happen in your community.

## Smoke Testing Announcement

The City of Rogue River has contracted Civil West Engineering Services to perform a smoke testing survey of the City's wastewater collection system. Smoke testing activities are tentatively scheduled to occur between Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Smoke testing is an efficient and cost-effective way to identify system leaks and locations where unwanted storm water may be entering the sanitary sewer. These problem areas can be identified as smoke escapes through holes in the system and are observed above ground by survey personnel.

During testing, residents may notice smoke escaping from roof vents, clean outs and manhole lids. Smoke from these areas is expected and appropriate. Smoke may enter a structure if plumbing issues exist, such as faulty or improperly installed P-traps or drains. To minimize the smoke entering your house, please pour water into all drains including floor drains prior to the testing. The smoke is non-toxic, non-staining, and non-flammable, however if smoke enters a structure please notify City Hall or the smoke testing survey crew.



The presence of the smoke in a structure can be an indicator that there are dangerous and toxic gases entering your house from the sanitary sewer. If you notice smoke in your house or on your property **PLEASE REPORT IT** immediately to the personnel conducting the testing survey or call the City of Rogue River at (541) 582-4401.

## Back to School



## SEPTEMBER 2017

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## OCTOBER 2017

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### Scheduled Meetings September 2017

4th	CLOSED	IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY
6th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
	10:00 am	Safety Committee
7th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
12th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
13th	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee
14th	6:00 pm	Council Advisory
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
15th	2:00 am	Finance Committee
18th	6:00 pm	Municipal Court
19th	10:00 am	Police Commission
20th	9:00 am	Sign Review Board
26th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
29th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee

### First week in October 2017

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



**Goodbye summer, hello fall!**

**With that being said... be sure to keep a watchful eye and SLOW down around the schools and crosswalks. It can be a little hectic those first few weeks back with buses and extra foot traffic and bicycles on the road. Let's have a great school year!**



## MAYOR'S CORNER

We have received numerous complaints lately regarding cats. These complaints have come in from various locations throughout the city. The complaints are all very similar though – neighbors that have in excess of a half dozen outdoor cats that do their business in peoples' yards, flower beds, and even children's sand boxes. Many of these cats are strays that are being fed by "well intentioned" folks. According to Jackson County Animal Control, if you feed a stray cat for more than 30-days, it is no longer a stray and is now considered your pet. Most of them are not spayed/neutered and continue to have litters that add to the excessive number of cats roaming our neighborhoods. And many of these strays carry diseases such as feline leukemia and feline HIV.

The City Council is considering what action they should take. We would like to get some input from all you – not just more complaints but some ideas of what can be done. Do we require all cats in the city be licensed, just like dogs? Should we limit the number of household cats a person can have in the city limits? Require owners of outdoor cats to provide an outdoor litter box? What other solutions could best address the problem without creating a burden for the responsible pet owners?

If you have any constructive ideas about this, please email them to me at [mayor@cityofrogueriver.org](mailto:mayor@cityofrogueriver.org) or jot them down and drop them in the bill drop box out front of City Hall.

*Respectfully Yours,*

*Mayor Pam*



## "Ride the Rogue 2017"

Is still planned for Saturday, September 23rd

***THIS RIDE HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED***

***A Scenic Cycling Adventure Along  
the Rogue River!***

Four rides ~

**Full Century, Metric Century, Forty Mile and Twenty Mile.... PLUS...wait for it...You can win CASH with our New Point Ride for added fun!**

**Points collected at each rest stop ~ Highest point rider for each route wins a cash prize: \$100 for the Century, \$75 for the Metric, \$50 for the 40-Mile and \$25 for the 20-Mile**