



# Tradin' Crows

April 2020 Edition



## City of Rogue River

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### City Hall Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Closed for Lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

### City Council Meetings:

4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers

### City Council Workshops:

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 am in the City Hall Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other meetings

Mayor: Wayne Stuart

### City Council Members:

- Bob Pascalar
- Fred England
- Pam VanArsdale
- Barb Hilty
- Don Daugherty
- Mark Poling

### Planning Commission Members:

- Rick Kempa
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Sherri Moss
- Don Collins
- Jay Chick
- Jack Bird

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Curtis Whipple

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



## City Council Update



### A MESSAGE FROM CITY HALL:

On March 18, 2020 Mayor Stuart signed an Administrative Order declaring a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus. This has shut down City Hall and the Police Department to the public but staff is still working as normal while practicing all the appropriate health precautions. **All normally scheduled meetings have been canceled until further notice.** Office staff is working by phone, email and when necessary by appointment only. The public works staff is out and about also working as normal and making the City as safe as possible while still maintaining social distancing. Utility bills are being accepted by mail or dropped off in the drop box outside of City Hall. For those paying with cash please enclose your entire bill with payment and we will stamp the customers portion received and return by mail. We are here for you and want you to stay home, stay safe and stay healthy.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF:

To Our Rogue River Citizens:

As of midnight, March 24, 2020 the Governor's Executive Order-Stay Home, Save Lives was enacted. Knowing that our elderly citizens and those with serious underlying medical conditions are at a higher risk of COVID-19, our Police Department has teamed with Ray's Food Place to assist our citizens who fall in the high risk category.

We are determined to protect our citizens from the further spread of Covid-19. Therefore, if you fall into the higher risk group and do not have family or friends able to assist you in getting basic needs, such as grocery shopping, please contact our department and we will assist you.

To contact us regarding this please phone our Department Office 541-582-4931 or you can private message via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/rogueriverpd/>.

Rogue River is a fantastic community and everyone will do the best they can to get through these extraordinary times. As always in regards to other issues please phone our non-emergency dispatch for Officer Contact 541-776-7206 and of course if it's an emergency dial 911.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

With the direction of the CDC to increase extremely high level cleaning and hygiene practices, the population is creating a significant problem with the sewage system utilities as they are using the toilets in their homes as trash receptacles (sometimes knowing and other times unknowing). Please do your part and **"DO NOT"** put the following items down your drain or toilet; they belong in a land fill not your sewage system where they clog sewage pipes causing raw sewage to back up in streets and homes, and wreak havoc on the sewage treatment process.

#### **"SO, DO NOT" PUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DOWN THE DRAIN OR TOILET:**

- Facial tissues and sanitary wipes, they do not break down even if the package says they are flushable.
- Paper towels, they clog your pipes our pipes and do not break down readily.
- Tampons, feminine napkins and cotton swabs.

**When in doubt throw it out! (in the trash can)!**



The City of Rogue River has been officially designated a  
**Tree City, USA** for the 37th year!

*Due to COVID-19 the Tree City Committee has postponed any celebration at this time.*



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26	27	28	29	30	1	2
<b>MAY</b>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

### Scheduled Events April 2020

1st	10:00 am	NO Sign Review Board
2nd	9:30 am	NO Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	NO Council/Staff Workshop
7th	9:00 am	Safety Committee
8th	6:30 pm	NO Tree City Committee
14th	2:00 pm	NO Planning Commission Workshop
15th	10:00 am	NO Sign Review Board
	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
16th	10:00 am	SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
21st	10:00 am	NO Police Commission
23rd	5:00 pm	NO Council Advisory Committee
	6:00 pm	NO Council Meeting
28th	6:00 pm	NO Planning Commission Meeting
30th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee

### First Week in May

6th	9:00 am	NO Sign Review Board
7th	9:30 am	NO Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	NO Council/Staff Workshop



## MAYOR'S CORNER

I had my Mayor's Corner written for April, three weeks ago with a lot of great events going on. Now, that has all change with City Hall on lock down, the Community Center closed and the Police Department answering requests by phone.

The virus has put a damper on things for a while but the good people of Rogue River have adapted to the "New Norm." I hope this virus (as, with the swine flu, etc.) will pass soon and we can enjoy our social gatherings again. I, like you, am just taking one day at a time, washing my hands, using disinfectant and staying indoors and away from crowds. Let's all hang in there and this too will pass.

Mayor Wayne



### Avista reminds you safe digging is no accident; call 811 before you dig!

Before beginning any outdoor digging project, call 811 at least two business days before you dig. Calling 811 will get a professional locator to your site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines. There is a two-foot tolerance zone on each side of the line, and it is required to hand dig to determine the precise location of the utility in this tolerance zone. This service is free for homeowners. Remember, you may have your own utilities that require a Private Locate request at 811.

Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you dig will help protect you from injury, prevent damages to utilities and service disruptions, and avoid potential fines and repair costs. Underground utility lines can be just about anywhere, so keeping your shovel in the shed or garage and calling 811 first is a smart move (and it's the law).

Every digging job requires a call - even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Here are just a few examples of when to call:

- Installing a rural mailbox
- Putting in a fence
- Planting a tree or shrubbery
- Building a patio or deck
- Excavating a new garden area



For more information about 811, visit [myavista.com/811](http://myavista.com/811) or call 811.



## SPRING CLEAN-UP



The City along with Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) will be conducting the annual "Spring Clean-up" on Friday, May 15, 2020

This is a free service provided by the City and SOS to encourage City resident's to clean their property and garage prior to the Rooster Crow weekend.

Next month we will include a small flyer with the requirements and restrictions for pick-up. Also remember, the City only stops by once per address to pick up starting at 7:00 am. We suggest you have your items out the evening before.

