



# Tradin' Crows

April 2021 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:

- Vacant
- Pam VanArsdale
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Don Daugherty
- Barb Gregory



## Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Sherri Moss
- Jack Bird
- Jonna Struass
- Sharie Davis

**City Administrator:** Mark Reagles

**Chief of Police:** Jim Williams

**Public Works Director:** Michael Bollweg



## ANNOUNCEMENT

From the Mayor and City Council:

It is hereby declared that City Council Position No. 1 be officially vacant and applications be accepted. The term for this position is good until the next General Election being held in November 2022. To qualify you must have been a resident for one year prior to taking seat and a registered voter. Please contact the City Recorder with any questions or for an application.

## City Council Update

Mayor Wayne Stuart opened the March City Council meeting and asked City Administrator to Deliver the Invocation. Mayor Stuart then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the City Councilor's presented their committee reports they took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Approved an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 11-372-O pertaining to Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 15.15, Flood Damage Prevention for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 2 Approved an Ordinance amending Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 18.10, Annexation procedures for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 3 City Recorder Carol Weir administer the Oath of Service to Police Chief Jim Williams.
- 4 Declared the vacancy of City Council Position No. 1 and directed staff to advertise the open position.

5 Approved an agreement between the City and Civil West Engineering, Inc. for the Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund project.

6 Approved an agreement between the City and PacifiCorp for the Street Lighting LED Conversion project.

7 Adopted the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the 2021-2022 annual budget.

8 Appointed Mark Poling and David Marshall to the Budget Committee.

9 Appointed Jonna Strauss and Sharie Davis as Alternates to the Planning Commission.

The next City Council meeting is Thursday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m.




Join all of us in welcoming our new Police Chief Jim Williams to the City. Chief Williams comes to Rogue River from the Medford Police Department where he served in many positions along with time working with the drug enforcement agency (DEA). We're all so excited to have you on board and look forward to a long working relationship.



TREE CITY USA®

The City of Rogue River has been officially designated a  
**Tree City, USA®** for the **38th** year!

*The City will be celebrating at John F. Fleming Park at the end of the month to dedicate the Hiroshima Peace Tree planted last year during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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## Scheduled Events April 2021

1st	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
6th	9:00 am	Safety Committee
8th	3:00 pm	Budget Committee
7th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
13th	10:00 pm	Planning Commission Workshop
14th	2:00 pm	Tree City Committee
15th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
20th	10:00 am	Police Commission
21st	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
22nd	4:30 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
27th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Meeting
30th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee

### First Week in May

6th	9:00 am	Safety Committee
7th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
8th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop



## SPRING CLEAN-UP



The City along with Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) will be conducting the annual **"Spring Clean-up"** on Friday, May 14, 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.

## MAYOR'S CORNER

What a busy month April is shaping up to be. The Rooster Park project is coming together. We start work this July. A big thanks to staff, the National Guard and for the grant received from the State Parks and Recreation Board.

April is budget month for the City and staff has been working hard putting that document together. We adopted the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2021-2022. And, the Budget Committee will be meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The Budget Committee consists of the Mayor and City Councilors along with a citizen representing each of those positions.

This month we'll also be observing Arbor Day. The Tree City Committee is planning on celebrating at the end of the month and hopefully this year the school children will be able to attend the event being held in John F. Fleming Memorial Park to dedicate the Hiroshima Tree that was planted last year.

Winter is slowly giving up and Spring is coming. The flowers are blooming and it's getting warmer during the day.

I want to wish you all a Happy Easter. Stay safe.

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. 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

Call 811 or go to [www.digsafelyoregon.com](http://www.digsafelyoregon.com)

## A NOTE 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, sanitary wipes and face masks, 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)!**

