



Tradin' Crows

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City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours: Monday - Friday from 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 6:00 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

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Mayor: Wayne Stuart

City Council Members:

- Jack Bird
- Pam VanArsdale
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Don Daugherty
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Sherrie Moss
- Vacant
- Jonna Strauss
- Sharie Davis

City Administrator: Mark Reagles

Chief of Police: Jim Williams

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

Announcement

The City offices are now open but we ask that you still use the drop box for dropping off your utility bills or any other documents. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy until this the

Covid-19 Pandemic is over. Be assured that staff is available to assist you by any means possible. Meetings will now be held in person though social distancing of the public will still be observed.

The 2020 Consumer Confidence Report can be found on the City website at www.cityofrogueriver.org

City Council Update ...

Mayor Stuart called the June City Council meeting to order and Pastor Austin Abbott with River Valley Church delivered the Invocation. The individual City Councilors delivered their committee reports and followed up with taking action on the following agenda items during the meeting:

- 1 Accepted a resignation from Planning Commissioner Jack Bird and declaring a vacancy.
- 2 Appointed Jack Bird to City Council Position No. 1.
- 3 Held a Public Hearing to hear public testimony on amending Rogue River's Comprehensive Plan Goal 12 Transportation Element for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 4 Adopted an Ordinance amending the Rogue River Comprehensive Plan Goal 12 by adopting a new Transportation System Plan, repealing Ordinance No. 03-314-O and declaring an emergency.
- 5 Held a Public Hearing to hear public testimony on a proposed Riparian Protection Ordinance for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.

- 6 Adopted the first reading of an Ordinance adopting Riparian Protection Requirements for the City of Rogue River, Oregon.
- 7 Authorize the Mayor to sign an Oregon Liquor License Control Commission application for Off-Premise use for BACI's Pizza & Pasta at 510 East Main Street, Rogue River, Oregon. Applicants: Alfred & Kimberly Lane, owners.
- 8 Approve a request from Christy Willard, Children Ministry Director with River Valley Church to reserve Palmerton Park Arboretum to hold Vacation Bible School from June 28, 2021 to July 1, 2021 and waive the park reservation fee.
- 9 Approved a request from Ronny Huffstutter with Tunel13 Films to reserve Palmerton Park Arboretum to film a low budget short film on August 3, 2021.
- 10 The Mayor read a Proclamation declaring "Rogue River's National Rooster Crow 2021 Car Show" on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

City of Rogue River teaming up with the Army National Guard and Oregon State Parks to build Rooster Park during July, 2021

The City of Rogue River is building a new park this summer with some big help from Federal and State partners. The city is excited about the construction of Rooster Park, which will serve as a central community gathering place as well as the site for the annual Rooster Crow event. The park has been a goal of both city government and the local community since the property was purchased in 2013.

As part of the nationwide Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT), the Washington Army National Guard's 176th Engineer Company will deploy about fifty Army National Guard soldiers to Rogue River for three weeks starting in early July, 2021. The city applied for the IRT program last year and was very happy when they were chosen as a mission. The IRT will be providing labor and equipment as they construct the park while also training useful skills. The IRT is a Department of Defense program that trains soldiers while also assisting small communities with much needed infrastructure development and improvement. The city also procured an Oregon State Parks grant to help pay for construction materials.

During their stay, the Army National Guard soldiers will spend some designated free time exploring the local area. There will be a planned day for local dignitaries to visit the site and interact with the IRT team.

WARNING!

It's fire season and everything is getting very dry here in town. Staff has been out looking for high weeds, grass, brush and blackberry bushes that are dangerous fire hazards. If you have not received a letter from the City thank you for keeping your property clear of noxious vegetation and we ask that everyone keep maintaining their property clear of fire fuel.

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Scheduled Meetings

July 2021

1st	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
5th	CLOSED	In Observance of Independence Day
6th	9:00 am	Safety Committee
7th	6:30 pm	Sign Review Board
13h	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
14th	10:00 am	Tree City Committee
15th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
20th	10:00 am	Police Commission
22nd	4:30 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
27th	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
30th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
First week in August		
3rd	9:00 am	Safety Committee
4th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
5th	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop



Help! My lender sent me a 45-day notice demanding that I purchase flood insurance. My building is not in the flood zone. What do I do? Federal law requires mortgage lenders to ensure that buildings that are located in areas of special flood hazard have flood insurance. Most lenders contract with a private flood zone determination provider who periodically reviews the lenders mortgage portfolio against information on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

You received a letter from your lender demanding that you purchase flood insurance within 45-days because your lender received notice from their flood zone determination provider that your building is in a flood hazard area. Once a lender receives such a notice, it is required to send you a letter demanding that you purchase flood insurance or else the mortgage provider will force place insurance. Sometimes these flood zones determinations are incorrect.

While there are methods to correct such errors, it is sometimes not possible to do so within 45-days. **Do not allow your mortgage lender to force-place flood insurance.** It is almost always more expensive than what you can purchase yourself within 45-days from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). If your county recently received new Flood Insurance Rate Maps, you may qualify for an inexpensive preferred risk flood insurance policy even if you are now in the flood zone.

Many insurance agents who sell homeowners insurance also sell NFIP flood insurance. If yours does not sell flood insurance, contact www.FloodSmart.gov or call 1-888-379-9531 to identify an agent in your area that does. Your insurance agent cannot change the lender's flood zone determination. He or she can help you get the least-cost policy for which you qualify while you work on correcting the error. If you are successful, NFIP may refund all or part of any premiums paid. Often, the force-place premiums can't be refunded.

"Mayor's Corner"

Another Rooster Crow weekend has come and gone even if it wasn't quite the same as years past. I want to give a big thank you to all of the folks that worked so hard to organize this year's event. The dinner was well attended and a good time was had by all. The car show on Saturday brought out some great rides and a lot of spectator's thanks to the Rogue River Kiwanis and the Rooster Crow Committee. The heat even though excessive didn't deter people to participate.

Starting July 8th Rooster Park will begin to take shape with the National Guard preparing the property for construction. Staff has been working hard ordering material, organizing deliveries, installing new water lines and the most obvious is the construction fencing that went up. I look forward to this new park in town.

I hope you all had a safe Fourth of July and will always remember the brave men and women who fought to preserve our freedom.



Respectfully ~ Mayor Wayne



Voluntary Water Usage Reductions Due to the Low Water Table

The water supply as always is of very high quality and safe. **However, WHAT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW IS!** The primary purpose of a water system is **NOT** to supply drinking water. The first priority is for a water system is actually to provide an adequate water supply, storage and reserve for a community to provide adequate fire protection. Communities seldom realize the importance of this component of the water system until an emergency occurs. In the current high temperatures extreme drought are putting unprecedented strain on our water system. Conservation is critical to maintain adequate water reserves in the event of a fire emergency. This is one of the main focus for the water system improvements that are coming soon to our community.

1. **Stop leaks.** Check all water-using appliances, equipment, and other devices for leaks. Running toilets, steady faucet drips, home water treatment units, and outdoor sprinkler systems are common sources of leaks.

2. Reduce Water Use Outdoors

- Reduce vehicle washing and use facilities that recycle water.
- Exterior paved surfaces should be swept rather than washed, unless necessary for such reasons as public health or safety.
- Minimize the need to refill pools, hot tubs, ponds, and other water feature.
- Keep pools covered when not in use so you don't lose water to evaporation.
- Reduce water use in the landscape and irrigation system
- Fix leaks in the irrigation system promptly.
- Turn off sprinkler zones that are not needed.
- Do not water every day, water every other day or every three days.
- Water by hand instead of using your irrigation system if possible.
- Attach a shut off nozzle on your hose when hand watering plants.
- It is best to water between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Do not water in the middle of the day.
- Plug up drip emitters that are not watering plants.
- Turn down adjustable micro sprays.
- Dry spots – add another emitter or fix sprinkler. Do not run the entire system longer.
- Adjust sprinklers to keep water where it is supposed to be, no hardscape watering.
- Hold off on new plantings. New plantings require more water to become established.
- Amend soil and add mulch/compost to hold in moisture and reduce evaporation.
- Catch excess water in a bucket and use on the landscape.

3. Reduce Water Indoors

- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Avoid letting the water run when rinsing vegetables, cleaning dishes or defrosting food.
- Only wash full loads of laundry or dishes.
- Avoid using the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Take shorter showers.

