



# Tradin' Crows

January 2025 Edition



## City of Rogue River

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### City Hall Hours:

9:00 am to 5:00 pm,  
Monday - Thursday and  
Closed to the Public on Fridays.

### City Council Meetings:

Held on the 4th Thursday  
of every month at 6:00 p.m.  
in the City Hall Council Chambers

### City Council Workshops:

Held on the 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:

- Sharie Davis
- Grace Howell
- Vacant
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

### Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirr
- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Jonna Strauss
- Mark Minegar
- Ed Hudson (Alternate)
- Brandy Lockwood (Alternate)

**City Administrator:** Ryan Nolan

**Chief of Police:** Dave Rash

**Public Works Director:** Michael Bollweg



Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the December Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, then the City Councilor's gave their committee reports and took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Continued an Ordinance amending the City's off-street parking standards to implement State mandated parking reform standards.
- 2 Adopted an Ordinance adopting a Franchise Agreement with Southern Oregon Sanitation approving an agreement for Solid Waste Hauling.
- 3 Accepted (canvassed) the results of the November 5th, 2024 General election.
- 4 Approved three Task Orders authorizing the City Engineer to proceed with work on; design of the new water reservoir, a fire hydrant upgrade project, and geotechnical services at the water treatment plant related to ongoing erosion along the Wards Creek streambank.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City Council is looking to fill one vacancy on the Budget Committee. The first Budget meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering visit City Hall for an application.

The City is also seeking one volunteer to serve on the Tree City Committee.

The City is still seeking a volunteer to serve out the remaining two years of the vacant Council Position.



### PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST FROZEN & BURST PIPES

- Identify the main water shut-off to your home or business and try it before you have to use it.
- Turn off outdoor faucets and disconnect hoses.
- Turn off and drain irrigation sprinklers and supply lines.
- Insulate pipes in your breezeway, crawl spaces and attic. These exposed pipes are the most susceptible to freezing.
- If your system is vulnerable and you have concern about pipes freezing, turn on faucets (both hot and cold) until they trickle slowly and leave them running (trickling).



**Congratulations to the  
Rogue River Kiwanis  
on their sold out  
Christmas See's Candy Sale!**

**See's  
Famous Old Time  
CANDIES**

## JANUARY 2025

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## FEBRUARY 2025

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### Scheduled Events January 2025

1st	<b>CLOSED</b> in Observance of New Years Day	
2nd	10:00 am	Council Workshop & Special Meeting
9th	11:00 am	Tree City Committee
14th	10:00 am	Planning Commission
16th	10:00 am	Council Workshop
20th	<b>CLOSED</b> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
23rd	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
28th	10:00 am	Planning Commission
<b>First Week of February</b>		
6th	10:00 am	Council Workshop

*Happy  
New Year*



### HELP US KEEP THE LIGHTS ON

The City pays Pacific Power to maintain 174-street lights in town. We do our best to keep the lights on, but sometimes we need your help to let Pacific Power know if streetlights are out in your neighborhood. You can always call Pacific Power toll free anytime at (877) 508-5088 to report an outage or report online at:

<https://www.pacificpower.net/ed/streetlights/raso.html>

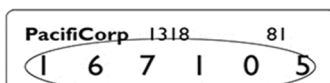
A properly completed streetlight outage report will help ensure a quick and accurate response to your request. Please consider the following tips when completing your form:

**Nearest address** – e.g.; 123 Main Street

**Nearest cross street** – e.g.; First Street

**The six-digit pole number from the pole plate (if you have it).**

Example:



## Mayor's Corner

Happy New Year! I am so pleased to announce that we will finally have yard debris pick up available in the city! As we negotiated the renewal of our Franchise Agreement with Southern Oregon Sanitation, I wanted to ensure that the yearly Spring Clean pick up continued and I wanted to add yard debris collection and I'm happy to say that I was successful with both! Yard debris will be available by subscription so, if you don't want or need it, you won't be paying for it. Collection will be every other week and should start sometime in the Spring. SOS will be putting info in with their bill about how to sign up so watch for that sometime in the next couple of months.

*Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,  
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;  
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,  
A blood-red orange, sets again.*

- Robert Louis Stevenson

Respectfully Yours,

**Mayor Pam**

Our Police Chief is going to be supporting Special Olympics by participating in the 2025 Polar Plunge. He's joining forces with the Eagle Point Police Department's Plunging Eagles team on March 8th to raise funds for Southern Oregon Special Olympics. Way to go Chief Rash!

Check out this event and how you can support our Chief's efforts at:  
[www.plungeoregon.org](http://www.plungeoregon.org)



*Did You Know!*

*Flushable wipes do not actually disintegrate!*

*I did an experiment and put a wipe that said "flushable" on the package in a jar filled with water on September 18th, 2024. I shook the jar multiple times in the last three months, the wipe is still in one piece.*

*These wipes continue to put a strain on our sewer system which costs extra time and money for our Public Works Department and our City.*

*Please do not flush the wipes.*

*Thank you for doing your part, it takes all of us.*

*May you all have a Happy New Year.*

- Councilor Sherrie Moss