



Tradin' Crows

March 2025 Edition



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

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Dave Rash

City Council Update

The January City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pam VanArsdale, who lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation offered by Pastor Dale Schaffner. After hearing the committee reports from the Mayor and City Councilors they took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Continued consideration of an ordinance amending off-street parking standards.
- 2 Continued consideration of a resolution adopting a parking policy.
- 3 Accepted the annual audit report from SENSIBA, LLP.
- 4 Approved a resolution implementing corrective ac-

tion related to the audit report.

- 5 Approved two resolutions setting new water and sewer utility rates.
- 6 Adopted Council/Budget goals for the 2025 year.
- 7 Accepted the minutes of the January 9, 2025 Tree City Committee.

The next scheduled City Council meeting is on Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 pm.



Did You Know!!!

Have you noticed the awesome new look to our City Plaza? The process of getting a complete make over is almost finished. Due to a leaking fountain lining, which was causing a lot of water loss, a new one had to be put in. This meant major work with everything being torn out and starting over again. As spring gets closer you will see new plants and grass added. To top it off the City is adding a second table and possibly a new bench. Plaza Park is a great place to sit and visit. It is a wonderful part of our small town.

Thank you to our City Crew. You are all AMAZING!

Councilor Sherrie Moss



ARBOR DAY IS COMING!!!

Rogue River is celebrating **42-Years** of being designated a "Tree City USA"

The Tree City Committee will be planning a tree planting event with the Elementary School to occur in April, look in next month's Tradin' Crows for more details.



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| Scheduled Events | | |
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| March 2025 | | |
| 6th | 10:00 am | Council/Staff Workshop |
| 11th | 10:00 am | Planning Commission Meeting |
| 13th | 11:00 am | Tree City Committee |
| 20th | 10:00am | Council/Staff Workshop |
| 25th | 10:00 pm | Planning Commission Meeting |
| 27th | 6:00 pm | City Council Meeting |
| First Week of April | | |
| 3rd | 10:00 am | Council/Staff Workshop |

Remember we now offer several bill pay options, including accepting credit cards, taking payment over the phone, on-line payments, automatic payments...

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 •

MAYOR'S CORNER

Well, it seems we've stirred up a bit of a hornet's nest by discussing the possibility of doing away with open pile and barrel burning of yard debris in the city limits. First let me say that we are still talking about the options and haven't made any decisions yet so PLEASE don't jump to conclusions that this is a done deal. It may be that we just need to update our old code and tighten up the rules and enforcement of the rules. So far I've heard some compelling reasons to keep allowing it and just a few reasons to get rid of it. We'll be talking about it some more at our March 6th workshop (10 AM) if you'd like to attend or you can email your thoughts about it to me at mayor@cityofrogueriver.org

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam

Daffodils,
That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty.
-William Shakespeare, "A Winter's Tale"

Fuel Reduction around homes and property to reduce the risk of wildfire!

"NOW" is the time for homeowners and tenants to do the work that may best protect our community from wildfire. Research regarding destruction vs. home survival in wildfires points to embers and small flames as the main way that majority of homes ignite in wildfires. Embers are burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind can; cause spot fires and ignite home, debris and other objects. Please follow the HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST with simple steps from roof to foundation to make a home safer from embers and radiant heat! That could cause a wildfire;

1. **Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves and needles.**
2. **Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles.**
3. **Reduce embers that could pass through vents and eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening.**
4. **Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows.**
5. **Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustibles materials from accumulating.**
6. **Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors-mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles-anything that can burn!**
7. **Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.**

For more information and details visit **FIREWISE.ORG**

We strongly encourage all to do your part to protect yourselves, your homes and our community from fire! The City of Rogue River staff will be hanging notices for vegetation issues as time permits.

"The City of Rogue River is a beautiful Community; do your part to protect it from wildfires"

Residential Burning:

All burning of yard trimmings, leaves, and brush require a permit from Jackson County Fire District #1, and confirmation that it's a burn day. Please check with the fire district to ensure you are complying with burn restrictions.

Visit: **WWW.ROGUERIVERFD.COM** for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Kiwanis Club of Rogue River is happy to announce they will be holding their 2025 Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Beck Field. The event is for children 10 and under

- Special Eggs Win Prizes
- Special Toddler Area for children 5 and under
- Free Hot Chocolate,
- Coffee & Donuts - Donations accepted

