



Tradin' Crows

April 2024 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 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: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

- Sharie Davis
- Grace Howell
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Debbie Kenny
- Jonna Strauss
- Mark Minegar (alternate)

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Dave Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update

Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the March City Council meeting and 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:

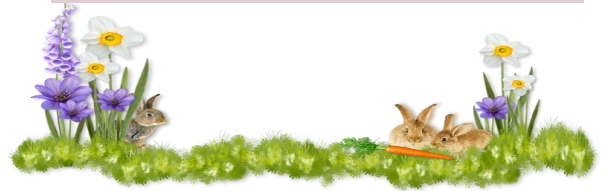
1. Awarded a contract for Municipal Audit Services to Sensiba.
2. Approved a park sign request from the Rogue River Garden Club.
3. Approved a letter of support regarding the Rogue River Rural Fire Protection Districts application for a Community Renewable Energy Grant for roof mounted solar panels.
4. Approved an annual agreement with the Kiwanis Club of Rogue River authorizing the organization to conduct the annual "Rogue River's National Rooster Crowing Contest."
5. Approved the Mayor's Committee Appointments and Assignments.
6. Approved an Ordinance granting AVISTA Corporation a continued franchise agreement to locate, construct, install, own, maintain, repair, extend, operate, and use facilities in, upon, over, under, along, and across the franchise area for the purposes of transmission, distribution, and sale of gas.
7. Approved a Resolution amending Committee Rules for the City.
8. Accepted the February 8, 2024 Tree City Committee Minutes.

The City Council is accepting applications for a position on the City's Tree City Committee.

You can pick up an application at City Hall.

The City of Rogue River has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. To maintain status as a Tree City USA the City with assistance from the Tree City Committee participates in planned tree maintenance, tree plantings, and tree education.

Membership shall be comprised of five members, appointed by the Mayor and approved by Council. While preference should be given to City residence, experts or volunteers with unique experience residing in the greater area shall be eligible to serve.



The Rogue River Kiwanis Club is sponsoring another National Rooster Crowing Contest. Find information at www.RRKiwanis.org regarding Parade, Car Show, Vendor Spaces, Rooster Crow Entries, Grand Marshall Nominations, and Sponsorship opportunities.



The City of Rogue River has been officially designated a **Tree City, USA** for the 43rd year!
The City will celebrate at the Palmerton Park Arboretum on Thursday, April 25th at 8:40 a.m. with the Rogue River Elementary School 5th and 6th Grade Students in attendance along with City Officials and the Tree City Committee

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Scheduled Events

April 2024

4th	10:00 am	Council Staff Workshop
9th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
11th	11:00 am	Tree City Committee
18th	10:00 am	Council Staff Workshop
23rd	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
25th	4:30 pm	Citizen Advisory Committee
25th	6:00 pm	City Council Meeting

First Week in May

2nd	10:00 am	Council Staff Workshop
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YARD SALE TIME!

- No permits needed for residential yard sales!
- Sales allowed up to three continuous days
- Sales allowed four times per year
- Signs may not obstruct vision for drivers, or block pedestrian traffic
- Signs need to be removed the day the sale ends



MAYOR'S CORNER

Our new Police Chief is officially on the job now and trying to get out and meet folks so if you see Chief Rash grabbing a cup of coffee at Tailholt or out and about in town, stop and say hi.

City Hall is no longer closed for lunch but it is closed to the public on Fridays. That will give our office staff some undisturbed time to work on the ever-growing list of everyday tasks as well as the many projects we have in the works such as on-line bill pay and website updating.

With the bleakness of winter behind us it's been uplifting to enjoy the beauty of the flowering trees, and the blooming daffodils and tulips. Every year I have to remind myself not to get too rambunctious when I see all those less-than-hardy plants in the garden centers, knowing that one last freeze will probably come along sometime mid-April

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



*Again the blackbirds sing; the streams
Wake, laughing, from their winter dreams,
And tremble in the April showers
The tassels of the maple flowers.*

—John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–92)



**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

A NOTE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

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)!

