



Tradin' Crows

August 2024 Edition



City Council Update ...



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:

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

See Calendar for other meetings on back

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

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

Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Jonna Strauss
- Mark Minegar
- (two vacant alternate positions)

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: David Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

Mayor VanArsdale opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the City Councilors gave their committee reports, the following items were handled:

- 1 Approved Rick Kempa's resignation from the City Council.
- 2 Provided a local government recommendation, recommending approval of a temporary OLCC liquor license permit for Weekend Beer Company during the annual Ride the Rogue Event.
- 3 Accepted the July 11th Tree City Committee minutes.

- 4 Approved a resolution ranking the City's top five legislative priorities for the League of Oregon Cities.

- 5 Adopted an Ordinance No. 24-432-O prohibiting psilocybin products in the City.

- 6 Approved a Resolution No. 24-1440-R referring the psilocybin prohibition to a vote of the citizens of Rogue River.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



Jackson County WILDFIRE Information Map

Visit Jackson County's website to find wildfire mapping, evacuation zones, and citizen alert options. The information is under the Departments tab and then Emergency Management.

Help us get ready for new Water and Sewer bill pay options!


Please give us an update if you: move out, sell the house, find a new roommate, change phone numbers, have a new mailing address, etc.

You can call in advance of changes, so that everything will settle better. Call (541)-582-4401, email utilities@cityofrogueriver.org, come to City Hall or visit the Utility website (by September 2024). We'll help!

November 5, 2024 Election

**REMEMBER TO LOOK FOR CHILDREN WHILE
THEY'RE WALKING BACK AND FORTH TO
SCHOOL! BE ADVISED THAT PATROL OFFICERS
WILL BE PATROLLING IN SCHOOL AREAS
DURING THIS TIME!**



August 2024 						
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September 2024						
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Scheduled Meetings August 2024

1st	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
6th	9:00 am	Safety Committee
8th	11:00 am	Tree City Committee
13th	10:00 am	Planning Commission
15th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
23rd	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
27th	6:00 pm	Planning Commission

Second Week in September

2nd	CLOSED	Labor Day
3rd	9:00 AM	Safety Committee
5th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop



"The Mayor's Corner"


Well the summer seems to be zipping by – hard to believe it's nearly time for school to start again! If you planted a vegetable garden this year, this is a busy month of harvesting your bounty and putting it up for the winter months ahead. I freeze more than I can these days, even berries for jam go in the freezer until the weather cools off and then I don't mind having a canning kettle boiling on the stove.

A great big THANK YOU to Fire District 1 and all the other agencies that responded to the fire at the mill last week. They quickly had it extinguished and fortunately it wasn't quite so breezy that afternoon as it has been. It was a good reminder how important it is to have a plan in place. Ryan, our City Administrator, and I have been talking with our Fire Chief and the Jackson County Emergency Manager about things we can do here in Rogue River and updating our Emergency Operations Plan is first on the list. Becoming a "Firewise Community" is another task that I'd like us to consider. I'll have more information coming on what that involves and how you, the citizens of Rogue River, can get involved.

Respectfully Yours, Mayor Pam

*And from the hot field's farthest edge
The cricket's soft refrain
With mellow accent tells the tale
That August's here again.
— Helen Maria Winslow (1851–1931)*






Did You Know...?

There are 2,472 people living in the City of Rogue River.

36.3% of the residents of the City of Rogue River are over the age of 65, while only 16% of Americans are over 65. Also, 68% of Rogue River residents have lived in their home since 2010 or earlier. In comparison, only 40% of Americans have lived in the same home since 2010.

There's a reason people stay here!





**Warning
Fire risk**

It's fire season and it's dry here in town. With persistent hot weather, high weeds, grass, brush and blackberry bushes become potential fire hazards. We appreciate you clearing noxious vegetation and fire fuel, and we ask that you continue to maintain your property. The City and Police Department will follow up on properties who do not comply with this safety concern.

Important Information on Protecting your Water Supply!

In the heat of the summer water demand is high, not just in our community but in the areas that surround our community. With those demands, the likelihood of water being taken from our system by **unauthorized users** is extremely high. It is not just the theft of the water that creates an issue; when an illegal hauler hooks up to the system, they can put the safety of the water system and its users at risk. The potential for an illegal **cross connection** (the ability of water that is not potable or safe to be introduced into our drinking water system) is a serious concern. The public should be aware of the following as guidelines to be active members in protecting our drinking water supply and resources. If you see a water tanker taking water from a hydrant, the water tanker should be marked and have clear identification as to whom the hauler is. Please report any suspicious activity which might suggest that water is being illegally taken from the City's water system. Any authorized user withdrawing water from our system will have trained City personnel assisting in system hook-up. The hydrant will also have a meter and backflow prevention device in place to protect our drinking water system from contaminants.

Never fill a portable water container from your home by a hose: this is a serious cross connection hazard. If the system were to lose pressure, potential contaminants from the tank you are filling would be drawn into the City's water supply. If you suspect an illegal connection to our water system call the **City** at (541) 582-4401 or **Law Enforcement** at (541)-582-4931 immediately.

You are the front line in protecting public health.