



Tradin' Crows

July 2024 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:

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
- Rick Kempa
- 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



It's fire season and everything is getting very 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.

City Council Update ...

Mayor VanArsdale called the June City Council meeting to order beginning with a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The individual City Councilors then delivered their committee reports and followed up with taking action on the following agenda items during the meeting:

- 1 Accepted resignations from a City Planning Commissioner and three Citizen Advisory Committee members.
- 2 Recognized the service of said retiring volunteers, and announced a second vacancy for Planning Commission Alternate Member.

3 Confirmed Mark Minegar's appointment to the Planning Commission. (Mark had been serving as an alternate).

4 Adopted rules of procedure for all City Commissions, Committees, Council Liaisons, and Official City Representatives.

At a special City Council meeting the previous Thursday, June 20th, the Council adopted the budget.



The Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District is offering a Riparian Restoration Rebate Program. Property owners can receive monetary assistance to remove invasive plant species and replant appropriate plants. Consider helping reduce fire hazards and improve stream health in our town. Stop by City Hall or visit www.jswcd.org for more info.

National Night Out — August 6th

Join the City of Rogue River Police Department in celebrating National Night Out on August 6th at Rooster Park from 6pm to 8pm. This is part of a nationwide community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our city a safer, more caring place to live. The event will celebrate law enforcement and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. All citizens are invited.



Did You Know...

Wow, so much has happened in Rooster Park lately. The City workers have been very busy. There is a new sprinkler system in, which utilizes reclaimed water from the spray pad, using less water to keep the grass green. New games such as a Ping Pong Table, Foos Ball Table, Chess and Checker Board Table, and a Corn Hole Game have been installed, something for all ages. At the entrance to Anna Classick Park on Pine Street, there is also a wonderful new sign, very eye catching and easy to see.


If you haven't seen these things please take time to check them out.

More to come...

City Councilor Sherrie Moss



Mayor's Corner

| July 2024 | | | | | | |
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| August 2024 | | | | | | |
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A great big thank you to all of those who helped make this year's Crow a HUGE success!! The weather was ideal (although it could have been a tad warmer for the dunk tank lol). Speaking of the dunk tank, I did get dunked (I lost count but I'm guessing at least 20 times!) and I think the kids got me more times than the adults. It was great fun and raised \$100 for the Community Center Food Pantry.

As July begins and the weather forecast is calling for triple digit temperatures, please be safe and know your limitations when working outdoors. This kind of heat is especially dangerous for our pets so it's best to do your dog walking early in the day and also please consider leaving them at home in the air conditioning rather than taking them out with you when you're running errands or shopping.

Scheduled Meetings July 2024

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| 2nd | 9:00 am | Safety Committee |
| 4th | CLOSED | Independence Day |
| 9th | 10:00 am | Planning Commission Workshop |
| 11th | 11:00 am | Tree City Committee |
| 18th | 10:00 pm | Council/Staff Workshop |
| 23rd | 6:00 pm | Planning Commission Meeting |
| 25th | 6:00 pm | City Council Meeting |
| First week in August | | |
| 1st | 10:00 am | Council/Staff Workshop |



Mark your calendars for our first National Night Out at Rooster Park on August 6th. This should be a fun evening of community and a chance to see old friends and perhaps make some new friends!

*Black bees on the clover-heads drowsily clinging,
Where tall, feathered grasses and buttercups sway,
And all through the fields a white sprinkle of daisies,
Open-eyed at the setting of day.
—Abba Gould Woolson (1838–1921)*



Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam

Have you been wondering about the service rate on your utility bill? Here is some information to understand it:

The City reads meters on the last day of each calendar month. The difference between this month and last month's read equals your billable consumption. A new single family account (SFR) is currently billed the **MINIMUM RATE of: \$69.85** which equals: Water: \$23.15 Sewer \$41.70 Police (PSF) \$5.00

This minimum rate is charged whether someone occupies the home or not, and whether water is used or not. This rate covers 500 cubic feet (3,740 gallons) of water usage. If you use less than that, the minimum will still apply. If you use more than that, each 100 cubic feet (cf) over 500 will be charged \$3.45.

The rate changes after you have occupied the residence from November through April. At that time, a sewer WINTER AVERAGE will be applied, based on how much water you used during those six (6) months. Then, for May through Octobers' billing, your sewer charges will be based on water used the previous winter.
(this should lower your bill, since May through Oct water usage usually increases with warmer weather.)

This minimum rate covers sewer usage, based on 300 cubic feet (2,244 gallons) of water usage. (We do not measure what goes into the sewer!) If you use less water than that, the minimum rate, now \$35.80, will still apply. If you use more water than that, each 100 cubic feet (cf) over 300 will be charged \$2.35.

The City bills "in arrears" – backwards. We collect meter readings the last day of the month, ±2 days, to calculate water and sewer charges for that month. These are processed the first few days of the month before being mailed out – you'll probably receive it between the 5th-7th of this month, for last month's usage. It will be due on the 21st of the new month. It will be considered Past Due by the 30th of the new month. Example for April's usage:
Read April 30th processed May 4th mailed May 5th received May 7th Due May 21st Late May 31st Delinquent June 21st

Each month's statement shows your new "CURRENT CHARGES." As time goes on, that will add up "Payments Received" and "Previous Balances." Pay what you see lower right: TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Past Due Balances require your prompt attention, and shut-offs will be scheduled. Payment Plans can be arranged if you call soon to coordinate.

When the account was opened, a deposit was held for any new customer accounts. The deposit can be applied to your account after 12 months of timely payments. This wouldn't be earlier than 13 calendar months after your first bill. You will need to call and request the deposit be applied. If you move out, any credits will be refunded to you, after being applied to outstanding charges.

If/when you move out, or sell the house, or find a new roommate, or whatever: please give us an update! New phone numbers, too. You can call in advance of changes, so that everything will settle better. Call, email utilities@cityofrogueriver.org, come to City Hall or visit the Utility website (by September 2024). We'll help!