



Tradin' Crows

March 2024 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Staffing Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch 12:30 pm to 1:30 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 all meetings

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

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

Planning Commissioners:

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

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Jim Williams / Dave Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update

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

- 1 Awarded a contract for Municipal Audit Services to Sensiba San Filippo LLP.
- 2 Approved a park sign request from the Rogue River Garden Club.
- 3 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".

- 4 Approved the Mayor's Committee Appointments and Council Assignments.
- 5 Approved an Ordinance granting Avista a continued Franchise Agreement to provide "natural" gas service within the City.
- 6 Tabled a Resolution amending Committee Rules.

The next scheduled City Council meeting is on Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 pm.



Did You Know!!!

Can you believe Rooster Crow is just around the corner? Rogue River's 71st annual National Rooster Crow Weekend will be June 28, 29, and 30th. The Rooster Crow is put on by the Kiwanis Club of Rogue River. 2024 is looking to be a great year with new games and many events. Rooster Park will have new game tables set up. Hope to see you all there!

If you are interested in being a vendor, participant, entrant in the parade, or nominating a Grand Marshall check out the Kiwanis Website:

www.rrkiwanis.org

Councilor Sherrie Moss



ARBOR DAY IS COMING!!!

Rogue River is celebrating **41-Years** of being designated a "Tree City USA"

The Celebration of the tree planting with the Rogue River Elementary School students will be on Thursday, April 25th at Rogue River Elementary School!



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Scheduled Events		
March 2023		
7th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
12th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Meeting
14th	11:00 am	Tree City Committee
21st	10:00am	Council/Staff Workshop
26th	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
28th	6:00 pm	City Council Meeting
First Week of April		
4th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop

Coming Soon: BILL PAY OPTIONS

- Staff are working to perfect bank processing.
- More info in next months billing...

**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

This month we will be welcoming a new police chief. It is somewhat bittersweet – Chief Williams has been a huge asset to our city and as much as I hate to see him leave, I also know that his retirement is well deserved after a life-long career in law enforcement. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to him for his service to Rogue River. He has been an inspiring leader and a joy to work with. His positive interactions with the public have bolstered their support of our police department. And like Chief Whipple before him, he is leaving the department on solid footing and in good order for the new chief to step in. Thank you Chief Williams, I hope you will visit us often and I wish you much happiness in the years to come.

Respectfully Yours,

“Never underestimate the difference you make in the lives you touch.”

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 though 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 2024 Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th 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