

Tradin' Crows

May 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 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers

Council/Staff Workshops:

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in 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
- Joanna Strauss
- Mark Minegar (alternate)

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Dave Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ROGUE RIVER You just turned 112 years old!

City Council Update

Mayor Pro Tem Barb Hilty opened the April meeting with a Moment of Silence then led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Council Committee reports were heard, and the March 28th minutes approved, the City Council took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Councilor Moss read a Mayor's Proclamation proclaiming April 25th as Arbor Day.
- **2** Approved a request from the Rogue River Greenway Foundation to place a 2024 Ride the Rogue Event banner over Depot Street.
- **3** Approved a request from the Cal Ore River Racers endorsing their Marine Permit for the Rooster Crow Hydroplane race June 29th and 30th.
- **4** Approved a requested rate increase of 2.89% for solid waste collection services from Southern Oregon Sanitation.
- **5** Approved the Mayor's appointment of Barb Gregory as the Rogue River Community Center Representative.



YARD SALE TIME!

- No permits needed for residential yard sales!
- Sales allowed up to three continuous days
- Sales allowed four times per year

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 Signs may not obstruct vision for drivers, or block pedestrian traffic

The 2023 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available at www.cityofrogueriver.org

This report informs you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day.



A Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was initiated to honor the soldiers for the Union and Confederate armies who died during the American Civil War.

Celebrations honoring Civil War heroes started the year after the war ended. The establishment of a public holiday was meant to unify the celebration as a national day of remembrance instead of a holiday celebrated separately by the Union and Confederate states. By the late 19th century, the holiday became known as Memorial Day and was expanded to include the deceased veterans of all the wars fought by American forces. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday.

Active Military, and those who are Gone, Thank You for Your Service.

Join the Mayor, City Council and Staff in observing Memorial Day by remembering those that have given their lives to protect us and protect our freedom.

9 Approved a Resolution adopting Rules of the Common Council.10 Approved a Resolution adopting fees for the Building Department.

11 Accepted the March 28th minute of the Citizen Advisory Committee and the April 11th Tree City Committee.

The City Council is still accepting applications for the Tree City Committee. Applications are available at City Hall.

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- 6 Provided a local government recommendation to the OLCC recommending approval of the Temporary Use permit requested by Rogue Pub-N-Putt for Rooster Crow Weekend.
- 7 Continued discussion of an Ordinance amending the Rogue River Zoning Ordinance establishing regulations for mobile vending and food truck sites.
- 8 Adopted an Ordinance amending the Flood Damage Protections Standards of the City.

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Scheduled Meetings May 2024						
2nd	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop				
7th	9:00 am	Safety Committee				
9th	11:00 am	Tree City Committee				
14th	10:00 am	Planning Committee Workshop				
16th	10:00 am	City/Staff Workshop				
23rd	4:30 pm	Citizen Advisory Committee				
23rd	6:00 pm	Council Meeting				
27th	MEMORIAL	DAY – City Hall Closed				
28th	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting				
First week in June 2024						
4th	9:00 am	Safety Committee				
6th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop				

NOXIOUS WEEDS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

Rogue River Municipal Code

8.05.300 Noxious Vegetation and Debris - WEEDS No owner or person in control or possession of property may permit weeds or other noxious vegetation to grow upon his property. It is the duty of an owner or person in control or possession of property to cut down or to destroy weeds or other noxious vegetation from becoming unsightly or from becoming a fire hazard or from maturing or going to seed.

A. The term "noxious vegetation" does not include vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop unless that vegetation is a health hazard or a fire or traffic hazard within the meaning of subsection (B) of this section.

- B. The term "noxious vegetation" includes:
- 1. Weeds more than 10- inches high.
- 2. Grass more than 10-inches high.

Please consider fire danger, maintain your yard.

Mayor's Corner May 2024

It's been a busy time at City Hall and around the City as we get ready for the approaching summer. Our public works crew has been hard at work sprucing things up in advance of Rooster Crow and city staff has been juggling multiple projects from preparing our annual budget to finalizing the on-line bill pay and E-Permitting programs. We are currently short-staffed in both the office and public works so I'm always amazed and grateful for how much those two departments accomplish! And speaking of accomplishments, our newest police officer Ben Dodge will be graduating from the Academy soon. He'll have some field training to do before being on his own but once that's complete, it will definitely make a difference for that short-staffed department.

We are still planning to have the curbside trash pickup this year on Friday, June 7th. That makes it right after the city-wide yard sale that Tracy Stinchcomb is organizing so folks can get rid of items they weren't able to sell. The yard sale event is scheduled for May 31st and June 1st and if you want to participate, text/contact Tracy at 541-326-2207 so she can include your address on the social media posts.

Among the changing months, May stands confest The sweetest, and in fairest colours dressed! Soft as the breeze that fans the smiling field; Sweet as the breath that opening roses yield. –James Thomson (1700–48)



Mayor Pam

Respectfully Yours-

SPRING TRASH CLEAN-UP

The City of Rogue River along with Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) will be conducting their annual

Spring Trash Clean Up on

Monday, June 10, 2024

This is a free service provided by the City and SOS to encourage city resident's to clean their property and garages prior to the Rooster Crow weekend. **We have included**

a small flyer with the requirements and restrictions for your trash pick up.

Remember, the City only stops by once at each address to pick up starting at 7:00 a.m. We suggest you have your items out the night before.



For more SOS disposal information go to: https://www.sosanitation.com/waste-disposal-guide/





Announcing Rogue River's 71st Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest Weekend Event - June 28-30, 2024



The Rogue River Kiwanis Club is hosting the annual "71st Annual National Rooster Crowing Contest". Saturday morning starts with the Parade at 10 a.m. followed with the Cal-Ore Hydroplane Boat Racers qualifications, the Human Crow at Rooster Park which is judged by the audience and then the Rooster Crowing Contest. Sunday continues with the Cal-Ore Hydroplane Boat Racers holding their official races and the Rooster Crow Car Show where up to 100 pre-1975 vintage cars and pickups will be displayed along Pine Street in downtown Rogue River. Live entertainment, craft, and food vendors will be part of the fun on Saturday and Sunday. For more information about any of the events you can visit the Rogue River Kiwanis Club website at rrkiwanis.org.