



# Tradin' Crows

November 2024 Edition



"Charlie"

## 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:

Held on the 4th Thursday  
of every month at 6:00 p.m.  
in the City Hall Council Chambers

### City Council Workshops:

Held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays  
at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall  
Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other  
meetings

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

### City Council Members:

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

### Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirm
- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Jonna Strauss
- Mark Minegar
- Ed Hudson
- Brandy Lockwood

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Dave Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg



## City Council Update



Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the October meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the City councilors delivered their committee reports they took action on the following agenda items:

- 1 Approved the September 26th City Council Meeting minutes.
- 2 Heard the City Administrator's report regarding his attendance of the 99th annual League of Oregon Cities conference.
- 3 Approved moving the November Council meeting from November 28th to November 21st due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, and moving the December Council meeting from December 26th to December 19th due to the Christmas Holiday.
- 4 Accepted the minutes as submitted for the Tree City Committee meeting on October 10, 2024.



*To those in uniform serving today, those who have served in the past, those who will serve in the future, and to their families you are our Heroes.*

**WE HONOR YOU TODAY  
AND EVERY DAY!**



## IT'S LEAF PICK-UP TIME AGAIN!!!



Fall is once again upon us and with that leaves are beginning to drop. The City's Leaf Pick-up Program officially starts in November and will continue through December 27, 2024.

### REMEMBER:

This is for LEAVES ONLY, no grass, animal droppings, tree limbs, rocks or household garbage will be picked up. If you find that your leaves were not picked up it could be for one of these reasons.

The City has a leaf vacuum and would like to utilize it as much as possible. All piles of leaves should be in an area accessible within the reach of the 6-foot vacuum hose, but not behind fences, on the sidewalk or in the gutter. We have found that raking your leaves onto a tarp and pulling it out to the front of your property works well. Also, WET LEAVES are hard for the vacuum to pick-up, cover them with a tarp or plastic to keep dry.

### PLEASE DO NOT RAKE THE LEAVES INTO OPEN DITCHES, GUTTERS OR STORM DRAINS!

The City will pick up leaves in bags, although this is not preferred. Please make sure your bags are at least 1.5 mil thick and no larger than 33-gallon in size.

A sure way to tell if the bag is the right size and not filled too full, if you cannot pick up the bag after you have filled it, it is most likely too heavy for our staff to pick up.

***This is another effort the City makes to keep our Storm Drains clear and flowing freely during the winter months.***



 <b>November 2024</b> 						
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<b>December 2024</b>						
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## Scheduled Events

### November 2024

5th	9:00 am	Safety Committee
7th	10:00 am	City Council/Staff Workshop
11th	<b>Closed in OBSERVANCE of VETERANS DAY</b>	
12th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
14th	11:00 am	Tree City Committee
21st	10:00 am	City Council/Staff Workshop
	6:00 pm	City Council Meeting
26th	6:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting
28th	<b>Closed in OBSERVANCE of THANKSGIVING</b>	
29th	<b>Closed in OBSERVANCE of THANKSGIVING</b>	

### December 2024

3rd	9:00 am	Safety Committee
5th	10:00 am	City Council/Staff Workshop



## PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST FROZEN & BURST PIPES



### Prepare today:

**Identify the main water shut-off** to your home or business and try it before you have to use it. There should be a valve between your building and the water meter at the street. Call City Hall if you need assistance in locating your shutoff. **DO NOT** use the City turn off valve located between the meter and street.

**Insulate pipes** in your breeze way, crawl spaces and attic. These exposed pipes are the most susceptible to freezing.

**Wrap vulnerable pipes** with heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables. Be sure to use products that are UL-approved, and follow manufacturer's instructions.

**Seal leaks** with caulk or insulation to keep cold air from coming in near pipes, especially around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes.

## "Mayor's Corner"

For those of you who haven't seen it yet, the newest mural has been completed and is on display in Rooster Park. This is the first mural that has its own structure and is actually 3 murals in one. We had a small dedication ceremony at the site for the founder of the Rogue River Mural Society, Wanda Nesbit. Wanda was a very special lady – an inspiration and a joy to be around. I want to thank the current Mural Society for continuing Wanda's legacy, and I also want to give a HUGE shout out to our Public Works crew for their hard work in getting the site finished in time for the dedication.

We also honored the previous Tree City Committee Chairman, Don Moody, with a plaque that's located in front of the Giant Sequoia tree in Palmerton Park. If you haven't visited the park lately, the current Tree City Committee and our Public Works Department have worked hard over the summer months and it really shows.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to say how grateful I am to live in Rogue River and how thankful I am for all those who work so hard keeping it a beautiful, safe place that we can be proud to call home.

**Respectfully Yours,  
Mayor Pam**

*The dead leaves fall like noiseless rain,  
The air is calm and warm and sweet;  
Upon the woodland and the plain  
The ghost of summer rests her feet.*  
—Clinton Scollard (1860–1932)



### **NEW FEMA RULES MAY AFFECT PROPERTY RIGHTS!**

As a result of lawsuits brought by several environmental groups in Oregon, by Dec. 1st FEMA is requiring cities to adopt new rules which may greatly impact property rights. These rules would require new restrictions on development based on impacts to fish habitat. These rules would affect properties within the 100 year floodplain. If the rules are not adopted, cities risk losing the opportunity to receive flood insurance in their communities. As a citizen, you can ask your US Senators and US Representative for help:

SEN. JEFF MERKLEY, Medford office: 10 S. Bartlett St., Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501. Phone: 541-608-9102. Email: Go online to [merkley.senate.gov/contact](http://merkley.senate.gov/contact).

SEN. RON WYDEN, Medford office: 310 W. Sixth St., Room 118, Medford, OR 97501. Phone: 541-858-5122. Email: Go online to [wyden.senate.gov/contact](http://wyden.senate.gov/contact).

REP. CLIFF BENTZ, Medford office: 14 N. Central Ave., Suite 112, Medford, OR 97501. Phone: 541-776-4646. Email: Go online to [bentz.house.gov/contact](http://bentz.house.gov/contact).



### ***Did You Know?***

There is a wonderful new carving of a henhouse with a rooster and hen on top. It sits on the Pine Street side of Rooster Park. The carving was done by Gary Spallino. The rooster and hen are done in a different wood in his shop due to pencil rot in the tree. Please come by and see it. The carving is truly a great addition to our park. (more to come...)