



# Tradin' Crows

October 2025 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:

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
- Mark Minegar
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory



### Planning Commission Members:

- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Dean Stirm
- Jonna Strauss
- Ed Hudson
- Brandy Lockwood (alternate)

**City Administrator:** Ryan Nolan

**Chief of Police:** Dave Rash

**Public Works Director:** Mike Bollweg



## City Council Update



Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the September City Council with the pledge of allegiance, followed by an invocation from Pastor Austin Abbott of River Valley Church, Rogue River. After hearing the committee reports from the Mayor and City Councilors, they deliberated on the following agenda items:

### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 Continued a public hearing regarding an application to expand an existing mobile home park at 515 E. Main Street until October 23, 2025.
- 2 Approved Resolution 25-1461-R, approving membership with Mayors for Peace.
- 3 Adopted Ordinance 25-441-O, adopting the Rogue River Greenway Plan as a reference document in the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP).

- 4 Adopted Ordinance 25-442-O, updating the City's Planned Unit Development (PUD) standards.
- 5 Continued Ordinance 24-433-O, an Ordinance adopting FEMA BiOp standards until December 18, 2025.
- 6 Accepted the Tree City Committee's September 11th meeting minutes.

The Mayor and City Council would like to welcome everyone to join them at the next City Council Meeting on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

### PLAY IN OUR PARKS

City staff and volunteers will be hosting a special event on October 10th. Children are invited to join staff at Rooster Park to complete a Play in Our Parks Passport day (including prizes) from 10am until 1pm. Volunteers will be helping children enjoy over 10 games and activities in Rooster Park, Anna Classick Park, and Palmerton Park. If you have any questions call City Hall at 541-582-4401.



The Bears are headed back to Rogue River!



### HALLOWEEN IN ROGUE RIVER:



The City will be participating in the annual Downtown Business "Halloween Trick-or-Treating" event on Friday, October 31st beginning at 3:00 p.m. A Halloween parade will also be occurring downtown at 3:00 p.m. Please be cautious when driving in the downtown area. Maps showing the participating businesses will be in the Rogue River Press. The Kiwanis Safe House fun will also be at the Live Oak Grange.



### FALL COLOR TOUR AT PALMERTON PARK ARBORETUM

The Tree City, USA, Committee of Rogue River invites everyone to their annual "Fall Color Tour" at the Palmerton Park Arboretum, 300 West Evans Creek Road at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2025. They will point out some of the favorite trees in the Arboretum, explain their new Tree ID markers that show the names of the trees, and talk about their newest trees. It is time for some of the leaves to display their beautiful Fall color before they drop to the ground. There is no charge, and the tour will last 30 minutes to 1 hour. Please join them on Sunday, October 12 at 2 p.m. If you have any questions call City Hall at 541-582-4401.





## "Mayor's Corner"



The Director of the Jackson County Library District came to one of our recent Council Work-shops to give us some information and statistics regarding our Rogue River Branch.

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November 2025						
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The most interesting part of the presentation though was finding out about their "Library of Things". You can check out some very unique items as well as some everyday kind of things. If there's something you've thought of purchasing but didn't because you wouldn't use it enough or you weren't really sure you wanted/needed it, you might just be able to try it out for free! Items can be checked out for 21 days (no renewals) and it's easy to search the list on their website - [jcls.org](http://jcls.org).

From an air fryer to a ukelele, the list will amaze you. Don't wait until the day you need it though - there's no same day pick up at this time.

Respectfully Yours, Mayor Pam

*Hail, old October, bright and chill,  
First freedman from the summer sun!  
Spice high the bowl, and drink your fill!  
Thank heaven, at last the summer's done!*  
-Thomas Constable (1812-81)



# Fall is Here!



### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

Fall is here and soon leaves will begin to drop. We will be carrying out a leaf pickup project in November.

Look for more information in next month's Tradin' Crows. But remember as you get ready for leaf pickup...

*This program is for **LEAVES ONLY**,  
**NO** animal droppings, tree limbs, rocks or household garbage. All piles of leaves should be in an area accessible within the reach of the 6-foot vacuum truck hose.*



### Mayor VanArsdale recognized by the League of Oregon Cities

At the 100th annual League of Oregon Cities Conference in Portland Oregon, Mayor Pam VanArsdale was awarded the James C. Richards Memorial Award. This prestigious award is awarded to an elected official in the State of Oregon who has demonstrated exemplary contributions, leadership, and high ethical conduct.

OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE October 2025		
2nd	10:00 AM	Council / Staff Workshop
3rd	1:15 PM	<b>HOME COMING PARADE!</b>
7th	9:00 AM	Safety Committee
9th	11:00 AM	Tree City Committee
10th	10:00 AM	Play In Our Parks Event
12th	2:00 PM	<b>Fall Color Tour, Palmerton Park</b>
14th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
16th	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
23rd	10:00 AM	Council / Staff Workshop
28th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
31st	3:00 PM	<b>Downtown Halloween Event</b>



## October is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is October 19-25!

This week raises awareness about the dangers of lead exposure, especially for children. It can impact growth, learning, and behavior, however, it is preventable. Homes built in 1978 or earlier are more likely to contain lead-based paint. If you live in one, ask your child's doctor about a lead test.

Learn more about preventing exposure at [www.healthoregon.org/lead](http://www.healthoregon.org/lead).