



Tradin' Crows'



July 2026 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:

- Vacant
- Grace Howell
- Mark Minegar
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirn
- Jay Chick (Chair)
- Dee Copley
- Jonna Strauss
- Ed Hudson
- Vacant
- Paul Allen (Alternate)

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Dave Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update

Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the meeting on June 25th, 2026. Pastor Josh Keeton of Rogue River Calvary Church provided the Invocation, and Mayor VanArsdale lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first special order of business was a proclamation regarding the Annual Rooster Crow celebration.

The City Council then took action on the following agenda items:

- ♥ Approved the May 28, 2026 Regular Council meeting minutes.
- ♥ Heard Committee Reports.
- ♥ Continued the public hearing on proposed code changes relating to FEMA until the September 24th, 2026 Council meeting.

♥ Convened as the Contract Review Board to award the Small City Allotment sidewalk project. Awarded to Timber Mountain Construction, Inc.

♥ Convened as the Contract Review Board to accept approved proposals for tow services within the City of Rogue River.

♥ Approved the grant application for OR99: Depot St. project from ODOT.

♥ Continued until the July 23, 2026 City Council Meeting a park use request for the Ammerman Family Reunion reservation of all of Rooster Park on October 10, 2026 .

♥ Approved the May 14, 2026 Tree City Committee minutes.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



Congratulations to the Rogue River Kiwanis Club on a successful 73rd ANNUAL ROOSTER CROW!



And Congratulations to **Big Chainsaw** with **47** crows for the win. Look for a complete list of Parade, Car Show, and Rooster Crow Winners in the Rogue River Press...

Celebrate 250 Years of American History!

On July 4th, 2026 the United States of America will celebrate 250 years of independence. "With a single sheet of parchment and 56 signatures, America began the greatest political journey in human history." We are all encouraged to experience the beauty of our country and renew our spirit of adventure.

Happy Independence Day everyone!



National Night Out — August 4th



Join the City of Rogue River Police Department in celebrating our third annual National Night Out on August 4th 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.

USA July 2026

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August 2026

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Scheduled Events July 2026

2nd	10:00 AM	City Council and Staff Workshop
3rd		City Offices Closed
7th	9:00 AM	Safety Committee Mtg
9th	11:00 AM	Tree City Committee Mtg
14th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
16th	10:00 AM	City Council and Staff Workshop
23rd	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
28th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop

First Week of August

4th	9:00 AM	Safety Personnel Committee
6th	10:00 AM	City Council and Staff Workshop



REVISED 2025 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE
REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE BY VISITING:

<https://cityofrogueriver.org/public-works-utilities/>

OR A PRINTED COPY MAY BE OBTAINED
UPON REQUEST AT CITY HALL



**Warning
Fire risk**

It's fire season and with the lack of precipitation everything is getting very dry around town. Persistent hot weather causes high weeds, grass, brush and overgrown blackberry bushes to become potential fire hazards. We appreciate you clearing noxious vegetation and fire fuel, and 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.

Mayor's Corner July 2026



Happy Birthday to our United States of America! We're looking pretty good for our age!

We always hear this and that about "the founding fathers" but there were also some important (though mostly forgotten) women that contributed to our freedom from the British monarchy.  

On the side of the Patriots, There was Sybil Ludington, who was known as the "female Paul Revere". At age 16, she reportedly rode 40 miles through the night in April 1777 in the driving rain to warn local militia that British troops were approaching. Legend has it that Mary Ludwig Hays, also called "Molly Pitcher" carried water to parched soldiers during the oppressive summer heat of the 1778 Battle of Monmouth, and when her husband was wounded, she took his place on the artillery line to continue firing a cannon. Tyonjanegan (Two Kettles Together) was an Indigenous Oneida leader who fought directly alongside her husband, firing pistols and reloading guns during the 1777 siege of Fort Stanwix.    

It is noteworthy and ironic that while these women willingly fought for American liberty, they did so during a time when women and Indigenous People had few freedoms of their own and slavery was an accepted practice. And though we've overcome and rejected those inequalities, there is still work to be done before we truly have "Liberty and Justice for all".

Respectfully Yours,

Mayor Pam



"If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice, or representation." Abigail Adams

DID YOU KNOW...

Of the many people that work so hard to keep our city beautiful, I'd like to hi-light the Tree City Committee.

Rogue River is designated a "Tree City USA", sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City Committee, headed by their president, Jim Dyck, advises the Public Works Department on the health of trees around the city, identifies heritage trees and organizes the Arbor Day tree planting each year with local elementary school students.

Each spring, they conduct an expert-guided walk in Palmerton Park for anyone who'd like to participate and know more about the lovely trees in our city.

Thanks goes out to all the volunteers who devote their time to the Tree City Committee. If you'd like to be a part of this wonderful endeavor, come to City Hall and inquire how you can bring your talents and volunteer!

