



Tradin' Crows'

August 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:

- Dee Copley
- Grace Howell
- Mark Minegar
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirn
- Jay Chick (Chair)
- Jonna Strauss
- Ed Hudson
- Vacant
- Paul Allen (Alternate)
- Vacant (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 July 23rd, 2026. Pastor Lucas Bradburn from Creekside Bible Church provided the Invocation, and Mayor VanArsdale lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- ♥ Approved the June 25th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes.
- ♥ Approved the July 16th, 2026 Special Council Meeting minutes.
- ♥ Heard Committee Reports.
- ♥ Convened as the Contract Review Board to consider bids for a 1 million-gallon drinking water reservoir. All bids were rejected due to being over-budget.
- ♥ Accepted a Seismic Rehabilitation Grant of \$1,617,876.00 from the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority to seismically retro-fit the City's police station.
- ♥ Authorized the mayor to provide written consent

to SOS to sell more than 50% of their stock to Waste Connections US Holdings, Inc. as required by their franchise agreement with the City.

- ♥ Approved the mayor's appointment of Dee Copley to City Council Position #1.
- ♥ Approved the mayor's appointment of Dee Copley as the Rogue River Community Center liaison.
- ♥ Approved the mayor's appointment of Dee Copley as the Tree City committee liaison.
- ♥ Approved three park reservations with amplified music at Rooster park.
- ♥ Accepted the July 9, 2026 Tree City Committee minutes.
- ♥ Dee Copley was then sworn-in as a City Councilor for Rogue River.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



National Night Out — August 4th

Come join the City of Rogue River Police Department and celebrate 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 provides a chance to get to know your neighbors to make our city a safer, more caring place to live. The event will celebrate our city's law enforcement and provides a terrific chance to bring police and neighbors together in a fun positive environment. **All citizens are invited!**



National Blood Crisis

For only the second time in history, the American Red Cross has declared a national blood crisis — Donors are asked to act immediately to help save lives.

Blood donations have fallen to a four-year summer low, worsening this season's emergency blood shortage. All blood types are needed, but the situation is especially dire for type O blood as the Red Cross is now limiting distributions of these blood products to hospitals. The supply of type O positive blood has now dropped below a one-day supply.

**Help end this crisis and stabilize the blood supply.
Book an appointment to give blood now by:
using the Blood Donor App,
visiting RedCrossBlood.org
or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).**





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September 2026

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Scheduled Events August 2026

4th	9:00 AM	Safety Personnel Committee
4th	6:00 PM	National Night Out at Rooster Park
6th	10:00 AM	Council/Staff Workshop
11th	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
13th	11:00 AM	Tree City Committee
20th	10:00 AM	City Council/Staff Workshop
25th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
27th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

First Week of September

1st	9:00 AM	Safety Personnel Committee
3rd	10:00 AM	City Council and Staff Workshop
7th		City Offices Closed—Labor Day



Help the City Conserve Water!

Water conservation ideas extend to the outdoors.

Don't run the hose while washing your car. Clean your car using a pail of soapy water. Only use the hose for rinsing; this simple practice can save as much as 100 gallons! Use a spray nozzle when rinsing for more efficient use of water.



Back to school is just around the corner!

The first day school is back in session will be
August 31, 2026.

Please remember to slow down for school zones, keep an eye out for children getting on and off the school buses and respect crosswalks and areas where students might be walking.

Mayor's Corner August 2026



With the recent East Evans Creek Fire, I would like to talk about preparedness.

Putting together a plan, whether it's for a fire, flood or some other catastrophe, is the number one most important thing that we all should do, if you haven't done so already. Even the most calm and level-headed person can be overwhelmed and find it hard to have their wits about them in an emergency situation.

Something as simple as a short list on the fridge of the 10 most important things to you can help you be focused on the task at hand. People always think they'll remember the necessities but you'd be surprised how blank your mind can become when faced with a challenging situation like evacuation.

From meds (don't forget your pet meds) to dog leashes, and extra clothing (our temps can change considerably so what you're wearing if you evacuate in the daytime might not be warm enough after the sun goes down) to food, water and even account passwords, each of us has at least 10 things that we absolutely need in the event of an emergency.

I would also recommend that you keep some cash squirreled away, making sure you have a quantity of smaller bills (\$100's and \$50's might be hard to break). During the recent 14+ hour power outage, many of our businesses were still open but on a cash-only basis.

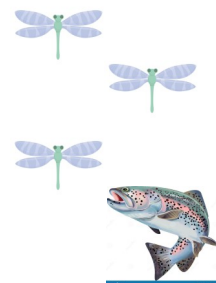
And lastly, don't forget your neighbor! We need to all work together and look out for one another when catastrophe strikes.

Respectfully Yours,

Mayor Pam



When high the sun in noonday glory rides,
Where willows keep the lake's green margin cool,
The speckled trout amid their shadow hides,
And dragonflies haunt every shaded pool.
-Thomas S. Collier (1842-93)



August 18th to
**Mayor Pam
VanArsdale!**

We are excited to announce the launch of the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce's new Digital Interactive Touring Map!

This interactive map is designed to help residents and visitors easily discover local businesses, dining, lodging, attractions, services, and other points of interest throughout our community.

View the map at:

<https://www.rogueriverchamber.com/tourist-map>

