



Tradin' Crows'

September 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 August 27th, 2026. Chaplain Jim Williams from Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon provided the Invocation, and Mayor VanArsdale lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- ♥ Approved the July 23rd, 2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes.
- ♥ Approved the August 20th, 2026 Special Council Meeting minutes.
- ♥ Heard Committee Reports.
- ♥ Approved a Text Amendment 2026-01, which amends the text of the municipal code. It adds a Commercial-Residential Zoning District. The section containing the Commercial Design Standards in the Commercial Zoning District will be addressed in the Council's workshops in September.
- ♥ Adopted Ordinance 26-449-O, which creates a Commercial-Zoning District and amends the City's zoning map, converting sixty one properties from the

Commercial Zone to the Commercial-Residential Zone, and converting two properties from the Commercial Zone to the Public Zone.

- ♥ Approved Resolution 26-1484-R, recommending the top five issues that the City would like the League of Oregon Cities to focus on during the 2027 -2028 legislative cycle.
- ♥ Approved Resolution 26-1479-R, amending the Committee rules of the City of Rogue River, adding a Tree City Liaison position.
- ♥ Approved a request to hang a temporary banner in Rooster Park from the Chamber of Commerce, thanking firefighters for their recent efforts.
- ♥ Approved two park reservations for August 29th and September 19th, 2026 with amplified music at Rooster Park Pavilion.
- ♥ Accepted the August 13th, 2026 Tree City Committee minutes.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

ROGUE RIVER LOCAL RECOGNIZED BY JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



JoAnn Dixon is a long-time local volunteer whose hard work, cheerful presence and deep knowledge of environmental stewardship have resulted in her receiving the **Jackson County Community Service Award** on Aug 26th, 2026.



She has been an active OSU Extension Land Steward Program Volunteer for many years. She is an invaluable member of the Tree City USA committee, serving since 2002. Most of all, JoAnn is a warm-hearted and joyful presence in our community. **THANK YOU, JoAnn,** for your extraordinary dedication



WE NEED **YOUR** HELP!

Do you want to get involved in the community? We are currently accepting applications for positions on the City Planning Commission. If you are interested in these positions please come by City Hall for an application. Questions? Contact the City Recorder at 541-582-4401.

School is back in session!

The first day of school was August 31, 2026. As students are walking to and from school and getting on and off school buses, they are often distracted. Please remember to slow down for school zones, keep an eye out for children and respect crosswalks and areas where students might be walking.



Ready for some friendly competition?

Submit your best Fall Recipe to City Hall by September 21st. We will try out the recipes and announce our favorite in October's Tradin' Crows!

September 2026



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October 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Scheduled Events September 2026

1st	9:00 AM	Safety Personnel Committee
3rd	10:00 AM	City Council and Staff Workshop
7th		City Offices Closed—Labor Day
8th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Meeting
10th	11:00 AM	Tree City Committee
17th	10:00 AM	City Council/Staff Workshop
22nd	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Workshop
24th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

First Week of October

1st	10:00 AM	City Council and Staff Workshop
6th	9:00 AM	Safety Personnel Committee
8th	11:00 AM	Tree City Committee



“Jackson Alerts” is Jackson County’s new notification system for informing residents about emergencies and other important community news and information you need to stay safe during situations such as wildfires, severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

Sign up today by going online to: jacksoncountyor.gov and clicking the link.

While you’re on the website, check out “**Know Your Zone**” to become familiar with the community-level alert and warning zones in case of evacuation.

Mayor’s Corner September 2026



I am without adequate words to express my profound gratitude to all of the people who helped Rogue River avoid catastrophe when the Fielder Mt. fire descended on us. I truly believe had it not been for the proximity and quick response from Rogue River Fire District 1, Evans Valley Fire District and ODF, we would have lost not only homes but possibly lives.



So many of our Rogue Valley neighbors answered our call for help; multiple fire districts, Sheriff’s Department and other police agencies, County Emergency Management, just to name a few of the many who came to our aid. Our own Public Works and Police Dept were amazing in their commitment to our citizen’s safety and welfare!

As tragic as this could have been, we came away with a new understanding of some of the things that we need to do better and some of the things that worked well. We also discovered some critical deficiencies in the overall system such as cell tower overload from so many emergency alerts going out. I urge all of you to consider having a battery-operated AM/FM radio and maybe also consider having a landline phone as a backup.



And last but definitely not least, a huge THANK YOU to all of the neighbors that checked on each other, helped one another and came together to make a scary and intense situation a little less so. Our strength as a community shone when it was most needed!

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” -Coretta Scott King



RIDE THE ROGUE is coming September 24th to 28th! Come and enjoy the new and improved Greenway paths and trails. (Thank you to the city’s Public Works Dept and City Hall’s Annette Phillips for your hard work to beautify this area!)



The Labor Day holiday was created to honor the contributions of American workers. When it was conceived, many people worked 12 hour days, six or seven days a week. The first Monday in September was chosen for its favorable weather and its position between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving. In 1887, Oregon was the first state to officially recognize Labor Day, a full seven years before it came a federally recognized holiday.