



Tradin' Crows'

October 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 September 24th, 2026. Brian Bouteller with the Gospel Rescue Mission provided the Invocation, and Mayor VanArsdale lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- * Approved the August 27th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes.
- * Heard Committee Reports.
- * Heard the Mayor's Proclamation declaring Water Professionals' Appreciation Week.
- * Approved Resolution 26-1485-R, accepting

the Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2025 and a Corrective action Plan based on audit deficiencies.

* Approved Resolution 26-1486-R, identifying a voting delegate, and an alternate delegate, for the League of Oregon Cities 2026 annual Business Meeting.

* Accepted the September 10th, 2026 Tree City Committee minutes.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



PLAY IN OUR PARKS

Come join City staff and volunteers for our 2nd Annual "Play in Our Parks" event on October 9th. Children and their families are invited to join staff starting at Rooster Park from 10am until 1pm. Volunteers will be helping children enjoy games and activities in Rooster Park, Anna Classick Park, and Palmerton Park. If you have any questions please call City Hall at 541-582-4401.

THE BEARS ARE BACK IN TOWN!

The Evergreen Bears are returning to our town for the Holiday Season! It's a pleasure to host these unique sculptures each year. In addition to our familiar bears, keep an eye out for special visitors at the Skevington Crossing bridge between Palmerton Park and Anna Classick Park.



REMEMBER, sidewalks are your responsibility!

As a resident it's your responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear for pedestrian traffic. This is a good time to trim back your bushes, hedges, and trees near the sidewalks and rake any fallen leaves making it easier for people with limited mobility to pass without having to go out into the street.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS IN ROGUE RIVER

The Downtown Business "Halloween Trick-or-Treat" event this year will be on Friday, October 30th beginning at 3:00 p.m.

A Halloween parade will occur along Main Street at 3:00 p.m.

Maps showing the participating businesses can be found in the Rogue River Press.

Please be cautious when driving in this downtown area as there will be many families and children out enjoying the festivities.



COMMUNITY QUESTION:

How do you treat the RED LIGHT at the crosswalk on Pine Street?

It should be observed like any other red light. Come to a complete stop at the marked limit line. Do not proceed until the light turns green and all pedestrians have cleared the crosswalk.



October 2026

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November 2026

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Scheduled Events October 2026

1st	10:00 AM	City Council /Staff Workshop
6th	10:00 AM	Safety Personnel Committee
8th	11:00 AM	Tree City Committee
9th	10:00 AM	Play in the Parks Day
13th	10:00 AM	Planning Commission Meeting
15th	10:00 AM	City Council/Staff Workshop- Canceled
22nd	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
27th	10:00	Planning Commission Meeting
31st		Halloween

First Week of November

3rd	10:00 AM	Safety Personnel Committee
5th	10:00 AM	City Council/Staff Workshop
12th	11:00 AM	Tree City Committee

Fall is Here!

2026 FALL COLOR TOUR AT PALMERTON PARK ARBORETUM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 2 PM

Please join the Rogue River Tree City USA Committee as we lead a guided tour of Palmerton Park Arboretum at 300 West Evans Creek Road on Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m. We will walk through the park and enjoy the colorful leaves, identify the trees, answer questions, and point out some of the favorite trees in the Arboretum. The tour will last about 30 minutes to 1 hour, and we hope you will join us. For information, call JoAnn Dixon, 541-582-4805.



Mayor's Corner October 2026

Happy Autumn! It might feel a little like summer still with these pleasantly warm days but the chilly mornings, earlier sunsets and the beginnings of fall color in the trees remind me that it'll soon be time for hoodies and boots instead of tank tops and sandals.



It was brought to my attention that Google has mistakenly shown Rooster Park as allowing dogs. This is absolutely not true. Dogs have never been allowed in Rooster Park and we have signage there to that effect. City staff is working on correcting that misinformation with Google. Until it's fixed, trust our signs to be true and don't believe what you read on the Internet (something that I think is good advice overall).

With Halloween soon approaching, the Rogue River Witches Brigade is busy planning their Halloween Parade. It'll be at 3 PM on the 30th to coincide with the Rogue River Press's annual downtown trick or treat festivities. The Brigade has worked hard all year to raise funds to benefit Bentley's Sanctuary, and the parade is their final event of the year. So grab a chair, put on a costume if you're so inclined, and have some Halloween fun!



Ballots should be appearing in the mail soon. No matter how you vote or who you vote for, do your homework, be informed and VOTE!



Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam



O suns and skies and flowers of June, Count all your boasts together,
Love loveth best of all the year October's bright blue weather.
—Helen Hunt Jackson, American poet (1830–85)



**Election Day is
November 3,
2026**

NOTICE:

ROOSTER PARK WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH FOR A PRIVATE EVENT.

DID YOU KNOW:

Rooster and Palmerton Parks can be rented in their entirety for private events and closed to the public (with City council approval)? Contact City Hall at 541-582-4401 for more information about renting the whole park for your next big event!

