



CITY CONNECTION

Mayor's Message

July 2013

INSIDE

Greetings fellow citizens! It's summer time, and along with the warmer weather, comes the opportunity to enjoy many outdoor activities and events. There are a lot of wonderful things happening within the Roseburg area so I encourage you to get involved. This newsletter will list summer recreation programs that are available throughout the City. You can receive a more detailed list of activities and events by checking the Roseburg Visitor's Center and/or the City of Roseburg's website under Parks Division.

This newsletter is published twice a year. We like to update you on highlights of the past 6 months and let you know what to expect for the next 6 months. You will read about our Council goals, which we recently approved, and projects we have planned to reach our goals. You will see

some of the larger construction projects and street improvements that are planned for this summer, the grants that were awarded through our Visitor's and Convention Commission and our July 4th celebration.

We have an open seat on our City Council with the recent resignation of Ken Averett. If you live in the Ward I area and are interested in serving on the City Council, please stop by City Hall and fill out an application. You do not get paid for serving on the Council, but the rewards for volunteering your time to the community are far greater than any monetary value. Ward I is located near JoLane Middle School. City Staff can help you look at the map and determine if you live within Ward I boundaries.

After much hard work

and dedication from community members, City Staff and City Council, I am proud to say the Fir Grove parking lot abutting the National Cemetery will be paved this summer. Thank you to all those involved in the fundraising efforts to complete this project. Our veterans families will no longer have to walk through mud puddles to get to the cemetery!

Enjoy your reading. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully,

Larry Rich
Mayor



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City Manager's Message



So how did we get here? It all starts with Council Goal Setting. In January of 2013, Staff and Council met in two work sessions to evaluate the previously adopted Strategic Plan and determine what "big picture" issues would be our highest priorities for the next



Evaluate Establishment of Additional Urban Renewal Plan Area

D. Citywide Beautification

E. Define and Establish Business Friendly and Improved City Image

While these goals are in no particular order, each of them speaks to the commitment our organization has to the future livability of Roseburg. We look forward to working with Council and the community to achieve these goals!

Once the goals were established, Staff began work on the 2013-14 budgets for the City and its Urban Renewal Agency. The City's General Fund provides most of the operational resources for the services provided to our

What a great time of year in the City of Roseburg! We recently adopted the 2013-14 budgets for the City and our Urban Renewal Agency. A major Roseburg Regional Airport project is underway. A number of Public Works projects have recently been awarded, and more are on the way!

few years. On February 25, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2013-2 which included five goals:

A. Identify and Implement Long-Term Infrastructure Funding Mechanisms to Ensure the City can meet Long-Term Infrastructure System Sustainability

B. Develop Strategies to Provide Long-Term Operational Stability and Sustainability

C. Update and Implement the Urban Renewal Financial and Project Plan;



community. The General Fund is where you will find the budgets for public works, public safety and our administrative functions. This year's budget re-incorporates the operational

CITY OF ROSEBURG, OREGON



2013-2014 ADOPTED BUDGET



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activities of Public Works back into the General Fund from the Public Works Special Revenue Fund. The combined budget for these two funds is down about 2% from the combined budgets for 2012-13. Resources in these funds have not kept pace with cost increases over the last few years which led us directly to consideration of Goal B above. It is hoped that over the next year or two we will be able to establish a baseline for the level of services necessary to meet our community's needs and then evaluate a funding system to provide that high level of service.



Much of our infrastructure is funded through our Water and Storm Drainage Utilities and our Urban Renewal Agency. Future funding strategies included in Goals A and C will be critical in helping us with future projects. For this year, two significant water projects will be moving forward beginning in July.

The largest is the completion of the water transmission main that carries water from the



Winchester Water Treatment Plant into town. That project will cost around \$1.6 million and be completed this fall. The second project is the replacement of a waterline under the South Umpqua River that was damaged during the high water/storm event last year. FEMA will cover 75% of the approximate \$500,000 in total project cost. We will be breaking ground on a new bicycle/pedestrian path that will connect Micelli Park and Templin Beach Park. Much of the cost of this project comes from a state grant. Once again, the project should be completed this summer.



Goals D and E are a little more difficult to define, but are equally important. The City will be working with our community to improve the look of the major entrances to

Roseburg as well as trying to identify incentives that will encourage groups and individuals to clean up and beautify private properties. We want to establish high standards for development that meet the community's



needs and can be uniformly applied to development throughout the City.

We look forward to working with local businesses, volunteers and Staff to see that we accomplish the Council goals and continue to make Roseburg a better place to live, work and play. Have a great summer!

Respectfully,

C. Lance Colley
City Manager



Parks & Recreation Division Summer Programs

The Parks & Recreation Division is excited to offer recreation programs for all ages.

A **Women's 'Just for Fun' Golf** program will be held again this summer at 5:30



p.m. on Monday evenings at the Stewart Park Golf Course. This recreational program will mix ladies playing a fun variety of scrambles each week. Players need their own set of clubs, basic knowledge of the game and do not need an established handicap. Phone Parks & Rec at 541-492-6730 or Stewart Park Golf Course at 541-672-4592 for more information. Come join the fun!



Free **Yoga in the Park** is offered on Saturdays through



August 3rd from 11 a.m. until noon. Participants should bring their own mat/blanket and a strap (such as a belt), and wear comfortable clothing. Classes are taught by Alli Spooner from Body Balance Yoga, co-sponsor of the program.

This will be the fourth summer for the **Sticks for Kids** pro-



gram. Sticks for Kids is designed to provide golf instruction to young children with no golf experience. The program gives youth the opportunity to learn golf fundamentals such as stance, grip, pitching, chipping, putting and swinging. Participants also learn golf safety, etiquette, integrity and discipline. This is a free program and golf clubs

are provided. Sticks for Kids is offered at the Stewart Park Golf Course thanks to a grant from the National Recreation & Parks Association and the Golf Course Builders Association of America. Phone the Parks & Rec office at 541-492-6730 for information and registration.



The **Adult Fitness Boot Camp** and the **Senior Low Impact Fitness Class** have both



moved outdoors for the summer. The Boot Camp is being held every Monday and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Jo Lane Middle School track area. This program offers a fun, ever-changing work-out that allows participants to follow at their own pace. Boot Camp is offered on a convenient 'drop in' basis for \$1 per session.

Senior Low Impact Fitness Class is held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the small



Parks & Recreation Division Summer Programs

pavilion in Fir Grove Park, located behind the Art Center on Harvard Avenue. Like the Boot Camp, the Senior Fitness class is offered on a 'drop in' basis for \$1 per session. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and good walking shoes / sneakers.

Another program offered again this summer is **'Wise Kids Outdoors'**. This is a four



week program for youth ages six to eleven offering children an opportunity to explore the world of nature while teaching them the importance of eating right and being physically active. The program is built around lessons, or adventure missions, which teach kids about bugs, critters, the water



and weather cycle, animal habitats, gardening and more. The curriculum for the program was provided through the generosity of Pacific Source Health Plans. The program runs from July 9th through August 1st. Phone Parks & Rec at 541-492-6730 to pre-register.

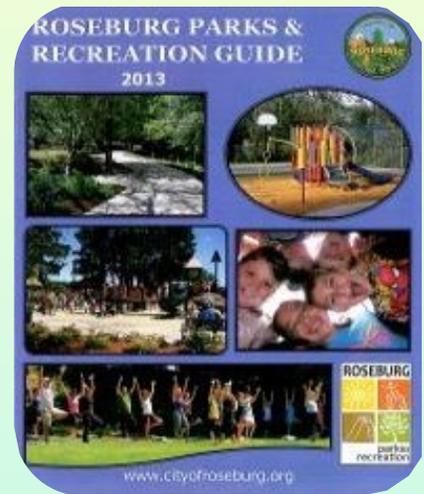


Museum in the Park is a jointly sponsored program with the Douglas County Museum. It offers opportunities for youth ages six to twelve to have some fun in the sun and a little learning adventure, too! The free program will be held in Stewart Park from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th. Pre-registration is required. Phone the Museum at 541-957-7007 to register.

The **'Discover Roseburg / Land of Umpqua' Geocache** challenges continue, with geocoins still available for all three challenges. Geocaching is a modern day 'hide and seek' type adventure that takes place outdoors with the use of hand-held GPS units. This activity is great fun for families or individuals. The Discover Roseburg challenges give participants the GPS coordinates for twenty locations, along with a question that can be answered from finding each site. After answering all twenty questions the participant re-

turns their answer sheet and is awarded a geo-coin. To begin the geocache challenge, pick up a 'passport' sheet at the Roseburg Parks & Recreation office at City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue.

New **2013 Roseburg Parks & Recreation Guides** were recently distributed through the Roseburg News Review. Additional copies are still available. If you'd like a copy of the free informative guide, they may be picked up at the parks office on the first floor of City Hall.



Don't forget to check out the Parks & Recreation pages on the City of Roseburg website for more information on fun programs!



City Council Vacancy



cincts 2 and 18 and is the northeast quadrant of the city bounded by Diamond Lake Boulevard over to the east side of Interstate 5.

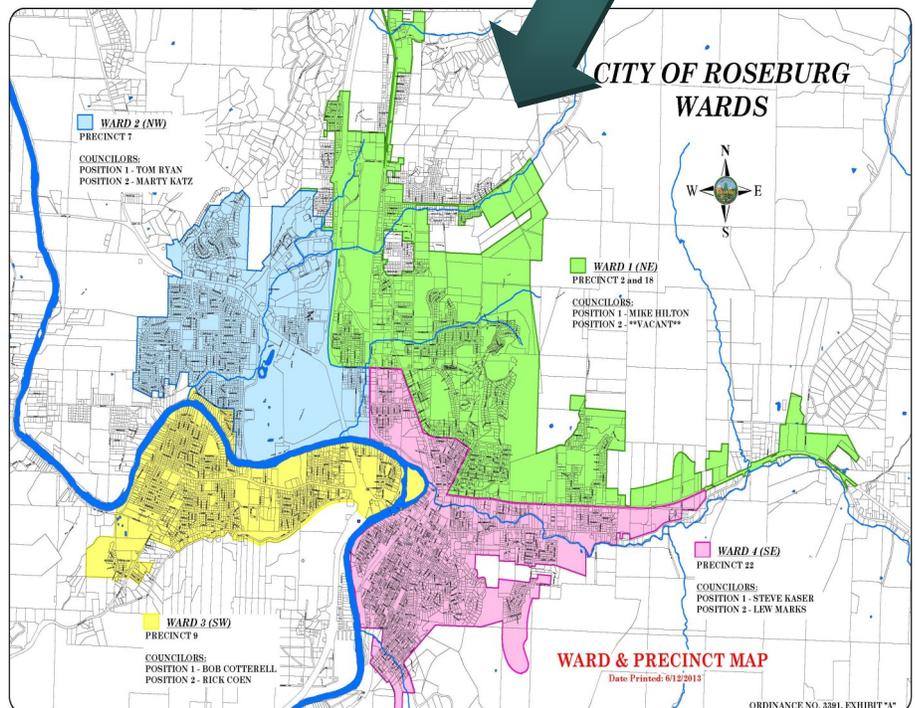
Any qualified individual desiring to be considered to fill this vacancy must declare candidacy in writing by completing an application form which is available from the City Manager's Office, Roseburg City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, OR 97470 or may be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityofroseburg.org under the home page news feed. Applications must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2013. Applicants will be interviewed by the Roseburg City Council at their meeting on Monday, August 12, 2013.

Anyone desiring more information regarding this vacancy or with questions about their Council Ward may contact the City Administrative Offices by calling 541-492-6866 or e-mailing info@cityofroseburg.org.

With regrets, the City Council recently accepted Ken Averett's resignation from the City Council. Councilor Averett began his service on the City Council in January 2009, but business and personal obligations prevented him from continuing in that capacity.

Applications are being accepted from qualified persons interested in filling the vacancy for the term which expires December 31, 2016. However, the appointee would need to be certified for placement on the November 2014 ballot in order to fulfill the unexpired term.

To qualify for this position, a person must be a legal elector and registered voter of the City of Roseburg, have been a citizen of Roseburg for at least one year prior to the anticipated appointment date of August 12, 2013 and reside in Ward 1. Ward 1 consists of voting pre-



The City in 1913

100 Years Ago

Looking back a 100 years ago...

Mayor - Joseph Micelli
(Jan-Oct)

Mayor - Napoleon Rice
(Oct-Dec)

Recorder - Carl Wimberly

- Ordinance 525, prevent chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys from running at large in the city.
- Ordinance 542, to regulate the construction of plank and cement sidewalks, gutters, curbs, etc.
- Ordinance 547, all cement walks built on any public street or alley within the corporate limits of the City of Roseburg shall be constructed in accordance with specifications



- Ordinance 549, requiring the securing of building permits before the construction of any building or structure within city limits. Any persons violating any of the provisions shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100, or by im-



prisonment in the City Jail not less than 10 days nor more than 50 days until said fine is paid.

- Ordinance 550, declare the keeping or maintaining of any place in the city in which intoxicating liquors are sold contrary to law is a menace to the peace and health of the citizens.
- Ordinance 551, requiring the registration of the moving of household goods, trunks or personal effects of residents of the City of Roseburg. Any person violating the ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$5 dollars or more than \$15 dollars and shall

pay the costs of prosecution.

- Ordinance 553, licensing, taxing and regulating employment within city limits. Regulating the manner of issuing licenses where rates are charged annually. Examples of such rates are:

- \$10 soda fountain
- \$75 department store
- \$50 ice factory
- \$1 junk dealer (daily)
- \$25 auto dealers
- \$2 Physicians, Transient (daily)

Theatres were licensed and rated as follows:

When charge for a single admission to any part of the house, including reserved seat, of 15 cents and not more than 25 cents is made, the first class, and the proprietor or manager thereof shall pay a license fee of \$60.00 per annum.

- Ordinance 548, levying a tax for municipal purposes on the taxable property within city limits.



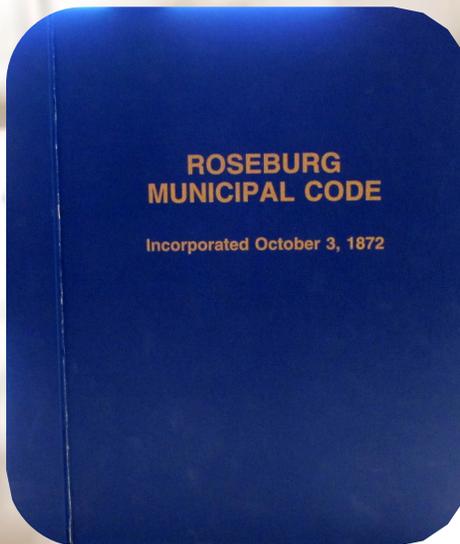
Ordinances

The following are the Ordinances passed by the Roseburg City Council during the first six months of calendar year 2013

“ORDINANCE”: A written directive or act of a governing body. Ordinances have the full effect of law within the local government’s boundaries, provided they do not conflict with a state statute or constitutional provision. An ordinance has two readings at Council prior to being voted on by the Council. An ordinance becomes effective 30 days after the second reading, unless an emergency is declared which enables the Ordinance to become effective immediately or on a specific date.

Ordinance No. 3406: “An Ordinance Granting Level 3 Communications, LLC a Telecommunications Franchise Retroactive to July 1, 2012 to Use the Public Ways of the City of Roseburg for Purposes of Providing Telecommunication Services in Accordance With Applicable Provisions of the Roseburg Municipal Code,” adopted January 14, 2013. Ordinance never accepted by Level 3 as they determined they have no customers within the City of Roseburg.

Ordinance No. 3407: “An Ordinance Granting AT&T Corp. a Telecommunications Franchise Retroactive to April 1, 2012 to Use the Public Ways of the City of Roseburg for Purposes of Providing Telecommunication Services in Accordance With Applicable Provisions of the Roseburg Municipal Code,” adopted February 11, 2013.



Ordinance No. 3408: “An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Land Use and Development Ordinance by Adopting Changes to Reorganize and Simplify the Ordinance,” adopted March 11, 2013.

Ordinance No. 3409: “An Ordinance Amending Roseburg Municipal Code Section 11.04.010, Changing the Adoption Date of the Land Use and Development Ordinance From

June 28, 1982 to April 11, 2013,” adopted March 11, 2013.

Ordinance No. 3410: “An Ordinance Granting a Telecommunication Franchise to Teleport Communications American, LLC Effective Retroactively to January 1, 2013,” adopted March 11, 2013.

Ordinance No. 3411: “An Ordinance Granting a Telecommunication Franchise to Cricket Communications, Inc. Effective Retroactively to October 1, 2012,” adopted March 11, 2013.

Ordinance No. 3413: “An Ordinance Adding Section 2.34.085 Regarding Mayor and Council Use of Electronic Media to Chapter 2.34 of the Roseburg Municipal Code,” adopted March 25, 2013.

Ordinance No. 3414: “An Ordinance Declaring a Comprehensive Plan Amendment Adopting a 2032 Population Forecast of 34,023 Persons With a Growth Rate of 1.2 Percent For the City and 1.0 Percent For the Urban Growth Boundary,” adopted June 24, 2013.

★ 2013 ★

ROSEBURG HOMETOWN

FOURTH of JULY Fireworks

Stewart Park

at the Half Shell

Alcohol Free
Family Entertainment
No Private
Fireworks Allowed

The Dylan James Show



Big Horn Band



FAMILY FUN STARTS AT 4 PM!

Live Music

starts at 6:45 p.m.

Michael Rondeau



Kenny Holmes
& The Blues Daddy's

Fireworks start at 9:55 p.m.



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For more information, to volunteer or to donate, please visit www.roseburgfireworks.com

Resolutions

The following are the Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the first six months of calendar year 2013

“RESOLUTION”: *An order of a governing body; requires less legal formality than an Ordinance. Statutes or City Charter specify which actions must be by Ordinance and which may be by Resolution. For cities, revenue-raising measures such as taxes, special assessments and service charges are always imposed by Ordinance; fee amendments, however, are made by Resolution. Prior to adoption, a Resolution only needs to be read before the City Council once (by title only, if no member of the Council objects).*

Resolution No. 2013-1: “A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Storm Drainage Fees,” adopted February 25, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-2: “A Resolution Adopting the 2013 Goals for the City of Roseburg,” adopted February 25, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-3: “A Resolution Declaring the Public Necessity For The Acquisition by Negotiation or Condemnation of Property Interests Along NE Stephens Street and NE Chestnut Avenue For the Purposes of Construction of a New Signalized Intersection and Street Improvements,” adopted February 25, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-4: “A Resolution Authorizing and Supporting Application for an Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant,” adopted March 25, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-5: “A Resolution Closing the Housing Rehab Loan Fund and Transferring Remaining Funds,” adopted April 22, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-6: “A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 29-13 Regarding Fees,” adopted May 13, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-7: “A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 91-18 Regarding Water Fees,” adopted May 13, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-8: “A Resolution Adopting the 2013-2014 Budget; Levying and Categorizing Taxes For Said Tax Year; Electing to Receive State Revenue Sharing; and Making Appropriations,” adopted June 10, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-9: “A Resolution for Enterprise Zone Boundary Charge – Roberts Creek Enterprise Zone and E-Commerce Zone,” adopted June 10, 2013.

Resolution No. 2013-10: “A Resolution Approving the Third Amendment to the North Rose-

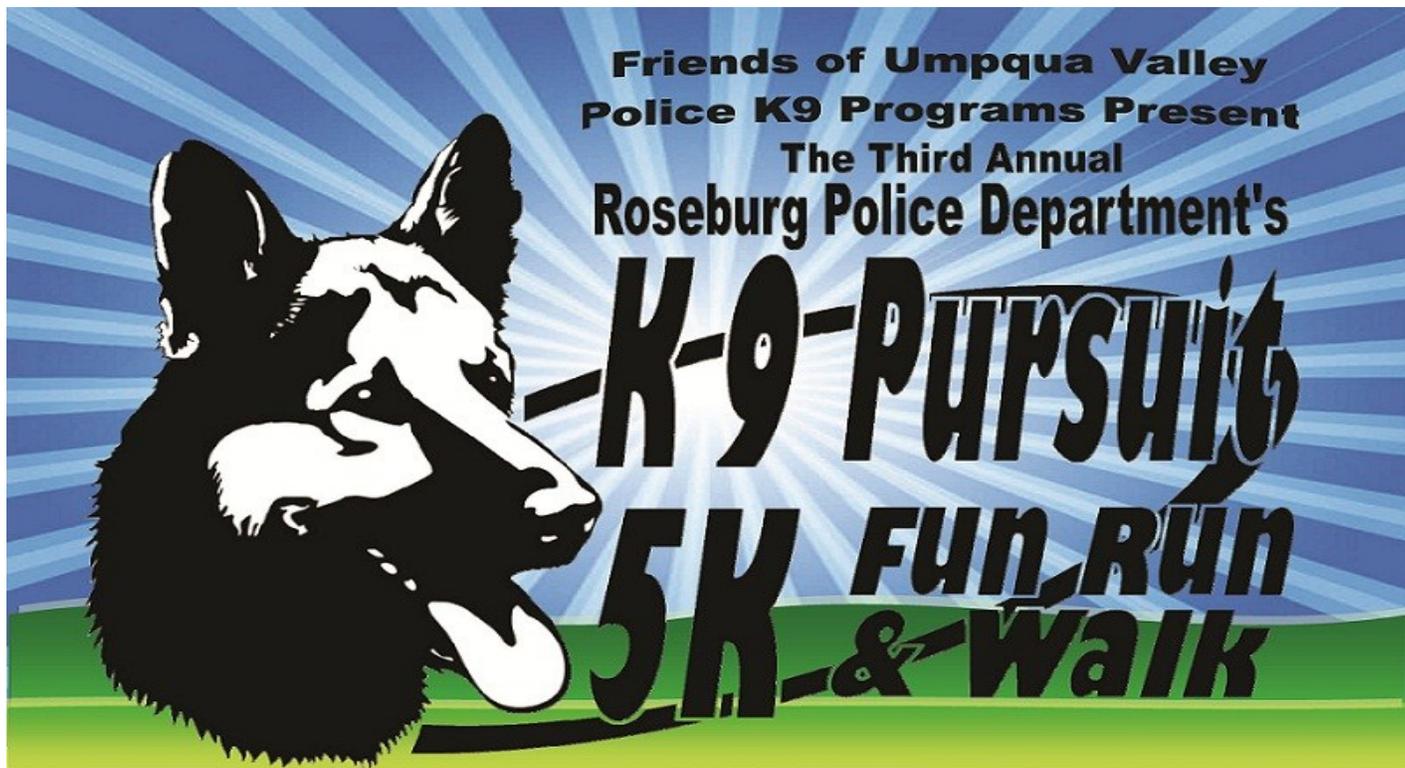
burg Urban Renewal Plan,” adopted June 24, 2013.

The Urban Renewal Agency Board adopted the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. UR-13-01: “A Resolution Adopting the 2013-2014 Budget, Making Appropriations, and Declaring Tax Increment Financing,” adopted June 10, 2013.

Resolution No. UR-13-02: “A Resolution Recommending to the City Council Approval of a Third Amendment to the North Roseburg Urban Renewal Plan,” adopted June 10, 2013.

Complete copies of, or more information regarding City Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained through the City Manager’s Office on the third floor of City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg; by calling 541/492-6866 or requested via e-mail sent to ddavidson@cityofroseburg.org.



Saturday, June 29, 2013
Stewart Park, Roseburg
8:30 am Registration - 9:00 am Start

For more information email
 RoseburgPoliceK9@yahoo.com
 or call: 541-492-6838
 Register at: www.uvk9.org

Entry Fee:

\$25 Adults
 \$15 Youth (10 - 17 yrs)
 Free Under 10 yrs

Register early

to get your limited edition 2013 K9 Pursuit t-shirt!

Police K9 Demos!
 Raffle Prizes!
 Face Painting!
 Fun for the Whole Family!

All proceeds benefit the
 Roseburg Police Department and
 Douglas County Sheriff's Office K9 Programs

Bring your well-behaved
 and leashed canine friend
 to join you in your
 run, walk, strut, trot...



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Roseburg Wings & Wheels Event

Open to the Public



Come see the only flying Boeing Model 40B in existence!



July 6th from 9 am to 5 pm



Graffiti Cars & Airplanes



Free Admission with canned food donation

Food & Drinks Available

For more information contact Airport Director Mike Danielle at 541-492-6873



Roseburg Regional Airport
South Ramp Entrance



Airport Community and Economic Highlights

Airport to Host Air Tour and Fly-in Event

On July 6th, the weekend before Roseburg’s Graffiti week, the Roseburg Regional Airport will host the third annual Wings & Wheels event. The event will feature a car show, aircraft displays, biplane rides and a feature aircraft. The Oregon Army National Guard will also display their “Wings & Wheels” with a Humvee and a reconnaissance drone aircraft.



Display aircraft will be available for viewing on the south ramp of the airport between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mike Carpentiero, a real live barnstorming pilot, will be selling rides in his 1929 American New Standard biplane. The public can enter through the gate at the south airport parking lot.

There will be a drawing for a ride in the Boeing mail plane. Be sure to get a ticket and give us your zip code to enter and win this once-in-a-lifetime ride in the great-great-great-granddaddy of the Boeing 787!

The feature aircraft this year is the world’s only flying Boeing Model 40 mail plane. This

1928 aircraft is the very same plane that crashed on Canyon Mountain just three miles south of Canyonville on October 2, 1928 while flying the mail from Medford to Portland. The wreckage was dragged off the mountain in 1998 and, after an eight-year long restoration process, is once again in the air. Come and see this historic airplane along with many others. Food and beverages will be



available. Admission is free with a canned food item to donate to UCAN to help stock one of their many pantries in Douglas County.

Taxiway Relocation Project Underway

In late May an extensive paving project began at the airport to pave a new ramp extension and relocate the parallel taxiway. This project will bring the

airport back into compliance with FAA Airport Design Standards which require more separation between the taxiway and the runway centerlines. As corporate aircraft have evolved, smaller airports such as ours are seeing larger aircraft that are capable of using shorter runways. The FAA, in turn, is ensuring that safe separation will exist by modifying required clearances on runways and taxiways. The project is to be completed by mid-September. If you have questions or suggestions, Airport Director Mike Danielle wants to hear them! You can reach him at 541-492-6873 or mdanielle@cityofroseburg.org.



Photo provided by Joe Messinger

Visitors and Convention Commission Awards and Tourism Grants

Depending upon funding availability, the City's Visitors and Convention Commission generally considers grant applications for tourism related projects or events twice each year. The grant funds are derived from a portion of the local transient room tax. By virtue of State law and Roseburg Municipal Code, those revenues must be used strictly for tourism purposes. On May 30, 2013, the Commission awarded funding to the following:

Discover Roseburg Geocache Series.



The City of Roseburg Parks and Recreation Division received \$1,400 for materials and supplies needed for the 2013/14 geocache series. This will be the fourth series. The previous three have brought visitors from all over Oregon as well as some out-of-state visitors.



Frank Moore Documentary: As has been well-publicized by local media, Uncage the Soul Video Productions is producing a documentary on Frank Moore a local WWII veteran who lives on the North Umpqua River and established the Steamboat Inn. A grant

award of \$4,999 will allow the producer to enter the documentary into domestic and international film festivals thereby getting the film, which will showcase Rose-



burg and the "Land of Umpqua," out to multiple media vendors. When finished, an abridged version of the film will be aired on the City's government channel - Charter Cable channel 19.

Oregon One-Acts: This is a new event sponsored by Umpqua Community College. This is a friendly academic competition of short plays presented by high schools from all over Oregon and will be held in March 2014. The event is based on the 86-year old University Interscholastic League's One-Act Play Contest held



annually in Texas. If proven to be as successful as the Texas program, the event has the potential to attract 1,000 overnight visitors and grow into a multi-day program. The Commission provided \$2,500 for out-of-area marketing and programs.

Red, Wine & Blues Benefit Concert:

This is another new event sponsored by Henry Estate Winery and will be held September 14, 2013. The Estate hopes that the



event featuring music by Lloyd Jones and Ty Curtis will become as popular and well established as their annual "Henry Goes Wine" event and attract an equal number of overnight visitors. Concert tickets, motel reservations and free transportation to and from the venue are being coordinated by the winery. The Commission granted \$4,500 for out-of-area marketing.

Umpqua River Run: The Friends of the Boys & Girls Club are coordinating the first Umpqua River Run for August 31, 2013. The event will feature a half-marathon, 10K

Visitors and Convention Commission Awards and Tourism Grants

run/walk, 5k run/walk and kids marathon final mile. It is hoped this inaugural event will become an annual fundraiser at-



tracting participants from all over the State. \$1,500 was granted to help with advertising expenses.

Wildlife Safari: Wildlife Safari has done significant marketing in the Interstate 5 corridor and the metropolitan areas. They now hope to expand advertising



to grab a new market. Therefore, the Safari received \$3,000 in matching funds to advertising on digital billboards in Gladstone, Salem and Corvallis.

At their August meeting, the Commission will determine if



they have sufficient funds to solicit grant applications in the fall. If that is their decision, news releases will be provided to all local media and posted on the City's website home page news feed at www.cityofroseburg.org. If you have an event or project that you believe will bring tourists



to Roseburg, particularly in the off-season from October through March, please check out our grant opportunities. Individual awards are limited to \$4,999.00.

City Budget Approved

The City Council approved a \$59.17 million budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. Of this amount, \$26,287,645 is dedicated to the General Fund which represents general services such as public safety, parks, streets, community development and administration. The remainder, and majority of the budget is dedicated to enterprise and special revenue funds such as the water utility, capital improvements, debt, airport, economic development, etc.

In regard to the General Fund, Staff attempted to provide funding at a level consistent with current operational service levels and strategies tied to the City Council goals. However, because of cost increases, the budget did result in slightly reduced services in the General Fund which had to be reduced by approximately \$600,000 in order to balance the budget. Overall, employees were reduced by 4.3 positions.

Over the course of the next fiscal year, Staff and Council will be working toward establishment of a revised baseline service level to which we will compare long term resources for sustainability.



Summer Safety Tips

Tips for Homeowners

- Keep doors in your home closed and locked including your garage doors. An open door is an invitation.
- Be a good neighbor and alert police to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Plan for vacation by having your mail and newspapers stopped or having a neighbor pick them up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied. Be sure to set your alarm system. Have a lawn service or neighbor mow your lawn.
- Avoid home improvement scams and deception burglaries by taking a proactive approach. Be particularly alert to anyone in your neighborhood looking to perform home repair and asking to gain entry into your home. Ask to see identification and let them know you are going to call and get verification from their company before allowing them inside. If they

are legitimate, they won't mind the wait.

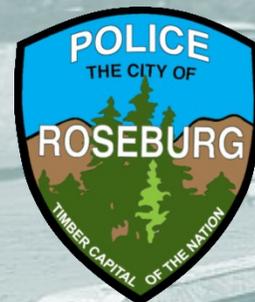
Tips for Drivers

- Do not leave valuables or cash in your car. If you must leave items in the car, lock them in the trunk. If you have folding rear seats, make sure those are locked, too.
- Be alert for children playing in neighborhoods and residential areas. Young children may be more concerned about catching a ball that rolls into the street than watching for vehicles coming toward them.
- Drive safely and slowly around parks and playgrounds. More children are out playing during the summer.

Tips for Parents

- Provide a list of phone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends that your child can call in an emergency. Make sure your child knows how to dial 911 and when it is appropriate to do so.

- Know the route your child will take to and from a given location. Remind your child never to take a shortcut or deviate from the agreed-upon route.
- Establish rules for using the Internet. Children should have adult supervision when online. Make sure your child knows to never give out personal information on the Internet.
- Require your child to check in with a parent before leaving the house and when returning home. Teach your child that there is safety in numbers and that it is best to be with a group of friends when going places without an adult.
- Provide a bike helmet and require your child to wear it as well as brightly colored or reflective clothing.





NIOSH Fast Facts

Protecting Yourself from Heat Stress

Heat stress, from exertion or hot environments, place workers at risk for illnesses such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion or heat cramps.

Heat Stroke

A condition that occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature, and can cause death or permanent disability.

Symptoms:

- High body temperature
- Confusion
- Loss of coordination
- Hot, dry skin or profuse sweating
- Throbbing headache
- Seizures, coma

First Aid

- Request immediate medical assistance
- Move the worker to a cool, shaded area
- Remove excess clothing and apply cool water to their body



Heat Exhaustion

The body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt, usually through sweating.

Symptoms:

- Rapid heart beat
- Heavy sweating
- Extreme weakness or fatigue
- Dizziness
- Nausea, vomiting
- Irritability
- Fast, shallow breathing
- Slightly elevated body temperature

First Aid

- Rest in a cool area
- Drink plenty of water or other cool beverage
- Take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath




Heat Cramps

Affect workers who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. Sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture level.

Symptoms:

- Muscle cramps, pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs

First Aid

- Stop all activity and sit in a cool place
- Drink clear juice or a sports beverage or drink water with food
- Avoid salt tablets
- Do not return to strenuous work for a few hours after the cramps subside
- Seek medical attention if you have the follow: heart problems, are on a low-sodium diet, or if the cramps do not subside within one hour

Protect Yourself

Avoid heavy exertion, extreme heat, sun exposure and high humidity when possible. When these cannot be avoided, take the following preventative steps:

- Monitor your physical condition and that of your coworkers for signs or symptoms of heat illnesses
- Wear light colored, loose fitting breathable clothing such as cotton
- Avoid non breathable synthetic clothing
- Gradually build up to heavy work
- Schedule heavy work during the coolest parts of the day
- Take more breaks when doing heavier work and in high heat and humidity
- Drink water frequently. Drink enough water that you never become thirsty
- Be aware that protective clothing or personal protective equipment increase the risk of heat-related illnesses

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2013 Public Works Projects

The Public Works Department has a busy construction season scheduled. Below is a brief synopsis of each project. If you have any questions about any of the projects, please contact the Public Works Department at 541-492-6730.

AIRPORT PROJECTS

Taxiway Relocation Project
This project has been in



development for several years and is currently under construction. The project will remove the existing parallel taxiway and relocate it forty feet towards the west. This is necessary to meet current safety standards required by the Federal Aviation Administration. In order to facilitate this move, an existing culvert carrying Newton Creek will be extended. As part of this culvert extension, several fish passage improvements will be made, including eliminating the perched condition of the culvert outfall and providing channelization within the culvert to help fish in low flow conditions. The project is

funded via an FAA grant that pays ninety percent of the project costs.

PARKS PROJECTS

Micelli-Templin Path Connection



The City will be constructing a new section of multi-use path that will connect Micelli Park with Templin Beach Park along the east side of the South Umpqua River. The project is made possible through a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Recreational Trails Program grant. City Staff has designed this project, which is currently out to bid. Construction should occur this summer.

Fir Grove Parking Improvements Phase 4



The City Council recently awarded the contract to construct an improved parking lot on the west side of Fir Grove Park, near the Roseburg National Cemetery. Construction includes a new multi-use path connecting the existing path to Harvard Avenue. A big "thank you" to the Guardians of Heroes for their expansive fundraising efforts!



Commemorative bricks are still available. If interested, go to www.guardiansofheroes.us.

Deer Creek Path Stabilization Project



This project involves repairing a section of South

Umpqua River Bank which eroded and undermined the multi-use path between Gad-dis Park and Deer Creek. The path width is limited by barricades in this area. Construction timing is dependent upon permit conditions for working in and around the river, but is expected to be complete by fall.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Stephens/Chestnut Traffic Signal

The intent of this project is to

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install a new traffic signal at the intersection of Chestnut Avenue and Stephens Street. The signal will improve safety in the corridor and provide gaps for left turning traffic to and from SE Stephens Street. The project is currently in design. The construction schedule will depend on right-of-way acquisition, but is tentatively scheduled for late summer or fall.

South Stewart Parkway Improvements

Design and permitting continue on this project to widen Stewart Parkway, add bicycle and pedestrian facilities and provide flood mitigation for Newton Creek. The project will involve widening and realigning Stewart Parkway, to reduce the severity of the curves and to provide addition-



al space for storm water detention during storm events. The project also includes the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of this arterial street. The schedule is dependent on funding and obtaining permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers and Department of State Lands.

2013 Pavement Management Projects



The City is currently out to bid with this year's annual project to maintain the City's street infrastructure. The City is contracting for slurry seals and overlays. A slurry seal is a very thin layer of aggregate with an asphalt emulsifier applied to a paved surface. Slurry seals are used primarily as preventative maintenance to prolong the life of the paved surface. An overlay is the installation of additional asphalt (usually 1 ½ - 2 inches) over the existing asphalt surface.

The following streets will be overlaid this summer:

- ⇒ Alameda Street (Vine to Stephens Street)
- ⇒ Broad Street (Walter to Cordelia Court)
- ⇒ Harvard Avenue (Old Melrose to Lookingglass)
- ⇒ Highland Street (Garden Valley to S-curve)
- ⇒ Mulholland Drive (Garden Valley to Stewart Parkway)

The following streets are scheduled to be slurry sealed this summer:

- ◇ Almira Street (south of Martin to Flora)
- ◇ Almond Avenue (Kline to Elliot)
- ◇ Amanda Court (west end to east end)
- ◇ Angela Court (west end to east end)
- ◇ Atlanta Street (Diamond Lake to Commercial)
- ◇ Beulah Drive (Lincoln to Nash)
- ◇ Bogard Street (Fleser to Diamond Lake)
- ◇ Broccoli Street (Harvard to Oriole)
- ◇ Cedar Street (Chestnut to Garden Valley)
- ◇ Cordelia Court (west end to east end)
- ◇ Fleser Avenue (Fulton to Lake)
- ◇ Flora Street (Lester to Almira)
- ◇ Fulton Street (Fleser to Diamond Lake)
- ◇ Kristen Court (west end to east end)
- ◇ Lake Street (Fleser to Diamond Lake)
- ◇ Littlewood Court (Harvey to cul-de-sac)
- ◇ Martin Avenue (Almira to cul de sac)
- ◇ Military Avenue (Umpqua to cul-de-sac)
- ◇ Oakland Avenue (Stephens to Vine)
- ◇ Pilger Avenue (Military to Harvard)
- ◇ Sterling Drive (Stephens to east end)
- ◇ Warren Court (Harvard to north end)
- ◇ Walter Court (Broad to east end)

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WATER PROJECTS

20-Inch Transmission Main Replacement

The City currently has two transmission mains that supply water from the water treatment plant (WTP) to the City's main reservoir facility. The City recently completed the first phase of a project to replace the 80-year old 20-inch transmission main with a new 24-inch main. The City recently awarded the construction contract for the second phase of this project.

Phase 2 construction is expected to start in July and includes:

1. 24-inch main installation between Page Road and Taft Drive in a City owned 30-foot strip of property.
2. Install distribution mains inside existing 20-inch main between Page Road and Taft Drive.

Laurelwood River Crossing

During a storm event in January of 2012, the water line crossing under the South Umpqua River to Laurelwood was damaged, resulting in a leak of about one-million gallons per day. The valves on either side of the river crossing have since been closed, isolating the section and stopping the leak. The City recently awarded a construction contract to bore a new water main

under the South Umpqua River. This project is being reimbursed, up to 75%, by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



As with any construction affecting a street, there may be delays or closures in the area. Please be patient, use caution and pay close attention to flaggers and other construction workers. Safety of both the workers and the travelling public is of utmost importance in all of our work zones.

Sidewalk Rehab Program

The Public Works Department is continues to offer a sidewalk rehabilitation program to residential property owners within Roseburg's city limits. The intent of the program is to provide safer sidewalks throughout the City by assisting property owners in replacing broken or dangerous sidewalks. Under this program, the property owner is responsible for the cost of the new concrete. The City assumes the cost of the labor and all other construction costs associated with replacing the sidewalk. The property own-

er has a choice of taking up to 36 months to make monthly payments (not less than \$25/month) at a reasonable interest rate or to pay the entire amount in a lump sum. All work is done by an independent contractor. The following is the typical series of events that leads up to a sidewalk being replaced.

1. Property owner contacts the Public Works Department to ask for an application.
2. The Public Works Department inspects the sidewalk to make sure it qualifies and then measures the sidewalk to come up with a "not to exceed" price for the property owner's portion.
3. The Public Works Department sends an application for the program to the property owner with the "not to exceed" price.
4. Property owner fills out and returns application.
5. Public Works Department may contact any abutting property owners with damaged sidewalks to find out if they are interested in participating in the program.
6. Project quotes are received.
7. Contractor is selected.
8. Sidewalk is replaced.
9. Property owner is billed for his/her portion.

Anyone interested in participating in this program should contact the Public Works Department at (541) 492-6730.

Roseburg Named Heritage All Star



Roseburg has been designated by the Oregon Heritage Commission as an “Oregon Heritage All-Star Community”. The Commission created the All-Star program to recognize the strong efforts by communities to broadly preserve and develop heritage resources.



“Roseburg has been making a big effort to strengthen its historic downtown and promoting heritage as one of its attractions,” said Kyle Jansson, coordinator for the Oregon Heritage Commission.

Roseburg boasts *four* National Register Districts which celebrate distinctly different aspects of Roseburg’s past.

Mill-Pine can be thought of as the workingman’s district. It runs along the railroad and

provided housing for workers. Houses are simple and generally utilitarian but reflect the American dream of home ownership even if at a modest scale.



Laurelwood on the other hand, presents eclectic styles, from Colonial to Mediterranean and huge bungalows to cozy cottages. Homes overlook the South Umpqua River or surround the neighborhood park. Mature landscaping complements the gracious homes tucked back in private enclaves.



Downtown represents Roseburg’s claim to national press coverage—the site of the Blast. On a hot August night in 1959 a delivery truck loaded with dynamite parked downtown. A small fire broke out nearby resulting in the destruction of much of our original downtown.



The Veterans Hospital campus was opened in 1933 and encompasses over 77 acres of beautiful brick buildings, mature trees and eye-pleasing landscaping.



Perhaps Roseburg will look to its future to preserve its past by engaging students in local history or developing an oral history program to interview long-time residents or those who recall events and activities from our past. “The Heritage All-Star designation is a true honor for Roseburg and demonstrates the community’s commitment to preserving our proud history,” stated Brian Davis, Roseburg Community Development Director.

The City is required to maintain at least 15 of 20 criteria to retain the Heritage All-Star status.



Safeguarding Homes From Arson

Arson robs communities of its valuable assets — lives and property. It destroys more than buildings: arson can devastate a community resulting in the decline of the neighborhood through increased insurance premiums, loss of business revenue and a decrease in property values.



Every year more than 25,000 intentionally set fires in homes result in an estimated 300 deaths, 700 injuries and \$500 million in direct property damage. The average dollar loss for an intentionally set fire in a residential building is \$21,320. The fatality rate for intentionally set residential fires is more than twice that of other residential building fires. The fire service can help communities thwart the occurrence of arson and reduce its devastating effect by making residents aware of these measures to safeguard their homes.



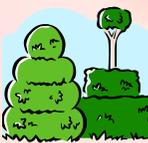
Illuminate Exterior and Entrances

Install lights covering all sides of the house. Motion-activated lighting, which is inexpensive, should be placed near the entrances. Interior lights on timers give the illusion a residence is occupied.



Install Burglar and Fire Alarm Systems

Alarm devices can be inexpensively wired to transmit an alarm to the police or fire department. Check the cost of contracting with a security firm for response to alarms.



Trim or Remove Shrubbery That Obstructs the View of the House from the Street

Make sure that nothing blocks the view of the house. During the growing season, bushes and trees may need to be trimmed frequently.



Keep Doors and Windows Locked and Bolted

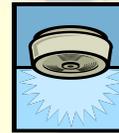
All external doors should be equipped with dead bolts. A simple locked door could be the deterrent that saves a house from arson. The hardware used to lock windows can sometimes be easily forced open with a credit card or other tool. The best type of window hardware has spring-loaded bolts that insert through the window frame into the wall frame.



Clean House

Often times, arson is a crime of opportunity. Remove excess vegetation and piles of

leaves. Clean around your house and garage, removing unused and unneeded paper, trash, cleaning supplies, partial cans of paint and other materials that could become kindling and fuel a fire for an arsonist.



Equip Homes with Smoke Alarms and a Fire Sprinkler System

The combination of working smoke alarms and home fire sprinklers reduces the likelihood of death from fire by more than 82 percent. The most effective fire loss prevention and reduction measure for both life and property is the installation and maintenance of fire sprinklers.



Establish a Community Arson Watch Program

Learn about the five required steps to establish a Community Arson Watch program. Form a neighborhood program, and publicize your community's efforts. Arsonists seldom strike when you are ready for them.

For more information regarding the U.S. Fire Administration's Arson Awareness Week, go to www.usfa.fema.gov/aaw.

Available Properties

The City of Roseburg has various properties available to purchase or lease. Properties include:

- ◆ 1112 and 1152 NE Post Street
- ◆ General Avenue—near the Lowe’s Home Improvement store
- ◆ Historic Willis House at 744 SE Rose Street

If you are interested in the properties listed contact Hawks & Co. Realtors for more information and pricing.

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Post Street



General Avenue

Historic Willis House



South Stewart Parkway Project



The South Stewart Parkway project has received a significant amount of media attention lately. It has become clear that there are many people in and around Roseburg that have questions or are unclear about what the project is trying to achieve. Here are a few questions to consider when pondering the Stewart Parkway project.

- ◆ Should the City spend Storm Drainage Utility Funds to alleviate flooding?
- ◆ Should the City spend Sidewalk/Streetlight Funds to install sidewalks and streetlights?
- ◆ Should the City spend Transportation Funds generated primarily by state gas taxes and vehicle licensing fees to improve traffic safety?

- ◆ Should the City spend Transportation System Development Charge funds to increase capacity? (Ok. That is a trick question as it is the only allowable use under State law for these funds).

The Stewart Parkway Project accomplishes all of these objectives and more. Here's how.



Alleviate Flooding - Stewart Parkway is the only remaining arterial within the City that floods on a "regular" basis. In the scheme of things, it hasn't been that long since the City made improvements on

Garden Valley to prevent flooding at Stewart Parkway and at Airport Road. Lanes of Garden Valley used to be closed under the same conditions which Stewart Parkway now floods. Those issues have been resolved by improving the drainage capacity in those areas. When Newton Creek rises and floods over Stewart Parkway, the City is forced to close the roadway. This also causes Keasey Street and Domenico Street to experience high water and make these two roads not travelable as well. The result forces residents south of Newton Creek to travel out of their way to get north towards Garden Valley and the hospital.



Sidewalks/Streetlights – With the exception of a short section of SE Stephens at the southerly City Limits, Stewart Parkway is the only arterial roadway in Roseburg that does not have sidewalks. New sidewalks and street lights will be installed so there will be sidewalks on both sides of Stewart Parkway, all the way from Harvey Court to

South Stewart Parkway Project

Stephens Street. The only remaining section without sidewalks will be between Harvey Court and Harvard Avenue. This area is subject to a future project.

Traffic Safety – The new alignment of Stewart Parkway south of Newton Creek will meet current design standards. What’s that mean? It means that a vehicle travelling at the posted speed can negotiate the roadway safely.



The Roseburg Police Department reports that they have responded to 59 vehicle accidents

on Stewart Parkway between Valley View Drive and Harvey Court in the last five years. Of these, fifteen were injury accidents. In just the past few months, three vehicles went off the road in that section. All the accidents caused significant property damage. The addition of sidewalks and bicycle lanes will improve the safety of these modes of transportation.

Traffic Capacity – Like it or not, traffic continues to grow.



It may fluctuate a little here and there when the economy is bad, but as Roseburg grows, so does its traffic. Since 1992 the City has completed twelve projects on Stewart Parkway between the Ford Family Foundation entrance and Stephens Street. All of these projects have increased the capacity. This is phase thirteen.

Other Benefits

- ◇ **Water Quality Improvements** - Storm runoff in the area currently receives no treatment prior to entering Newton Creek. The new storm drainage system will collect runoff from Stewart Parkway and treat it through bio-swales prior to entering Newton Creek.
- ◇ **Wetland Enhancements** -- The mowed fields that you see today are considered low quality wetlands. These areas will have double duty. First, they will be used as detention ponds to help alleviate flooding. Second, the wetlands will be enhanced to better perform as wetlands and wildlife habitat.
- ◇ **Bicycle Improvements** - Bike lanes will be installed in both directions to facili-

tate safer bicycle travel through the area.

- ◇ **Roadway shift** – The new alignment of Stewart Parkway will move it towards the east, away from the existing residential uses to the west.



Neither City staff nor your elected officials take spending millions of dollars lightly. For all of the reasons outlined above, the City is moving forward on the design for this project. We are currently in the permitting stage with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of State Lands. Once the permitting and design is complete, the City Council will make a decision regarding the next steps for the project during one of its regular meetings. The public is always welcome to attend and provide input at these meetings. Council agendas and more information regarding this project are available on the City’s website at cityofroseburg.org.



Calendar of City Meetings



City Commissions conduct regular public meetings according to the following schedule:

Airport	3 rd Thursday	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
City Council	2 nd & 4 th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Economic Development	2 nd Tuesday of January, April, July and October	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Historic Resource Review	3 rd Wednesday	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Parks & Recreation	1 st Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Conference Room
Planning	1 st Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Public Works	2 nd Thursday	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Visitors & Convention	3 rd Tuesday of February, May, August and November	4:00 p.m.	Conference Room

Depending upon the number of issues needing attention by the Commissions, special meetings may be scheduled or regular meetings may be cancelled. Upon final preparation, full meeting agendas are forwarded to all local news media and the News Review for inclusion in the public meeting calendar, and are available at City Hall and on the City of Roseburg website www.cityofroseburg.org. Prior to attending a meeting, you may wish to call City Hall to ensure the meeting is going to be held.

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Stewart Park Golf Course	541-672-4592	
Tennis Court Facility	541-673-3429	
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Emergency	9-1-1	
Police Officer (Non-Emergency)	541-440-4471	
Public Works		
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Water After Hours Emergency	541-492-7030	

Citizen's Guide to City Council Meetings

Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 900 SE Douglas Avenue. Agendas for upcoming Council meetings are available on our website and in the City Manager's Office the Thursday afternoon prior to the meeting. Current agendas are also available at the meeting. In rare instances, the Council may deal with agenda items out of order.



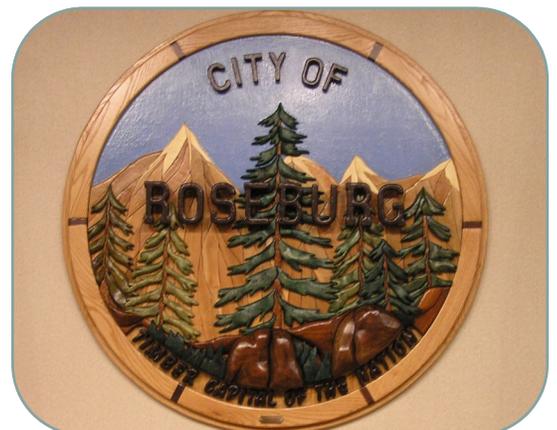
Citizens attending Council meetings may speak on any item on the agenda, unless the item is the subject of an executive session or a public hearing where comments have been taken and the hearing has closed. Citizens may speak when recognized by the chair and will be required to give their name and address for the official record. A minimum of 12 copies should be provided if you are submitting handouts to Council.

Time is set aside for **Public Participation** toward the beginning of each meeting. At this time, anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items of interest not included in the agenda may do so for six minutes. The person addressing the Council shall, when recognized, state their name and address for the record, including whether or not they are a resident of the City. All remarks shall be directed to the entire City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action, if required, until such time when they are fully informed on the matter.



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To view full agenda packets online in an Adobe PDF format, go to www.cityofroseburg.org and click on 'City Council Agendas' on the left sidebar menu. Packets are available Thursday prior to the Council meeting.



Mayor and City Council

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Councilor Ward IV
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Steve Kaser



Councilor Ward IV
Position 2
Lew Marks



Recycle Power - Composting



Why Compost?

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, the amount of garbage generated annually in the United States is over 200 million tons! Thanks to natural decomposition, food scraps and yard waste can be recycled at home. But too much of our biodegradable, organic garbage just ends up in the trash. Composting is simple. Returning these organic materials to the soil perpetuates natural biological cycles and is an ecologically sensible means of using organic wastes. Composting provides for richer garden soil, improves the texture and aeration, increases the soil's ability to retain water, decreasing erosion.



How Compost Forms?

Composting changes the nutrients in raw organic material to a form that can be absorbed by the roots of growing plants. Microorganisms such as soil bacteria and fungi accomplish this task by secreting enzymes that break down the material. The activity of these microorganisms can generate temperatures inside the compost pile in excess of 130 degrees F - hot enough to kill most weed seeds and disease organisms.

What Can You Compost?

Many types of organic materials can be used for composting. Good items are: grass clippings, leaves, wood ashes, chipped

twigs, coffee grounds, manure, corn stalks, plant refuse, fruits, vegetables and egg shells. Bad items are: fats, bones and meat scraps which decompose slowly and attract vermin.

For more information on how to make a compost pile with two basic methods, go to Douglas County Recycling at www.recyclepower.org/compost.asp.

