

Thursday July 2, 2015

Good Thursday afternoon everyone. Because the 4th falls on Saturday this year, City Hall will be closed on Friday July 3rd in recognition of the holiday. I hope you all have a chance to celebrate the 4th of July this weekend, either at the Hometown celebration in Stewart Park or somewhere with friends and family. I will spend time with my new grandson and family in Tigard, which I believe will be equally hot and dry. Please be careful during your celebrations and have a safe holiday weekend.



The annual Arts Festival appeared to be very well attended despite the heat last weekend. There was good showing from vendors around the northwest and at least one as far away as New York. According to Arts Center Direction, Andrew Apter, they had about twenty new vendors, great entertainment and participation from a number of local non-profits. The attendance was down a little from their goal, but given the temperatures all three days, around 8,500 people attended.

The final showing of the movies in the park was last weekend as well. Movies were shown the first four Fridays in June. This was the 7th year for the Movies in the Park series and it has acquired a pretty steady following in the community. There were between 800 and 1,000 attendees for three of the four and around 1,200 one of the weeks. We were fortunate this year to have perfect weather for all four event nights. We would like to once again thank US Cellular for providing the equipment for the event and I would also like to thank our Parks Administration folks for their hard work coordinating the activity every year. Again, this is a great public/private partnership that provides an opportunity for families to take advantage of our community assets and for our staff to provide a higher level of service. Included at the end of this message is a copy of the "kudos" that was sent to the News Review to publicly acknowledge our sponsors and volunteers. Special thanks to Kyle Bailey who emcees the event and really makes the event fun for all who attend.



I mentioned last week that the Bald Eagle sculpture installation and pavilion were completed last week. I know it took some time, but this addition to the community's public art collection is an accomplishment. I would like to thank the artist, Gerard Krimmer, for the donation of the carved eagle sculpture. I would also like to thank the two scouts who completed different phases of the project and the local volunteers and businesses who contributed. Phase I, the concrete and poles, was completed by Jonathan Knapp from troop #195. Phase II, the roof structure and roofing, was completed by Talon Dever, Troop #119. Both of these young Eagle Scouts are to be commended for the community service efforts. We would also like to thank Wadco

Construction, Dixon Steel, Quality Fence, Umpqua Sand and Gravel, Robinson Concrete Pumping, Caldwell Construction, Pinnacle Western, Paul Bentley and Wayne Bratton for donating their time and expertise to help these two scouts with the project. I would also like to thank Ryan Herinckx for his help in jump starting the project this spring and helping see it through to completion and Brian Davis for initiating the Eagle Scout service project in the beginning.

Last week we also received official confirmation that our \$305,000 grant request to through the Local Government Grant program administered by the State of Oregon Parks & Recreation Department was awarded!!! Special thanks for the hard work put in by Barbara Taylor and Nikki Messenger. The grant, which is made available through Oregon Lottery proceeds, will provide approximately half of the necessary funding for the Fir Grove area playground and spray park improvements. Combined with approximately \$160,000 in Park Improvement and Stewart Trust fund resources and about \$15,000 in staff match, we will need to identify about \$110,000 in other grant funds and local fundraising to complete the project. Our plan is to design the project over the winter and complete the project next summer. There will be more to come on the additional grant applications and fundraising efforts. A donation form can be found on our website at <http://www.cityofroseburg.org/departments/parks/>.

Work has continued on the Oak/Washington project this week. The contractor will wrap up the preliminary underground work and some sidewalk work and get things cleaned up for the 4th of July holiday and Graffiti Week and then return to work the week of July 13th. Much of the underground work is complete on a couple of the intersections and additional work will be complete before the intersection concrete work gets started. You should already receive a weekly project work schedule email from Chanelle Rogers in our Public Works Department. If you are not receiving the emails please let us know. The waterline work in the area of the 138 Corridor Project is almost complete. ODOT has selected a contractor and is working on a notice to proceed and timelines for that project to begin.



Our new drug K9, Trapper, arrived last week. He received a weeks' worth of training with his handler, Officer Travis Dahl. Trapper is an 18-month old male Springer Spaniel from Ireland. Officer Dahl is excited to have Trapper. He reports that Trapper is much more advanced in his skills and abilities than Dora was at this stage of training. Trapper passed a preliminary certification test on Sunday. His final certification test will occur next week.

The first MOTHS performance featuring Big Bad Voodoo Daddy was a great success. With temperatures nearing 100 at kickoff, the crowd was not quite at historic levels, but folks kept showing up throughout the performance. The series continues until the last show on August 18th. The Half Shell committee does great work year round to make this series possible. I would like to extend my thanks to them, and to the parks and police employees who help make the venue one of the best anywhere and keeping it safe for attendees.



Graffiti week is coming up with events beginning July 8th through the 12th. This is probably the most popular event held in the downtown area and really provides an opportunity for the community and businesses to showcase Roseburg. For specific information and events visit their website at <http://www.graffitiweekend.com/>. Our parks and public works crews do a tremendous amount of work helping prepare for these major events in our community in addition to their regular duties and I want to recognize them for their efforts.

This year work has been completed in extreme weather conditions and they continue to perform with a smile on their faces! Thanks to all of them.

The City of Roseburg Fire Department is gearing up for a hot and busy Independence Day weekend. With record temperatures being set and the prospect of a three day weekend for many people, there is great potential for heat- and fireworks-related emergencies such as medical aid calls and fires. The record-setting heat has dried vegetation out to the point that very little is required to start and spread a devastating fire, and the Fire Department is already responding to a higher volume of fire calls than in recent years during the same time period. Medical aid calls are also above-average, especially for the young and elderly.

In an effort to minimize the potential problems this weekend, Fire Department personnel have been spreading the message of prevention, and asking the public to partner with emergency services to keep this holiday weekend fun and safe. Recognizing the dangers of misused and illegal fireworks, the Fire Department has inspected and approved legal fireworks sales at fifteen different outlets throughout the City. It has also played an active role in ensuring that the Hometown 4th of July fireworks show at Stewart Park proves a safe and enjoyable experience for Roseburg residents by inspecting and approving the launch site and standing by in the event of an emergency. In all, members of the Roseburg Fire Department are hoping for a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend, but are aware of and prepared for the dangerous possibilities it also holds.

Next week I am attending the annual Oregon City/County Managers Association conference in central Oregon so I will not be immediately available after Monday. I will have access to text messages and e-mail throughout the week, but Sheila will be in charge here at City Hall if you have any pressing issues. Have a great weekend and another week off from meetings for the most part!

Following is a copy of the Kudos sent to the News Review



June 30, 2015

Roseburg News-Review
For **Kudos** section:

We wish to thank the following businesses for helping make the 2015 Roseburg **Movies in the Park** a success! Thank you to: US Cellular, Roseburg Honda, Booster Juice, Abby's Pizza, and TenDown Bowling & Entertainment.

Also, the event would not have been possible without the great volunteers who helped each week. They are: Mike and Janice Baker, Kyle Bailey, Randy Ligon, and Kermit Reich. Thank you all for another fun year of Movies in the Park!

Barbara Taylor,
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