



Friday Message – May 27th

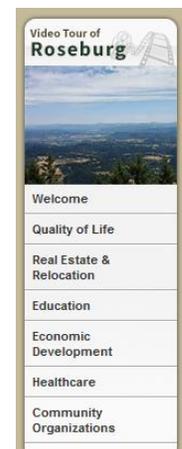
Good Friday afternoon to everyone. As you all know, Lance has been out of the office this week attending a conference for a couple of days and then taking some much deserved vacation time. I'd like to thank all the Department Heads and the rest of the administrative staff for helping me "hold down the fort" in his absence ~ I'll be very happy to turn it back over to him next Tuesday!

We had a very full agenda for Monday's Council meeting, but we got it all accomplished fairly quickly, so thanks to all of you for being there and helping make that happen. Public Works Director Nikki Messenger deserves a gold star for all she covered on the agenda ~ it's pretty apparent that her department is amazingly busy and we'll be seeing lots of improvements thanks to the projects they're working on.

The Roseburg Police Department hosted a training seminar on Aquatic Death and Homicidal Drowning Investigations in the Umpqua Room of the Public Safety Center on May 23rd and 24th. The training room was filled to capacity with detectives and investigators from all over Oregon in attendance. The training seminar covered topics ranging from aquatic deaths and incidents in bathtubs, swimming pools, rivers, lakes, ponds and even toilets. On Wednesday, May 25th, Chief Burge was the special guest speaker to an audience of over 150 agents and FBI staff from around the state at the FBI Agent Memorial Service at FBI Headquarters in Portland. Congratulation to the Chief for being asked to make that presentation ~ those sorts of things reflect nicely on the City.

HR Director John VanWinkle coordinated open enrollment meetings this week to provide employees an update on benefits options for the plan year starting July 1st. We've been fortunate over the last few years in that we've been able to avoid large cost increases or provider changes for our health, dental and vision plans. Even though things have been stable, we still like our vendors to meet with employees at this time each year so folks can make any necessary changes and to get as much information as possible so that everyone has a good understanding of the benefits offered.

After working with CGI Communications for the past couple months, we now have our new videos posted to the City website homepage. These videos are a highlight of the community and surrounding areas to showcase a welcome message from the Mayor, information about Roseburg and the quality of life we enjoy, real estate & relocation options, as well as information regarding the local education system, economic development, healthcare and community organizations. The video tour is a free service to the City. The company is now contacting local businesses to solicit an invitation to be part of the project by advertising their company on our video pages. We do not receive any funds from the businesses if they decide to advertise. Even before updating the videos and contract with CGI, this portion of the website was viewed over 27,000 times by folks in other states as far east as New York and places in



Canada. When you have time, please visit our website at www.cityofroseburg.org and scroll down below the left sidebar menu to view each of the new videos.

The Fire Department conducted multiple training exercises over the past three weeks on two buildings located at 1650 N.W. Mulholland Drive. The buildings were offered for training to the City of Roseburg by the Hanna Limited Partnership. The training consisted of live fire exercises on Saturday, May 21st where multiple evolutions were performed and culminated on May 22nd with a final burn of the buildings. Firefighters received hands on training that included search and rescue, hose deployment, firefighter survival, and vertical ventilation. This training provided an opportunity for the Department to enhance communications, increase the efficiency of firefighting, and focus on team building skills in a controlled environment.



Moody's Investor Service, a leading provider of credit ratings for public entities recently gave the City an Aa3 credit rating. 'Aa' ratings are judged to be of high quality, subject to very low credit risk and only one step down from an Aaa rating.

Moody's made the following observations regarding the City:

- **Finances:** "The city has a very healthy financial position, which is strong relative to the assigned rating of Aa3. Roseburg's fund balance as a percent of operating revenues (34.2%) is strong . . ."
- **Debt and Pension:** "The city has manageable debt and pension liabilities, which are slightly favorable in relation to the Aa3 rating assigned."
- **Economy and Tax Base:** "The economy and tax base of the city are strong and are consistent with the assigned rating of Aa3. The total full value (\$2.6 billion) is slightly above the US median and saw an impressive increase between 2012 and 2015."
- **Management and Governance:** "Positive operating margins exhibit strong financial management. Advantageously, on average, Roseburg ran surpluses and during this time, the tax base generally improved."

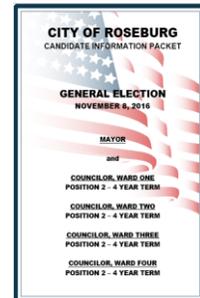
The City's Debt and Investment Management policies state: *"The City will seek to maintain and if possible improve its current "A" bond rating so its borrowing costs are minimized and its access to credit is preserved."* We are very gratified to have garnered the 'Aa3' rating from Moody's and recognize that this achievement could only be accomplished through strong collaborative efforts on everyone's part ~ the Council's, Commissions' and staff's; so thanks to everyone that played a part in helping the City qualify for this recognition.

On Wednesday Brian Davis attended the HTAG executive group and general meetings. Among the topics discussed were the two recent crime-prevention ordinances passed by the City Council last Monday. The group's tone was similar to that of the City Council during deliberations – mostly supportive and some reservation. Despite the difference of opinions, the discussion was respectful. They also discussed the three portable toilets installed a few months ago. Based on regular inspections by UCAN and the DRA, the toilets have had no incidents of mistreatment. UCAN's \$3,500 application for the City's state-shared revenue grant for the fourth toilet was supported by the grant subcommittee and the Budget Committee. The group brainstormed possible locations, but nothing was finalized. They also discussed an operating agreement in draft form that would help service providers come together on respecting others and property.

You may have noticed a large ground clearing project on Troost Street south of Calkins Avenue. The property is outside City limits and is being cleared and graded under County regulations. The property has been zoned residential for decades, and the owner plans to subdivide the property for new single-family dwellings. City policies on long-range growth suggest this property will be annexed as part of the development, so please keep your discussions with others to a minimum, as annexations require Council action and a disclosure of ex-parte contact.

Next week Community Development will mail a courtesy notice to all commercial property owners reminding them of the changes to LUDO taking effect July 1st. As you recall, the changes mostly effect future developments, so the notice focuses on signs since they change more frequently than structures. The notice encourages property owners to be familiar with the new rules before changing or adding signs.

I'd like to remind all those elected officials who are up for re-election in November that City Candidate Information Packets will be available in my office starting next Wednesday, June 1st. This year, along with the Mayor's position, Councilors in Position 2 of each Ward will be on the ballot – which means Councilors Fazio, Zielinski, Hawks and Marks. I have everything you need to get started and would encourage incumbents to come in and pick up a packet as soon as possible. The process must be totally finalized by August 29th and it's always better to get started early!



It's hard to believe that 2016 is almost half-over but then again, we've completed the budget deliberations and will be adopting it at your next meeting ~ which means the beginning of a new fiscal year is right around the corner. That also means we'll soon be seeing the return of all the great summer activities our community offers. Speaking of which, next Friday, June 3rd marks the opening of this year's "Movies in the Park" with "Inside Out" showing at the Stewart Park Half Shell with pre-movie entertainment starting at 7:30 p.m., see the attached flyer. Then, the ever popular "Music on the Half Shell" opens in just over three weeks. The first concert is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st and will be starring Brazilian singer Luísa Maita. Sultry, seductive and infused with that inimitable samba swing, the music of Luísa Maita is said to embody the modern spirit of Brazil. Inspired by samba, bossa nova and other classic Brazilian styles, Luísa is also heavily influenced by the cool jazz of Billie Holiday and Chet Baker, as well as pop, funk and downtempo electronic music. The Police Pursuit K9 Fun Run and Walk is preparing for their annual race on June 25th and encourage participants to register early to get a t-shirt, see the attached flyer.

On Monday, May 30th City offices are closed in observance of Memorial Day. There will be a ceremonial tribute at the Roseburg VA Cemetery Annex with wreath presentations, guest speakers and Taps. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and followed by a public picnic at the Stewart Park Pavilion. Governor Brown sent out a reminder she appreciates the service of Oregon's military veterans and the support from their families. The Governor stated, "This Memorial Day, we honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation and remember their courage and dedication."



We hope you have a great weekend and have the opportunity to enjoy any plans you may have for the holiday.



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Movies in the Park



Stewart Park Half Shell



Friday, June 3rd	Inside Out / 2015 (PG)
Friday, June 10th	Home / 2015 (PG)
Friday, June 17th	Star Wars - The Force Awakens 2015 (PG-13)
Friday, June 24th	Kung Fu Panda 3 / 2016 (PG)

Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7:30 pm
& the movie begins at dusk (about 9:00 pm).



A few important things we want you to know:

- * No alcohol or tobacco products. * No pets.
- * All movies and activities are weather permitting.
- * Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult.



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