

Friday June 26, 2015

Good Friday afternoon everyone. Yes, it does appear it will be the hottest weekend of the year so far and possibly the hottest June 26 on record! I hope you have all had an opportunity to see that the Eagle statue has landed in the Eagle Scout project area on Stephens near Deer Creek. It has been a long time coming. In the near future I will get some specific information relating to the scouts and volunteers who worked on the project as well as the artist who did the carving and donated it to the City. It is nice that it went in this week as the artist first displayed the "Eagle" at the annual Art Festival prior to donating it. Over time we may add some other amenities to the structure but for now, it is nice to have the cover and roofing completed and the eagle on display!

Early this week, NeighborWorks Umpqua Board Chair Elin Miller sent us the following:

"This morning at the Rural LISC Conference, Betty Tamm was awarded the Rural Champion Award for 2015. This is quite an honor. Although surprising for Betty, those of us who know her are not surprised. Merten, Mick and I have been attending this conference on behalf of NeighborWorks Umpqua. Betty was the guest of Rural LISC and now we know why!"

For our part here in Roseburg, Betty and NeighborWorks Umpqua have been champions for many in our community and I would also like to congratulate her! This was a very deserving honor and we look forward to continuing our work with Merten as the new Executive Director and the rest of the NWU staff.

We didn't have any commission meetings this week, but thanks for your attendance at Council on Monday evening. You approved a number of bids and contracts that put us in a position to make some much needed investments in our community infrastructure. While it will make for an inconvenient summer driving season, we will be getting some great improvements that will benefit us for years to come.

As I am sure you are aware, Douglas County adopted new fees for the County Landfill. I certainly support the conclusion that County reached, but they did not leave a lot of time for our local solid waste handlers to implement the collection of the tipping fees. For you longer standing members of Council, you may recall that the last two times Roseburg Disposal approached Council with a fee update, they indicated that at a point when the County implemented fees, they would need to pass them along to their customers in accordance with the Roseburg Municipal Code. RMC 9.20.050(D)(9) outlines the process that allows them to move forward with adding the dumping fees charged at its waste disposal site. They have provided written notice to the City

Recorder in compliance with the Code and will be advertising in the local paper and providing written notice on their upcoming billing that the new rates will go into effect September 1, 2015 to coincide with the fees being charged by Douglas County. Their current billing will include the current rates for July and August and the adjustment to add dumping fees to their regular rates for the September component of their bill. They have complied with the Code requirements, but we wanted to give you a “heads up” as there will likely be an advertisement in the paper this weekend.

We also continue to work with UCAN on a potential Community Development Block Grant proposal to partially fund construction of a Head Start facility out at the non-profit campus off Kenneth Ford Drive. They made a presentation to Council last year letting us know about the project and asking for Council support which we gave them. We are now in the process of identifying timelines to meet a September 30, 2015 application deadline. We had a good meeting and they will be working primarily with Community Development Department staff to move forward on the application process. We will schedule the required public hearing on August 24th and continue our work to meet the September 30 application date.

There is a lot going on over the course of the next month. I hope you get a chance to enjoy the Summer Arts Festival this weekend. It runs Friday noon to 9:00, Saturday 10:00-9:00, and Sunday 10:00-4:00. Friday night movies in park continue tonight with SpongeBob, Sponge out of Water, Music on the Half Shell kicks off next Tuesday, and of course, the annual Hometown 4th of July celebration in Stewart Park. Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy some of the festivities.

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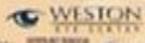
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