

Friday June 17, 2016

Good Friday afternoon everyone! It appears we will have a pretty mild weather weekend so I hope you will all be able to get out and enjoy some of the events in and around town. Please check out the visit Roseburg site at <http://www.visitroseburg.com/events/> if you are looking for something new and different to do. Don't forget that Music on the Half Shell begins next Tuesday and you are invited to join the MOTHS committee down at the tent to share some time with other event sponsors and enjoy the Half Shell atmosphere. The first concert of the series is modern Brazilian musician and entertainer Luisa Maita. As always, we look forward to the upcoming MOTHS series for summer 2016. This summer marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Music series, which started on a shoestring, and thanks to the commitment of the MOTHS committee, has provided incredible entertainment for 25 years. Thanks to all of those who have been involved and continue to sponsor this great event.



Speaking of support, I would also like to thank the folks who work year round raising money and coordinating the Roseburg Hometown Fourth of July celebration. Committee members include: Mariah Smith – Chair, Steve Feldkamp, Dan Slight, Shaun Ryan, Carol Hunt, Jesilyn Risk, Tim Smith, Val Ligon, Jeff Eichenbusch, John VanWinkle, and Bob Ferguson – Pyro technician. Each of these community and/or staff members plays a vital role in this very popular event which is supported by Council through the budget process. There is also significant contribution of staff time from City Parks, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments. Once again I would like to thank the community volunteers, businesses and our folks for organizing and putting on such a great event.



In addition to the Fourth of July celebration, events coming up or continuing in the parks include the Police Pursuit K9 Fun Run & Walk which will be held in Stewart Park on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and is a fundraiser for the City of Roseburg and Douglas County K-9 programs.

Stewart Park is also the location of our very successful Friday night movies in the park series for local families. Tonight's movie is Star Wars - the Force Awakens and the final movie next week will be Kung Fu Panda-3. Movies in the park are co-sponsored by the City of Roseburg Parks Department and US Cellular with event



sponsors Booster Juice, Roseburg Honda, Rogue Credit Union, and Ten Down Bowling and Entertainment. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. and movies start at dusk, usually around 9:00 p.m.

The 48<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Arts Festival will be held at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center from June 24th through June 26th this year. Following is an excerpt from their website at <http://uvarts.com/summer-arts-festival/>



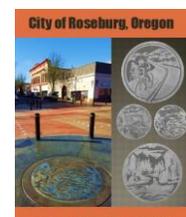
“UVAA is proud to present our Annual Summer Arts Festival. Situated in Roseburg’s beautiful Fir Grove Park, the festival celebrates the Land of Umpqua’s abundant creative talent, and attracts thousands of visitors each day.

Our Visitors Enjoy:

- Over 100 local and regional artists offering hand-crafted works in all media
- Fun-filled art projects for children in our “Kids’ Zone”
- A Community Art Project
- Outstanding local artists offering demonstrations of how they work
- Non-stop music, dance, and other entertainment on two stages
- A food court featuring *Umpqua Dairy*, local BBQ, as well as craft beer and local wine

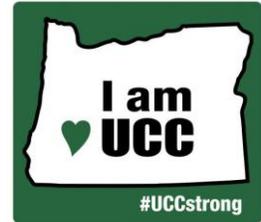
Bring your friends, listen to some great music, grab a bite to eat at the *McMenamins Food Court*, and browse the artwork & crafts of over 120 local artisans. Perfect for families to spend a summer day together having fun!”

Thanks to all of you who attended Monday’s Council meeting at which you adopted our 2016-17 budget. The budget is the primary financial policy document prepared by the City to provide a framework to carry out Council goals and the general operations of the City. We look forward to continuing to provide a very high level of service to our community.



A number of Councilors and I attended a community input meeting earlier this week at the invitation of NeighborWorks Umpqua to provide input for their development of the NWU strategic initiative and planning process. NWU provides primary services in Douglas, Coos and Curry Counties as well as some designated service in many other rural Oregon Counties. I believe each of those present learned a lot about NWU’s mission and the services they provide and also appreciated the opportunity to provide input into the process. We are working closely with NWU on some grant applications and programs which include housing and community service/community development.

Tuesday I attended the monthly meeting of DCIDB. The IDB, like our Economic Development Commission, works closely with the Partnership and communities throughout Douglas County to develop opportunities for job creation, job retention and expansion, and company recruitment. This week they recommended to the Commissioners that a piece of property in the Green Industrial Park be sold to a small business owner and that the IDB contract with the Partnership to continue the Medical Education College process we have been pursuing in the amount of \$50,000. The total estimated cost of the next year (to get through the legislative session) is \$180,000. The local medical community has committed \$100,000 and if the Commissioners approve, the IDB will provide \$50,000.



I hope you have all had a chance to go downtown this week to see the newly installed kiosks at the four primary intersections on Oak and Washington. I have already received a number of positive comments and would like to thank all who were involved. We hope to have a ribbon cutting ceremony the week before the Graffiti cruise and Mayor Rich already indicated he will be available. Stay tuned.



This afternoon I attended The Leadership Committee (TLC) appointed by the Governor to work with CHART on our continued healing and recovery process and to work on the Federal response grant that will provide funding for reimbursement of some extraordinary out of pocket costs related to October 1st and funding for the next 12 to 24 months relating to individual and community health, mental health and recovery services. As we have seen, the recovery process is different for many of those involved and things continue to change in response to the needs. Many agencies continue to step up to meet ongoing demands from the community and this grant can help fund components of the recovery efforts related to “victims” in our community. Earlier in the week I did reach out to the Public Information Officer in the Orlando Police department to offer our community’s condolences and offer the City’s assistance in dealing with the aftermath of their tragedy.

Happy Father’s day to all the dads and granddads out there who celebrate on this special day. Have a great weekend everyone.