

Friday August 21, 2015

Good Friday afternoon everyone. It is great to be back after a wonderful week in the South Carolina area. I now know the difference between 20% and 100% humidity. We had a great opportunity to explore the rich history and culture in the south and visit a number of historic homes and churches. Their history started a little before ours did and it was great to see first-hand what has been maintained and restored over the last 250 years. That area reminded me how important it is to understand and be able to share a community's history.

Last Thursday the Public Works Commission met to evaluate a couple projects and purchases that are on your Council Agenda for Monday evening. They recommended an amendment to the Highway 138 intergovernmental agreement with ODOT to add some work that is the City's responsibility, but was not included in the original scope of the IGA. Funding for the amendment will come from our Transportation and Storm Drainage Funds. The Commission reviewed and recommended to award the contract for final design for the South Stewart Parkway project which runs from just south of the YMCA near Harvey Avenue to Valley View at the north end of the project. Information on both of these recommendations is included in your agenda packet.

On Tuesday a number of you and City staff attended a meeting facilitated by DRA regarding issues surrounding homelessness and the impacts on individuals and the community. I have heard mixed reviews from attendees, but it's an important issue and staff will continue trying to identify solutions to provide cost effective opportunities to address those issues that appear to be within the City's purview and to work with service providers to try to effectively address the individual and social service issues.

On Wednesday Sheila Cox and I attended the ribbon cutting/grand opening for the new Samaritan Inn. The "Inn" is a transitional setting for homeless women and women with children to reside. The Roseburg Rescue Mission raised the resources to acquire the facility which formerly housed a local medical clinic and remodeled it into a facility that can house over 100 individuals at any one time under normal circumstances and more in an emergency. Congratulations to all those involved in providing this very needed facility for those in need.



The City's annual Wellness Employee and Family Golf Scramble was held Thursday night at Stewart Park Golf Course. Eight 4-person teams participated as well as additional employees and family members that came out to cheer their groups on. Afterward, dinner and door prizes were provided by the City's Wellness Committee. It looked like a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Val Ligon our Parks and Rec Coordinator for organizing the event.





The Wellness Committee is also partnering with the American Red Cross for a blood drive on Wednesday, August 26th at the Public Safety Center from 11:00am – 4:30pm in the Umpqua Conference Room. There are still a few spots available, so if anyone would like to participate, please contact Koree or John at 541-492-6866 to schedule an appointment.

Over the last two weeks contractors finished up the slurry seal project that involved the resurfacing of over twenty different streets primarily in residential areas throughout the community. Work started on the ODOT Highway 138 Corridor Project and continues in full swing on the Oak/Washington Downtown Project. Both major Oak Avenue intersections sections are underway as we speak. Work was also completed on the Charles Gardiner multi-use path and work began on the Indianola storm project. The North Stephens grind/overlay project is also well underway. Many of the ADA ramps have been completed on the east side of Stephens and work on the west side started this week. As you may recall, this project not only addresses the ADA ramps and the street resurfacing, but will also add a semi-controlled crosswalk near the transit stop by the Cow Creek Administrative offices. The crosswalk was identified in a study a couple years ago and was a priority of the Public Works Commission.



This week marked the end of the summer Music on the Half Shell series. I thoroughly enjoyed the music this year and thought this final concert performance by The Waifs was one of the best of the year. I would like to give a special thank you to the Music on the Half Shell committee and parks staff who keeps the venue in superb condition throughout the season. I would also like to thank the Police Department and Police volunteers for their involvement in parking control and security for the events. While the MOTHS committee does a wonderful job with the program, this could not be accomplished without a lot of hard work and coordination with staff!

The City of Roseburg Parks Department and Friends of the Boys & Girls Club also co-sponsored a very successful Umpqua River Run that started and ended in Stewart Park at the Pavilion and Half Shell area. Over 300 folks participated in the 5K, 10K or half marathon and a number of local youth ran the final mile of the kid's marathon.



This is about the culmination of summer recreational activities specifically sponsored and co-sponsored through our Parks and Recreation program. Additional completed activities and upcoming events can always be found at:

<http://www.cityofroseburg.org/departments/parks/programs-and-events/>

Lastly, please find below a flyer announcing an open house for the Exits 124/125 Interchange Area Management Plan Open House #2. This is an important process which allows for public input into future planning for the ODOT interchanges at the Garden Valley and Harvard Avenue interchanges. The IAMP will impact policy issues and transportation planning for not only the interchanges but also the City transportation system in the immediate area. Our Planning and Public Works Staff are involved in this effort in addition to members of the community. Please plan to attend if you are available.

Have a great weekend everyone! We will see you all at Council Meeting Monday night.



**Exit 124/125
Interchange Area Management Plan**

Public Open House #2

Come join us for a public meeting to:

- Learn about the project and review previous work products.
- Review and comment on the various interchange improvement concepts developed to date.
- Discuss the development of a preferred interchange and local circulation plan.

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Come anytime between 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Holiday Inn Express
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