



Happy New Year's Eve everybody! As you know, Lance was out this week for some well-deserved rest & relaxation with the family ~ and to celebrate his birthday today as well! So Happy Birthday Lance!

We've had a relatively quiet week around City Hall with the exception of year-end license renewals. Koree has been really busy with lots of alarm installers, taxi drivers, marijuana dispensary operators and dispensers getting their licenses renewed at the last minute so they'll all be ready for 2016! But otherwise, there were no Commission meetings and of course we'd already canceled the December 28th Council Meeting. I hope everyone really enjoyed the holidays with their families and friends...because starting next week ~ it'll be "back to business as usual"!

Based on the following update we just received from ODOT, the New Year – starting as early as next Monday - will bring a noticeable increase in activity on the 138 Project:

Roseburg road construction enters new phase on Jan. 4

Roseburg motorists should expect increased congestion and delays on SE Stephens St. as road construction enters a new phase next week.

In addition to ongoing lane closures on Stephens St., the following traffic control changes will take effect as early as Monday morning, Jan. 4:

- At the ***intersection of Stephens St. and Douglas Ave.***, flaggers will provide traffic control as workers replace the storm pipe through the intersection.
- A short section of ***Douglas Ave., between Stephens St. and the railroad tracks*** will be closed for approximately one month while workers rebuild the roadway. ODOT advises motorists to use alternate routes.
- ***Stephens between Douglas and Washington*** will be reduced to a single lane in each direction for at least a month. This will allow workers to replace the storm pipe down the center of Stephens and begin widening the roadway to make room for the northbound left turn lane at the Stephens-Douglas intersection.
- The ***left lane of Oak Ave. between the bridge and Spruce St.*** will be closed for sidewalk work. The other two lanes will remain open.

Congestion and delays are common when traffic control changes are made. Motorists are advised to avoid the project area during peak travel hours, use alternate routes or give themselves extra travel time.

Elsewhere in the project area, motorists should anticipate intermittent lane closures. Flaggers will provide traffic control as needed.

Sidewalk closures: Due to construction at the Stephens-Douglas intersection, several sidewalks will be closed. Pedestrians are advised to look for detour signs and use alternate routes.

Open for business: ODOT would like to remind the Roseburg community that ***Rite Aid*** and ***Oregon Tool*** are open for business! While the short section of Douglas Ave. is closed between Stephens and the railroad tracks, motorists can use Oregon Tool's access on Stephens and Rite Aid's access on Washington.

For more information: www.roseburg138.com.

Along with all the 138 work, demolition of a portion of the north side of the old Douglas Community Hospital will begin next week as well so they can prepare for the upcoming addition. So it's clear 2016 will bring some exciting changes to our community!



We have a number of key new hires starting in early January. Gary Garrisi will be the new Assistant Fire Chief. Gary comes to us with 25 years of experience at the Fire Department in Yuba City, CA, most recently as a Battalion Chief. Also new with the Fire Department will be Firefighter Derek Olson. Tonya Iannuzzo will be the new Accountant in the Finance Department, and Andy Albee will be our new Water Treatment Plant Superintendent. Andy comes in to fill the position held by Tim Brady, our current Superintendent. Tim was joined by his family and several fellow employees at the water treatment plant on Wednesday evening to celebrate his retirement after 34 years of service to the City ~ we all wish him the best in his retirement! Interviews were also held on Wednesday for the one remaining vacancy in the Police Department with the hope of finding the right candidate to bring the department up to full staff.



I'm sure if Lance was writing this he'd come up with something very eloquent to say about everything the City experienced and accomplished in 2015 ~ as well as all the things we have to look forward to in 2016 ~ but you'll hear about all of that when the Mayor delivers his State of the City Address at our first meeting in the New Year – on Monday, January 9, 2016. So, for now ~ from all of us to all of you ~ Happy New Year ~ may 2016 bring good health and much happiness to all!