

# The City Connection

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CITY OF ROSEBURG NEWSLETTER

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## State of the City Address

First of all, I want to once again point out how impressed I am with the professionalism of the city employees and their high quality and quantity of work accomplished by these individuals in spite of budget and staff reductions. When budgets get tight, it's easy to criticize and find fault, but our city staff and employees are out there every day working hard to make Roseburg a great place to live and raise our families. Please take the time to show your appreciation and to thank them for a job well done.

Last year, I asked for involvement from all our citizens to help us improve the quality of life while dealing with the economic problems that all the cities in Oregon have faced. I am pleased that the public responded. Depending on the topic under discussion, city council meetings were well attended, and participation was active, energetic and thought-provoking. We are committed to providing opportunities for all our citizens to participate in the challenges that face us in 2004.

After the appointment of former police chief Chris Brown as Douglas County Sheriff, Mark Nickel took over the leadership of a department that faced its biggest challenge in years with the abrupt changes in administration and personnel shortages. Department members were able to respond to over 13,000 calls for service, attended over 2400 hours of training, issued over 2800 traffic citations, investigated over 4000 criminal offenses and 250 traffic collisions, and made over 3700 arrests. Volunteers in Police Services contributed over 4200 hours to the department and have been a valuable asset to a department that

has faced personnel cutbacks. They've helped conduct vacation house checks, tow vehicles, walk foot patrols and have performed other tasks that have helped provide better service to the public. The Reserve Officer program also is a significant supplement to our department, providing both additional no-cost personnel at special events as well as a pool of candidates for employment for our regular force should the opportunity arise. With a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and the generous assistance of BBG Marketing, our web page, [www.roseburgpolice.com](http://www.roseburgpolice.com) is on-line and has proven to be an effective and informative site. Identity theft and computer crimes are two areas that will be an increasing problem in the future. Detectives have attended specialized training seminars, and the department has procured equipment designed to assist in these types of investigation.

Chief Jack Cooley also faced problems this past year caused by budget cutbacks. After 34 years of operating out of three stations, the closure of the Harvard Ave. fire station forced modifications. Engine staffing and emergency operations procedural changes were made which allowed the department to maximize its remaining resources and to



Larry Rich  
Mayor

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## Technical Rescue Vehicle

The Roseburg Fire Department is putting the finishing touches on a "new" technical rescue vehicle. The "new" vehicle is actually a used U-Haul that was purchased from a dealer in Medford for \$4,800. The vehicle is replacing a 1974 vehicle which was originally a bread delivery truck.

Several members of the department have been involved in making the conversion from a U-Haul to a Technical Rescue Vehicle. The department had \$10,000 for the purchase and conversion of the vehicle. This is a very substantial savings over the cost of a new vehicle. Using on duty personnel for the fabrication work also saved the City money.

Staff is in the process of equipping the vehicle with Rope Rescue equipment, Haz-Mat supplies, and \$38,000 worth of Confined Space Rescue equipment that was purchased with a FEMA grant. This will allow us to have all of our equipment on one response vehicle. The department currently has six Confined Space Rescue Technicians and all personnel trained to the Operations level. Future training will include Technician level training for the entire department.



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The first phase of a project to upgrade the existing traffic signals on Garden Valley Boulevard is nearing completion. Under the current construction contract, the contractor made various upgrades to the signals and related hardware. The bulb and lens signal lamps were all replaced with new light-emitting diode (LED) lamps. The new style LED lamps use significantly less power and have a longer life, leading to less maintenance costs. The city was able to recoup a portion of the cost of installing the LED's by participating in a rebate program through the Energy Trust of Oregon. The city will receive a fifty-dollar rebate for each green LED lamp that was installed. This amounts to \$4,600. Interior illuminated signs were replaced with aluminum signs to further reduce electricity costs. Any malfunctioning vehicle detector loops have been replaced. Any outdated components within the signal controllers and all non-standard signal heads have also been replaced.



An emergency vehicle pre-emption system, also known as Opticom, been installed on the city's Garden Valley traffic signals. The system detects emergency vehicles approaching an intersection and automatically stops all other phases giving the emergency vehicle a green light to continue through the intersection.

## GARDEN VALLEY TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Now that the hardware and components of the system have been repaired and upgraded, the system can function as intended. There is an interconnection between the signals that allows them to be synchronized. The next phase of the improvement project will involve reprogramming the system timing for synchronization and to better accommodate existing traffic demand. The city is currently working with ODOT officials to formulate the approach to reprogramming the signal controllers. The reprogramming should be installed this spring.

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keep emergency response times close to the previous level while answering approximately 3500 calls. Community volunteers assisted in the inspection of 547 residences in SE Roseburg for working smoke alarms. After finding that almost half of these residences were without, functioning alarms were provided and installed through funds from a FEMA grant. The Douglas Forest Protection Agency has joined with the department to reduce fuels and minimize the likelihood of wildland fires throughout the city. DFPA was also instrumental in acquiring an airport crash rescue vehicle which will be a key asset to the airport and useful in dealing with any large fuel spills in the county. Two other areas of potential danger to the public were addressed through changes in obnoxious vegetation and explosive materials transportation. The contract with MedCom as an ambulance provider has been renewed for an additional five years. The department continues to work with businesses and other public agencies to maximize resources and to continue to provide a high level of service to the public.

Under the leadership of Jim Dowd, the Parks Department managed over 425 acres of parkland of which approximately 300 acres are maintained on a regular basis with the remainder kept as wetlands and green space. While budget constraints eliminated any major projects, several smaller projects were completed. The Stewart Park Stairway Project provided safe and efficient access from Stewart Parkway into the Band Shell area from the bike path. The Parks Department also designed and installed the landscaping and irrigation systems for the new parking areas used by Dell Computers. Staff also installed a new drainage system in the east section of Gaddis Park. The new drain system should eliminate the problems of standing water and flooding which made it difficult for both ball players and spectators to enjoy the facilities. The department applied for and was awarded grants for two important projects for 2004.

\$45,000 will be used for improvements to the Deer Creek railroad trestle. These funds will convert the unused railroad bridge into a pedestrian and bicycle pathway connecting Stephens Street to the bike path leading to Riverfront Park. The second grant of \$125,000 along with donations from the Roseburg Soccer Association, will be used to replace an antiquated irrigation system, add needed drainage, level the soccer fields, and plant new grass in five acres of Fir Grove Park.

Dan Huff and the Community Development Department also faced the challenges of dealing with reductions in staff caused by budget cuts, job description changes, and a long time employee out indefinitely for medical reasons. The Planning Division handled a total of 138 land use actions. The largest, Rocky Ridge Phase II, includes 61 lots along the east side of the development connecting with NE Fulton Street. The second, Clearwater Subdivision Phase II, features 34 lots located in SE Roseburg near Eastwood School. This subdivision will provide new single family homes as well as wetland enhancement along Ramp and Deer Creek. The Building Division issued 895 permits. Highlighted projects include the continued remodeling of the RHS campus, Lowes Home Improvement, Umpqua Bank Training Center, Mercy Medical Center expansion, and two banks.

The Public Works Department, under the direction of Chris Berquist, focused on several major projects. The Town and Country Mobile Home Park Acquisition, begun in 2002, continued this past year. The city currently owns or has moved approximately 68 mobile homes and will continue to purchase homes and relocate residents in order to begin demolition of the mobile home park in 2004. The Keasey/Valley View Street Improvement Project, first envisioned years ago, was completed in late 2003. Based on recommendations made following a study of the traffic signals on Garden Valley Boulevard, improve-

ments were made to the system. The city installed Opticom, an emergency vehicle preemption system, and added auto pedestrian signals as part of the project. Improvements were also made to the Second End Second-Level Water System with construction of a new water pump station on Hawthorne Drive to replace the old one on Reservoir Avenue. And in an effort to protect and prolong their life, 35 streets were overlaid and 7 more were slurry sealed.

The money crisis created by huge budget shortfalls at the state level, presented La Colley and the staff of the Finance Department special challenges as they devoted significant time to problems caused by the rising cost of PERS. Roseburg was one of the original government entities who filed a lawsuit in 1999 calling for changes to a system that has hurt our community hard in 2003. Still, for the tenth consecutive year, the City of Roseburg received the Government Finance Officers Association award for "Excellence in Financial Reporting". We welcome our new Finance Director Michelle Gates De'Angeles.

Barbara Gershon, Personnel Director, again spent significant time on recruitment, training, internal promotions and exit interviews. Other responsibilities included dealing with collective bargaining agreements, insurance packages, policies, and updating the personnel handbook. Barbara also found the time to participate in an Inter-agency training conference and serve on several local advisory boards.

City Recorder Sheila Cox and Administrative Assistant Debi Davidson continued to stay busy with routine daily operations and administrative responsibilities that insure a high level of service to our community. A major project involved getting various forms, applications and notices on-line which saved both staff time and supply costs. For example, the employment recruitment done via the inter-

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## FEMA PROVIDES FIRE STATION EXHAUST RELIEF

The Roseburg Fire Department has been awarded a FEMA grant for the purchase and installation of a fire station exhaust system. The City will receive \$10,800 that will cover 90% of the cost of the exhaust system. The Fire Department currently has in its budget the matching amount of 10% or \$1,200 needed to complete the grant. The total cost of the exhaust systems will be \$12,000 and systems will be installed in all stations.

When fire engines idle inside of the fire station, the exhaust generated can spread throughout the entire building. It can darken the walls and fixtures, settle on clothing and equipment and any food items that may be present. It can endanger the health of the employees and the public and greatly increase building maintenance costs.

At the time the stations were originally designed and built, little was known about the environmental and health effects of diesel exhaust. This grant gives the Fire Department a great opportunity to protect its assets, including structures and most importantly, its personnel.



## AIRPORT CRASH RESCUE VEHICLE

The City of Roseburg has purchased a used Airport Crash Rescue Vehicle intended for use at the Roseburg Regional Airport as well as at any flammable liquid emergency. The vehicle carries 1500 gallons of water and 200 gallons of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF). It also carries 400 pounds of "Purple K" dry chemical powder, worth more than the entire cost of the vehicle, which would be used on metal fires. The Coast Guard Air Station in Astoria originally purchased the 1982 Duplex Crash Vehicle for \$485,000 but through the Federal Excess Property Program the City was able to purchase the vehicle for \$1000.

The FEPP is administered by the Oregon Department of Forestry and they, along with the assistance of Douglas Forest Protective Association and Chief Chris Penno of Astoria Coast Guard Air Base, made this purchase possible. Chief Penno also provided three days of training for the Fire Department in Roseburg.



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resulted in an estimated savings of \$345.

The Roseburg City Council had an extremely busy year dealing with three main issues: outside water rates, the downtown tax district, and the Sweetbrier property. While it is easier to push issues off to future councils, I'm glad we were willing to face these issues head on and to make tough decisions when necessary. While we frequently had differences of opinion, for the most part council members and the citizens were able to maintain respect toward one another while listening to what others were saying. But there are times when we could have behaved better. I encourage everyone to work toward understanding both sides of an issue while maintaining a respectful attitude toward all.

I'm proud of the work of our public employees, the city council, the city commissioners and the many volunteers and public citizens who during this past year have worked toward improving our city. 2004 presents unique challenges that will necessitate even more time and energy.

First, we must replace Randy Wetmore, who was our longest serving city manager having filled that position for 13 years. We wish him

the best as he begins a new challenge in his career. Our plan is to hire a consulting firm to assist us in the process which could take as long as six months and will involve advertising nationally for qualified applicants.

Along with searching for a new city manager, we must reexamine salary compensation for management positions. During this past year at the management level, we lost Chris Brown and Jim Burge from the police department, Lance Colley from Finance, and Randy Wetmore. Two years ago when we looked at salary comparisons with other cities, we were at the bottom in almost every department. Other cities and public agencies are interested in our department heads because of their high quality. If we are to keep the high quality of our remaining managers and attract new hires, we need to rethink salaries.

The Downtown Tax and District status has occupied over one year of ongoing debate. While a vote among downtown business owners supported eliminating the tax and the district, the city council voted to eliminate the tax but keep the district. The ultimate decision will probably be voted on by all the citizens of Roseburg. Make sure you ask questions and get the facts from both sides so you can make

an informed decision.

Because the economy is improving and our financial situation looks better than it has in the past two years, we hopefully will not have to make further staff reductions. The public is encouraged to participate in the budget hearings that will take place in April and May.

And finally, the fourth challenge will be to discuss urban growth boundary expansions and annexations. The council has asked the staff to research various areas throughout our community. But much study and discussion still needs to take place. I would encourage all of our citizens to attend meetings and become informed. We will try to hold neighborhood meetings whenever possible to help answer questions.

I would ask each of you – each employee, council member, public citizen – to join together in meeting these challenges. Together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish – the problems we can solve, the divisions we can heal, the improvements we can make.

**Mayor Larry Rich**

## WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN SOUTH ROSEBURG

Roseburg initiated a program in 1997 to make major improvements to the water system in the south end of town. Improvements were identified in an engineering report prepared by Lee Engineering and focused on upgrading storage reservoirs, pump stations, and large-diameter lines needed to transmit water to south Roseburg. The scope of the project has been expanded to also include replacement of undersized and deteriorated distribution piping in the area. The estimated cost of improvements is in the range of approximately \$3.5 million to \$4.0 million. Due to the large size of the project, improvements are being constructed in phases.

Some of the projects completed to date include replacement of the old Terrace Avenue reservoir with a new 800,000-gallon tank, installation of 2,500 feet of new 16-inch diameter line from the intersection of Rose Street and Lane Street to Reservoir Avenue, and 3,000 feet of 12-inch pipe between Reservoir Avenue and the new Terrace Avenue tank. During 2003, a new pump station was constructed on Hawthorne Drive to replace the Reservoir Avenue pump station, a new pressure reducing station was built, and 7,500 feet of new distribution piping were installed in the vicinity of Kane Street, Hawthorne Drive, Magnolia Street, Corrine Drive, Dillard Avenue and Giles Street.

Construction of the next phase of improvements will begin this spring and consists of 4,500 feet of 16-inch line that will be installed along Hawthorne Drive (between Kane and Main), Main Street (between Hawthorne and Booth) and Booth Avenue. The pipeline will provide the feed to a future tank site at the end of Starmer Street. There are plans to also replace undersized distribution lines in this vicinity during the summer of 2004.

The final phase of this project will include construction of a new 1,000,000 gallon, storage reservoir on Starmer. The Starmer reservoir will replace the old Reservoir Avenue reservoir which was constructed in the early 1900's. The tentative schedule is to complete final design of the new reservoir this spring, and to begin construction during the summer of 2004.

The City greatly appreciates the patience and understanding of area residents during this multi-year project. If you have any questions during the final phases of the project, please do not hesitate to call the Public Works Department.



New Hawthorne pump station. Sandy Cook, Engineering Technician

## NEW HELMET LAW

Senate Bill 453 passed by the Oregon Legislature last year, requires all skateboarders, scooter riders, and in-line skaters under the age of 16 to wear helmets. Failing to comply with the law may result in a fine of \$25. The law states that helmets are required while operating any of the conveyances on any public highway or any premises open to the public which includes the skate park, parking lots, or any other public area. This same law makes it a violation for any parent or guardian or other person with legal responsibility for a child under 16, to allow the child to operate one of the listed items without a helmet. That fine is also \$25.

As has been demonstrated on many occasions here in Roseburg, helmets save lives and common sense dictates helmet use. Unfortunately, some believe that bad things happen "to other people" and consequently need to be persuaded to make common sense decisions. Roseburg police officers will be enforcing the new law but as with most traffic violations, each officer is allowed some discretion based on the circumstances.

Laws regarding the use of safety equipment such as helmets and seatbelts are designed to provide people with an incentive to keep themselves safe. While many people feel this "infringes" on their freedom of choice, most of these laws are directed at protecting children who don't always make choices in their own best interests. Parental responsibility statutes ensure that parents become involved in the decision making process.

Part of the job of a police officer is to educate people about the law which can be done in a variety of ways. One of the most effective ways is through the use of a citation and fine, however not every violation is dealt with in this way. An officer can provide a verbal warning if he or she believes the violator is better served through the use of a warning. But repeated, flagrant, or more serious violations will require a more serious response and generally, a citation will be issued.

Any questions about the new helmet law can be directed to the Roseburg Police Department's Traffic Division during regular business hours at 673-6633, or visit our website at [www.roseburgpolice.com](http://www.roseburgpolice.com)

## ONE-CALL SYSTEM/UTILITY LOCATING

City staff often receives questions from residents concerning colorful markings found in their yard or on the roadway near their homes. These markings are usually painted by utility companies marking their underground facilities. Oregon law requires that before digging you must contact the state's one-call center to request a locate 48 hours prior to beginning. This is true for persons or companies digging on private or public property. When someone requests a locate, the one-call center notifies all of the utility companies that may have facilities in that specific area. The utility companies then have 48 hours to mark their facilities. Normally, the area of proposed excavation is marked in white. The other markings are color coded as follows:

ELECTRIC .....	RED	WATER .....	BLUE
GAS-OIL-STEAM .....	YELLOW	SANITARY/STORM SEWER ..	GREEN
COMMUNICATIONS		TEMPORARY SURVEY	
AND CABLE TV .....	ORANGE	MARKS .....	PINK

If you are planning on digging, even in your yard, you may be required by law to request a locate. This is an easy, toll-free call. The following is a list of information that will be asked for.

- ? Caller name and telephone number
- ? Alternate contact name and telephone number
- ? Will work be taking place within 10 feet of overhead power lines
- ? Type of work
- ? Who is the work being done for
- ? City, county, state
- ? Location of work/street address
- ? Nearest intersecting street
- ? Distance and direction from intersecting street
- ? Extent of work
- ? Special instructions for marking
- ? Township, range, section (if possible)



If you are planning any excavation in the future, please take advantage of this program for your own protection and safety. The phone number is

..... 1-800-332-2344 .....  
**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG - IT'S THE LAW**

## ANNUAL TESTING OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES

The City of Roseburg is responsible for administering the state-mandated backflow prevention connection program. Backflow prevention devices are required at locations where there is a cross connection (actual or potential) between the public water system and a private system of contamination. The most common types of actual or potential cross-connection with a public system occur on the private side of the meter and include: landscape-irrigation systems, fire sprinkler systems, boiler systems, pop beverage dispensers, medical facilities, hospitals, mortuaries, sanitary sewer facilities and industrial facilities. Presently, there are 1,015 backflow prevention devices installed within the Roseburg water service area.

Oregon requires backflow prevention devices to be tested annually by a state certified tester. Annual testing of backflow prevention devices insures the devices are functioning properly. Devices found to be malfunctioning must be repaired. Therefore, annual testing is important for the protection of the public's health and safety.

The City adopted a new program last year for administering the testing of backflow prevention devices. Under the new program, the City will start sending out notices in January. Customers have until the end of May to test their devices with their own contractor. If the City has not received a copy of the test results by May 31st, the City will have the backflow prevention device tested by a contracted tester. The City will bill the customer the actual cost of testing plus an administrative fee of \$25.00.

For further information contact the Public Works Department at 672-7701.

Jesse DiStefano, City of Roseburg  
 Cross Connection Inspector & Engineering Technician



# FIR GROVE REHABILITATION PROJECT

In 2000 the Stewart Park Master Plan was commissioned to identify ways to improve Stewart Park including the Fir Grove Section. Phase I of the plan recommended that improvements be made to the Fir Grove Section. The improvements include the relocation of the baseball fields to Sunshine Park, renovation of the turf areas and increased parking to support all of the facilities. The plan suggested additional parking areas be placed on the perimeter for increased pedestrian safety and included site amenities, such as picnic areas and walking paths connecting to the main Stewart Park trail.

In 2001 the firm of Cameron, McCarthy and Gilbert was selected to provide a design for Fir Grove. After numerous public meetings, attended by all of the park user groups and other concerned citizens, a final plan was adopted. A portion of the plan calls for an improved flexible open space to be used by the local soccer association, high school soccer, the arts center and other users. Enhanced parking facilities will provide an additional 276 parking spaces while preserving the open feeling of the park, as well as a group shelter, play structure, landscaping and connecting trails.

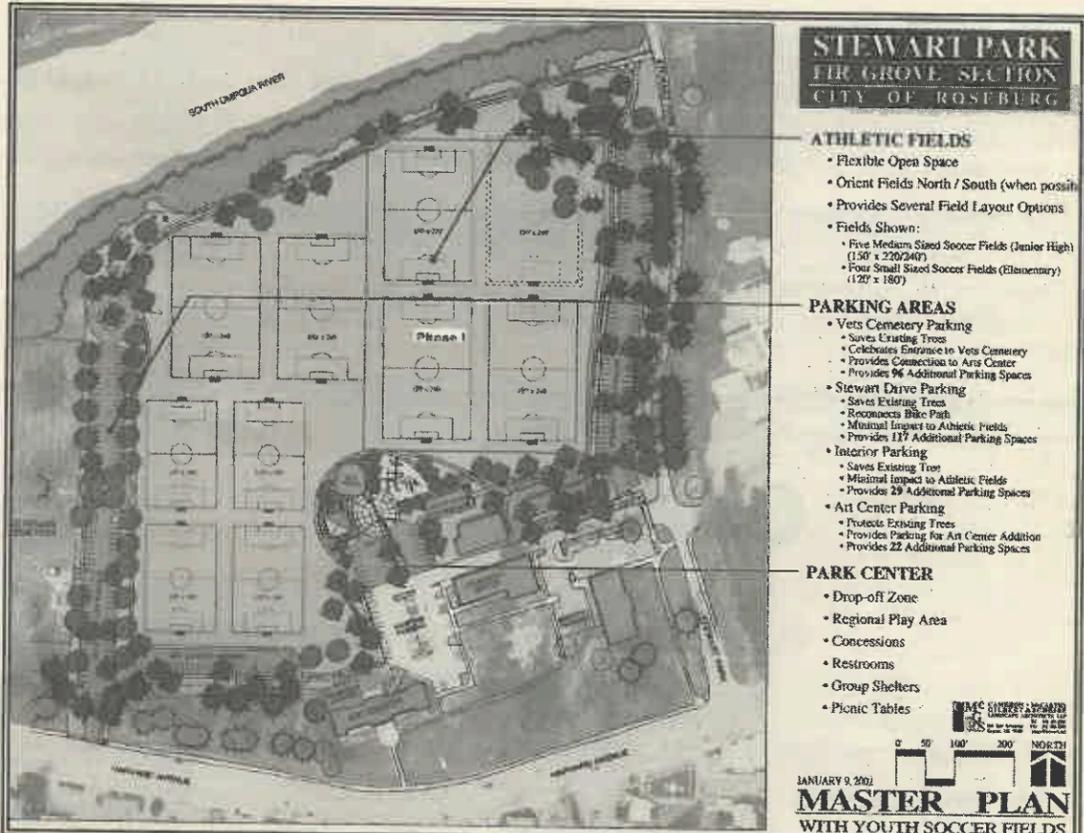
The complete project will consist of replacing the antiquated irrigation system, install field drainage where necessary, re-grading the entire field surface and planting new turf. Also included in the design is relocating the bike path, constructing asphalt parking lots, providing for surface drainage and constructing a group shelter, play equipment, installing sidewalks and hard surface areas in the park center and landscaping plant material. The result of this project will allow user groups to rearrange the field size and orientation any time of the year to suit the age of the players and to reduce the wear on the fields. Dedicated parking areas will provide more parking spaces for all facility users, and the play structure and shelter will allow families to utilize a new section of the park, which will relieve some of the crowded conditions that occur in other areas of the park.

A project of this magnitude will exceed \$1.5 million dollars to complete and will have to be done in phases as funds become available. Although the City of Roseburg has limited funds to provide for the project, there are a number of willing partners that want to share in the project. The Roseburg Soccer Association is by far the largest user group of the park, as they have over 2,200 young people that use the park throughout the year, with an increase of 5% more users projected each year. They have stepped up, offering to raise the majority of the funds for the project. Not only will they raise the bulk of the funds for the project, they will also provide volunteer labor and equipment, while the City of Roseburg will manage the contract and oversee the project.

The first phase of the project will consist of refurbishing the fields along Stewart Park Road. Construction during this phase will consist of installing a new irrigation system, reseeding and re-grading the field to allow for drainage. The project will begin in June, and the fields will be ready for play the following spring. The estimated

cost to complete this phase of the project is approximately \$295,000.

A majority of funding for this portion of the project will be provided by a \$125,000 grant from the Local Government Grant Program through the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation. Additional funding has been pledged from the Roseburg Soccer Association. They will provide a donation of \$30,000 in labor, materials and cash. The City will make up the remaining costs using monies from the Stewart Park Trust and the Park Development Fund.



## Watch Those Crosswalks!

Have you ever wanted to cross a busy street at the crosswalk and couldn't get traffic to stop? Most of us have encountered this situation. In Oregon the legislature recently changed the crosswalk law to make it easier and hopefully safer, for pedestrians to cross the street. The following excerpt is taken from the Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) and became effective on January 1.

**SECTION 1. ORS 811.010** is amended to read:

**(1) The driver of a vehicle commits the offense of failure to stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk if the driver does not stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian who:**

**(a) Is crossing a roadway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk where there is no traffic control device in place or in operation; and**

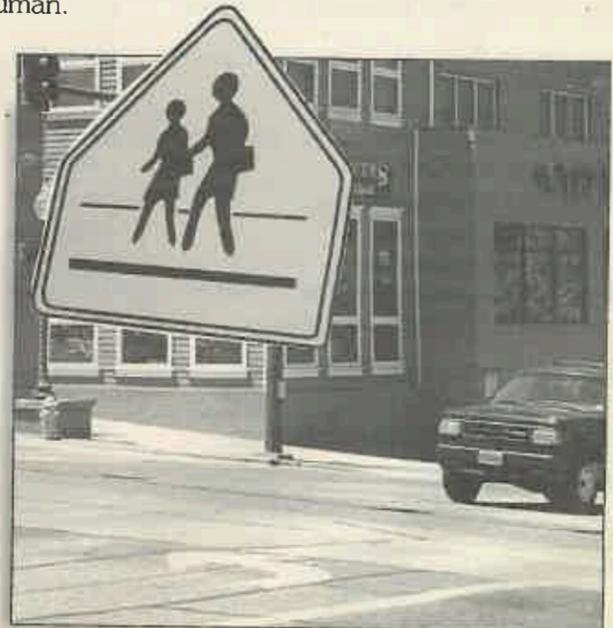
**(b) Is either in the lane in which the driver's vehicle is traveling or in a lane adjacent to the lane in which the driver's vehicle is traveling.**

There are a few exceptions to the statute but in most circumstances the above will apply. For a full version of the statute, visit this website: [www.leg.state.or.us](http://www.leg.state.or.us)

As a general rule of thumb, a motorist should stop at an uncontrolled crosswalk, marked or unmarked, anytime a pedestrian is waiting to cross. It is always a good idea for the motorist to make "eye contact" with the pedestrian so that you both know that you have seen each other. Awareness is a key factor in reducing accidents between pedestrians, bicyclists and autos.

While the new wording in the statute makes the motorist more responsible to pedestrians at a crosswalk, as a matter of safety for the walking and

biking public, never "insist" on the right of way. Obviously, any collision between a 4000 pound piece of steel, aluminum, and plastic and a 180-pound human, will have drastic consequences to the human.



# SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

## THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

On Saturday, November 22, 2003, twenty four community members from the following service groups or businesses assisted eighteen fire service personnel from the Roseburg Fire Department and Office of the State Fire Marshal, with the installation of smoke alarms. These alarms were installed in residences throughout Southeast Roseburg.

- The News-Review
- Safe Communities
- S.C.O.P.E.
- Callahan Village
- R.S.V.P.
- Callahan Court
- City of Roseburg
- Oregon State Police

During the campaign, 547 residences were targeted and contacted. A total of 235 smoke alarms were installed in these homes, 5 of which were smoke alarms for the hearing impaired. During the campaign it was discovered that 43% of the residences did not have a working smoke alarm.

Funding for this program was provided through a grant to Oregon Fire Marshal Association from the Special Fire Prevention and Safety Grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program from the Department of Homeland Security's FEMA/US Fire Administration.

Although the installation of these alarms was a one-time event, based upon the positive response from community volunteers and the residents, the Roseburg Fire Department will be researching other ways to obtain funds to continue this program in the future.

Our great appreciation is extended to the following local businesses that made donations to this campaign: Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Roseburg, Safeway Food & Drug, and Abby's Legendary Pizza and the following individuals:

**Fire Service Members** - Jim Lee, Bob Wright, Tony DiMare, Michelle Stevens, Kristina Deschaine, Bryan Kollen, Ed Pratt, Sally Ridenour, Charlie Chase, Kent Greeson, Steve Brewer, Dylan Wright, Jeff Farris, Drew Fairbairn, Steve Doyle, Amy Anderson, Colleen Olson and Tracy Fox.

**Community Volunteers** - Scott Dietrich, Jay Lawrence, Bob Evenson, Dennis Carr, Karen Sands, Kristin Chiesna, Dave Finlay, Mark Links, Linda Black, Michelle De'Angeles, Terry Brock, John Spencer, Darlene Hall, Steve Manning, Del Defea, Don Good, Royal Phipps, Richard Phipps, Frieda Smith, Linda McBurney, Brian Bruder, Barb Fulton, Don Fulton, and Rod Coelho.



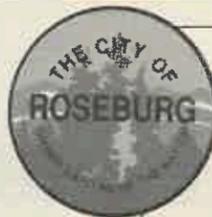
Fire Department Secretary Amy Anderson installs a home smoke alarm.

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## MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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Verna Ward

**Councilor Ward III,  
Position 2**  
Dan Hern

**Councilor Ward II,  
Position 1**  
Jack Reilly

**Councilor Ward IV,  
Position 1**  
Michael Baker

**Councilor Ward II,  
Position 2**  
Tim Freeman

**Councilor Ward IV,  
Position 2**  
Stacey Crowe

### VOTING PRECINCTS

Ward I:	Ward II:	Ward III:	Ward IV:
Voting Precincts	Voting Precincts	Voting Precincts	Voting Precincts
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# ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the last six months of calendar year 2003.

**"ORDINANCE":** A written directive or act of a governing body. Ordinances have the full effect of law within the local government's boundaries, provided that they do not conflict with a state statute or constitutional provision. An ordinance has two readings at Council prior to being voted on by the Council. An ordinance becomes effective 30 days after the second reading, unless an emergency is declared which enables the Ordinance to become effective immediately.

**Ordinance No. 3137:** "An Ordinance Granting to Wantel, Inc., dba Comspan USA, a Franchise to Use the Public Ways of the City of Roseburg for Purposes of Providing Telecommunications Services in Accordance With Applicable Provisions of the Roseburg Municipal Code," adopted July 14, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3138:** "An Ordinance Amending Section 5.04.290 of the Roseburg Municipal Code Regarding Fees and Rates for Water Service," adopted July 28, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3139:** "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Urban Area Comprehensive Plan to Adopt and Include the Diamond Lake Boulevard Access Management Plan by Reference," adopted August 25, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3140:** "An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation and Amending the Zoning by Consent of the Property Owners of Land Known as the George and Rhonda Gibby Property South of Diamond Lake Boulevard East of Phoenix School and Abutting the Present City Limits of the City of Roseburg, Oregon; Withdrawing Property From Douglas County Fire District No. 2; Amending the Roseburg Zoning Map; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State," adopted August 25, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3141:** "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Map and Concurrent Zone Change for a 2.48 Acre Portion of a 17.06 Acre Property Known as Atkinson Property Located on the East Side of NW Kline Street," adopted September 8, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3142:** "An Ordinance Vacating a portion of Pearl Avenue Right-of-Way in the City of Roseburg," adopted September 22, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3143:** "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Map and Concurrent Zone Change for 0.15 Acre Lot Known as Haynes & Nance Property Located on the South Side of SE Douglas Avenue and Declaring an Emergency," adopted September 8, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3144:** "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Map and Concurrent Zone Change for 0.68 Acre Property Known as the Penrose Property Located on the East Side of NE Stephens Street," adopted September 22, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3145:** "An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation by Consent of the Property Owners of Land Known as the Atkinson Property and a Portion of Right-of-Way Abutting the Present City Limits of the City of Roseburg, Oregon; Withdrawing Property From Douglas County Fire District No. 2, and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State," adopted October 13, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3146:** "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Map and Concurrent Zone Change for 4.40-Acre Property Known as Atkinson Property Located on the North Side of NW Garden Valley Boulevard," adopted October 13, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3147:** "An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Sweetbrier Avenue in the City of Roseburg," adopted December 8, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3148:** "An Ordinance Amending Section 2.16.030 of the Roseburg Municipal Code Regarding Duties of the Downtown Development Board," adopted December 8, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3149:** "An Ordinance Amending Section 3.08.020 of the Roseburg Municipal Code Regarding Downtown Development Fund Taxes," adopted December 8, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3150:** "An Ordinance Amending Section 8.04.030 of the Roseburg Municipal Code Regarding Parking in the Downtown Development District," adopted December 12, 2003.

**Ordinance No. 3151:** "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.14 of the Roseburg Municipal Code Regarding Downtown Development District Taxes," adopted December 12, 2003.

**"RESOLUTION":** An order of a governing body; requires less legal formality than an Ordinance. Statutes or City Charter specify which actions must be by Ordinance and which may be by Resolution. For cities, revenue-raising measures such as taxes, special assessments and service charges are always imposed by Ordinance; fee amendments, however, are made by Resolution. Prior to adoption, a Resolution only needs to be read before the City Council once (by title only, if no member of the Council objects).

**Resolution No. 2003-13:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Cross Connection Certification Fees," adopted August 25, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-14:** "A Resolution Adopting the 2003-2004 City of Roseburg Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Goal," adopted September 8, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-15:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Golf Cart Storage Fees," adopted September 22, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-16:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Bulk Water Billing for Public Agencies," adopted October 27, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-17:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Non-Carrier Telecommunication Providers Fee," adopted November 10, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-18:** "A Resolution Accepting the Grant Offer of the State of Oregon Through the Oregon Department of Aviation in The Maximum Amount of \$10,000 to be Used Under the Financial Aid to Municipalities Program Project No. 5-7-0012-0 in the Development of the Roseburg Regional Airport," adopted November 10, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-19:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Golf Course Trail Fees," adopted November 24, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-20:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Park User and Facility Use Fees," adopted December 8, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-21:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Park System Fees," adopted December 8, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-22:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Golf Course Fees," adopted December 8, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-23:** "A Resolution Adopting Modifications to the City of Roseburg's Standards of Coverage for Emergency Response," adopted December 8, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-24:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 91-18 Regarding the City of Roseburg Fee Schedule to Implement a Water Service Fee for Non-City Customers," December 8, 2003.

**Resolution No. 2003-25:** "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding Downtown Development District Related Fees," adopted December 12, 2003.

**Complete copies of, or more information regarding City Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained through the City Recorder's Office on the third floor of City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg; by calling 541/672-7701, or requested via e-mail sent to [scox@ci.roseburg.or.us](mailto:scox@ci.roseburg.or.us)**

# CALENDAR OF CITY MEETINGS

**City Commissions conduct regular public meetings according to the following schedule:**

Airport Commission	4th Tuesday	noon	Conference Room	Historic Resources Review	1st & 3rd Thursday	noon	Conference Room
City Council	2nd & 4th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers	Parks & Recreation	1st Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Conference Room
Downtown Development	3rd Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Conference Room	Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Economic Development	2nd Tuesday	noon	Conference Room	Public Works Commission	2nd Thursday	noon	Conference Room
Golf Course Commission	3rd Monday	noon	Stewart Park Course	Utility Commission	2nd Thursday	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room

Depending upon the number of issues needing attention by the Commissions, special meetings may be scheduled or regular meetings may be cancelled. Upon final preparation, summaries of meeting agendas are forwarded to the News-Review for inclusion in the public meeting calendar. Agendas are available at City Hall and on the City of Roseburg website at [www.ci.roseburg.or.us](http://www.ci.roseburg.or.us). Prior to attending a meeting, you may wish to call City Hall to ensure the meeting is going to be held.

## From The Elections Office. . . . .

On December 22, 2003, a prospective initiative petition to abolish the Downtown Development District and Board, and repeal the related tax, was submitted to the City Recorder/Elections Officer. If approved by the voters, this measure will repeal Chapters 2.16, 3.08 and 9.14 of the Roseburg Municipal Code. Chapters 2.16 and 3.08 establish the Downtown Development District and the Downtown Development Board. The District is the area bounded on the north by Douglas Avenue, on the south by Lane Street, on the west by mid-block between Rose and Stephens Streets, and on the east by mid-block between Main and Kane Streets. Chapter 9.14 imposes a special real property tax on real property located within the District.

Earlier in December, based on the results of an "informal ballot" sent to all Downtown business owners, the City Council repealed a business and occupation tax on businesses in the Downtown Development District. If the initiative petition process is successful, the tax on real property located within District will also be repealed, and the District and Board will be abolished as well.

The petitioners must obtain signatures from at least 15% of the registered voters in the City before the petition is formally filed with the Recorder/Elections Officer. If the Recorder certifies that a sufficient number of voters have signed the petition, the Recorder will present the filed petition to the City Council at its next regular scheduled meeting. If within 20 days after the petition has been submitted to the Council, the Council enacts the City legislation that is the subject of the filed petition, the measure need not be presented to the voters. If the Council elects not to enact such legislation, the measure will be placed on the ballot for the first primary or general election held more than 90 days after the date the petition was officially filed and certified by the City Recorder/Elections Officer.

Anyone desiring more information regarding the proposed petition or the initiative petition process may contact City Recorder/Elections Officer Sheila R. Cox by calling 541/672-7701, extension #222.

## CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Regular City Council** meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers at 900 SE Douglas Avenue. Agendas for upcoming Council meetings are available on our website and in the City Recorder's Office the Friday prior to the meeting. Current agendas are also available at the meeting. In rare instances, the Council may deal with agenda items out of order.

Citizens attending Council meetings may speak on any item on the agenda, unless the item is the subject of an executive session or a public hearing where comments have been taken and the hearing has closed. Citizens may speak when recognized by the chair and will be required to give their name and address for the official record. A minimum of 12 copies should be provided if you are submitting handouts to Council.

Toward the beginning and end of each meeting, time is set aside for **Audience Participation**. At this time, anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items of interest not included in the agenda may do so. The person addressing the Council shall, when recognized, give his/her name and address for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the whole City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action, if required, until such time when the matter is fully informed on the matter.

Written minutes, not *verbatim transcripts*, and audiotapes are taken for all public meetings and are available on our website.

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