A new year always brings new beginnings, new challenges, and of course, change. As we go into 2019, we must reflect on what we’ve learned from the past while continuing to move forward and capitalizing on new opportunities. Many of our department heads have turned over their roles to new leaders, but they have left their departments stronger and more prepared for the changes necessary for progress. Our public employees, City Council members, and community volunteers have demonstrated their dedication to improving the lives of our residents and visitors alike. And they have shown a commitment to solving problems while creating a welcoming environment to new businesses. In the words of the famous Western writer Louis L’Amour, “A good beginning makes a good end.”

And, as always, we are grateful to those who have worked hard to improve both the appearance and the livability of our community.
2018 was a year of change in the City Recorder’s Office. City Recorder Sheila Cox retired in April after more than 30 years with the City. Her professionalism and dedication to her job and to the City made a positive impact that will be felt for years to come. Amy Sowa was hired as her replacement and began in mid-April. Amy previously served in the same position for Springfield during the past 15 years. The Recorders Office produced an Online Voters’ Pamphlet for candidates and measures for the City, Roseburg School District, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority, UCC, and Douglas ESD. The pamphlet, titled “City of Roseburg Election Information,” was posted for the November General Election. In day-to-day operations, the office processed 197 business registrations, 32 taxi permits, 4 alarm permits, 1 social gaming license, 7 marijuana operator licenses, 75 marijuana dispenser permits, and 116 event permits.

The re-opening of the library along with retirements and promotions kept Human Resources and Risk Management busier than usual. 27 individuals went through the recruiting and screening process to become new employees. Additionally, 4 seasonal employees were processed, 8 were promoted or transferred, and 22 transitioned out of employment. The City also received its 17th annual Safety Award from the League of Oregon Cities.

The Finance Department was responsible for the City earning its 25th consecutive Government Finance Officers Association Award for “Excellence in Financial Reporting” for its 2017 Comprehensive Annual Report. The Information Technology Division finalized several major projects including development of a new City website and installing a new Storage Area Network (SAN) which serves as central storage for the City’s network. A new “help-desk” employee was also hired as a way to increase customer support and problem resolution.

The Community Development Department hired a new Associate Planner, a position that was created to help facilitate the long-range projects associated with achieving the goals of the City Council and the increased workload involving day-to-day permits. For example, 301 Site Review applications were issued in 2018 compared to 272 in 2017. There were substantial new commercial developments which included the completion of Hampton Inn, Umpqua Health Clinic, Cascade Mini-Storage and the North 40 Micro-Brewery.
New projects included Dollar General and commercial space in Steelhead Run Plaza.

A major project for the Community Development Department is the Pine Street Waterfront Overlay. It was designed to create a more usable commercial area that will also help serve as a connection between downtown, the multi-use path, Hwy. 138, and the South Umpqua riverfront. The plan will also meet pedestrian-friendly and traffic-calming design standards. It is anticipated that the overlay will be completed in the spring of 2019.

Under the leadership of the Economic Development Division, several grants have been received for various projects. For example, the Community Development Block Grant working with United Community Action Network (UCAN) has provided funds for a new permanent home for Head Start.

Construction of the building began in the summer of 2018 and should be completed in June of this year. The City is also accepting grant applications for facade improvements of the commercial buildings that lie in the Urban Renewal portion of the Downtown Historic District. This money is intended to revitalize the City’s downtown core, reduce blight, and spur economic growth while retaining the historic character of the district.

The Public Works Department’s main goal is to protect the City’s investment in its infrastructure. The department consists of multiple divisions including Parks & Recreation, Streets and Storm Drainage, Facilities, Engineering, Administration, Airport and Water. One way to measure the volume of work handled by this department is to look at the number of phone calls received.

For the fourth year in a row, the calls have increased, reaching 4,200 by December of 2018. Staff also works hard to ensure that our drinking water is safe, our streets and storm drains are maintained, and that our parks and open spaces are safe, clean and green. Several transportation and Urban Renewal projects were also completed.

The Stewart Parkway/Edenbower Phase 2 involved several safety, capacity and ADA improvements at this intersection including the construction of dual left turn lanes from Stewart Parkway onto Edenbower.

Downtown Phase 2 provided intersection, lighting, ADA and pedestrian improvements on Jackson, Main, and Rose Streets between Cass and Lane Avenues.

And finally, the Black Avenue Improvements project focused on full street reconstruction of Black Avenue between...
Estelle Street and Garden Valley Shopping Center.

One of the main projects for the Parks Division was the Fir Grove Splash Pad & Playground, which opened this past summer and has been hugely popular. The project was made possible through a combination of grants and hard work by both staff and volunteers dedicated to making this a reality. The splash pad will be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day while the park is open year round.

The Water Division has completed bidding and construction on two phases of the Reservoir Hill Complex Piping Improvement project. Its purpose is to replace deteriorating transmission mains in and around the main reservoir complex.

The Airport Division oversaw the Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) installation which will improve safety and enable the City to request reinstatement of the nighttime instrument approach procedure for Runway 34, something that is vital to the community as a whole.

Major projects for the Facility Division included the Fire Station Seismic Rehabilitation for the Harvard Avenue and Garden Valley stations and renovations to the library.

This year a brand new Roseburg Public Library Department was established and the Library Commission, which sets policy and direction, was created effective March 2018.

Renovations to the former Douglas County Library Headquarters began in July in order to accommodate both a public library as well as administrative offices for the Douglas ESD. Funding for the library’s portion was generated primarily through philanthropic donations with facility funds contributing the balance.

Library Director Kris Wiley joined the staff in July and has been focused on setting procedures, developing the collection, establishing library-related vendor accounts, and meeting local stakeholders. Kris moved from New Ulm, Minnesota where she worked at the city’s public library for nine years. On September 13, the Library was officially recognized by the State of Oregon as a legally established public library. This designation qualifies the library to apply for certain grants and programs, including Ready to Read Funding for the summer of 2019.

The library also received money from the State which will allow the hiring of a
The library will be eligible to apply for membership in the Oregon Digital Library Consortium’s Libraries2Go ebook program. On October 20, Travel Oregon and the Oregon Cultural Trust unveiled the first of seven murals being placed around the state.

This first mural, depicting Crater Lake, adorns the library’s Diamond Lake facade and was painted by David Rice from the nonprofit organization Forest for the Trees. The library will be open 30 hours a week with the goal of increasing those hours based on staffing and community needs.

The Fire Department went through a big change in 2018. Chief Gregg Timm retired after 30 years of service, and Gary Garrisi was promoted to the position. Emergency response personnel responded to approximately 5,900 incidents within the past year. Wildland fires continue to be an increasing problem. The department deployed personnel, equipment and engines to multiple wildfires, the largest being the Taylor-Garner complex fire in Southern Oregon.

This past spring, the department was presented with the ideal training opportunity. Hanna Limited Partnership and the Hanna family generously allowed department personnel and other agencies to train in and around the Windmill Inn before it was demolished. This resulted in over 2,750 hours of training for 214 fire and police employees from 25 different agencies. The department was also kept busy reviewing and inspecting 150 new businesses as part of the approval process.

And, as always, fire personnel participated in many community events including the Costco Safety Fair, Challenge of the Heroes, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Veterans’ Day Parade, American Red Cross blood drives, Toys for Tots, Muscular Dystrophy’s Fill the Boot, and delivering Santa to the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Douglas County Courthouse.

The Police Department also experienced change with the retirement of several key personnel including Chief Jim Burge, Captain Jerry Matthews, and Record’s Supervisor Yvonne Russell. Officer Chris Bonebrake and VIPS Doug Burbridge were honored as “Officers of the Year” at the Optimist Club’s annual Respect for Law Banquet.

The School Resource Officer program also saw a change in personnel. SRO’s Tyler Vancil and Cody Walton were assigned to the Roseburg schools while Officer Brian O’Dell has been assigned to
provide the same services to the Glide School District. Six active members of VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) contributed 2,232 hours of service to the community. This past year they handled 284 abandoned vehicle complaints, issued 219 warnings for parking violations, and issued 185 citations for handicap and other parking violations.

Volunteers also performed vacation house checks, assisted with traffic and parking at special events and helped with role playing during officer training. The K9 program is now fully staffed with two patrol canines and one detection dog. At the beginning of 2018, our K9 unit held a success rate of about 85%. Since graduating from the K9 handler academy at the end of August, Master Officer Blake Cordell and his partner Nike along with Officer Chris Bonebrake and his dog Axel have aided in the capture of 14 suspects and found evidence in various criminal cases. Officer Cameron Derrick with his narcotic K9 Trapper have collaboratively located over 107 pounds of meth, 2.36 pounds of heroin, over $111,000.00 in cash used in drug transactions, and aided in the arrests involving 37 felonies.

The Roseburg Area Youth Service program or RAYS closed 51 new cases. All of the youth except one attended school, graduated or received their GED, and/or were employed by the time their cases closed. When community service was ordered, 100% of the days were completed.

While the City accomplished a lot this past year, 2019 will provide more changes and opportunities for new beginnings than ever before.

1. While retirements have meant that we lost many high quality personnel with years of experience, we have been fortunate in hiring excellent individuals to fill those posts, providing a seamless transition. Besides the retirements already mentioned, we have begun the search for a new city manager. Lance Colley has announced he will be leaving his position in 2019 but will stay on long enough for us to hire someone by May.

2. New Urban Renewal District. The purpose of forming an urban renewal area is to encourage economic development and promote growth. Our current area, which expires in September 2019, brought us Albertsons, Lowes, Home Depot, Costco, the airport expansion, and the Public Safety Center Building. The new Urban Renewal District will focus in the Diamond Lake Blvd. area. Funding will provide the infrastructure needed to attract new development.

Already investors have been inquiring about new
opportunities to build. This new boundary will last for 30 years before it expires.

3. Library. The City of Roseburg Library opened this month. It was the goal of the City to come up with a sustainable plan that will keep the library funded while not being totally dependent on volunteers.

4. The City Council worked with staff to bring Transportation Network Companies such as Uber and Lyft to Roseburg. Despite efforts to draft an ordinance that would be acceptable to all parties, those attempts failed. After researching the topic of background checks for business licenses and registrations in other Oregon cities, the Council directed staff to prepare a new ordinance with less stringent criteria for background checks. This ordinance should be ready for Council consideration this month.

5. Stewart Park Multi-Use Path Upgrades. Once again the City received a grant through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to improve and reconstruct another section of the path through Stewart Park. The section affected runs from the path’s VA entrance on Garden Valley to the section that parallels I-5 and then through disc golf. The project should be completed in early June.

6. Runway Electrical Upgrades. The airport project, currently in design, will remove and replace runway lighting, replace the existing wind cone and install a supplemental wind cone on the north end.

7. Water Treatment Plant Chlorination Upgrades. Because the system, which produces chlorine as part of the disinfection process, is at the end of its useful life, the City is currently evaluating options for replacing it. Once a solution is chosen, design will begin immediately with the intent of bidding the construction in 2019.

In closing I would like to thank the City Council, Staff, and volunteers who have had the vision and the confidence to look beyond yesterday and today and see a future full of new beginnings. Together we will continue to look forward to tomorrow. As Dr. Seuss wrote, “You’re off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way.”

Respectfully,

Mayor Larry Rich

“*The best small town in Oregon*”

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Message from the City Manager

In the Mayor’s State of the City message, he reflected back on the year 2018 and provided some insights into what is ahead organizationally for 2019. Many of those reflections relate to Council policy decisions and how they impact our current decision making and long-range planning. Alternatively, I will reflect on operational issues that are intended to carry out and enhance the Council policy directions. I am also going to reminisce a little, since this will be my last message. I am retiring at the end of April after almost 35 years in public service in Roseburg between the City and Roseburg Public Schools.

My first newsletter message started out as follows-

“This is my first of what I hope will be many messages from the City Manager for our semi-annual “City Connection”. In November, I was offered what I considered to be a once in a lifetime opportunity to lead the community I have called home my entire life. After spending seventeen years as the City of Roseburg’s Finance Director and nine years as Roseburg Public Schools Chief Operations Officer, I was sworn in as the City’s City Manager on November 16, 2012. It certainly seems like coming home.”

As I reflect on the last seven years, I want to say that this has been my once in a lifetime opportunity and it has been an honor and a privilege to serve our community in this capacity! So let’s get started.

The City of Roseburg strives to provide a high level of internal and external customer service every day. The “business” of local government is as diverse as the citizens that make up our community. It is clear our citizens, rate payers, and tax payers are customers, and the business of local government should meet the needs and demands of the customers as overseen by our elected officials. Quantifiable services like the water utility is pretty easy to measure. Quality of life services like access to parks, trails, and recreational activities, public safety and transportation are much more difficult. To meet the needs of our customers, it is essential that we continually evaluate demand for City services and the cost of our service delivery models. Balancing the community’s ability to pay for services with the types of services being provided is essential for our organization.

As other forms of government, from the State to counties and school districts, struggle to work together to provide consistent, reliable and adequate funding mechanisms for their services, the City has generally been able to match current resources to the services identified in our long-term organizational and operational plans. During the last year, Council took on an additional service and directed staff to take on a new challenge, our community library.

The county-wide library system ceased to be funded at a county level and closed in May 2017. Many of the small branch libraries reopened with volunteers shortly thereafter. That was not an option for Roseburg. Over the next few months staff worked with Douglas County to acquire the headquarters library building and the collection. The City entered into a long-term agreement with the Douglas Education Service District to remodel and co-locate in the building and began fundraising to renovate the facility that we are all proud to say opened as the Roseburg Public Library prior to the end of 2018. There has been tremendous community
support and I am thrilled that the City is able to provide this newly renovated facility and the library service to our citizens.

Council recently authorized staff to pursue the formation of a new Urban Renewal area that will encompass an area beginning at Stephens Street and Diamond Lake Boulevard and running eastward bounded generally by Douglas Avenue on the south and a few blocks north of Diamond Lake on the north. The plan area will run eastward almost to the City limits.

In addition to day-to-day operations, Council has provided staff with some guidance for enhancing operations and targeting resources towards achieving four goals that were adopted in April 2017 for the 2017-19 biennium.

The 2017-19 goals adopted by Council are -

1. Support and adopt policy development and implementation to enhance housing and community development.

2. Develop and implement transportation funding policies to meet identified community needs.

3. Take a proactive role in community economic development and revitalization.

4. Develop programs and policies to enhance community livability and public safety.

After adoption, staff identified six to seven action items relating to the individual goals that will allow us to measure our progress and determine if we are meeting City Council's goals. Many of those action items were initiated in fiscal year 2017 and are currently being worked on. Many of the action items have been completed and a few very high priority items are almost complete.

Each of these goals are inter-related and have led us to reach out more to individuals and businesses in the community to gather information and input so that policy development takes local opinions into consideration. We work closely with our citizen committees and commissions to gather and share public opinion and synthesize the information we receive as they make recommendations to Council.

Work has been initiated related to a housing needs analysis and buildable lands inventory to better identify opportunities for housing development and land use. Staff is working to determine if our current urban growth boundary is sufficient to meet the community's needs in addition to reviewing our current land use requirements to make sure that infill development can occur efficiently and economically.

Housing availability ties directly into economic development and community revitalization. The community has seen a tightening in the housing market with very low vacancy rates in the rental markets and insufficient construction to meet the demand for single-family homes. The single-family market has been bolstered by new construction in the last two years, but virtually no multi-family housing is being constructed. Lack of available housing has impacted businesses ability to attract and retain new employees economically, so we continue to work within the community to encourage building opportunities.

Infrastructure system sustainability and funding and Urban Renewal financing and capital improvement planning are essential to keeping our community healthy and sustainable. To that end, the City has utilized Urban Renewal funding (which can only be spent on facilities and
infrastructure) as well as transportation and utility funding to reinvest in our community. In the last few years, over $10 million has been invested in our infrastructure through our North Roseburg Urban Renewal District, the water utility, the storm drainage utility and our transportation fund. Recently completed projects include the Stewart Parkway multi-modal project from Valley View to Harvey Avenue, phase II of the Downtown Jackson/Main Street, ADA and lighting upgrades, Black Avenue street improvements and numerous water and storm pipe upgrades. The North Roseburg Urban Renewal District will sunset this year and our new Diamond Lake Urban Renewal Plan will begin its 30-year program duration to provide similar improvements for our community.

Leveraging State, Federal and local dollars to maximize the investment in current transportation improvements is essential for our community. Our next steps in the process has already begun, as we complete updating our Transportation System Plan and evaluating transportation options to share the cost and responsibility for funding our system with “all users” not just City residents.

As we move forward, and further from the economic recession that seemed to linger in our area longer than many, we will continue to work with other local governments and local businesses through the Partnership for Economic Development. Attracting and retaining businesses and creating an environment where local businesses can thrive and expand are essential for small rural communities. Quality of life for employers and employees is one of the most important attributes that we have to offer. Working with high quality local businesses who are here and want to expand is clearly our highest priority from and economic development standpoint. We continue to expand our partnerships with Roseburg Public Schools and Umpqua Community College to provide workforce and in addition to educational opportunities in our community.

I would once again like to thank our City Council for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity these last seven years. Roseburg will always be home. So please help us be part of the solution as we continue to do our part to keep Roseburg a great place to live, work and play!

Respectfully,
C. Lance Colley
City Manager

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Annual Audit) Earns a “Clean Audit” and Available on City Website

The City completed and issued its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), or audit, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, in December.

The report presents the financial position of the City as of June 30, 2018 and consists of management’s representations concerning the finances of the City at this date. The responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation rests with the City administrative staff. To provide a reasonable basis for making these financial representations, management has established an internal control structure designed to safeguard City assets against loss, theft or misappropriation, and to ensure the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

State law requires an annual independent audit of City’s financial records. Neuner, Davidson & Co, LLC, a firm of licensed public accountants, conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.
The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 are free of material misstatement. The independent auditor concluded there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion [commonly known as a "clean audit"] that the City’s basic financial statements for the fiscal year are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP.


The City’s 2018 CAFR (Audit) may be reviewed online at http://www.cityofroseburg.org/departments/finance/annual-financial-report/

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**Roseburg Public Library is Open**

Roseburg Public Library opened to the public on Thursday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m.! It is incredibly remarkable that in only one year the City renovated a 25-year-old building, entered into a co-location agreement with the Douglas Education Service District, developed a budget, hired staff, and launched a full-service public library.

There is no doubt the community is excited to have public library services again. In three days of operation, there were 2127 visits, 526 cards issued, and 1263 physical items and 44 electronic books checked out. The Friends of the Roseburg Public Library book sale has been popular, as well, and proceeds will go toward library materials and programs.

A lot of effort went into creating Roseburg Public Library, and every department has contributed to its early success. Special recognition goes to the Public Works Department, which managed the building project and ensured that not only the building functions properly but that it looks great inside and out. Additional special recognition goes to the Library Commissioners, who meet monthly to advise on policies and procedures; their passion for literacy and commitment to the community are evident.

The library is open five days and 30 hours per week with the goal of increasing those hours incrementally based on staffing and community need. The website, www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org, includes information about library policies and services as well as upcoming events. The library also maintains Facebook and Instagram pages (@roseburglibrary).

Two new staff members joined the team in September. AmeriCorps participant Adrienne Groves manages outreach services, and she is developing community partnerships and a programming schedule. Volunteer Coordinator Liz Hendershott, who recently received her Master’s in Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University, oversees about 65
volunteers who help provide services in every area of the library. A recruitment process is under way to hire a full-time youth services librarian to provide programming and collection development to youth of all ages.

Yes, 65 volunteers! It was apparent that the library would require significant contributions from volunteers in order to operate at 30 hours per week, and the community responded. Volunteers are shelving materials, creating library cards, helping with the book sale, greeting patrons, and in general sharing their enthusiasm for Roseburg Public Library. We couldn't do what we do without them.

On October 20, Travel Oregon and the Oregon Cultural Trust unveiled the first of seven murals being placed around the state as part of the Oregon: Only Slightly Exaggerated campaign. The mural, which depicts Crater Lake, adorns the library’s Diamond Lake Boulevard façade and was painted by David Rice from the nonprofit organization Forest for the Trees in about four days.

The library recently was notified that it was awarded a grant from Umpqua Bank to fund its Summer Reading Program as well as funding from the Douglas County Library Foundation for its collection. Library staff plans to apply for grants to revitalize the Friendship Garden between the library and Deer Creek and to sponsor a community read, and staff will continue to seek opportunities to supplement its services through partnerships and grants.

On September 13, Roseburg Public Library was recognized by the State Library of Oregon as a legally established public library per ORS 357.417. This designation qualifies the library to apply for certain grants and programs, including Ready to Read funding for the 2019 Summer Reading Program.

welcoming me to Roseburg; it is my great pleasure to be your library director. You are always welcome to stop in or contact me to chat about library services, my favorite topic of discussion.

 Regards,
Kris Wiley

100 Years Ago
(January - June 1919)

City Recorder - R.L. Whipple
Mayor - Napolean Rice / DJ Stewart

Ordinance No. 695. Dividing the City of Roseburg into wards for the purpose of Municipal representation, repealing Ordinance #498 and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 696 – Designating polling places, naming judges and clerks of the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, prescribing the manner of nominating candidates, directing the City Recorder to give notice and declaring an emergency.
Ordinance No. 700 –
Providing for a City Board of Health and City Health Officer, prescribing duties and powers of same, providing for the prevention and spread of contagious and infectious diseases, requiring all physicians and others practicing the art or science of healing to immediately report to the City Health Officer in writing of the existence of all contagious and infectious diseases treated by such person, providing a penalty for violators, repealing Ordinance #663 and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 702 –
Establishing, providing for, equipping and maintaining a public library in the City of Roseburg and providing for a Library Fund.

Ordinance No. 703 –
Licensing, taxing and regulating the business of transient merchants within the City, providing a penalty and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 704 –
Amended sections of Ordinance #218, preventing animals from running at large and allow them to be enclosed on private premises with provision to place said animals in City Pound if found to be in violation of ordinance and instituting a $25 fine to responsible parties.

Preparing for Winter Storms

During a winter storm and/or natural disaster, local officials and relief workers are sometimes unable to reach everyone immediately. Preparing ahead of time will assist you and your family in the event of a storm or disaster. You will be unable to shop or search for the supplies needed when a storm and/or natural disaster strikes and time is limited. A disaster plan will help with safety, security, and comfort. Regardless of the type of disaster, there are things you can do to prepare. Visit the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org or the FEMA website at www.fema.gov to make sure you are aware of the potential for natural disasters in your community. After you have identified the types of disasters that could strike where you live, create a family disaster plan. Remember to make it simple so everyone can remember the details. Here are some tips for preparing your family before a winter storm or disaster strikes:

- Discuss what to do in an evacuation, and do not forget to include the needs of those with disabilities.
- When told by officials, go immediately to a shelter as instructed or to the home of a friend or relative who lives out of the area.
- Know evacuation routes. Pre-establish several different routes in case certain roads are blocked or closed.
- Family members can become separated during an emergency. Be prepared
by creating a plan for how to reach one another. Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or friend) who can coordinate family members’ locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know the emergency plans.

- Quiz children every six months so they remember what to do, where to go, and whom to call in an emergency.
- Decide how to take care of pets. Pets are not allowed in places where food is served, so you will need to have a place to take your pets if you have to go to a shelter.
- Post emergency phone numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) by the phone.

Wood Stove and Fireplace Safety

As the temperature outside drops, families take to the indoors to keep safe and warm. What they may not realize is that turning up the heat can increase the risk of home heating fires. Nearly half of all home-heating fires occur during the winter months. The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (28%) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys. The Roseburg Fire Department would like to recommend some simple home heating safety tips, so residents can help keep our community safe and warm this winter. Here are a few of the safety tips:

- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm near your bedrooms and on each floor.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. If you heat your home with a wood stove, have the chimney connection and flue checked each year and make sure the stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect your floor from heat.
- Check to see that the flue is open.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Remove all greens, boughs, paper, and other decorations from the woodstove/fireplace area.
- Your wood-burning fireplace should have a sturdy fire screen in place. The fire screen should always be used while a fire is burning in the fireplace. Make sure your chimney and flue are inspected each year and cleaned, if needed. Burn only untreated wood. Never burn paper or pine branches: pieces can float out the chimney and ignite your roof or your neighbor’s as well as nearby trees.
- Do not use gas appliances such as...
ovens, ranges, or clothes dryers to heat your home.

- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.

- Avoid burning wrapping paper, boughs or trees in the woodstove or fireplace. The extreme heat and numerous sparks can start a flue or roof fire.
- Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Make a family home fire escape plan and practice it with the whole family.
- Keep escape routes clear of clutter so you can escape quickly in case of fire.

For additional information, visit our website at www.cityofroseburg.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/roseburgfire. For questions, please call our office at 541.492.6770.

Ordinances

The following are ordinances passed by the Roseburg City Council during the last six months of calendar year 2018.

“ORDINANCE”: A written directive or act of a governing body. Ordinances have the full effect of law within the local government’s boundaries, provided they do not conflict with a state statute or constitutional provision. An ordinance has two public readings during City Council meetings 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.


Resolutions

The following are the resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the last 6 months of calendar year 2018.

“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 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. 2018-20: “A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant Offer from the Federal Aviation Administration in the Maximum Amount of $200,000 to be used Towards the Airport Obstruction Mitigation, AIP #3-41-0054-025, in the Development of the Roseburg Regional Airport”, adopted August 27, 2018.


Resolution No. 2018-24: “A Resolution Declaring the Public Necessity for the Acquisition by Negotiation or Condemnation of Property Interests on Mt. Nebo for the Purposes of Removing Obstacles Including Trees and Overhead Utility Lines to Allow the Newly Installed Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) to be Commissioned at the Roseburg Regional Airport”, adopted October 22, 2018.


Complete copies of, or more information regarding City Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained through the City Manager's Office on the third floor of City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg; by calling 541-492-6866 or requested via e-mail sent to info@cityofroseburg.org.

**4th Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) Available on City Website**

The City is pleased to announce that it has produced its fourth Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The report is designed to provide transparency and accountability of City financial information by providing a summary view of financial activities of the City that are reported in much more detail in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The report is specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties without a background in public finance.
The City is proud to have received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the past twenty-five consecutive years and now the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the 3rd consecutive time.

It is our belief that participation in GFOA award programs enhances our citizen’s understanding of Roseburg finances. Attaining these awards demonstrates our belief that sharing financial information in formats consistent with the highest standards in governmental financial reporting is the best way to achieve financial transparency.

Being good stewards of the taxpayer’s monies is a main focus of the Finance Department, but that alone is not enough; we strive to develop healthy partnerships with the community and to be transparent with the City’s finances and it is our hope that the PAFR will help us meet this goal.

The PAFR can be found online at www.cityofroseburg.org/departments/finance/pafr-report or in order to obtain a copy you can email the Finance Department at finance@cityofroseburg.org.

Housing Needs Analysis Project Update

The City has recently initiated a Housing Needs Analysis project in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). DLCD is providing technical assistance (via a consultant, ECONorthwest) to the City for the purpose of increasing the supply and affordability of housing within the boundaries of the City. Financing for the Housing Needs Analysis is being provided through a special appropriation of funds granted to DLCD through the Oregon Housing Planning Project.

The primary objective of the project is to provide the following information:

- A housing needs projection
- A Buildable Lands Inventory
- A Residential Lands Needs Analysis
- Identification of measures for accommodating needed housing

A project advisory committee has been formed of local citizens who will be tasked with reviewing and providing feedback on project materials and draft documents. The committee will be meeting for the first time at the end of January and a schedule of future meetings has been outlined which involves two public open houses.

In addition to funding provided through DLCD, the City also received a generous grant from the Ford Family Foundation in order to assist in evaluating the homeless/transient population in Roseburg. The City has hired a separate consultant (Kristina Smock Consulting) to help collect this data and assist the United Community Action Network (UCAN) in strengthening the Point-In-Time count, which helps to provide a snapshot of those sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. The product of this work will be a
memorandum, with demographic and socio-economic information about the homeless and transient population with recommendations and policy options for addressing their housing needs that will serve as an appendix in the overall Housing Needs Analysis document.

The project is expected to be completed in July of 2019. Once finished, it will be presented to City Council for adoption and will help to assist in providing policy options in which Council can then evaluate and approve in order to address housing issues throughout the City. These policies can include an array of different types of things such as seeking ways to eliminate development barriers within the zoning ordinance, finding ways to encourage multi-family dwelling units, establishing more efficient methods of infill development, and creating partnerships with other agencies working to solve housing needs within the community.

If you have questions or would like to provide comments concerning this project, please contact the Community Development Department at 541-492-6750 or visit our webpage at www.cityofroseburg.org/departments/community-development/special-projects/.

Winter and Spring Recreation Programs

On Saturday, February 2, join the fun as Roseburg Parks and Recreation holds their next geocaching event from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Roseburg Public Library. This event will kick-off the ninth ‘Discover Roseburg / Land of Umpqua’ geocache challenge, which involves locating 5 actual caches and 15 virtual caches, and correctly answering a question related to each site. After locating the sites and answering each question, participants will return their completed ‘passport’ and be awarded a limited edition (200 available) ‘Discover Roseburg / Land of Umpqua’ geocoin. There is a new geocoin being minted for this year’s event.

Low Impact Fitness, co-sponsored by ATRIO Health Plans, takes place at the Boys & Girls Club in Roseburg. Classes are held from 9 to 9:45 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. This program gives participants an opportunity to socialize while enjoying a light exercise routine. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and good walking shoes. There is a $1 fee per class on a drop-in basis, and no time commitment or advance registration is required.

Roseburg Police Department

July was a month of great transition at the Police Department due to retirements, resignations and open police positions. Our first priority was to promote a management team that reflected the Chief’s vision moving forward. Our second priority was to continue recruitment to fill our six open police positions. By December, we hired four police recruits, who enthusiastically began the nine and a half month training journey toward solo status.
Chief Klopfenstein with new Police recruits: David Fregoso, Brooke Corder, Dawson Batsch & Trace Garrett

We are continuing to actively search for two more qualified police applicants.

With support from HR and Administration, we developed a respectable and competitive Lateral Police Officer Incentive package. Lateral Police Officers can transition to solo status with potentially very little training, and do not have to attend the 16-week Police Academy in Salem.

In an effort to help free up Police Officers’ time, we recently created two, part-time, Community Service Officers (CSO) positions. These are non-sworn officers whose primary job is to handle minor police investigations that don’t have suspects such as low level Thefts, Hit and Runs with no suspect, and low level Criminal Mischief investigations. Both CSOs additionally work for the Police Department as Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS).

CSOs Taylor Marlin & Bernadette Stepney

Our VIPS continue to do vital work in our community. They spend countless hours checking for handicap violations, conducting vacation house checks, positioning our two Radar trailers along roadways, posting and towing abandoned vehicles, and helping the police department with countless other useful tasks.

Our department continues to be dedicated to our community by being involved in events like Shop with a Cop, Tip a Hero, Challenge of the Heroes, Dress a Child, and Battle of the Badges Red Cross blood drive and Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks!

We continue to see calls for service to assist victims of Identity Theft, Fraud and related scams. We encourage community members to be ever vigilant and cautious as criminals are getting clever with their ability to disguise their scams. Roseburg citizens have reported getting phone calls from scammers claiming they worked for the city where the caller ID reads, “City of Roseburg.”

We are navigating our way through the 9th Circuit’s decision on Prohibited Camping. Along with the expansion of the Enhanced Enforcement Areas, we have supplemented our enforcement effort in the Downtown area with overtime positions.

Enforcement efforts were additionally bolstered by utilizing overtime grants for DUII patrols, safety belt enforcement patrols, and pedestrian safety crosswalk events.

The Roseburg Police Department continues to work with community partners in an effort to provide resources to those who need them. We partnered with our (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council) LPSCC subcommittee to make a community resource card that officers hand out to individuals to help guide them to resources such as: COMPASS, UCAN, BPA, Emergency Shelter, etc. Currently a LPSCC
subcommittee social worker goes into the jail weekly to help inmates get housing and OHP set up so when the inmate is released they do not end up on the streets.

In September, the City of Roseburg was awarded a $750,000 Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to launch a mobile crisis program in collaboration with ADAPT/COMPASS to correspond to police calls involving individuals with mental illness. Under the grant, Compass Behavioral Health will employ two Qualified Mental Health Professionals who will be available to co-respond with police 12 hours a day, 7 days a week in and around the City of Roseburg. These mental health professionals will connect individuals to treatment and divert them from the criminal justice system when appropriate.

The Police Department remains committed to providing compassionate and professional service to our community.

Public Works Project Updates

The Public Works Department has had a very busy year delivering a variety of construction projects this year.....and it was a major team effort. All hands were on deck to contribute to the successful completion of several large projects. A lot goes into bringing these projects to fruition, and much of it is happening behind the scenes. For example –

The Library Renovation Project was very complex and took the dedication of many employees to reach the finish line with the grand opening on January 10th. Staff from the engineering division went above and beyond at times working nights, weekends, and holidays to stay ahead of the contractor and problem solve to ensure there were no additional delays.

Members of the street maintenance crews power washed the building to facilitate the mural and cleaned up and re-striped the parking lot. Water maintenance employees pitched in boxing books and breaking down book shelves to get them out of the way and then repeated the process to get shelves back in place.

Facility maintenance staff continue to trouble shoot items that were not replaced with the renovations, such as ensuring the 20-year-old HVAC system is functioning properly. Parks maintenance staff pitched in to clean up the landscaping and fix irrigation leaks. And of course the ESD, IT and Library staff have worked their magic to help bring the whole thing together. The result is a library the community can be very proud of for many years to come.
The Fir Grove Splash Pad and Playground project has been a huge success as witnessed by the thousands of kids and families enjoying the new features this summer. The project originated with parks administration staff successfully securing a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and continued with community fundraising led by the Roseburg Rotary Club.

Project survey and design was accomplished in-house by the engineering division. The playground was installed by street maintenance staff. The landscaping and irrigation was installed by the parks maintenance staff, who were also charged with learning how to operate and maintain the splash pad. Domestic water was installed by the water crew and technical assistance was provided by water treatment plant staff regarding the disinfection system.

Thanks to all of these behind the scenes effort, kids have a safe way to cool off in the summer. The splash pad will reopen Memorial Day weekend and the playground is open year round.

The Fire Station 2 and 3 Seismic Upgrade Projects have seen a lot of collaboration between the engineering division staff, fire department employees, the project architects and the contractor. While both of these projects are still under construction, the dedicated fire employees housed in Station 3 were able to relocate back to the station in October while work continues on the outside of the building.

Station 2 personnel continue to be relocated to the mobile home in Stewart Park and look forward to the completion of the improvements to that station coming in February or March of 2019. These projects were made possible by separate Seismic Rehabilitation Grants through the Oregon Business Development Department.

While these three projects were outside of the norm for the department, several “regular” public works projects were delivered simultaneously this summer. The following is a list of those projects.

- Downtown Corridor Phase 2 Improvements
• Stewart Parkway/Edenbower Phase 2 – Dual lefts

• Garden Valley Fairmount to Stephens - Grind/Inlay

• Black Avenue Improvements

• 2018 Pavement Management Project – Overlays & Slurry Seals

• Reservoir Hill Transmission Main Replacement Phase 3

• Water System Telemetry Upgrades (SCADA) Phase 2

• Stewart Park Bank Stabilization Project (FEMA grant)

• Deer Creek Bike Path Bank Stabilization Project (FEMA grant)

• Water Treatment Plant Variable Frequency Drives (with assistance from Energy Trust of Oregon)

• Stewart Parkway Wetland Mitigation

• Airport Master Plan & Airport Layout Plan Update (FAA and ODA grants)

• Precision Approach Path Indicator Construction (FAA and ODA grants)

• City Hall 2nd floor improvements

A big shout out and thanks to the dedicated employees of the Public Works Department across all divisions for all of their hard work in successfully delivering these projects. Way to go!

Recycling Markets Disruptions (from State of Oregon DEQ website)

For several years, Oregon and the rest of the world have relied on China to take much of the recyclable paper and plastics generated by residents and businesses. In fact, up to 60 percent of the world’s recycling went to China. For Oregon, sending materials to China was due to the loss of local markets, the low cost of shipping materials to China, and China’s acceptance of materials that often contained higher levels of contamination than U.S. markets would accept. In January 2018, the
Chinese government banned the import of certain plastic and paper grades and set a much tighter contamination standard for paper (0.5 percent by weight). The loss of China’s markets has disrupted recycling systems worldwide, and in Oregon, communities are making changes to their recycling programs in response.

What happened and why? In March 2017, China imposed severe restrictions on the import of recyclable materials in a series of actions collectively called “National Sword.” In July 2017, China announced a ban on the import of some grades of post-consumer plastic and unsorted paper and tightened the acceptable contamination levels. These changes went into effect on January 1, 2018.

There were several reason for these actions:

- High levels of contamination in the materials China received from some exporters;
- The effort to close older polluting mills in China that generate significant amounts of air pollution;
- The desire to protect human and environmental health caused by hazardous recycling practices; and
- China’s intent to develop its own domestic recycling systems.

Why do our materials go to China? Over the years, China has become a manufacturing giant, producing many of the products we use and buy. As China’s manufacturing has grown, so has its need for recycled materials to make products and packaging. Ships headed back to China after unloading goods along the West Coast made for cheap transportation of recyclable materials from Western states. Also, China’s need for material far exceeded the quantities of recycling collected within China.

How has this affected Oregon? To meet China’s new contamination standards, Oregon processors have added more workers, slowed down their sort lines and made other sorting improvements to remove more contaminants, which has made recycling more expensive.

In addition to the challenge of meeting China’s new standards, some shipments arriving in China have been rejected for containing a single prohibited item. For many companies, it is no longer worth the risk to send materials and have an entire load rejected. Recycling processors have found some alternate markets in Southeast Asia, India and elsewhere, but these are not sufficient to absorb the loss of China’s markets. The increased global competition for the remaining global markets has decreased the market value of recyclable commodities, which in turn creates a financial burden for Oregon programs.

How are communities responding? Several communities have changed their recycling programs (i.e. what items their local recycling collection programs will accept) due to lack of viable markets for those materials and high recycling costs. Other communities have enacted rate increases to cover the increased costs of recycling.

In some instances, materials collected for recycling have been disposed of as a last resort, which is legal when the cost to recycle exceeds the cost to landfill. To date, more than 12,000 tons have been sent to landfills. For context, Oregon recycled 1.4 million
tons of materials in 2016, and the current amount of materials disposed of represents less than 2 percent of all materials collected for recycling.

What is ‘contamination’ in recycling? Contamination refers to materials that end up in recycling containers that shouldn’t be there. This includes anything not accepted in the recycling program – even if it might be recycled in another location. Some items like food, liquids, oil and hazardous chemicals, can contaminate paper and other materials in recycling, turning whole truckloads of recyclable materials into garbage.

Why is recycling important? Recycling provides feedstock for industry and is good for the environment. Recycling reduces the environmental impacts from resource extraction, as well as the amount of energy required to make materials compared to using virgin natural resources (93 percent less for aluminum, 43 percent less for newspaper). It also creates jobs and reduces pollution. Last year Oregon recycled 1.4 million tons of material, and if energy recovery and composting is included, that amount jumps to 2.2 million tons. Those efforts yielded a reduction of 2.9 million metric tons of CO2 equivalent emissions, which is comparable to taking 690,000 cars or their tailpipe emissions off the road.

How can I help? Recycle right! It’s more important than ever to understand what you can recycle. Your city, county or recycling service provider will inform you of any changes in your curbside collection service. Recycling incorrectly makes recycling more expensive and can turn valuable resources to waste. All Oregonians can help by educating themselves about what materials their local recycling programs accept and only putting clean, accepted materials in recycling bins. When in doubt if something is recyclable or not, find out!

Recycling is not the only action you can take. You can conserve more energy and natural resources by buying only what you need and reusing what you have. Reduce, reuse, then recycle!

What is DEQ doing? DEQ is working closely with industry and government partners to continue recycling as much as possible. We are exploring opportunities to clean up and expand processing capacity so materials can be marketed and recycled locally. This is an opportunity for Oregon to review its recycling systems so we can find new ways to manage our recyclable materials in the future.

To learn more about these changes to Oregon’s recycling systems, DEQ’s response and how residents can help reduce contamination, visit DEQ’s Recycling Markets page.

Alternative formats
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Calendar of City Meetings

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Position 2
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Position 2
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