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CITY OF ROSEBURG NEWSLETTER

Last fall, the Mayor and City Council had the pleasure of recognizing a number of individuals and organizations that volunteer to assist with beautification efforts throughout our City. Our sincere appreciation goes to the following:

Roseburg VA Healthcare and Dona Brewer donated the greenhouse facility in which our volunteers grow annuals and perennials for City beautification projects.

DCMH Gardening Group

adopted North Riverside Park. This group spends one morning every week planting flowers, weeding, raking leaves, etc. and have contributed much time in the greenhouse helping to grow the City's annuals.

Lutheran Brotherhood

adopted Laurelwood Park and visits the park regularly to pick up litter and check on the overall condition of the park.

Bon Marché employees adopted a flowerbed in Stewart Park in which they have been planting flowers each spring and fall.

Stewart and Stacy Wetmore also adopted a Stewart Park flowerbed and plant annuals each spring and fall.

Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints – the **Newton Creek Ward's** youth volunteer community service project involved removing hundreds of teasel and other weeds from around the new pond in the Stewart Park Nature Area. The **Roseburg Ward** donated over 200 hours of labor in Fir Grove Park, including painting a building, weeding and pruning shrub and flowerbeds and spreading bark mulch.

Penny Skenzick not only continues to plant an abundance of flowers in downtown's Eagles Park, but assists with flowerbed designs.

Leila Heislein is the lady responsible for keeping Brown Park beautiful. She can be seen quite often planting annuals and perennials in this westside park.

For their "National Make a Difference Day" project, young adults from **Wolf Creek Job Corps** removed an aged unsafe bridge in the Stewart Park Nature area and replaced it with a new one. In addition, they removed litter from along the nature trail and around the duck pond.

Mary Trumble assisted the Corps with both of these projects.

Douglas County Farmers Co-op donated planter boxes for the bandshell, along with a wide variety of plant materials, including perennials and bulbs.

Dave Gilbert and the **Horizon-Honda-Mazda employees** adopted the traffic island at Stephens, Pine and Washington. Their beautification efforts are highly visible and receive lots of compliments.

Julie Cox adopted the South Riverside Park flowerbed along the Oak Avenue roadway and helps with planting and maintenance of many other parks' flowerbeds.

Sheila Riley has contributed many hours picking up litter and cleaning up debris along the bike path throughout Gaddis Park. Her efforts inspire

others to help keep the area clean.

Everyone driving into downtown Roseburg notices the beautiful flowerbeds at South Riverside Park. **Zonta Club** donates their efforts to the raised flowerbed in the corner.

Judi Thompson, Philece Humphrey and Barbara MacPherson adopted the flowerbeds surrounding City Hall. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by our visitors, and particularly, the employees at City Hall.

Kathryn Stenerson and her **Roseburg Middle Schools Transition Program** classes have done a lot of work in various parks preparing and planting flower beds and assisting with growing the annual flowers at the VA greenhouse.

The **Chamber of Commerce Greeters** adopted the Willis House Park.

Many thanks to **Kandy and Dave Morgan** who donated trees to the Stewart Park Golf Course.

**VOLUNTEERS
BEAUTIFICATION**

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PARK IMPROVEMENTS

PARKS DEPARTMENT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

The City of Roseburg Parks Department is in the process of improving and upgrading many of the City's smaller parks. The Parks Master Plan of 1997 suggested improvements should be made to many of the neighborhood parks and recommended specific items to enhance change. With the passage of the bond levy in 1998, funding was secured to provide these much needed improvements.

Last November, the Parks Commission identified the needed improvements and prioritized six neighborhood parks to receive the upgrades in year 2000. The parks scheduled for upgrades and improvements include Commercial Street Park, Eagles Park, Templin Beach, Riverside Park, Eastwood Park and Quintas Park.

As part of the upgrades, the Parks Department will insure each park receives improvements meeting the Federal governments American Disabilities Act guidelines. This includes handicapped parking spaces, ramps, hard surface pathways, and ADA accessible picnic tables.

One project already under way is the improvement of Commercial Street Park. This park has a tennis court that has been unusable for many years. The park will now receive a complete makeover. The redesign includes a basketball half court, new play structure, picnic area with tables, walkways, landscaping, irrigation system and lawn area. The Chamber of Commerce Project Leadership class of 1998 - 1999 will volunteer to do much of the work on the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in January of 2000.

As each of the remaining facilities is scheduled for upgrades, the Parks Department will be contacting area neighbors seeking suggestions and input. If you would like more information or to comment on these projects, please contact the Parks Department by calling 672-7701.



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STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS



Larry Rich,
Mayor

As we begin a new Millennium, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of this past year and to thank the City's department heads and their staff for all of their accomplishments. While time does not permit me to list them all, I would like to highlight a few of the successes, take the time to publicly say "Thank you" and to look ahead to what the future holds for Roseburg as we enter the year 2000.

During my first year as Mayor, I have enjoyed witnessing the talents, hard work and diverse viewpoints that have strengthened our City and made it one of the best small towns in Oregon. Our City Council and public employees are truly dedicated to improving the lives of our residents and visitors alike and are committed to solving problems, improving services, and making government more responsive and efficient.

Cal Dowd and his staff of the Parks and Golf Department worked hard this year on several projects. Working along with Public Works, a 7,000 square foot landscaping and beautification project on Aviation Drive was completed. In concert with the 1998-99 Project Leadership Class, the department is in the process of redesigning and rebuilding the Commercial Street Park from a single tennis court to a park for all ages. Amenities include a picnic area, play structure and basketball court. Stewart Park saw improvements which included an addition to the bike path, a 500-foot long, 20-foot high safety fence on the western portion of the golf driving range and the initiation of a master plan to recognize and prioritize the increasing needs of the park. Jim's staff also worked with i.e. Engineering to devise a method to stabilize erosion problems along the South Umpqua River in Stewart Park. Not only was the solution unique, but it resulted in substantial savings over traditional methods.

Chris Berquist and the Public Works Department's year was highlighted by the completion of the Walnut/Ward/Chestnut Street project which provided much needed improvements to the infrastructure on those streets. The General/Bower (Aviation) Street Improvement was another Urban Renewal project completed in 1999. Stewart Parkway had two projects completed this year including the Stewart Parkway/Valley View widening project and the Stewart Parkway/Nazarene Church project which included an additional lane, curbing, gutters, sidewalks and storm drainage. In an effort to protect and prolong their life, 35 streets were resurfaced as part of the 1999 Pavement Management Program. The department also acquired a TV inspection system which can be used to identify problem areas in existing pipes and to inspect new storm lines.

The Water Department, under the direction of Dick Hutton, saw completion of water transmission mains from downtown to Reservoir Avenue, in the Walnut/Ward/Chestnut Streets area and on Stewart Parkway leading into the Hucrest area. These mains will improve domestic and fire flows and maintain transmission capacity from the plant to the main reservoir. A new 800,000-gallon reservoir on Terrace Drive, built to replace the existing 100,000-gallon reservoir, will improve both fire protection and standby domestic storage. Dozens of other projects were designed, installed and paid for by developers to provide domestic and fire protection service to residential, commercial and industrial developments in the City.

The Finance Department under Lance Colley saw the issuance of 2.5 million dollars worth of General Obligation Bonds to finance parkland acquisition, park improvements and trail additions. The City issued the bonds with a true interest cost of 3.88% one of the lowest rates on a bond issue in the state, resulting in savings for local taxpayers. A new fund, the Facilities Replacement and Reserve Fund, was established to allow the City to address some general government capital improvement needs. And for the sixth consecutive year, the City received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for "Excellence in Financial Reporting" based on our 1998 year-end report.

Dan Huff and his staff in Community Development spent much of the year negotiating development agreements between public and private entities which resulted in continued commercial development and construction. New stores such as Safeway and Big 5 Sporting Goods were completed while other construction projects such as those on the Mercy Medical campus, the Ford Family Foundation building, and three assisted care centers continue to keep the department busy with processing and inspection requirements. Other projects include a state-mandated Transportation System Plan, a Tree Inventory Study to allow the Parks Department to track species and the condition of all trees on public land within the City limits, the Downtown Master Plan implementing ordinances and streamlining the application process for land use action.

Y2K concerns were addressed and reviewed thanks in part to Personnel Director Barbara Gershon who worked with the City Manager to prepare for any potential problems. This also led to an update of the City Emergency Plan. The bulk of the Personnel Department's time was spent in recruitment, training and performance and safety issues. In conjunction with the City Recorder, a risk Management and Administrative Manual was written to help employees continue cost-effective and efficient use of equipment and funds. Workers' compensation costs have been kept to a minimum.

Recorder Sheila Cox and her staff were kept busy with the huge amount of daily routine matters such as business registration, maintenance of the Municipal Code, records management, contracts and other agreements. In addition to those daily responsibilities, two major projects were also completed. The first was a Citywide Policies and Procedure Manual which serves as a guide for the day-to-day internal function and operations of the City. The second project involved the improvement of records management. The new system has made the storage and

retrieval of records more efficient and reduced the risk of injury to employees.

A special thanks to Debi Davidson, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, who, as we all know, is the one person who keeps us all informed of what's really going on and helps us accomplish it.

The Fire Department, under the command of Ford Swauger, completed several projects during 1999. Firefighters at the Harvard Avenue station remodeled their living quarters to include individual sleeping rooms for personnel stationed there, while the downtown station remodeled their building for administration offices. Along with new carpet, paint and computers, an updated phone system was installed which will allow the public better access. The department also planned, coordinated and conducted Operation Prom Night for Roseburg High School. The Fire Marshal developed a self-inspection program for low hazard local businesses, allowing his office and the engine companies to concentrate on higher risk areas. One of the biggest accomplishments this year was a project that involved many members of the community to make it a reality. A new brush engine was added to the apparatus fleet. The effort, time and generous donations made by many individuals in Douglas County enabled us to succeed in getting a vehicle worth \$135,000 for our cost of \$67,000.

Police Chief Chris Brown and his staff were highly successful in investigating and apprehending persons responsible for both major and multiple crimes. The department also played a leadership role in solving serious crimes for other local and federal agencies. Projects developed and implemented by the department include providing a second School Resource Officer assigned to Roseburg Schools. The department and the school district enjoy a productive and cooperative relationship and are committed to maintaining a safe learning environment for our children. A new Records Management System was introduced to replace a system that was found to be non-Y2K compliant. The new system enhances the ability to retrieve information to better serve the needs of the community. In an attempt to expand our existing juvenile crime intervention program and to offer an alternative in sentencing, a Peer Court was established as a cooperative effort between local attorneys, schools, courts, youth and police. Young people serve as prosecutors, defense counsel and jurors and determine sentences for low-level and first-time youth offenders. This Spring, the department will launch the first City of Roseburg Citizens' Academy which will create an opportunity for community members to become familiar with their police department and the myriad of services provided. Each academy class will attend 11 sessions to learn about the fundamental aspects of law enforcement. Through these various projects, the department has worked hard to increase their approachability within the community. As members of various clubs and organizations, officers are actively engaged in numerous civic and community events from coaching children's teams to sitting on various committees and boards.

As I look to what the future holds for our City, I am both proud of our accomplishments and excited by what lies ahead.

The adoption of the Telecommunications Ordinance, which may require many public meetings and work-study sessions in the next few weeks, will set the guidelines for future companies who want to provide telecommunication services to the community. As we enter the 21st century, it is important that the City actively pursue fiber optic cable for residences, schools and businesses. If we are to compete with other communities and attract new enterprises, we must be able to access this new technology.

In an effort to improve and capitalize on our four-season recreational and cultural opportunities, I would like to see us contract for services to help us develop and advertise on a seasonal basis the activities available for all ages in Roseburg.

As part of the effort to expand these recreational opportunities, construction will begin shortly on the new community park at the corner of North Umpqua Highway and Sunshine Road. Originally comprised of 42 acres, an additional 48-acre parcel was purchased. The combined 90 acres will provide for both active and passive recreational opportunities including ball fields, picnic areas, trails, play structures, a pavilion and would serve the needs for future generations.

Construction of a new juvenile detention center will also begin soon. Once that facility is completed, we need to begin working on City ordinances that will complement efforts of the school district to address truancy and other delinquency issues.

And while the City Council has worked extremely hard this past year, I would like to challenge them to become even more involved in providing service to our citizens through projects such as volunteering one weekend to work on the Habitat for Humanity house and coordinating a city-wide clean-up effort similar to the ones conducted by residents in the Cloverdale and Mill-Pine neighborhoods.

And finally, the Downtown Development project stands on the brink of creating an area of economic revitalization and rebeautification. Working together, downtown merchants, community members, city staff and the City Council developed a Master Plan for the area. Now, with the recent adoption of final ordinances, it is time to begin the many projects that will be a source of pride for all our citizens.

This then is my vision - a city that recognizes the importance of improved technology, that promotes itself as offering year-round recreational opportunities and that addresses the needs and problems of our young people. I envision a City whose leaders are actively involved in various volunteer projects and who serve as role models for all our citizens. And a city which, in contrast to so many others, is able to take pride in the beauty and vitality of its downtown.

Larry Rich, Mayor

City of Roseburg



NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It's a New Year filled with new opportunities for volunteering with the Roseburg Parks Department! The Parks Department is grateful to have the strong support of many volunteer community members and we welcome you to join them.

There are numerous ways you can help our parks and the Parks Department Volunteer Program is designed to be flexible.

Informal Volunteer: Serve in your favorite park as often as you wish and help plant flowers, pull weeds, pick up litter, or perform other natural resource improvement activities. This is an opportunity for you or your group to be creative with your time and skills!

Adopt-A-Park: Organizations or individuals can formally adopt a park and provide beautification throughout the park by planting and caring for annual and perennial flowers. Thanks to the volunteers in this program, our community enjoys more summer flowerbeds throughout the town!

Adopt-A-Trail: Bike and nature trails can be adopted by organizations and individuals volunteering to pick up litter and provide trail maintenance.

Special Projects: Wildlife habitat improvement, landscaping, painting, and natural resource management are but a few of the areas available for special projects. If your group would like to plan a "one-time" event, Park staff will work with you to choose a project that meets your needs and benefits the parks.

Volunteer Sponsor: Your company has an opportunity to support volunteerism in our parks by providing funding for projects and volunteer recognition.

The Roseburg Parks Department appreciates all its dedicated volunteers and we hope our volunteers enjoy their experience of working in the parks. In 1999 the department received over 3,000 hours of volunteer service, and more than 300 citizens donated their time and talents assisting in our parks.

If you want to volunteer with the Parks Department please contact Barbara Taylor, Parks Volunteer Coordinator, at 672-7701.

ROSEBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Beginning in the spring of 2000, Roseburg residents and business owners will have a first hand opportunity to learn about law enforcement and the Roseburg Police Department. Through the Roseburg Police Citizen's Academy, participants will attend 35 hours of hands on and classroom training on topics that include community policy, officer recruitment and training, emergency communications, patrol, defensive tactics, firearms, high risk situations and many others. The classes will be taught by officers who specialize in each of these areas will include practical demonstrations and mock situations.

The purpose of the Citizen's Academy is to acquaint the general public with some of the issues, problems and tasks that police officers encounter on a daily basis. According to Roseburg Police Chief C. Brown, the department is not trying to train people to be police officers, but to educate them as to the nature of the job that officers are asked to do. "Through this program we hope to provide some insight to the intricacies of the profession and improve the public's understanding of the criminal justice system." Plans are to provide the students with enough training so that they will be able to actively participate in the investigation of a mock crime and ultimately the trial of the alleged perpetrator. "We are going to make this fun as well as educational. We want people to come away with a feeling of accomplishment and perhaps a little more knowledge of the job our officers do."

Tentatively, the Roseburg Citizen's Academy is scheduled for March 14th through May 23rd. Classes will be held Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a full day scheduled for Saturday, April 15th. Participants will be asked to commit to the full 10-week session, which will culminate with a graduation ceremony. Anyone interested in more information can contact Sergeant Mark Nickel at the Roseburg Police Department, 673-6633, for details.

STEWART PARK RECREATION - CONTACT LIST

BASEBALL

Little League
(Ages 5-12)
David Titus
673-7123

Babe Ruth
(Ages 13-15)
Tom Donegan
672-9795

American Legion
(Ages 16-19)
Leland Black
673-7853

GOLF

Men's Golf Association
Andy Gaylor
679-5598

Women's Golf Association
Nancy Stockhoff
673-3929

SOFTBALL

ASA-Indian Fast Pitch
Pete Fullerton
673-9531

DC Women's Softball Association
Bobbi Brown
957-8309

Roseburg Church League
Greg Knee
459-3688

BASKETBALL

Roseburg Church League
Chuck Chappel
673-4423

SOCCER

Roseburg Soccer Association
Frank Tarascio
673-0000

HORSESHOES

Roseburg Horseshoe Club
Art Gee
459-9549

YMCA

Bob Milton or Stephanie Rob
440-9622

TENNIS

Umpqua Valley Tennis Club
673-3429

**Give us a call.
Come join in the fun!**

Roseburg Area Youth Services Update

The Roseburg Area Youth Services or RAYS program is beginning its third year of operation and there have been significant success stories during that time. There have also been some changes and additions to the program. The program has enjoyed an 89% success rate. Of the 208 first time offenders who were referred, only about 21 have re-offended; 33% of the re-offenders were allowed into the program a second time. The remaining 66% were referred to Douglas County Juvenile Department.

The Roseburg community has benefited from this program as well. RAYS participants have logged over 3200 hours of community service which includes a number of projects such as litter pick up, community painting projects, landscaping and clean up. RAYS kids are also required to pay restitution to their victims and write letters of apology to anyone affected by their crime. According to the program director, Shelby Lux, "Kids are forced to recognize the consequences of their actions not only for themselves but to the people that they victimize, parents, family members and friends as well."

The RAYS program remains a success in part because of the cooperative efforts of the City of Roseburg and the Roseburg School District. According to Lux, "The RAYS program demonstrates how two agencies with different perspectives can come together to develop a successful partnership that truly benefits the community." The funding is shared equally between the City and the School District.

A new aspect of the RAYS program instituted just this year is Peer Court. This is a process by which kids who have entered the program, can have their sentence determined by their peers, all of which have already successfully completed or are in the process of completing their time in the RAYS program. Kids act as prosecutor, defense spokesperson and judge. Those who choose to submit to Peer Court jurisdiction must already have admitted their guilt. The court then determines what the sentence should be given within certain parameters. Cases are argued by the designated prosecutor and defense spokespersons and presented to a jury of three. The proceedings are presided over by local volunteer attorneys who ultimately mete out the recommended sentence, which can range from community service, to letters of apology, to restitution, or any combination of three. Peer Court serves to educate kids through the judicial process and develops a sense of community responsibility.

TREE INVENTORY COMPLETED



At the close of 1999, the City of Roseburg knows a lot more about its trees. Using grant funds obtained from the Oregon Department of Forestry and City funds, the City hired consultants to inventory public trees. In late October and early November certified arborists measured, identified and assessed the condition of all trees located on public property within the City of Roseburg.

During the inventory each tree was physically measured for diameter and height. The tree's condition and any potential maintenance issues were noted on a handheld computer. Each tree has been plotted on a computerized map which is linked to its database information.

The inventory will provide City of Roseburg departments with details like size, breadth, species and condition of potential problems of each tree. Staff can now click on a particular tree in Stewart Park and find out its species, size condition and potential utility conflicts. Such information can easily be updated as trees are pruned, cut or planted.

SIDEWALK REHAB PROGRAM



The Public Works Department is continuing to offer a sidewalk rehabilitation program, within budgetary parameters, to residential property owners within the City Limits. The intent of the program is to provide safer sidewalks throughout the City by assisting property owners in replacing broken or dangerous sidewalks. Under this program, the property owner is responsible for the cost of the new concrete. The City assumes the cost of the labor and all other construction costs associated with replacing the sidewalk. The property owner has a choice of making up to 36 monthly payments (not less than \$25/month) at a reasonable interest rate or to pay the entire amount in a lump sum. All work is done by an independent contractor. The following is the typical series of events that leads up to a sidewalk being replaced.

- 1 Property owner contacts the Public Works Department to ask for an application.
- 2 The Public Works Department inspects the sidewalk to make sure it qualifies and then measures the sidewalk to come up with a "not to exceed" price for the property owner's portion.
- 3 The Public Works Department sends an application for the program to the property owner with the "not to exceed" price.
- 4 Property owner fills out and returns application.
- 5 Public Works Department may contact any abutting property owners with damaged sidewalks to find out if they are interested in participating in the program.
- 6 Project is bid out.
- 7 Contractor is selected.
- 8 Sidewalk is replaced.
- 9 Property owner is billed for his/her portion.



Before



Court Street Sidewalk Rehab. -

After

Anyone interested in participating in this program should contact the Public Works Department at 672-7701.

UNDERSTANDING THE PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL



We have recently received questions about pedestrian crossing lights. The first thing to remember is to always be careful and watch for vehicles. When you come to a signalized intersection, press the button for the pedestrian signal in the direction that you wish to cross. Wait on the sidewalk for the "walk" symbol to appear on the appropriate pedestrian signal head. Once the signal goes to "walk", check for traffic and start crossing. The "don't walk" symbol may start flashing while you are in the crosswalk. This is okay, finish crossing the street. The flashing "don't walk" symbol simply means that anyone who has not begun crossing the street needs to wait on the sidewalk for the next signal. Once the signal goes to a steady "don't walk" symbol, the traffic signal will change and vehicular cross traffic will resume.

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to serving on numerous professional organizations, our City employees participate in the following local community organizations:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Cancer Society American Red Cross Babe Ruth Boy/Girl Scouts Buckeroo Square Dance Board Chamber of Commerce Coaching - baseball, basketball, soccer, football, softball Douglas County Basketball Officials Friendly Kitchen Habitat for Humanity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High School Officials Association Kiwanis Club Lions Club Little League Masons Neighbor to Neighbor Optimist Club Police Reserves Relay for Life Rotary Club SPCA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skateboard Park Association Smart Reading Program Toys for Tots U of O Business School Umpqua Area Square Dance Council Umpqua Valley Tennis Association United Way Warbirds YMCA Youth Basketball |
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Walnut Ward Chestnut Project A Success

After nearly ten years of planning and several months of intense construction activities, the Walnut/Ward/Chestnut street area has a new look. At first glance, the area looks modernized with widened streets and new sidewalks, but the improvements run much deeper than that! Nearly the entire underground infrastructure has been replaced or revamped. In addition to widening the streets to forty feet and installing curb, gutter and sidewalk, new water, storm drainage, sanitary sewer facilities and natural gas lines were installed. The improvements included a new 24-inch water transmission main that was installed to replace an old leaking one and new water service mains and laterals. New storm drainage facilities and main lines replaced the old system of ditches and a new 30-inch storm line was installed to replace an old existing main line that crosses Walnut Street. New sanitary sewer lines were installed and existing lines were rehabilitated to prolong the life of the system.

It took the full construction season to get this new infrastructure in the ground while working around the existing utilities to keep customers in service. This created some inconvenience to the property and business owners and their patrons during construction. The City would like to thank everyone involved for their patience during these activities. The good news is that the construction is done and the area is better than ever. So if you haven't been down these streets lately, take a drive, walk, or bike ride through the area and check things out.

Backflow Prevention

BACKFLOW PREVENTION IS THE MEANS OF PREVENTING HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS FROM ENTERING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM by either back siphonage or backpressure. The most common type of actual or potential cross-connections in a public water system occur on the private side of the meter and include: landscape irrigation systems, fire sprinkler systems, boiler systems, pop beverage dispensers, medical and dental facilities, hospitals, mortuaries, sanitary sewer facilities and industrial uses.

The type of backflow prevention device required for each situation will depend on the degree of hazard associated with the actual or potential cross connection. The Water Department can assist with the selection of the proper device to use.

Backflow prevention devices are required and regulated by the Oregon Health Division which requires annual testing by a state certified tester and repaired if malfunctioning. The City presently monitors over 600 backflow prevention devices throughout the Roseburg water system. For further information call Pete at the Roseburg Water Department at 672-7701.



Nikki Johnson inspects a newly installed prevention device.



Two dumpsters waiting for trash during the Cloverdale Cleanup

Cleanup A Success

The Cloverdale Cleanup is the second Roseburg neighborhood to adopt an annual cleanup project. The first clean-up was pioneered in the Mill-Pine Historic District beginning in 1993.

Over 220 cubic yards of debris were hauled out of the Cloverdale neighborhood in November as part of the neighborhood's Fall Cleanup. The cleanup was a cooperative project between Roseburg Disposal, the Cloverdale Neighborhood Association and the City of Roseburg. Roseburg Disposal provided free dumpsters; the Cloverdale Neighborhood Association and City Council members distributed flyers; City Staff provided coordination and media publicity. Credit for most of the work goes to the residents of the Cloverdale area for filling twenty dumpsters with debris. The neighborhood entered the holiday season with an extra sparkle because of the residents' pride in their homes.

The cleanup projects are given a big boost by Doug John of Roseburg Disposal who provides dumpsters and hauling free of charge. When unused dumpsters are available in the off season, Roseburg Disposal will place them anywhere they are requested. If you are interested in organizing a cleanup in your neighborhood, call the City Compliance Officer, Larry Caldwell at 440-1175.



Ray Hall prepares camera unit to inspect storm drain line.

● NEW TV INSPECTION SYSTEM

The Public Works Department has a new piece of equipment to assist in the inspection of new storm drainage lines, as well as improving line maintenance. A new TV inspection unit was purchased in 1999. The unit includes two different sized cameras that sit on roller units. The main camera can go into pipes larger than six inches in diameter and rotates to show the entire pipe cross-section. The second camera is a "mini-camera" and can be used on smaller pipe sizes. The truck that houses the system has a monitor for viewing live camera footage, a controller for maneuvering the camera unit, a VCR for recording the video image, and a computer for saving the relevant data. The unit has proven very useful in its first months of operation.

The camera is used to inspect new storm drainage lines after installation. It is also being used in existing pipes to identify pipe material and condition so that we may identify problem areas. It can be used to track the location of existing pipes and to identify any laterals or private lines that enter the public storm drainage system. The camera should prove very useful as the City prepares to meet the new regulations set forth in the second phase of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program.

● VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

In a past issue of *City Connection*, we highlighted the Volunteers in Police Service Program. One of the VIPS functions, Vacation House Checks, provides an added measure of security to the homes of people leaving for extended trips. Our volunteers will check your house several times each week, making sure that it is secure. If something is found amiss, the volunteer will make an emergency notification to someone you designate so that the problem can be resolved. This is a free service available to all residents of the City. Just call 673-6633 and sign up prior to leaving on vacation.

● CRIME PREVENTION

The Roseburg Police Department has a number of crime prevention presentations and programs that teach people how to keep from being victimized. Presentations include theft and fraud prevention, home security and burglary prevention, forming Neighborhood Watch, street crime prevention, shoplifting prevention and commercial robbery prevention. We also offer several related programs such as Operation Identification, Block Homes, home security surveys and Vacation House Checks. Police Officers are also available to make presentations to youth groups on a variety of subjects including bike safety and home safety.

For more information on these or other programs, contact the Community Resource Officer during regular business hours at 673-6633.

● ROSEBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT "OPERATION PROM NIGHT"

In order to raise teenage awareness to the effects of drinking and driving, "Operation Prom Night" was implemented in the Roseburg High School curriculum by the Roseburg Fire Department 8 years ago. This is a biannual event brought to Roseburg High during the week prior to Prom Night. The event, put on by not only Roseburg Fire, but Fire District #2, West Ambulance, Roseburg Fire Department Chaplain, Roseburg Police, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, State Police, Mercy Medical Center, and D&D Towing (which also donates the crash vehicles), is a very emotional and hard hitting reality check to the consequences of drinking and driving for the students.

The program is a re-enactment of a fatal accident involving 2 vehicles, one vehicle full of students and the other with a teacher, all of whom are well known and liked by the Roseburg student body. It shows the death and serious injuries of those involved in the accident. It depicts the chaos, terror, pain, injuries and realization of a friend's death at the accident scene, and has the parent of the student killed in the accident give a very emotional talk to the student body about the accident and how it could have been prevented.

Through student comments, we know the program is a success in making some students think twice about drinking and driving. This same program has been implemented in other schools throughout Oregon because of its impact and success here in Roseburg and we will continue to promote and provide assistance in this very important program.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the first six months of fiscal year 1999/2000.

"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. 3045: "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map for Property Known as the Crowe Family/FCC Commercial Furniture Property Located on the West Side of Old Hwy. 99 and South of the Wilbur Road/Old Hwy. 99 Intersection" Adopted June 14, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3046: "An Ordinance Amending Article 30, Of Chapter 3 Of Land Use And Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended"; amends Flood Plain Overlay provisions of LUDO; adopted July 12, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3047: "An Ordinance Amending Section 3.24.050 And 3.24.150 Of Article 24, Chapter 3, Of Land Use And Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended"; amends LUDO to allow professional offices, subject to development standards in Mixed Use Zone and set such development standards; adopted July 26, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3048: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, Section 1.090 Of Land Use And Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended"; adds definitions for sidewalk café, stand and vending in LUDO Provisions for the Downtown Area; adopted August 9, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3049: "An Ordinance Amending Section 2.3.075 Of Article 3 And Section 2.4.100 Of Article 4 Of Chapter 2 Of The Land Use And Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended"; establishes site plan review and sign standards and criteria for the Central Business District in Downtown Roseburg; adopted August 9, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3050: "An Ordinance Amending Land Use And Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended By Creating A New Article 13 To Chapter 3"; amends LUDO by creating the Central Business District in Downtown Roseburg and establishing permitted uses, conditional uses and property development standards for the District"; motion to adopt failed August 9, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3051: "An Ordinance Repealing And Replacing Section 3.35.125 And Amending Sections 3.35.250 And 3.35.253 Of Article 35, Chapter 3 Of Land Use And Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended"; amends LUDO to create Parking Requirements in the Central Business District of Downtown Roseburg; first and second reading of the ordinance was held on August 9, 1999, motion to adopt was not made.

ORDINANCE No. 3052: "An Ordinance Amending Section 7.06.060 Of Chapter 7.06 Of The Roseburg Municipal Code Regarding Assessment Of Weed Abatement Costs"; provides option of collecting unpaid weed abatement assessments through the City's collection services contractor; adopted August 23, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3053: "An Ordinance Amending Section 8.02.030 Of The Roseburg Municipal Code To Grant The City Manager Authority To Enforce Parking Regulations At The Roseburg Regional Airport"; adopted September 27, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3054: "An Ordinance Vacating Certain Portions Of Thomas Street In The City Of Roseburg"; (new Safeway development); adopted October 25, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3055: "An Ordinance Readopting Section 8.02.010 Of Chapter 8.02 Of Title 8 Of The Roseburg Municipal Code And Declaring An Emergency"; necessitated by last legislative session; adopted October 11, 1999; becomes effective October 23, 1999, effective date of the new legislation.

ORDINANCE No. 3056: "An Ordinance Vacating A Portion Of W Harrison Street In The City Of Roseburg"; adopted November 8, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3057: "An Ordinance Adopting And/Or Readopting Section of Oregon Revised Statutes As Offenses Against The City; And Amending Section 7.02.010 Of The Roseburg Municipal Code"; resulting from recent legislation; adopted November 22, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3058: "An Ordinance Concerning Acceptance of Real Property On Behalf of the City; And Adding Section 3.20.055 To The Roseburg Municipal Code"; required by recent legislation; adopted November 22, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3059: "An Ordinance Amending Article 4, Section 2.4.100 of Chapter 2 Of The Land Use And Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended"; sets standards and criteria for signs in the Central Business District in Downtown Roseburg as part of the Downtown Master Plan Program; adopted December 13, 1999.

ORDINANCE No. 3060: "An Ordinance Amending Land Use And Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended By Creating A New Article 13 To Chapter 3"; establishes the Central Business District in Downtown Roseburg as part of the Downtown Mater Plan Program; adopted December 13, 1999.

"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. 99-10: A Resolution Adopting The 1999/2000 Budget; Levying And Categorizing Taxes For Said Tax Year; Electing To Receive State Revenue Sharing; And Making Appropriations"; adopted June 28, 1999.

RESOLUTION No. 99-11: A Resolution Designating Symatrix Technology As City's Personal Computer Supplier And Exempting From Competitive Bid The Purchase And Installation Of Said Computers"; adopted July 26, 1999.

RESOLUTION No. 99-12: "A Resolution Forming The Stewart Parkway/Nazarene Church Local Improvement District, Stating The Estimated Maximum Assessable Cost To Be Levied As An Assessment And Awarding A Construction Contract"; adopted July 26, 1999.

RESOLUTION No. 99-13: "A Resolution Ordering Falcon Community Ventures I To Cease Collecting Revenue In Excess Of That Lawfully Allowed By The FCC And To Refund Any Rates Improperly Collected"; adopted August 23, 1999.

RESOLUTION No. 99-14: "A Resolution Approving An Exemption From Property Tax Under Ordinance No. 2784"; adopted October 25, 1999.

RESOLUTION No. 99-15: "A Resolution Approving An Exemption From Property Taxation Under Ordinance No. 2784"; adopted November 8, 1999.

RESOLUTION No. 99-16: "A Resolution Authorizing The Conveyance of Real Property"; adopted November 22, 1999.

RESOLUTION No. 99-17: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding The City of Roseburg Fee Schedule By Amending Golf Fees and Passes"; adopted December 13, 1999.

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, extension 217, or requested via e-mail sent to "roseburg@rosenet.net".

CITY MEETING CALENDAR

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

Airport Commission	4th Tuesdays	noon	Conference Room
City Council	2nd & 4th Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Downtown Development	3rd Wednesdays	8:00 a.m.	Conference Room
Economic Development	2nd Tuesdays	noon	Conference Room
Golf Course Commission	3rd Mondays	noon	Conference Room
Historic Resources Review	1st & 3rd Thursdays	4:00 p.m.	Conference Room
Parks & Recreation	1st Wednesdays	7:30 a.m.	Conference Room
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Public Works Commission	2nd Thursdays	noon	Conference Room
Utility Commission	2nd Thursdays	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Visitors & Convention	3rd Tuesdays	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room

MARCH 2000

1	Parks	7:30am
2	Historic	4:00 pm
6	Planning	7:00 pm
9	Pub Works	noon
9	Utility	3:30 pm
13	Council	7:00 pm
14	Economic	noon
15	Downtown	8:00 am
16	Historic	4:00 pm
20	Golf	noon
	Planning	7:00 pm
21	Visitors	3:30 pm
27	Council	7:00 pm
28	Airport	noon

APRIL 2000

3	Planning	7:00 pm
5	Parks	7:30 pm
6	Historic	4:00 pm
10	Council	7:00 pm
11	Economic	noon
13	Pub Works	noon
	Utility	3:30 pm
17	Golf	noon
	Planning	7:00 pm
18	Visitors	3:30 pm
19	Downtown	8:00 am
20	Historic	4:00 pm
24	Council	7:00 pm
25	Airport	noon

MAY 2000

1	Planning	7:00 pm
3	Parks	7:30 am
4	Historic	4:00 pm
8	Council	7:00 pm
9	Economics	noon
11	Pub Works	noon
	Utility	3:30 pm
15	Golf	noon
	Planning	7:00 pm
16	Visitors	3:30 pm
17	Downtown	8:00 am
18	Historic	4:00 pm
22	Council	7:00 pm
23	Airport	noon
29	Holiday	Closed

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 published in the News Review's public meeting calendar and are available at City Hall.

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 900 SE Douglas Avenue. Agenda upcoming Council meetings are available 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 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 they are fully informed on the matter.

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

CITIZEN SUGGESTION BOX

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Building Plan Review

The 1999 Legislature approved Senate Bill 587 which requires building departments throughout the State of Oregon to offer a third-party plan review option. Certain timelines cannot be met. Effective July 1, 2000, a **complete** building application for a 1 and 2 family dwelling must be approved or disapproved by Building Division within 10 business days of its receipt. If the Building Division cannot meet this timeline, an applicant will be provided with a list of three licensed plans examiners who can provide plan review.

A complete application includes a plot plan, foundation plan, floor plan, all elevations and cross sections, roof framing plan including cross sections, truss drawings and energy code information and compliance with all city development standards.

This legislation addresses the building plan review of residential structures only and does not place any time limits on incomplete plan submittals, plans requiring engineering or site development requirements. For additional information about this new requirement you can contact the Building Division at 440-1175.