State of the City Address

One of the themes which has been part of my State of the City speeches is that Roseburg is one of the best small towns in Oregon. And there’s a reason for this: we are committed to excellence. This commitment is evident in our efforts to preserve the heritage of Roseburg’s past while visualizing ways to improve our future for ourselves and for generations to come. Last year we asked for ideas as to how we could improve our city, and I’m happy to say that we heard from many of you. You shared these ideas with enthusiasm and with a willingness to listen to others. Your cooperation and energy have been catalysts for change in our community, and we thank you. So once again, we ask for your help, your vision and your leadership as we enter 2008.

Roseburg’s management team members, made up of City Recorder Sheila Cox, Human Resources Director Barbara Gershon, Finance Director Cheryl Givett, and Management Technician Debi Davidson have worked closely to provide direct services to citizens while accomplishing the goals set forth in the Council’s Mission Statement for the City. The department has been impacted by the absence of City Manager Eric Swanson who has been serving in Iraq. Sheila Cox has stepped in to serve as Interim City Manager while Debi Davidson has filled in as Acting City Recorder.

The Recorder’s Office processed over 250 business registrations along with 65 formal public information requests, 29 ordinances and 24 resolutions. For the fourteenth consecutive year, the City received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for “Excellence in Financial Reporting.” Two separate series of bonds were issued: $5.4 million to finance the construction of the new public safety center and $1.9 million to finance improvements to the airport. As a way to improve services to our citizens, the Finance Department established electronic payment options for vendors, designed a new web site for easier navigation and contracted with Diamond Parking Services in order to modernize parking enforcement. Human Resources recruited, screened and hired 16 new employees, promoted 9 current employees and handled 14 other transitions from becoming routine. The Criminal Investigations Division cleared a number of major cases including a series of armed robberies that occurred throughout Douglas County last spring.

Chief Jack Cooley and the Roseburg Fire Department are excited by the progress that has been made in the construction of the new Public Safety Center. Land has been acquired, cleared and prepared, and bids are out for construction. The building will meet the community’s need for an up-to-date and efficient emergency response system for years to come. Once again, the Harvard Fire Station is open on a full-time basis as an integral part of the City’s service. Most importantly, response times have been reduced by 45 seconds per call for the west side of town. Historically, the Department had very little turnover; yet within the past 18 months, retirements, injuries and other career changes have required the hiring and training of 13 new personnel. As a member of MedCom, the Department has helped maintain a high level of ambulance service for the City by assisting in the transition of ownership from West Ambulance to Douglas County Fire District No. 2. City expansion and new development necessitated a new fire fee ordinance as well as the hiring of a Deputy Fire Marshal and a part-time Secretary.

As a result, the turnaround time for site and plan reviews has gone from 28 days to 5 days. And finally, in an effort to reduce non-emergency calls to senior care facilities, the Department, in partnership with Douglas County RSVP; applied for and was awarded one of 40 nationwide scholarships to attend training in Boston. This two-person team will return to our community and assist in educating our older population about ways to prevent falls and reduce fires. The hope is this will reduce the total number of non-emergency response to senior care facilities.

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Internet Scams & Internet Safety Tips

With the advent of internet and email use, the Roseburg Police Department has seen an increase in the number of people who have been the victims of scams.

Firewalls are widely recommended for single computers. The software is prepackaged on some operating systems or can be purchased for individual computers. For multiple networked computers, hardware routers typically provide firewall protection.

Install or Update Your Antivirus Software:
Antivirus software is designed to prevent malicious software programs from embedding on your computer. If it deceives malicious code, like a virus or a worm, it works to disarm or remove it. Viruses can infect computers without users' knowledge. Most types of antivirus software can be set up to update automatically.

Install or Update Your Antispyware Technology:
Spyware is just what it sounds like, software that is surreptitiously installed on your computer to let others peer into your activities on the computer. Some spyware collects information about you without your consent or produces unwanted pop-up ads on your web browser. Some operating systems offer free spyware protection, inexpensive software is readily available for download on the Internet or at your local computer store. Be wary of ads on the Internet offering downloadable antispyware—in some cases these products may be fake and may actually contain spyware or other malicious code. It's like buying groceries—shop where you trust.

Keep Your Operating System Up to Date:
Computer operating systems are periodically updated to stay in tune with technology requirements and to fix security holes. Be sure to install the updates to ensure your computer has the latest protection.

Be Careful What You Download: Carelessly downloading email attachments can employ your computer's resources to reach out to other unwitting users.

Young computer users are at an increased risk of being victimized on line. Parents should monitor their children's on-line activities and talk to them about on-line threats. Some important topics to cover are:

- First, remember never to give out personal information such as your name, home address, school name or telephone number in a chat room or on bulletin boards. Also, never send a picture of yourself to someone you chat with on the computer without your parent's permission.
- Never write to someone who has made you feel uncomfortable or scared.
- Do not meet someone or have them visit you without the permission of your parents.
- Tell your parents immediately if you read anything on the Internet that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Remember that people online may not be who they say they are. Someone who says that "she" is a "12-year-old girl" could really be an older man.

Internet crime is a problem that will continue to grow as the use of technology increases. Many computer crimes go unreported because the victims are embarrassed that they fell victim to a scam. Oregon recognized the threat of computer crime several years ago and passed the Computer Crime law. Computer Crime is a felony in Oregon and is punishable by imprisonment and by fine. Please contact the Roseburg Police Department if you have been the victim of a crime.

Most of us are exposed to potential scams every time we check our email. These scams often offer large sums of money in exchange for assistance in moving money from a foreign country to the United States, notification of a lottery winning, notification of an inheritance or something similar. The scammers are seeking personal information so they can empty the victim's bank account.

The simple solution to protect yourself from an internet or email scam is to never give personal information to anyone you don't know. Other solutions, like firewalls and updates, will help protect you from other types of scams.

Hebe Fountain
Placed in Eagles Park

On a misty day in September a large crowd gathered in Eagles Park for the dedication of a new fountain, graced by a beautiful bronze statue of a drinking fountain with the statue of Hebe.

The original Hebe fountain was a joint project of 1895 Mental Culture Club, now known as the R.W. Woman's Club, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The fountain stood in the intersection of Main and Third streets and provided water for horse and humans. In 1912 a team of runaway horses knocked the fountain which was never repaired and evaporated.

As part of the 2002 historic restoration in downtown Roseburg, it was determined the newly renovated fountain would be an appropriate site for a new fountain. Many volunteers and donors worked for more than five years contributing toward the project to replace the Hebe fountain. The new drinking fountain provides water for humans and dogs was dedicated.
Roseburg Participates in Community Rating System Program

Since October 1994, the City of Roseburg has voluntarily participated in the Community Rating System (CRS) as a member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Goals of CRS are to reduce flood losses, facilitate accurate insurance rating and promote the availability of flood insurance. CRS provides incentives to communities which go above minimum floodplain management requirements to establish measures to reduce flooding. The program provides incentives in the form of insurance premium discounts for citizens.

In order to qualify for the CRS, the community must be in full compliance with NFIP regulations and be in the regular phase of the program. No communities within the emergency phase of the program are eligible.

Cities such as Roseburg enter the program as a Class 10 community; this involves no discount in premiums. The program provides 10 levels of discounts. For every improvement of Class rating, premiums decrease by 5%. Class 1 requires the most credit points and results in a 45% premium reduction for citizens. Currently, Roseburg citizens enjoy a 10% discount from a Class 8 rating.

Eighteen activities are recognized as measures to eliminate exposure to flood losses. Each activity a City accomplishes compiles credit points toward lowering the rating. Four main categories are: Public Information, Mapping and Regulation, Flood Damage Reduction and Flood Preparedness.

Roseburg is represented by FEMA Region X in Bothell, Washington. Region X verifies implementation and sets the CRS classification based upon the credit points Roseburg compiled. These credit points are verified annually. Classification determines the premium discount for policyholders who purchase flood insurance. 

Premium discounts ranging from 5 percent to a maximum of 45 percent will be applied to every policy written in a community as recognition of the floodplain management activities instituted.

Certain activities that are credited under the CRS provide direct benefit to agents writing flood insurance. All CRS communities must maintain completed FEMA elevation and flood-proofing certificates for all new and substantially improved construction within the Special Flood Hazard Area after the date of application for CRS classification. Certificates for many homes within Roseburg city limits are available upon request. Therefore, in writing a policy, an agent may request these certificates from any CRS community or from the FEMA Map Service Center website. Information from Roseburg's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) is available, including flood risk zone and base flood elevation for properties within the city limits.

Citizens are encouraged to contact Teresa Clemmons, CPF (Certified Floodplain Manager), Roseburg Community Development Department 541-440-1177 if they have questions regarding floodplain regulations within the City of Roseburg.

New Planning Application Forms

If you've recently visited Community Development to file a land use application you probably noticed a change. In a continuing effort to upgrade and simplify the review process, Community Development introduced all new land use application forms. Instead of an application form for each case type, there is now a single application, along with an overall submittal checklist, an overview of the process, then separate explanations for each case type. These forms should make it easier for an applicant to put together their submittal request, as well as enhance evaluation of a project. In addition to being available from Community Development, these forms can be found on the City's web page under Community Development/Planning/Permits and Forms.

Another change is the updated Site Plan Review Applications. In July 2007, the Douglas County Building Division took over the City's building permit process. However, Community Development and other City departments still review all new construction for compliance with City standards prior to the proposal being submitted to the County. There are two separate forms, the first for one- and two-family residences; all other development proposals (three or more residential units, commercial, industrial, institutional, etc.) are covered by the second application. Like the land use application, these forms can be accessed through the City's web page or by visiting the Community Development Department.

Transient Room (Hotel / Motel) Taxes

The room tax levied on hotel/motel rooms in the Roseburg city limits has been historically a tax that has been used for economic development under the recommendations of the Roseburg's economic development and Convention Commission. This helps keep the Commission up-to-date with the needs of the community. Those uses are basically for out-of-area marketing and capital improvements.
The houses have been removed. The ground has been cleared and graded. The site of the new Public Safety Center at the corner of Douglas Avenue and Stephens Street is ready for action.

In as little as four weeks, visitors to downtown Roseburg will begin to see activity at the site as the final phase of construction gets underway. This final phase involves construction of the combined fire and police station. The 40,000 square foot building will replace both Fire Station #1, located on Rose Street, and the police station, currently located on Jackson Street. The new building will house public meeting rooms and the City's new Emergency Operations Center. The façade has been designed with a historic theme intended to enhance this entrance to Roseburg's vibrant downtown area.

Bids for the project were opened January 29th and will be presented to Council at their February 11th regular meeting. Once the contract is awarded, the action can start within a few weeks. Project completion is scheduled for the summer of 2009. Progress reports and photos will be available on the City's website at www.cityofrosegren.org.

ROSEBURG RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Spring will be here soon; below is a sampling of Roseburg area recreation opportunities. The Roseburg Parks and Recreation Division will be publishing a complete community recreation guide this spring. Please contact Lisa Lanza at llanza@cityofroseburg.org or 440-1188 to have your group or activity included in the spring 2008 guide.

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Softball

Joe's Golf Association  Women's Golf Association

State and Local Representatives Awarded Scholarships to Attend Conference of Senior Fire Safety

Roseburg Fire Chief Jack Cooley, along with Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) representative Judy Okulitch, Douglas County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Director Sam Liken, and Oregon Department of Human Services, Field Services Manager Carolyn Ross attended the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) conference, Remembering When: A Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults. They also receive a presentation on the "Remembering When" program to recruit fire departments in their state interested in delivering the senior program in coordination with their local DHS partners.
Planning Continues for the Waterfront Area

By Don Quan

A Riverfront Task Force Committee, consisting of twelve citizens, was formed in October 2006 to review the Riverfront Concept Plan that was prepared in June 2006. The Concept Plan, prepared under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce Riverfront Enhancement Committee, was never formally reviewed and approved by the City of Roseburg. Since there is such a strong interest in the community, an ad hoc City Manager's Waterfront Task Force Committee was formed to review the Concept Plan, for the purposes of forwarding recommendations back to the City Manager. The Waterfront Task Force Committee, co-chaired by City Councilors Susie Osborn and Dave Leonard, completed their review in December and will forward a recommendation to City Council soon. The Task Forces' highest priority is to maintain and improve current assets before adding any new assets. The second priority is to develop standards that will link the Waterfront to Downtown Roseburg. Recognizing transportation issues centered on the Highway 138 Corridor Solutions Study has the highest possible impact on the area, the Committee determined no final plan can be developed until the transportation issues are determined. The Committee is recommending the City utilize a planning firm which specializes in waterfront development and maximize private and public partnerships in developing the Waterfront area. Any Waterfront plan must be carefully integrated into the pending development of a new Bicycle Pedestrian Plan, a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan, into the existing Downtown Roseburg Plan and the pending Mill-Pine National Historic District Plan.

Bicycle ~ Pedestrian Plan Progress

The City has been awarded a grant from the State Transportation and Growth Management Program to develop a Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between neighborhoods, schools, parks, employment centers, downtown and commercial centers. Improvement of the bike and pedestrian system will increase livability with distinctive and memorable streets and pathways to make Roseburg an enjoyable, safe and friendly place in which to live, work and visit. The resulting bicycle/pedestrian facilities will reduce conflicts between travel modes and expand local transportation choices. The final plan will include revisions to the bike and pedestrian elements of the Comprehensive Plan, the Transportation System Plan and amendments to the Land Use and Development Ordinance.

Representatives of key stakeholder groups and the public will be invited to participate in development of the plan. There will also be community forums to allow public discussion of the plan as it is developed. In addition, bike and pedestrian tours will be conducted to

The Plan will:

- Develop a 20-year vision for the system
- Identify the needs of the community
- Address safety and education of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists
- Develop goals and establish policies
- Identify, assess and incorporate methods to promote exercise as a part of daily living through the bike and pedestrian system
- Consider the aesthetics of walking/bike trails
- Address maintenance responsibilities and costs
- Identify and rank improvements, including off-street connections and walkways.

In Oregon, flashing yellow left-turn arrows are becoming more and more common. Roseburg currently has two...
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A new Hillside Development Ordinance was one of the top priorities of the Community Development Department led by Fred Allen. This ordinance is an example of what can be accomplished when various entities get together to help meet the need for more hillside building sites. Others involved in creating and adopting the ordinance including Public Works, Fire and the Building Departments, along with the Planning Commission, consultants, committees, members of the public and the City Council. Planning also continues for the waterfront area. The Waterfront Task Force Committee recommended that the City utilize a planning firm to help maintain the beauty and value of the area while improving and developing it for the future. A careful plan needs to be created that will link the waterfront area with downtown Roseburg while also taking into account the transportation issues centered on the Highway 138 Corridor Solutions Study and other developments that may affect the area. Additionally, the Department has upgraded and simplified land use applications as well as building permits. Both of these forms can now be accessed through the City's web page or by visiting the Community Development Department.

Because of the resignation of Clay Baumgartner who left to take a position with UCC, the Public Works Department was headed by Interim Director Dave Wright and Acting Director Nikki Messenger. The Parks and Golf Division, through a funding partnership involving the City, Douglas County, Roseburg School District and the Roseburg Soccer Association, added 130 new parking spaces at Fir Grove Park. They also facilitated an update to the Parks Master Plan which will serve as a guide for future development and improvements of park lands. Four focus groups made up of diverse community members met multiple times to provide input. Improvements were also made at the Stewart Park Golf Course. A new Greenskeeper was hired and construction was completed to replace the dilapidated restrooms that were removed from the 7th tee.

The City also completed a major expansion of the airport in developing the north apron hangar area. A consultant has been hired to perform an audit of the project which would identify any existing deficiencies as well as providing insight in how to prevent these from occurring in the future. Staff, engineering consultants and the contractors will continue to work toward resolving any remaining issues. The Roseburg Air Show continues to grow every year with more planes, more participants and more spectators.

A major accomplishment of the Water Division was the acquisition of the Dixonville Water Association which will give the City greater control over the water system as the industrial lands toward the east are redeveloped. The City replaced 2200 linear feet of undersized storm mains on El Dorado Court and Calkins Street, an area that had experienced localized flooding on a fairly regular basis. Perhaps most visible to the public are transportation improvements. The South Stephens project, which includes improvement to sidewalks, streetlights, traffic control and paving should be completed in February. Another phase of the Downtown Street Lighting Project was finished with antique themed street lights installed on Jackson Street from Oak to Lane. Lastly, construction of the Public Safety Center has begun with completion of site grading. Bids for the building construction will be opened on January 29. Construction is expected to begin in the spring and be completed in 2009.

With all the accomplishments of this past year, 2008 should bring even more changes and improvements to our City. Topping the list is the return this month of City Manager Eric Swanson who has spent the past four months serving in Iraq. We owe a big thanks to Sheila Cox who has done an outstanding job stepping in for Eric during this time as Interim City Manager and to Debi Davidson who filled Sheila's role as City Recorder.

Costco still has plans to come to our community. While current proposals focus on the previous location of Perry's Electric, we're looking forward to a working cooperation between the country, the city, and possibly ODOT to make this a reality as the project progresses. Tied in with the completion of the City's Residential and Commercial Buildable Lands Inventory, Housing Needs Assessment and the Economic Analysis of the City is the expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary. A citizen review committee will assist the City Council in determining boundary expansions in order to provide the 1,200 acres that will be needed by 2020. This year we will also be reviewing and updating the Transportation Plan in conjunction with improvements to the bicycle pedestrian system.

The City has been awarded a grant from the Department of Transportation to provide bike pedestrian facilities, and will work with the Public Safety Center and other entities to provide the best possible design. In addition, bike and pedestrian tours will take to assess how we can best meet the needs and interests of the community. Working with the Roseburg School District, the City expects to complete the third phase of the Safe Routes to School grant initially for Jo Lane Middle School. A grant for the fourth phase will help fund construction of sidewalk along Vine Street from Alameda to Meadow Streets.

additional projects for 2008 include hiring a Public Works Director and establishing the red light enforcement to help make our streets safer. And finally, we will continue with the Highway Study. Community discussions have identified the need to develop a Diamond Lake Boulevard Land Use Development Corridor Plan. Because the area is for development and redevelopment, careful planning needs to occur before development can proceed.

As you can see, our City has accomplished much this past year, but much lies ahead if we are to continue moving forward and ensure that Roseburg remains the best small town in Oregon; a town with a rich heritage and character while providing future needs of all citizens.
ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the first six months of calendar year 2007.

**Ordinance No. 3271**: "An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation of 0.46 Acres of Property Located Southerly of and Adjacent to Housley Avenue, East of NE Stephens Street, Having a Street Address of 425 NE Housley Avenue, Further Described as Tax Lot 5500, Township 27 South, Range 06 West, Williamette Meridian, Section 1DD and Known as the Farmer Property; Withdrawing Property From Douglas County Fire District 2; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State," adopted July 9, 2007.

**Ordinance No. 3272**: Not adopted. Reassigned Number 3274.

**Ordinance No. 3273**: "An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of NE Malheur Avenue Between NE Erie Street and NE Fulton Street in the City of Roseburg," adopted August 13, 2007.

**Ordinance No. 3274**: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 Adding to Section 1.090, Amending Chapter 2, Section 2.3.075, Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3.1.080.3, Article 35, Section 3.35.210.2 and Section 3.35.700, of the City of Roseburg Land Use and Development Ordinance No. 2981 as Amended Regarding Hillside Development," adopted August 13, 2007.


**Resolution No. 2007-24**: "A Resolution Declaring a Portion of a City-Owned Property to be Excess to the City Needs and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed Transferring the Property to Oregon Department of Transportation in Exchange for a Parcel of Property Owned by ODOT that is of the Same Size and Value," adopted December 10, 2007.

Complete copies of or more information regarding City Ordinances and Resolutions are available at the City Hall.
Facility Improvements in Parks

The City is scheduling facility improvements at various parks based on recommendations from the city-wide facility assessment completed last winter. These improvements will address many of the aging structures within our parks system.

Stewart Park Golf Course will have many upgrades to the pro-shop and cart barns. This includes new roofing, gutters and facia work, exterior painting, interior painting and floor coverings. Cart barn overhead doors will be repaired or replaced and electrical updates will be done throughout all structures. The aging restroom located on the golf course by the #7 tee was recently replaced with a new structure built of block with a metal roof that will last for many years into the future.

Gaddis Park will see projects that include new roofing, new restroom doors and toilets, exterior painting and new dugouts. The scorer's booths and concession rollup doors will also be repaired.

Stewart Park will gain some green space with the removal of several old structures that have been unused and are in disrepair. This includes the old restroom and former pro-shop buildings near the Half Shell and a restroom structure at Fir Grove behind the theater building.

Calendar of City Meetings

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

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

Citizen's Guide to City Council Meetings

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

Citizens attending Council meetings may speak on any item on the agenda, unless the item is the subject of an executive session or a public hearing where comments were taken and the heart 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 shall be provided if you are submitting handouts to Council.

Time is set aside for Public Participation toward the beginning of each meeting. At this time, anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items of interest not included in the agenda may do so for 6 minutes. The person addressing the Council shall, when recognized, give his/her name and address for the record, including whether or not they are a resident of the City. 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.

City Council and Planning Commission meetings are recorded on DVD, televised live over Char Communications Channel 19 (will soon have replays) and may be viewed on our website. Audiotapes are taken for all other public meetings. Written minutes, not verbatim transcripts, are available on our website.