Greetings Fellow Citizens!

We are pleased to send you this newsletter which will help to keep you informed as to what is happening within our town. Our City Staff has been extremely busy working on various projects and is committed to providing the best possible service for all of us, so when you see a City employee, please take the time to thank them for their hard work.

We are currently involved with many projects to enhance our community. If you haven’t had the chance to drive by and see the new community park, make sure you do. The official grand opening is July 30th & we invite you to celebrate the moment with us. The Council Chambers are now remodeled and more “user-friendly.” Please feel free to attend any Council meeting; your input and suggestions are always welcomed. Also soon to begin is the construction of a new bridge at Stewart Parkway over Interstate 5. This will provide safer driving for all by eliminating the sharp turns. And finally, you will notice in this newsletter there are many streets scheduled for overlays and slurry seals this summer. A list of streets is printed for your convenience.

Enjoy your reading and have a wonderful and safe summer.

Mayor, Larry Rich

“BLAST” WALKING TOUR

This photograph was taken August 8, 1959, one day after the Roseburg “Blast” (an explosion of a parked truck loaded with dynamite that was accidentally ignited). Many city residents vividly remember that day. Most buildings in downtown Roseburg looked similar to this photo. Some were completely destroyed. Not only did the explosion destroy over $10 million worth of property, fourteen people lost their lives in that catastrophic event and many more were injured.

The City’s Community Development Department is continuing to work on a Walking Tour-Education Project that we hope will give visitors and residents alike a perspective on the heroism and fortitude of this City’s residents during that devastating era. A walk through Downtown Roseburg today would never reveal the tragedy and immense work taken on to restore downtown to the business center that it is now.

Walking tour brochures are in the production stage. The brochure will be an 11” x 16” four color process information sheet and walking tour map including historic photos, historic maps produced by the City of Roseburg immediately after the Blast, reflections from City residents and a memorial tribute to those who lost their lives August 7, 1959. The production time goal is September 2001.

If you would like any more information regarding this project, please call Community Planner Kathy Marx at 440-1177.

Does this building look familiar?...
The City Hall Council Chamber remodel is now complete! This room is used to hold City Council and Planning Commission meetings, in addition to Municipal Court and various other public meetings. The position of the new Council bench, staff table and presenter tables have been adjusted to create a more audience-friendly environment. The upgrade include new audience seating, flooring, paint and wall coverings, as well as new audio and lighting equipment. Thank you to all the patient people who were inconvenienced during this construction. If you've never been to the Chambers, you're encouraged to come check it out. Council meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of the month.
CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Each year, the City Council adopts goals for the ensuing year. These goals provide direction as to where City resources and efforts will be focused for the next 12-18 months. The Staff then prepares a work plan that will ensure progress towards achieving the goals. Listed below are the four goals adopted by the Council in May, along with some of the accompanying work plan items.

**IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF MASTER PLANS**

- **Downtown Master Plan**
  - Install various streetscape items in core area, including benches, tree grates, trash receptacles, etc.
  - Design additional blocks for new street lighting and develop a partnership for financing the improvements.

- **Facilities Master Plan Update**

- **Fire Station I Relocation**
  - Master plan study
  - Purchase property as soon as possible after study completion.

- **Parks Master Plan.**
  - Construct newly designed Eagle Park
  - Design and reconstruct Eastwood Park
  - Relocate baseball fields from Fir Grove to Sunshine Park
  - Begin Fir Grove design, including addition of soccer fields.

- **Public Works Shop Relocation**

- **Urban Renewal Plan**
  - Vine Street which also includes a portion of the Storm Drain Master Plan
  - Purchase approved properties in Urban Renewal District

- **Water**
  - Construct 16-inch and 12-inch transmission lines on Jackson, Court and Rose Streets

- **Outline a plan for the future growth of the City, including prioritizing areas for annexation and identifying infrastructure upgrades necessary to encourage growth and industry.**

**ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Continue involvement with Chamber of Commerce Telecommunications Task Force.
- Continue participation with the Umpqua Economic Development Partnership.
- Keep working relationships with other various organizations involved with economic development efforts.

**SUPPORT COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Afford training opportunities to all employees that will result in better service delivery.
- Enhance City services with technology where appropriate, both internally and with the public.

**IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND OTHER AGENCIES**

- Staff will meet with other state and local agencies to discuss issues of mutual interest. Agencies include but are not limited to ODOT, Douglas County, School District, Oregon Economic Development, Douglas County Fire District No. 2.
- Continue publication of the semiannual City Connection.
The City of Roseburg invites you to the dedication of Sunshine Park on July 30th at 5:30 p.m. The new park is located on east Diamond Lake Highway.

It has been over 40 years since the last large community park was constructed. Sunshine Park is still under construction, but when finished, the 90-acre park will contain three softball fields, two hardball diamonds, concession stands, picnic shelters, trails, natural areas and other amenities.

It was through the passage of a bond measure that Sunshine Park was made possible. The City encourages you to attend this dedication. If possible, please carpool with friends as parking is limited.

NAME THE PARK CONTEST WINNERS!

The Parks Department held a contest to name the new Community Park located on the North Umpqua Highway and Sunshine Road. The 90-acre park contains three full sized softball fields, two hardball diamonds, concession stand, children's play structure, two picnic pavilions, trails and natural open space.

Local merchants donated a number of great prizes for the contest. Prizes included a $500 savings bond from Umpqua Bank, an Easton softball bat from the Put On, a Trevor Hoffman autographed baseball from the San Diego Padres, City logo softballs and hardballs from the City of Roseburg and gift certificates from Northwest Outdoors, Bi-Mart, Fred Meyer and Big 5 Sporting Goods.

Entry forms were placed at all of the businesses that sponsored the contest, and forms were provided to the Roseburg School District for distribution to their elementary schools. The City received a total of 739 entries with 510 different names.

The winning name of SUNSHINE PARK was selected by City Council. Caitlyn Clack of Myrtle Creek submitted the winning entry and was the Grand Prizewinner. Other major prizewinners, chosen through a random drawing, include Kyle Richardson, Robyn Gwaltney, Douglas Wells, Patti Von Drasek, Angelina Marez and Jody Messmer.

The following were winners of the City logo softballs and hardballs: Diana Larson, Jeffery Freeman, Joyce Louche, Mary Brown, Paula Jackson, Aaron Links, Nancy Yancey, Kristy Westbrooks, Calvin Peterson, Toby Notenboom, Del McKay, James Jalaty, Coeli O'Reilly, Elta Fite, Dawn Jarvis, Michelle Drivon, Leila Hieblein, Leola Hamilton and Cassie Kammerman.
Stewart Park

BRIEF HISTORY

Stewart Park was dedicated to the citizens of Roseburg at a ceremony held at the newly completed Legion baseball field on August 13, 1958. The park was named Stewart Park honoring Dr. Earle B. Stewart. Dr. Stewart was a member of a local citizens group that helped convince the U.S. Government to select Roseburg as the site for the Northwest National Soldiers Home. Dr. Stewart gave more than 50 years of medical and civic service to the Roseburg community.

The park was part of an original 400-acre tract of land that was donated to the Federal Government by the City of Roseburg for the establishment of the Northwest National Soldiers Home in 1931. The original 400 acres were secured through a bond levy passed by Roseburg voters on November 3, 1930. The 168 acres was declared surplus by the Federal Government and returned to the City of Roseburg in 1965.

The dedication included a baseball game between the Roseburg’s Lockwood Motors American Legion Junior Baseball Team and the Eugene Connie Mack Team. Roseburg won the game 1-0. Also included in the dedication ceremony was the donation of the steam locomotive number 1229 by Southern Pacific Railroad. The locomotive was used primarily as a yard engine and built by the Lima Locomotive Company in 1914 and is still on display at Stewart Park.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Recently there have been questions regarding how the Police Department enforces school bus laws. To resolve any confusion over the specific elements of the law, Oregon Revised Statute 811.157 states:

1) A driver commits the offense of failure to stop for bus safety lights if the driver meets or overtakes from either direction any vehicle that is stopped on a roadway and there is red road bus safety lights described under ORS 816.260 and the driver does not:
   (a) Stop before reaching the vehicle; and
   (b) Remain standing until the bus safety lights are no longer operating.

2) The following apply to the offense described in this section:
   (a) The offense described in this section does not apply if the vehicle operating the bus safety light is not permitted under ORS 816.350 and 816.306 to operate red bus safety lights.
   (b) A driver need not comply with this section if the vehicle operating red bus safety lights is stopped on a different roadway.

3) The offense described in this section, failure to stop for bus safety lights, is a Class A traffic violation.

The current law defines a school bus as a motor vehicle used to transport children to or from school. The law also defines a school bus stop as a place where a stop sign is placed to alert other drivers to slow down and be prepared to stop for a school bus.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM

Currently, there are fourteen Hazardous Materials Teams located in a different county. Roseburg Fire Department, Douglas County Fire District 2 and Ton Dillard Fire District V (M602) contract with the State of Oregon to provide personnel on a 24-hour on-call basis. Two to eight team members respond throughout Douglas County in a specially equipped truck. They control the release of hazardous materials and minimize any associated dangers, insuring the protection of life, property and the environment.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) provides state of the art equipment, vehicle, training and cost recovery for the teams. Eighteen personnel from the agencies attended over 200 hours of training before becoming team members. Additional personnel, as a benefit to local departments, have been trained by the State to be used as future team member replacements.

Over the years, the OSFM Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team has compiled extensive data on hazardous materials incidents, which exceed the resources of local jurisdictions. Often these incidents involve dangerous chemicals that can only be controlled using specialized equipment and advanced training. When a hazardous materials incident occurs, the local fire department is notified first. If they determine the incident exceeds their resources, they contact the OSFM regional hazardous material response team through the Oregon Emergency Response System.

The OSFM’s Hazardous Materials Response Team is primarily funded through petroleum tankers and monies the OSFM recovers from those responsible for incidents.

The program was developed to provide hazardous materials response in the areas of the state where local fire departments did not have the financial and personnel resources needed to meet the strict federal training and equipment regulations for hazardous materials response that came about in the late 1980’s. The program is a successful regional hazardous material system in the nation, and it is successfully run by many other states.
**2001 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECTS**

As part of the City of Roseburg's Pavement Management Program, sixty-nine streets will be getting "facelifts" this summer. The Public Works Department has been working closely with the City's pavement consultant to try and provide the most cost-effective pavement management program possible. The goal of this program is to preserve existing streets within the City efficiently and economically.

The City uses three methods of pavement preservation. They are overlays, slurry seals and chip seals. An overlay is the addition of 1-1/2 to 2-1/2" of asphalt over an existing paved surface. A slurry seal is a very thin layer of aggregate with an asphalt emulsion applied to a paved surface. A chip seal is a layer of asphalt liquid that is applied and then covered with rock to form a new surface. Overlays and slurry seals are used primarily as preventative maintenance to prolong the life of the paved surface. Chip seals are used both for pavement longevity and to upgrade gravel sections. The degree of deterioration of a given street is evaluated to determine the method used.

This year's program will focus on overlays and slurry seals. The following streets are scheduled for work this summer.

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Notice will generally be given to affected residents a day or two in advance. At that time, a door-hanger will be left indicating that all vehicles need to be removed from a section of street for a given amount of time. Residents whose streets are affected may be asked to park in their driveways down the street and walk to their house for one day. Cooperation in this process is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

**STEWART PARKWAY OVERCROSSING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The City is excited about the upcoming construction of a new bridge at Stewart Parkway over Interstate 5. After years of planning, construction will begin this summer. The new bridge will be located just north of the existing bridge and will have a straighter alignment to eliminate the sharp turns on the approaches. The bridge will be wider than the existing bridge and will have four vehicle travel lanes with bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. The contractor has begun installing erosion control measures and will be gearing up for construction, which is expected to take about two years. During a majority of the project, the old bridge will remain open to allow traffic to be maintained through the area. Please use caution when driving through the work zone.
ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the first six months of fiscal year 2001/2002.

“ORDINANCE”: A written directive or act of a governing body. Ordinances have the full effect of law within the local government’s jurisdiction, provided that they are in accordance with 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. 3091: “An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Flint Street, Roach Avenue and an Alleyway In Block 9 Hamilton Addition to the City of Roseburg”, adopted March 26, 2001.


“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 instance, 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. 2001-6: “A Resolution Authorizing the City of Roseburg to Participate in Either a Local Government Rate Pool or the State and Community Colleges Rate Pool for the Purpose of Stabilizing Employer Rates with the Public Employees Retirement System”, adopted April 23, 2001.


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 1405 472-7701, extension 219 or requested via e-mail sent to scoa@city.roseburg.or.us

SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

As summer sales and special events occur around town, businesses want to let customers know what’s going on. Unfortunately, many signs end up placed in the public right-of-way. If a sign is placed on a public street or anywhere it may interfere with vehicle or pedestrian traffic. No business owner should place a sign on the sidewalk that would force walkers or disabled people to use the street for passage. Signs placed in plasters along driveways can also interfere with clear vision at intersections. Please be considerate of others by not placing signs in public right-of-way.

One exception to the prohibition on signs in the right-of-way is downtown. Businesses fronting Jackson Street within the Central Business District (CBD) are allowed to place one portable sign on right-of-way. Work is currently underway to extend this exception throughout the CBD. Sign permits are required prior to placement and signs must meet standards set out in the sign ordinance. That section defines portable signs as "A portable sign is any sign or advertising device, which rests on the ground and is not designed to be permanently attached to a building or permanently anchored to the ground. This does not include temporary banners, posters and similar signs made of non-permanent materials."

Portable signs are limited to a maximum height of 4 feet and maximum width of 2 feet and cannot be lighted. Although portable, the signs are to be built of durable materials and must be maintained regularly.

Portable signs are to be used only during business hours. The Angels in the Attic sign shown here is a prime example of a portable sign that is placed on the sidewalk during business hours and maintains clear and safe pedestrian passage.
CLEAN UMPQUA
PROJECT UNDERWAY

The Clean Umpqua Project (Clean UP) encompasses a multi-agency endeavor to educate citizens and business owners within the Roseburg Urban Growth Boundary on how to reduce toxic uses and dispose of waste properly. The project goal is to reduce the amount of toxics that enter the Umpqua Rivers through educational efforts and voluntary actions. Participants on the project team include the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Douglas County Public Works, Douglas County Health Department, City of Roseburg Public Works, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority, OMI Inc., and Umpqua Basin Watershed Council. Highlights of the program will include the Hazardous Waste Disposal Day in October for households, an informational program for businesses, the River Rangers program for area students and presentations to various service and professional groups.

During this project, David Livengood of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality will be scheduling meetings with as many Roseburg businesses as possible. Mr. Livengood’s role will be to provide technical assistance to help each business evaluate its use of toxics and methods of waste disposal. David will be able to answer many questions business owners may have and offer useful alternatives to the more polluting toxics.

As part of the household educational effort, Randy Turner of OMI Inc. will be visiting local fourth grade classes to share information and helpful hints through the “River Rangers” program. The program includes handouts and activities for identifying pollutants in the home. Other tips that will be made available through the household outreach program will include tips for fertilizers and lawn care products that are safe for the animals and how to properly dispose of household chemicals, from cleaners to oils to paints.

The North and South Umpqua Rivers are important to our quality of life. They provide drinking water, beautiful scenery and recreational opportunities for boaters, fishermen, swimmers and birdwatchers and are essential to our local ecosystem. Help us keep them clean. For more information about Clean UP, please contact Debra at OMI Inc., at 673-6570 or omiros@rose.net.

WEED ABATEMENT

Weed abatement season is here. Please remember to cut down your weeds and grass. The Fire Department will again be enforcing the City of Roseburg Weed Abatement Program. In accordance with Roseburg Municipal Code, Chapter 7.04, any abnormally vegetated property that is found to exist between June 15 and September 30 on any oped or undeveloped property within the city limits of Roseburg will be considered a fire hazard, and therefore, a public nuisance to abate. The term “abnormally vegetated” includes the following:

1. Weeds, grasses or legumes above a height of twelve inches.
2. Poison oak or poison ivy.
3. Vegetation or blackberry vines that:
   A. Are a fire hazard because they are near other combustibles;
   B. Extend into a public way, or
   C. Are used for habitation by trespassers.
4. Vegetation which is a vision obstruction.

If not abated by the property owner within ten days following notice sent by the Fire Department, the City will abate such obnoxious vegetation and charge the property owner the cost of doing plus a penalty of 5% of the cost of abatement or $150.00, whichever is greater, for administrative overhead. For more information regarding the Weed Abatement Program, please contact Fire Marshal Tony DiMare at 673-4459.

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Citizens attending Council meetings may speak on any item on the agenda, unless it 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. This time, anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items of interest 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 Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action, if required, such time when they are fully informed on the matter.

Written minutes, not verbatim transcripts, and audio tapes are taken for all public meetings.