Greetings Fellow Citizens

Here it is, another great summer in the beautiful Umpqua Valley. I hope you are enjoying the summer months and the many outdoor activities and events that summer brings. There are many events to get involved with in our community, so please consider participating. Attending a Music on the Half Shell concert is a great way to spend a Tuesday evening. The concerts are still free, which is amazing considering the economic times of today. The Umpqua Discovery Days, in conjunction with the Rodeo Parade was a huge success again this year. Hopefully you had an opportunity to attend. We also entertained our Sister City friends from Shobu Japan. Our Japanese guests had a wonderful time in Roseburg. And, of course, don’t miss Graffiti Weekend which is a fun event that always draws a large crowd. Enjoy your summer and definitely get involved in the activities. You can stop by the Visitor Center for a list of all summer events.

Providing a high quality of service to our citizens, in spite of budget reductions and elimination of staff positions over the recent years, continues to be a top priority for our City. I am always impressed with the quality of work of the City employees that is still accomplished considering the number of employees that have been eliminated. I am proud of them, and I hope you are, too. Please take the time to show your appreciation and thank them for their hard work.

This newsletter will update you on what’s been happening over the past six months and what you can expect in the upcoming months. As always, give us a call at 672-7701 if you have any questions. We welcome your input. We are here to serve the community the best way we can.

Enjoy your reading and have a wonderful summer.

Mayor Larry Rich

Larry Rich
Mayor

NEW SPEED LIMITS
IN SCHOOL ZONES

Senate Bill 179, which was recently passed by the Legislature, will modify the definition of ‘School Zone’ in order to apply reduced school speed zones during all hours of the day. Speed signs will be changed to “SPEED 20 AT ALL TIMES”, if the school zone is 30 MPH or less and adjacent to school grounds. It means that the “Speed Limit 20” applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year within these school zones. This change will take effect on July 1, 2004. Currently, City staff is working on checking school zones and installing new signs to meet the effective July date. Please visit www.odot.state.or.us/traffic/ for more details. Contact Noriko Corrado, City of Roseburg Public Works Department, at 672-7701 if you have any questions.

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The City of Roseburg is home to Douglas County's first off-leash dog park. Happy Tails Dog Park was opened to the public on June 5, 2004.

The off-leash dog park idea was brought to the Parks Commission by Ms. Deidra Hemmingsway and Ms. Christy Cutting in May of last year. They suggested to the Commission that a dog park would be of great value to the residents of Roseburg and the surrounding community. The Parks Commission heard the request and agreed that the idea had merit. However, the Commission also realized that due to budget constraints the procurement of the park would have to raise the funds necessary to build the park. The Commission then requested staff to work with the volunteers to identify a location that would serve the public need.

A number of sites were brought forward for discussion, and the site that provided the greatest potential was located just south of Templin Beach Bay Launch. The area was previously cleared of heavy vegetation and seeded grass. The site provided a location that has adequate parking available, mature trees that would provide a dant shade, and is in an area that would disturb few neighbors.

The Parks Commission visited the site, approved the location and forwarded their recommendation on to the City Council for approval.

In November, the City Council acknowledged the recommendation from the Parks Commission, received public input, and approved the Templin Beach Park site for the dog park. Co-Parks Commissioner Deidra Hemmingsway reminded the dog park advocates that the City would not be allowed to provide funds towards construction of the park.

The dog park supporters began a fundraising campaign, through numerous public meetings and access to local businesses, were able to raise over $7,500. These funds were used to purchase fencing, trash containers, benches, doggie bag station, and other amenities. In addition, a metal kiosk housing the rules was constructed as an Eagle Scout project. To help maintain, a number of supporters have come forward to unteer to clean up the park once it was opened.

The park is located off of Templin Avenue and Arizona Street, Templin Beach Park. Park hours are from dawn to dusk. For contact the Parks Department at 672-7701, extension 236 for further information.

FALSE ALARM CHANGES

The Roseburg City Council recently approved a change to the current Roseburg Municipal Code involving false alarms.

"False alarm" by definition means an alarm signal that elicits an emergency response by the police, fire or emergency medical personnel, when in fact, circumstances reasonably justify such response are found not to exist at the time the alarm signal was transmitted.

Prior to the new ordinance, owners were cited into Municipal Court only after the business received five or more alarms in a 90-day period. This standard of allowing businesses multiple warnings contributed to an ever-increasing demand on emergency response calls for several reasons.

During the past five years the City of Roseburg has experienced a significant amount of growth involving new construction. Most of these new buildings have fire alarm systems installed as part of the life safety for the building. In the past few years, City of Roseburg emergency service personnel have been reduced due to budget cuts. While fire and police personnel are out of service on false alarms they are unable to respond to actual emergency service calls.

Another significant problem involving false alarms is that prior false alarms and alarm system malfunctions may reduce the positive effect of having an alarm system in the building. This further creates a problem because the occupants may not respond appropriately to the alarm notification. Numerous false alarms reduce the occupants' appropriate responses to the alarm.

Under the new regulations, repeat violators would be issued a fine for the third and each subsequent false alarm during a calendar year. Six or more false alarms would result in a fine not to exceed $1,500. Intentional violations would be treated as a crime that could carry a $5,000 fine and up to one year in jail. Two false alarms will be allowed annually without penalty.

Often while the fire department is responding to an alarm they are notified enroute that the alarm is false. Fire department personnel are still man by written policy to respond. This is to determine cause of the alarm.

Recently a high occupancy structure within the fire department while personnel enroute to a reported alarm. Fire department personnel responded and discovered there had not been a real fire.

Fire Chief Jack Coley recently noted, "Half of the department's resources are used every time the false alarm." Coley said, "By raising fines, we're doing anything most other cities in Oregon are already doing. The purpose of this ordinance is to deter property owners financially and legally responsible for their alarm systems and discouraging misuse."
TRASHING DOUGLAS COUNTY LESS BY GRASSCYCLING

Want a simple, natural approach to lawn care? Grasscycling is the practice of leaving grass clippings on your lawn. These clippings are mostly water and decompose quickly to release nutrients back into the lawn.

Grasscycling saves time - Don't Bag It!
By grasscycling, you don't have to stop your mower every 10 minutes or so to empty the bag or spend time raking cut grass off your lawn.

Grasscycling provides free fertilizer
Leaving grass clippings on your lawn can generate more than 50 percent of a lawn's fertilizer needs and can reduce the time and money spent fertilizing.

Grass clippings don't cause thatch
Thatch is not made up of grass, but of roots and rhizomes that decompose slowly. But, grass clippings decompose rapidly and help make your lawn more vigorous and durable.

Grasscycling helps keep our rivers and waterways cleaner
By grasscycling, you’re helping water quality and saving money. By using less fertilizer and fewer pesticides and herbicides, you reduce pollution of our waterways.

GRASSCYCLING HINTS

• Mow at the right height - Keep your grass to about 2 inches
• Mow lawn when grass is dry to allow better distribution of clippings and less clogging for your mower
• Mow regularly - A basic rule of thumb is to remove only 1/3 of the growth at one time. Prolonged rains sometime make it difficult to mow regularly. In these cases, raise the mower for the initial cutting and then lower it to cut again. Repeat until lawn is desired height. If you only cut once, recycle the clippings into your compost pile.
• Mow with a sharp blade - Dull blades can give the lawn a ragged appearance and increase the potential for disease
• Use a mulch mower, push mower or electric mulching mower - But, any mower in good working condition with a sharp blade can be used to grasscycle. Mulching mowers may be better than traditional mowers if you can't mow on a regular basis. Mulching mowers cut grass into finer pieces, allowing the pieces to filter down among the standing plants.
• Compost/mulch excess grass - If the lawn is too long or wet, use clippings in your compost pile or as mulch.

Contact Douglas County Waste Reduction at 541-440-4350 for information on composting and compost bins or visit www.co.douglas.or.us/recycle

Recycling is EXPANDING in Roseburg

Roseburg residents can now add a new plastic material to their recycling program and have two new convenient recycling drop-off locations to use.

Plastic film is now accepted for recycling at all disposal site recycle depots and at three Roseburg depots operated by Sunrise Enterprises. (It is not collected as part of curbside collection programs). Plastic film includes a wide array of items:

- plastic grocery bags
- plastic produce bags
- ice bags
- dry cleaner bags
- clean garbage bags (any color)
- shrink wrap
- lumber wrap (found on large bundles of lumber)

The material is generally identified with a #2 or #4 inside the recycle arrows and can be clear or colored. (It does not have to have the #2 or #4 to be accepted).

All bag and film material should be clean and empty, with bag ties and staples removed.

This program does NOT include:

- hard or rigid plastic of any kind
- bubble wrap or Styrofoam packaging
- tarp material

Plastic bags and film have become more desirable to recycle because of their use in many new products, such as the many brands of recycled plastic/wood lumber. This demonstrates the important connection between buying recycled products and our opportunity to recycle the materials used to make them.

In addition, Sunrise Enterprises has added two convenient recycle depots for public drop-off. The depots are located at 2529 W. Harvard in the Thriftyway parking lot and at 2244 NE Stephens next to Ferrengas and take most, but not all, recyclable materials.

If you have questions, please contact the Douglas County Waste Reduction Manager at 440-4350.
PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FOR SUMMER OF 2004

As part of the City of Roseburg’s Pavement Management Program, twenty streets will get “facelifts” this summer. The Public Works Department has been working closely with the City’s pavement consultant to provide the most cost-effective pavement management program possible. The goal of the program is to preserve existing streets within the City efficiently and economically.

The City of Roseburg continues to strive to provide preventative street maintenance. The following streets are expected to be overlaid in an effort to increase the life of the streets. An overlay is the addition of 1 1/2 - 2 1/4” of asphalt over an existing paved surface. The sections of roadway selected are considered based on many factors and are reviewed by the consultant. It is expected that the overlay project will be awarded in the near future with construction to begin late summer or early fall.

The contractor that is awarded the project will be responsible for notifying affected residents 24-48 hours prior to the start of the work. This should be done in the form of door hangars 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 or down the street and walk to their house for one day. Any vehicles on the street will need to be towed to allow for the work to begin. Cooperation in this process is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

Staff anticipates the final product will be a positive improvement in these neighborhoods. We expect there may be some inconvenience and do appreciate your cooperation during the construction season. If you have any question regarding this project, please contact the Public Works Department at (541) 672-7701.

The list of streets is as follows:

OVERLAYS

1. Lookingglass Rd
2. Hill Ave
3. Patricia St
4. Washington Ave
5. Main St
6. Main St
7. Main St
8. Booth Ave
9. Harvard Ave
10. Sheridan St
11. Spruce St
12. Cabrillo Ave
13. Cabrillo Ave
14. Jeffery St
15. Wannell St
16. Spray Ct
17. Harvey Ave
18. Elm St
19. Filbert Ave
20. Sharp Ave
Harvard Ave to Lorraine Ave
Estelle St to Crouch St
Black Ave to Hill Ave
Kane St to end of curb
Hawthorne Ave to Rice Ave
Rice Ave to Sanford Ave
Sanford Ave to Booth Ave
Main St to Starmer St
Stewart Place to Lookingglass
Cass Ave to Mosher Ave
Oak Ave to Lane Ave
Cul-de-sac to Jeffery St
Jeffery St to 112’ west (end of Ph 1)
Sunberry Dr to Cabrillo Ave
Beaumont Ave to Collins Ave
Keasey St to cul-de-sac
Stewart Parkway to Littlewood Ct
Filbert Ave to Sherwood Ave
Center St to Elm St
Broccoli St to Hickory St

AIRPORT FACILITY EXPANSION

The City is in the process of expanding airport facilities at Roseburg Regional Airport, with approximately ninety percent of the project financed with Federal Aviation Administration grant funds. The four-year, $8 million project is scheduled for completion in November 2005. The City purchased the Town and Country Home Park property and is currently relocating the tenants. This became the natural location to select for the expansion because of close proximity to existing facilities. The project will help all safety concerns by relocating the residents that currently reside airport activity and will provide room to meet the increasing need for hangars. Excavation, utility installation and paving will begin next year and upon completion, the site will be available for the construction of corporate, commercial and t-hangars for the aviation community. The City currently has a waiting list for hangars and forward to the expansion for pilots in the area and to those visiting Roseburg. For additional information, please call 672-7701.

STEPHENS STREET PAVING PROJECT NOTICE

One of the major Public Works projects planned for summer is an overlay of Stephens Street, between Garfield Boulevard and the Deer Creek Bridge. The estimated cost for the project will be in the range of $650,000 to $875,000, depending on construction options selected.

Most of the construction work is planned to occur at night. It is expected that construction bids will be opened in with construction completed no later than September 2004. After the construction contract is awarded, the City will provide an updated schedule to area residents.

If you have any questions, please contact Noriko Corrigan, Public Works Department, 541-672-7701.
MOTORIZED DEVICES IN PUBLIC WAYS

Many citizens have expressed concern regarding the apparent increase in motorized devices on pedestrian ways. The following explanatory information is derived from Oregon State Law:

An electric personal assistive mobility device, (Segway or similar vehicle) is defined as a device that:

1. Is self-balancing on two non-tandem wheels;
2. Is designed to transport one person in a standing position;
3. Has an electric propulsion system; and
4. Has a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour.

A motor assisted scooter (or skateboard) is defined by Oregon Statute as a device that:

1. Is designed to be operated on the ground with not more than three wheels;
2. Has handlebars and a foot support or seat for the operator’s use.

3. Can be propelled by motor or human propulsion; and
4. Is equipped with a power source that is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of greater than 24 miles per hour on level ground; and
A. If the power source is a combustion engine, has a piston or rotor displacement of 35 cubic centimeters or less regardless of the number of chambers in the power source; or
B. If the power source is electric has power output of not more than 1,000 watts.

Operators of either of the above type of vehicles must:

- be at least 16 years of age,
- must wear helmets while operating the device,
- must meet specific lighting and visibility requirements as set forth by statute,
- are exempt from licensing, registration and insurance requirements
- are allowed on sidewalks, bike paths and roadways, (under certain circumstances)

- must always yield to pedestrians on a sidewalk or bike path
- are always limited to speeds not to exceed 15 miles per hour while operating in any public right of way, premises open to the public, sidewalk, bike path, or roadway,
- must not carry passengers, or any cargo that interferes with the safe operation of the device
A motor assisted scooter may not be operated on any street where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or greater unless it is within a bike lane or crossing the road. The operator must also “walk” across a street in a crosswalk. Parents of kids who allow unsafe or unlawful operation of a motor assisted scooter may be subject to citation and fine.

These rules are covered in more detail in the Oregon Vehicle Code. There are also other specific statutes that cover the operation of these type of devices and can be found in the Oregon Vehicle Code sections 803.030, 803.305, 806.020, 807.020, 811.525, 814.470, 815.230, 815.280, 816.310 and 816.340 and 822.015.

MAIN STREET & BOOTH AVENUE

WATER MAIN INSTALLATION

Installation of 4,500 feet of 16-inch diameter wateline began this spring, with most of the construction work taking place along Main Street and Booth Avenue. The new wateline will provide the feed to a future 1,000,000-gallon tank site at the end of SE Starmer Avenue.

Construction has been complicated due to conflicts with existing utilities, including a major fiber optics line and shallow sewer mains. The new waterline, therefore, had to be installed in the street to avoid existing utilities, creating a bumpy situation for traffic due to trenching for pipe installation. Work is scheduled for completion in mid-August. The City will then have a pavement contractor place an overlay of new asphalt over the entire width and length of the work area on Main Street and Booth Avenue.

The city greatly appreciates the patience and understanding of area residents during construction. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Public Works Department at 541-672-7701, extension 236.

PROJECT LOCATION

VICINITY MAP

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INFORMATION FOR PERSONS INTERESTED IN BEING
A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OR CITY COUNCILOR
FOR THE CITY OF ROSEBURG

For the November 2, 2004 General Election, there will be vacancies in the office of Mayor and City Councilor Position Two in each of the four wards of the City. To qualify as a candidate for Mayor or City Councilor, you must be a resident of the City of Roseburg, and

1. A legal resident under the laws and constitution of the State of Oregon and a registered voter of the City of Roseburg, and
2. A resident of the City of Roseburg for one year immediately before being elected to the office you are seeking. If running for City Council, you must also be a resident of the ward you seek to represent when you are nominated and elected, and when you serve office. If you are unfamiliar with the ward boundaries, the City Recorder can assist you. You may not seek candidacy in more than one elective office.

In order for your name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for City office, you must obtain signatures from a certain number of electors supporting your candidacy. For the office of Mayor, nomination petitions must be signed by at least fifty City electors. For the office of City Councilor, nomination petitions must be signed by at least twenty City electors residing in the same ward in which you live. Nomination petitions must be filed with the City Recorder no less than seventy days before the election. Therefore, the 2004 deadline for filing petitions is Tuesday, August 24, 2004.

To file as a candidate for City office, you must complete the certain election forms and file them with the City Recorder prior to beginning your campaign. The required forms are available in the City Recorder’s Office on the 3rd floor of City Hall, 900 SE Douglas in Roseburg. For information regarding running for City office, contact City Recorder Sheila R. Cox at 541/672-7701, ext. 222.
ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the last six months of calendar year 2004.

"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. 3154: "An Ordinance Declaring the Amendment by Consent of the Property Owners of 15.00 Acres of Land Which May be Described as Township 27 South, Range 06 West, Williamette Meridian, Section 10A, Tax Lot 1400, Known as the Duane Brown Property; Withdrawing Property From Douglas County Fire District 2; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State and Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Map and Concurrent Zone Change for the 15.00 Acre Portion of the Vacant Property Known as the Duane Brown Property Located on the North Side of NW Garden Valley Boulevard," adopted April 26, 2004.


"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).


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. They are available at City Hall and on the City of Roseburg website at www.ci.roseburg.or.us. Prior to attending a meeting, you may wish to call City Hall to ensure the meeting is going to be held.

City Council Goals ~ 2004 / 2005

The City Council met twice during February and March to share their visions of Roseburg.

As a result of those efforts, the Council adopted the following:

OUR VISION
Advance our community through leadership and communication.

OUR MISSION
The City of Roseburg is dedicated to the well being of all citizens and the livability of our community.

2004-2005 GOALS
Manage growth for the benefit of the community.
Ensure adequate and stable financing of City services.
Provide infrastructure, facilities and services to meet community needs.
Ensure protection of current City assets and plan for future needs.
Support and enhance citizen participation.

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. 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.

Time is set aside for Public Participation at the beginning of each meeting. At this time, anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning matters of interest not included on the agenda may do so. The person addressing the Council shall, when recognized, give his/her name and address for the record. 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.

Audiotapes are taken for all public meetings and written minutes, not verbatim transcripts, are available on our website.

CITIZEN SUGGESTION BOX

What would YOU like to see published in the next CITY CONNECTION?

Please return suggestions to:
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