



# Tradin' Crows

November 2022 Edition



## City of Rogue River

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### City Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### City Council Meetings:

4th Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

### City Council Workshops:

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other meetings

**Mayor:** Wayne Stuart

### City Council Members:

- Sharie Davis
- Pam VanArsdale
- Rick Kempa
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

### Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirm
- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Jonna Strauss
- Debbie Kenny
- David Marshall
- Vacant

**City Administrator:** Ryan Nolan

**Chief of Police:** Jim Williams

**Public Works Director:** Michael Bollweg



## City Council Update



Mayor Wayne Stuart opened the October meeting by welcoming Pastor Rich Wheeler who delivered the Invocation then everyone proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the City councilors delivered their committee reports they dealt with the following agenda items:

- 1 The City Recorder Administered the Oath of Office to new City Councilor Sharie Davis.
- 2 Again, a continuation of a Public Hearing to hear a request from Kim & Tim Smith at 5817 Foothill Blvd, Grants Pass, to hook up to utility services within the Urban Growth Boundary and sign a Consent to Annex Agreement and Deferred Improvement Agreement to November 24th at 6:00 p.m.

3 Approved a Retainer Agreement between the City and Michael Franell, Attorney at Law, to serve as legal counsel and advisor to the City and its officials and authorized agents beginning November 1, 2022.

4 Appointed Debbie Kenny to the vacancy of Planning Commission Position No. 4 and declared a vacancy for an alternate position.

5 Approved a request from the Evans Valley Community Association to hang a Halloween Carnival banner across Depot Street for their event being held on October 29, 2022.

Due to the November holiday schedule the next City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m.



*To those in uniform serving today, those who have served in the past, those who will serve in the future, and to their families you are our Heroes.*

**WE HONOR YOU TODAY  
AND EVERY DAY!**



### An Update on last years LED Street Light Replacement Program

It's been a year since the street lights were replaced with LED lights and it appears that we have saved over 64% or an estimate of \$7,352 over the last year.

### An Update on the Water Meter and Fire Hydrant Replacement Program

We've been told that the meters have arrived at the manufacturer and are being programmed for our needs. They should be arriving at the end of November and the installers should be on site replacing and/or upgrading the meters, installing new meter boxes and setting up the radio read equipment. As for the Fire Hydrants we are still waiting for supply.

### An Update on building of the new Reservoir

We recently reviewed plans that were at 60% completion and anticipate to award the project in the early summer of 2023.



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## "Mayor's Corner"

Thank you to the Rogue River Press, City Hall and City Merchants. We had a great turn out of trick or treaters for the "Downtown Business Halloween Trick or Treat" event.

The Rogue River Community Center will have their Thanksgiving Dinner on November 18th and they ask that you RSVP by November 11th to anticipate the number of attendees. The dinner is being sponsored by an anonymous donor and Evergreen Bank and the first 100 dinners are free. And, on December 3rd they will be having their Annual Craft Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Rogue River Community Center "Christmas Project Partners," with assistance from the Tailholt Hope and Rogue River Kiwanis, are gearing up to help families in the community with Christmas Baskets. Applications will be available at the Community Center and drop off barrels will be available around town including City Hall.

To finish the season, the Rogue River Chamber of Commerce, the Live Oak Grange and the city businesses will be putting on the City's "Winter Wonderland" on Saturday, December 3rd starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Grange where dinner will be served. At 6:00 p.m. we'll then gather in the Downtown Plaza for the tree lighting and the arrival of Santa. After Santa's arrival everyone will return to the Grange for cookies, hot chocolate and seeing Santa.

*Respectfully, Mayor Wayne*



### Scheduled Events November 2022

1st	9:00 am	Safety Committee
2nd	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
3rd	9:30 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
8th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
9th	6:30 pm	Tree City Committee
<b>11th</b>	<b>Closed in OBSERVANCE of VETERANS DAY</b>	
15th	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
	3:00 pm	Police Commission
16th	10:00 am	Sign Review Board
17th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
	4:00 pm	Council Advisory Committee
	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
22nd	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
<b>24th</b>	<b>Closed in OBSERVANCE of THANKSGIVING</b>	
<b>25th</b>	<b>Closed in OBSERVANCE of THANKSGIVING</b>	
30th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Workshop
	2:00 pm	Finance Committee
December 2022		
1st	9:00 am	Personnel Committee
	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop

## PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST FROZEN & BURST PIPES



### Prepare today:

**Identify the main water shut-off** to your home or business and try it before you have to use it. There should be a valve between your building and the water meter at the street. Call City Hall if you need assistance in locating your shutoff. **DO NOT** use the City turn off valve located between the meter and street.

**Insulate pipes** in your breeze way, crawl spaces and attic. These exposed pipes are the most susceptible to freezing.

**Wrap vulnerable pipes** with heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables. Be sure to use products that are UL-approved, and follow manufacturer's instructions.

**Seal leaks** with caulk or insulation to keep cold air from coming in near pipes, especially around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes.

### IT'S LEAF PICK-UP TIME AGAIN!!!

Our Goal is to prevent leaves from entering our streets and storm drains. Why? Leaves clog our drains and cause flooding. When not removed, leaves will rot and release phosphorous into our waterways and cause dangerous algal blooms. These blooms are dangerous to fish, wildlife, and overall water health.

The City's Leaf Pick-up Program starts on November 1, 2022 and will continue through December 31, 2022.

### **REMEMBER:**

This is for **LEAVES ONLY**, no grass, pine needles, animal droppings, tree limbs, rocks or household garbage will be picked up. If you find that your leaves were not picked up it could be for one of these reasons.

The City has a new leaf vacuum and we would like to utilize it as much as possible. All piles of leaves should be in an area accessible within the reach of the 6-foot vacuum hose, but not behind fences, on the sidewalk or in the gutter. We have found that raking your leaves onto a tarp and pulling it out to the front of your property works well.

Also, WET LEAVES are hard for the vacuum to pick-up.

**DO NOT** blow the leaves into the street.

### **PLEASE DO NOT RAKE THE LEAVES INTO OPEN DITCHES!**

The City will also pick up leaves in bags. Leaf bags are available at City Hall. If you're providing your own bags please make sure they are at least 1.5-mil thick and no larger than 33-gallon in size.

A sure way to tell if the bag is the right size and not filled to full, if you cannot pick up the bag after you have filled it, it is most likely too heavy for our employees to pick up.

***This is just another attempt the City makes to keep our Storm Drains clear and flowing freely during the winter months.***