

# City of Reedsport

## NEWSLETTER

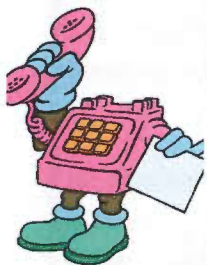
### Calling all Volunteers

Hi Folks, my name is Rich Patten. I'm one of six Reedsport City Councilors. I'd like to introduce or re-introduce you to some of the benefits of our wonderful city. First of all, I like to think we are beyond blessed to live in this area. We have the privilege of living in this magnificent and beautiful community that offers all of us an abundance of things to do. I was working here, long ago, and fell in love with everything this city and surrounding area has to offer. Having talked to many people over the years, I've asked "what brought you to this area?" and have been told "the people were so nice" and we were "visiting and just loved what we found".

Reedsport doesn't look like this without the countless hours of dedicated employees and volunteers. We have great city services which are actively being made better by the department heads and the employees. These employees and volunteers are here to assist and better their positions, constantly making changes to increase the livability of Reedsport and the surrounding area.

About the only thing I hear people wanting that we don't have is shopping in the big box stores. Think about this though, if you need to go elsewhere to shop in a big store, you will have an incredible drive and a beautiful place to come back to. We are indeed honored to live in this incredibly beautiful area and have so many things to do.

Just as a side note, I'm looking at Canadian Geese swimming in the river as I'm writing this, the same river I watched a family of otters playing in a couple of hours ago. Regardless of whether you hunt or fish, hike, surf or have ATV's to ride on the dunes there are many opportunities to work, recreate and volunteer. Think about getting involved, the city has many programs and committees, most of which have vacancies. You'll enjoy it!



### Grateful Hearts



Greetings! I just want to take a moment to thank the many citizens who have gone out of your way to let us know you appreciate what we do. Particularly during these contentious and stressful times,

I cannot fully express how much it means to hear words of gratitude from those we serve. We have all especially enjoyed your gifts of food and drinks, both store bought and homemade!



It's also wonderful to see our canine crew acknowledged with donations to our K9 program and our animal shelter, again store bought and home-made.

All the staff at the Reedsport Police Department would like to thank you, our community, for your continued support. We appreciate your words and acts of kindness, and we ask that you continue to share that same kindness with each other.

Sincerely, Chief Matt Smart

and the RPD Family



**Project Blessing Food Pantry provides food assistance to Coastal Douglas County, and is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located at 150 S. 20th Street, Reedsport.**



# Business Improvement Grant

NOW accepted year round!

In August, the Reedsport Main Street Program Board approved the proposal to accept and award the Business Improvement Grant 356 days a year! In the past the window to apply was a short few months in the spring and the board recognizes that not everyone is thinking of improvements nor do they necessarily have the matching funds to apply for the grant. In accepting the grants year-round, this will allow business owners in our community more flexibility and a wider window of opportunity to utilize these funds. You do not have to be a member to apply for our grant.

The grant can be used for a variety of improvement projects on the interior and exterior of your business. The grant is a match of \$2500, however the board will take larger amounts into consideration. For more information, you can visit the Main Street website at <http://www.reedsportmainstreet.com/> or by stopping by City Hall and picking up an informational application packet.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers to build an inviting, warm, and livable community creating a new sense of pride and optimism about the future.

Reedsport Main Street Program meets the third Wednesday of every month at 4:30 PM. Meeting information will be posted on our Facebook page. Please join us!!



## City-Wide

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City Council Work Session	Monday	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers
City Council Regular Session	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:15 – 9:00 pm	
Traffic Court	Wednesday	9:00 am-Noon	Council Chambers
Reedsport Main Street Meeting	October 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:30 – 5:30 pm	Conference Room
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Council Chambers
	October 27 <sup>th</sup>		
City Council Work Session	Monday	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers
City Council Regular Session	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 – 9:00 pm	
General Election 2020	Tuesday	Ballots due by 8:00 pm	County Annex 680 Fir Ave
	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Traffic Court	Wednesday	9:00 am-Noon	Council Chambers
Reedsport Main Street Meeting	November 18 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 – 5:30 pm	Conference Room
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Council Chambers
	November 24 <sup>th</sup>		
Traffic Safety Committee	Tuesday	11:00 am - Noon	Conference Room
	September 8 <sup>th</sup>		
City Council Work Session	Monday	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers
City Council Regular Session	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 – 9:00 pm	
Traffic Court	Wednesday	9:00 am-Noon	Council Chambers
Reedsport Main Street Meeting	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 – 5:30 pm	Conference Room

## Senior Center Update

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the need to keep those most vulnerable safe, the Senior Center will not be accepting or providing any type of medical equipment or donations until at least January 2021. At that time the board will re-evaluate the potential health risks to those they serve.

This decision was made in an effort to limit resident exposures to bacteria, germs and anything else that could grow on surfaces and be transmitted to those receiving the items.

Monetary donations are always appreciated!



## What's happening in Reedsport?

- ♦ The Bumblebee Boat Launch has long been floating on our riverfront, but comparing it to the new and beautifully updated Rainbow Plaza, well it needed some upgrades too. Through much hard work and grant applications, our previous Main Street Coordinator secured the purchase of a kayak launch to be installed at Bumblebee. This was done in the hopes to bring more interest to our riverfront along with providing a separate and safe area for non-motorized boats to launch from. With it's location on the riverfront and the lack of parking we went one step further and secured a grant from the Oregon Marine Board to purchase the adjacent property from Fred Wahl, which we hope to develop in the coming years as paved parking for the launch.
- ♦ The "Toy Boat" or "Unger's Landing" has been under construction the last few months and I am sure there have been many thoughts floating around as to what was going on. Well, we are getting a new restaurant! "The Big Fish" will officially open their doors in the coming months for us to delight in their cuisine. They have spent a lot of time updating the little boat to breathe some life back in it. So stay tuned for it's grand opening!
- ♦ It's commonly referred to as the Dunes NRA Building here at City Hall, more commonly known as the home of the National Forest Service located at Highway 101 & 38 has been undergoing extensive renovations for over a year. Although we didn't pay for much of the work, the project was spear headed by City Staff, and boy does it look pretty inside. Hopefully as the COVID bans lift they will be able to reopen their doors to the public and you will all be able to step inside for a tour yourselves. The renovations were finished off by updated landscaping, a new parking lot and of course Smokey Bear!





- ♦ If you didn't know, that "random" wall of dirt accompanied by some concrete, surrounding most of downtown—that's our levee! With the help from a very lucrative FEMA grant we will be putting millions of dollars of work into in the next 3-5 years to bring it to the 100 year flood standards. It short that means we are preparing to keep the City as safe as we can from a catastrophic flood of significant proportions. We sincerely hope that day never comes, but with so much water around us we want to be prepared.



- ♦ An artists eye will be emerging over the coming weeks as the Mindpower Gallery in downtown Reedsport gets a new awning, window signs and some other upgrades. This will be completed with funding secured by Main Street through the Oregon Main Street Program and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The owners themselves have put a lot of time and energy into the upgrades and I am sure they are as eagers as the rest of us to see it all come together.



- ♦ With the Holiday season fast approaching you will see some beautiful winter themed banners hanging on our light poles. Just after thanks-giving the blue banners will hit the sky caressing our streets from downtown to uptown. These were purchased by donations through our Main Street Program along with the themed banners that are currently displayed. There aren't any penguins or polar bears, but if we happen to need more I'll definitely be looking into more furry friendly options for our downtown décor.
- ♦ The Reedsport Police Department is getting a new roof. Joey Booher and his team at Jack's Roofing and Gutter Service have been hard at work last week, tearing off the old and installing the new. It's looking beautiful and boy do they work quickly. The roof has been in bad shape for a few years and some strategic budgeting allowed the City to move forward with the project.
- ♦ Policing in the 21st Century—we aren't really going to get into the thick of that statement. However, I will tell you about our Police Departments new computer aided dispatch system and jail management system. Putting away the pen and paper, the system allows officers and dispatchers to easily track activity and data in the same system. This allows officers to complete their paperwork faster, keeping them on the road longer. It also brings the department up to state mandated reporting laws that will be affecting us very soon.





# Ballot Measure 10-117

Back in 2014, Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 91, which legalized personal possession of certain amounts of marijuana for people 21 years of age or older. The regulation of the sale, possession and consumption of this drug fall primarily on local governments. As a result of the legalization, the City has implemented land use regulations to accommodate the institution of dispensaries in our town.

On July 6, 2020 the Reedsport City Council passed Ordinance No. 2020-1177 establishing a tax on the sale of recreational marijuana and marijuana-infused products in the City of Reedsport. Based on the Reedsport City Charter (Section 45) in order for this tax to be fully implemented it requires ratification by voters, like any other tax in the City.

The purpose of this measure is to impose a 3% tax upon the retail or wholesale sales of marijuana and marijuana-infused products and extracts by individuals who are not registered cardholders purchasing marijuana under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

Revenues will be based on the sale of marijuana and marijuana-infused products in the City. Proceeds generated from the tax will be used to fund such things as law enforcement, park maintenance, storm water and general administration costs of the City. Below is a copy of the language that you will be asked to vote on.

## Ballot Title

**CAPTION:** Tax on Recreational Marijuana Sales in Reedsport

**QUESTION:** Shall electors impose a tax on the sale of marijuana items by recreational marijuana retailers in the City of Reedsport?

**STATEMENT:** If adopted by the voters, this measure would impose a city tax on the sales of marijuana items (including marijuana, marijuana products and marijuana extracts) by recreational marijuana retailers licensed by the Oregon liquor Control Commission and located within the City of Reedsport. The City Council would have the authority to set the amount of the tax, but under no circumstances would the tax exceed three percent of the retail sales price of a marijuana item.

The tax would be collected from consumers by recreational marijuana retailers at the point of sale. Recreational marijuana retailers would remit the tax to the City.

If approved, this city tax would be imposed in addition to any state marijuana taxes. The city tax would not be imposed on medical marijuana sales.

*Elections day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Ballots can be delivered to the drop-box at the Douglas County Courthouse Annex at 680 Fir Avenue, Reedsport, until 8:00 PM on elections nights.*



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Check us out online at [www.cityofreedsport.org](http://www.cityofreedsport.org) and like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/cityofreedsport](https://www.facebook.com/cityofreedsport) to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings in town and around.

"AARP" Food Pantry provides much needed food items to those in our community. They are located in the painted building at Henderson Park on the corner of Railroad and Greenwood. They are open on Thursday's from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Citizens must have proof of income - eligibility is based on monthly household income and number of persons in household.



## FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

### Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- ⇒ Make sure you have at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home, outside each sleeping area (in hallways) and in each bedroom.
- ⇒ Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
- ⇒ Install carbon monoxide alarms in each bedroom or within 15 feet outside each sleeping area according to manufacturer's instructions.
- ⇒ Replace carbon monoxide alarms every five years.
- ⇒ Test your alarms by pushing the test button at least once a month.
- ⇒ Clean alarms by blowing out with compressed air or vacuuming.

## Local Names and Their Origins

Gardiner—built from salvage of the *Bostonian*, shipwrecked in 1850, and named after the ship's owner.

Heceta Head—named for Spanish Captain Bruno de Hezeta in 1775. Pronounced heh-cee-ta

Loon Lake—named by explorers in 1852 who found a loon's nest with two eggs on a log floating in the lake.

Reedsport—named by Alfred W. Reed, a pioneer resident, in 1900.

Smith River—named for Jedidiah Strong Smith, western fur trader and explorer.

Siltcoos—taken from the name of Chief Tsiltcoos, meaning "Plenty Elk."

Tillicum—Chinook word meaning "friendly place."

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## Umpqua Discovery Center



### **NOW OPEN!!**

**Wednesday—Saturday**

**11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

[www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com](http://www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com)