

City of Reedsport NEWSLETTER

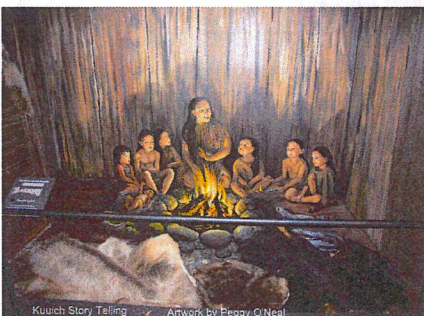
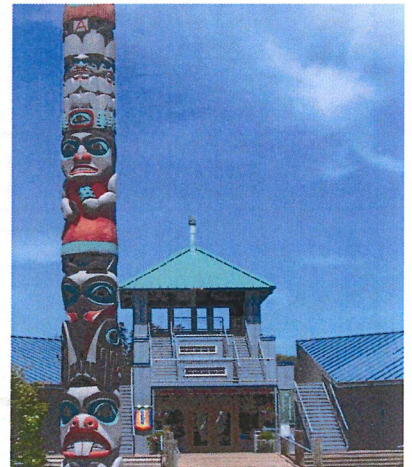
April 2021

Umpqua Discovery Center

The idea for the Umpqua Discovery Center was generated as a result of the City's efforts to revitalize the failing economy of the City of Reedsport in the 1980's. In 1985, City staff attended a conference sponsored by the Oregon State University School of Oceanography on Riverfront Revitalization. The underutilized waterfront area, which was isolated by a long dike wall built for flood protection in 1964, became the focus of a major new undertaking,

Desiring to capitalize on the beautiful Umpqua River and the surrounding area, City officials declared tourism as a target industry and made Riverfront Revitalization a priority project on their list of goals.

In 1986, a steering committee was formed from the public and private sectors of the community. The original philosophy of the Center was for it to be the center of activity that allowed for discovery and exploration of the surrounding area. The actual design of the Center is close to the design of the cannery that used to be situated on this site.



Since opening in 1993, the Center has been a hub of activity and bringing 15,000 – 20,000 visitors yearly from all over the World. The Center features two main exhibits, 'Tidewater & Time' and 'Pathways to Discovery', which showcase the area's natural and cultural history. *Visitor comments: 'Wonderful-Could spend the whole day here'—Cranbrook, BC & 'As good a museum as we've ever seen! Thanks'—London, UK.* The Center continues to collect oral histories from area residents, to preserve the past for future generations.

Over 2,000 students from area schools visit the Center each year and learn a wealth of information from their tour guides. In addition to the two exhibits, educational programs are offered such as 'Animal ID' & 'Becoming a Bear'. The Outreach Programs reach even more students. The US Forest Service and Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians also provide educational programs from tribal history to natural resources.

Over the years, the Center has hosted several events and continues to provide Outdoor Summer Concerts. In 2010, partnering with Douglas County Museum and Jim Akre, the Center produced a History Video 'Reedsport-The City on Stilts' and a book 'Images of America – Reedsport'.

The success of the Umpqua Discovery Center has been due to the vision of Reedsport citizens, the willingness of the community to support this vision, the ability to capitalize on a common interest in history and natural history, and numerous volunteer hours.

Diane Novak, Umpqua Discovery Center Director



City-Wide

M E E T I N G

Urban Renewal Budget Meeting Budget Committee Meeting	Monday April 12 th	6:00 – 6:20 pm 6:20 – 6:30 pm	Council Chambers
Budget Committee Meeting	Monday April 19 th	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers
Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Meeting	Wednesday April 21 st	9:00 am-Noon 4:30 – 5:30 pm	Council Chambers Via Zoom
Budget Committee Meeting	Monday April 26 th	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday April 27 th	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday May 3 rd	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Council Chambers
Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Meeting	Wednesday May 19 th	9:00 am-Noon 4:30 – 5:30 pm	Council Chambers Via Zoom
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday May 25 th	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers
City Council Work Session Urban Renewal Agency Meeting City Council Regular Session	Monday June 7 th	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 7:15 pm 7:15 – 9:00 pm	Council Chambers
Traffic Safety Committee	Tuesday June 8 th	11:00 - Noon	Council Chambers
Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Meeting	Wednesday June 16 th	9:00 am-Noon 4:30 – 5:30 pm	Council Chambers Via Zoom
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday June 22 nd	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers

Order Your Engraved Brick Today!

Your brick purchase will help the Reedsport Main Street Program in more ways than one! It will help us fund the ongoing projects of the program including street banners, ornate benches and the river rock flower beds in downtown. You will also have a customized engraved brick that will be placed in downtown forever. The brick will not only enhance our sidewalk area, it allows community members the opportunity to connect with the City by memorializing family members, pets, promoting businesses, and commemorating special moments. Stop by City Hall and pick up your order form today or order online by visiting: www.polarengraving.com/reedsportmainstreet

Thank you for your continued support!



HANG UP AND DRIVE

Distracted Driving in Oregon

- ⇒ "Distracted Driving" is a dangerous behavior for drivers, passengers, and non-occupants alike. Distraction is a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention from the driving task to focus on some other activity instead (per NHTSA).
- ⇒ From 2014-2018 there were 13,603 fatal and injury crashes resulting in 137 fatalities and 20,992 injuries caused by crashes involving a **distracted driver** in Oregon (**all ages**).
- ⇒ 2014-2018 There were 1,193 fatal and injury crashes involving a driver (**all ages**) reported to have been **using a cell phone** at the time of the crash: 18 fatalities and 1,752 people injured.
- ⇒ 2014-2018 There were 124 fatal and injury crashes involving a driver age **16-18** reported to have been **using a cell phone** at the time of the crash.
- ⇒ 2014-2018 There were 65,138 **convictions** for this offense.
- ⇒ Distracted driving occurs when a driver voluntarily diverts attention to something not related to driving that uses the driver's eyes, ears, or hands. This includes visual, auditory, manual and cognitive distractions.



Brought to you by the Reedsport P.D.



Memorial Day Events

The Reedsport Memorial Day Parade Committee has always appreciated the participation of the community in our annual “A Salute in Remembrance” on Memorial Day Weekend. Last year’s event was cancelled due to concerns regarding the pandemic. In 2021 we are starting over with a smaller more local commemoration that honors the “fallen” in all our nation’s conflicts.

This year the Memorial Committee wants to extend our recognition and respect for all those that have served on the “Home Front.” This includes our Police and Fire Department and the areas health care workers, who have all worked in hazardous conditions to preserve our community, during the pandemic.

Our annual parade will be a neighborhood event, similar to the parade during the Christmas season. Local entrants will wind their way through the neighborhoods so that observers can view the parade in family sized gatherings. We ask that all participants and viewers maintain the current protocols regarding the pandemic.

The event will also be broadcast on electronic media and will focus on the displays at participating businesses. A solemn patriotic service will follow the parade at the Hahn Park War Memorial.

Local merchants have donated windows for patriotic displays made by students in our local schools, churches, social organizations, and or individuals. “A Salute in Remembrance” is the theme. Historical trivia regarding our Nation’s History will be added to the displays. A “quiz” online for students and others will be available to see what you have learned from these displays. Prizes will be offered. Displays will be up for view May 15 through June 5th.

A “Window with Stars for Our Heroes” will be made available for anyone to nominate “their Hero.” Military Heroes may be nominated from any branch of the Military, Police, Fire, First Responders and the Medical field. Let’s fill some windows!

Visit our webpage for more details
www.reedsportmemorialparade.org



Chair Jim Wells

Reedsport Memorial Day Parade Committee

SPRING PHOTO CONTEST

WHEN
APRIL 1-30TH, 2021

WHAT
Photos of nature, fishing,
kayaking, the Dunes, wildlife,
scenery, etc.

WHERE
Reedsport and the surrounding
area.

IDEAS • The residents • The citizens • The visitors
• Reedsport • Winchester Bay • Gardiner • Smith River

WWW.CITYOFFREEDSPORT.ORG

QUICK DETAILS:

ENTRIES

Email to
chafstead@cityofreedsport.org
Subject Line
"Seeing Reedsport"
Attach image files
Attach signed release

INFORMATION

Photographers name
Subject details
Location
Date/Time

Voting will be
done by the public
on social media
and you have your
chance in being
showcased on City
programs, web-
sites, and social
media.

**SEND US YOUR
PHOTOS!**

Reedsport K9 Shelter

Sweatshirts \$30

XXL \$35

**Locally
Made!!**



T-Shirts \$20

Tote Bags \$20

All proceeds go directly to the shelter!



**Available at
City Hall!!**

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event!

Safely removing hazardous products from your home is good
for human, pet and environmental health!



**Event
Date**

Saturday, May 1



**Drop off
hours**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



**7th & Fir Avenue next to Hahn Park
in Reedsport, OR**



A message from Fire Chief Tom Anderson about the upcoming 2021 fire season:

For the 9th year in a row, the Fire Department will stop issuing burn permits when Coos Forest Protective Association declares that fire season has started. This usually occurs near the end of June, depending on weather conditions. We urge residents to call the Fire Department if you want to burn prior to the start of fire season.

The reasons for this policy change are:

- * To protect the welfare of the community
- * Reduce the cost of fire operations
- * Alignment with neighboring fire protection agencies
- * To provide for firefighter safety

Warming fires, otherwise known as campfires or recreational fires, (for cooking and other non-debris burning activities on private property), are still allowed year around, (except during extreme fire danger, and do not require a permit. We ask that you burn safely and responsibly. Use clean, dry firewood, do not leave the fire unattended, put it out completely when finished, and be aware of smoke intrusion in your neighborhood, which is regulated by City Ordinance 6.08.020(1). For more information, visit www.cityofreesport.org



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I have completed my first full year here at the City and it has been a busy one! I look forward to serving the City and the citizens for many years to come. The finance department has been busy the last month compiling the proposed budget to be presented to the Council and Budget Committee. This is a detailed process and with the help of our City Manager and our Administrators we feel we have a proposed budget that will serve our community well. We have also done some front office remodeling which makes our staff more visible and available to assist with your needs. Stop in and see the finished project and say hello!

Michelle Fraley, Finance Director



Need a ride? Dial a ride

Dial A Ride is back in service. We are currently running 5 days a week and going to Coos Bay every Thursday. To schedule a ride, call 888-232-8121.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please contact Charlene Lohf at (541) 271-2100 or email her at clohf@cityofreesport.org



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451 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, OR



Check us out online at www.cityofreesport.org and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofreesport to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings in town and around.

Fundraising Effort for Reedsport K9 Shelter

The Reedsport K9 Shelter has been working with Downeyville Productions to create a new logo for the shelter and now has sweatshirts, t-shirts and tote bags for sale. All proceeds of these sales go directly to the shelter. They are available for purchase at City Hall or by contacting the shelter via email or Facebook.

Reedsport K9 Shelter operates on donations from our community and supporters. The shelter is operated under the Reedsport Police Department and ran by a group of dedicated volunteers to ensure all dogs in our facilities needs are met. The dogs are able to have "adventure days" where they go on hikes and explore with our volunteers.



The Shelter has been working with S.T.A.R.T., a rescue in California that transports dogs from overcrowded shelters to no-kill shelters along the coast to find their forever homes.

When meeting for these transports, the shelter will take as many dogs as we

have kennels for. The dogs that are available for adoption can be found on Pet Finder and our Facebook page, Reedsport K9 Shelter.

Thank you for your continued support!

Senior Center News

The Lower Umpqua Senior Center has operated out of its current location at 460 Winchester since 1989; that same year the center was incorporated as (LUCC, Inc.) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit operating under a volunteer board of directors. The board currently has five members and is always looking for additional board members and volunteers. Douglas County Housing Authority provides the land for the building, which is maintained by the City of Reedsport and LUCC, Inc.

Through Douglas County Senior Services, the Center's commercial kitchen is leased to Bateman Services to prepare and serve home-bound seniors and disabled citizen's meals three-days a week. Meals are served on Tuesdays, Thursdays' and Fridays. The meals are prepared and delivered throughout the community in two vans maintained by the nonprofit and driven by volunteers; funding is provided through grants and donations. Although the Center is currently closed, they are providing curbside pickup and delivery for those in need. If you are interested in volunteering or in need of the program please contact Karen Robertson (Douglas County Senior Services) at 541-271-6211 for information and assistance.

The program continues to seek volunteer drivers whom are willing to give 2-6 hours per week to deliver and prepare meals for citizens. Volunteers will need to complete a County volunteer application and submit to a background check.

The Center is not currently accepting equipment donations such as wheelchairs, walkers or other items due to the sanitation requirements of the pandemic. If you would like to help seniors in our area, please consider a monetary donation to help offset the fundraising deficit the pandemic has caused. All donations are tax deductible and go to help individuals right here in our community.

The Center's nonprofit board also oversees the AARP Food Pantry located in Henderson Park at 810 Greenwood Avenue. Currently the Pantry is overflowing with generations donations of non-perishable goods and the Pantry is seeking families and individuals in our community who could benefit from these generous donations. Please contact the AARP Food Pantry at 541-271-3609 for more information.