

City of Reedsport

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

New Pump Station for Forest Hills

In 2021, the City of Reedsport applied for a Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for the design, engineering, and environmental review to relocate an existing sewer force main (line) and replace the aging sewer pump station serving the Forrest Hills area. Unfortunately, that application was denied, however staff was encouraged to reapply in 2022 for the construction phase of the project.

Our persistence paid off as we were officially awarded \$2.3 million from Business Oregon for the engineering and construction costs associated with the project. The project was originally identified as a need in the 2004 Waste Water Facilities Plan completed by Brown & Caldwell Engineering and has been deferred for many years due to lack of funding. The project was originally identified as a rehabilitation project, Unfortunately with the passage of time the City is now looking at a total replacement rather than a rehabilitation project. The grant funds will cover 100% of the project costs with \$25,000 or less of City funds needed.

In the coming months staff will begin the formal process to award a contract to an engineering and construction firm. The construction aspect of the project is anticipated to begin sometime in spring 2023.



A FRESH FACE FOR FALL

The City's Finance Department is proud to introduce you to our newest team member. Stacey Riley joined the City on September 1st as our Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk.

Stacey came to the City after five years with the U.S. Postal Service. Stacey and her husband have lived in Reedsport for 18 years and have two children together. Stacey is active in the community and often volunteers her time for various organizations. In her free time she enjoys exploring the outdoors with her kids especially if it takes her to her favorite place—the Umpqua River.



City-Wide

COMMUNITY MEET & GREET CHIEF OF POLICE CANDIDATES	FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST	5:00—7:00 PM	UMPQUA DISCOVERY CENTER
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday October 25 th	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday November 7 th	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Parks & Beautification Meeting City Tree Board Meeting	Wednesday November 9 th	3:00 – 4:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED	FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 11TH	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Municipal Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Meeting	Wednesday November 16 th	9:00 am-Noon 5:30 pm	City Council Chambers Zoom & In-Person
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday November 22 nd	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY OBSERVED	THURSDAY & FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Holiday Tree Lighting Moonlight Madness	Saturday November 26th	5:00 PM TBD	Lion's Park Various
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday December 5 th	6:00-7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Parks & Beautification Meeting City Tree Board Meeting	Wednesday December 14 th	3:00 – 4:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday December 20th	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Municipal Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Meeting	Wednesday December 21 st	9:00 am-Noon 5:30 pm	City Council Chambers Zoom & In-Person
CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVED	MONDAY	DECEMBER 26TH	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Reedsport Main Street Business Improvement Grant Deadline	Friday December 30th	5:00 pm	City Hall

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Vocal Smoke Alarm

Have you ever wondered if your children or elderly parents might sleep through a smoke alarm instead of getting to safety—did you know there is a vocal smoke alarm that allows you to personalize a message during a threat to better help those in your home to get to safety?

The KidSmart Vocal Smoke Alarm among other brands lets you record a message specific to your child. Since the Vocal Smoke Alarm includes an alarm tone, a vocal message and a bright light ring that illuminates during drills and in case of an alarm, your child is three times more likely to respond.

Recording your message is easy. In addition to repeating your child's name, you can issue instructions about leaving the home in the event of a fire, reminding your child not to open a hot door or to cover their face if smoke is present. There's a fire drill button so that you and your family can practice exiting the home as you would in the event of a fire.

When purchasing a smoke alarm, a battery-operated photoelectric smoke detector, which excels in detecting slow, smoldering fires. These fires produce substantial amounts of smoke before bursting into flame.



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Introducing.....

Officer Brandon Bern

Officer Brandon Bern was sworn in as Reedsport's newest police officer at the October 3rd council meeting.

Brandon was born in Gresham and spent a few of his younger years in Sandy, before his family moved east to the small prairie town of Woodhull, Illinois. Brandon was raised around farming and construction and learned many valuable skills from his father including hard work. Aside from farming



and construction, the Bern family has a long tradition of military service, which is what ultimately led Brandon to join the law enforcement profession. Brandon said "it was engraved into my upbringing to help and serve your community as well as your neighbors to the best of your ability."

Brandon will spend many months with a senior officer in Field



Training, along with a 16-week basic police course at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem; followed by additional weeks in Field Training before being on his own.

Brandon and his family are happy to be back in Oregon and he is proud to have the opportunity to serve the great

community of Reedsport.

Brandon joined the department alongside another officer, Jacob Molano, whom you can learn more about in the January newsletter.

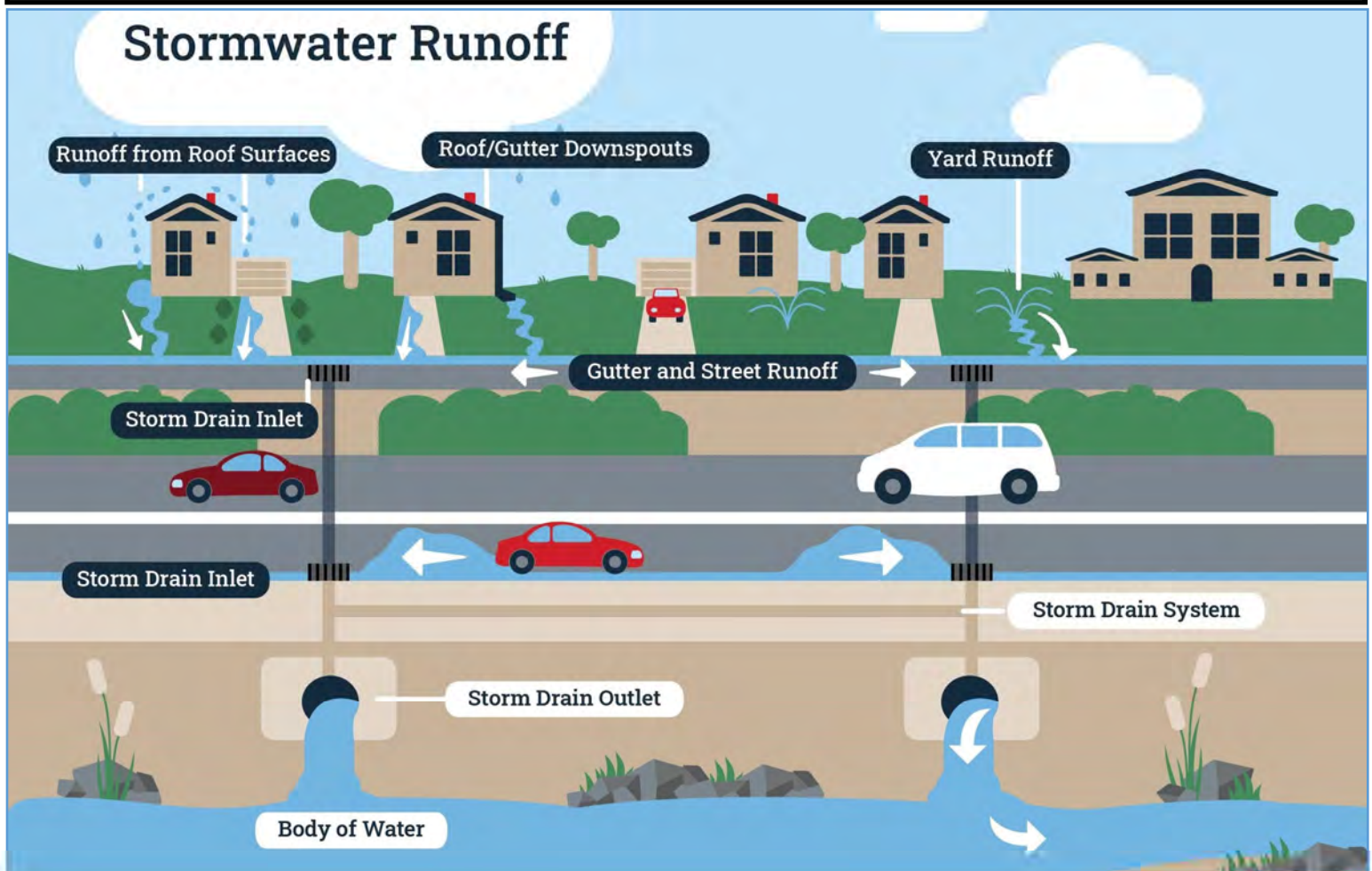


UMPQUA DISCOVERY CENTER

NOV/DEC EVENTS

- * Nov/Dec Sat&Sun: Kids Scavenger Hunt
- * Nov. 11th: Veteran's Free Admission
- * Nov. 27th—Dec. 3rd: Member Shopping Days
Members 25% off in Gift Shop
- * Nov/Dec: 'Hide&Seek' Black Bear Rocks for Gifts
- * Dec. 3rd: 'Community Appreciation Day'
Free Admission

Stormwater Runoff

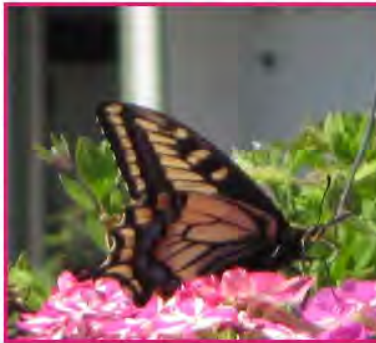


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16TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DOWNTOWN HANGING BASKETS

OLD TOWNE REEDSPORT
MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION
(OTRMA) IS NOW ACCEPTING
DONATIONS FOR THE 2023
SEASON.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
OTRMA
PO BOX 543
REEDSPORT, OR 97467



FOR PERSONAL ORDERS
PLEASE CONTACT KATHI AT
(541) 271-3044

PROJECT BLESSING FOOD PANTRY



150 S. 20TH ST IN LIONS PARK

- CONTACT-FREE INDOOR SHOPPING
- TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 1PM-3PM / FRIDAYS 11AM-1PM
- GRAB & GO WINDOW SERVICE
- FOR DELIVERY TEXT "DASH" TO 541-361-9277

Volunteer Drivers Needed

*Local seniors and those
with disabilities need
your assistance. You
can help when you
volunteer to drive
for Dial-A-Ride*

Call (541) 271-2100 for more details.

FREE!

10:30 - 11:15 AM

CHAIR YOGA

With Instructor Bonnie Veno

Lower Umpqua Senior Center
460 Winchester Avenue

2nd Tuesday of every month, beginning September 13, 2022

They're not **PETS!**

FOR YOUR **SAFETY**

- Wild animals who are fed human food may become aggressive i.e. bite, scratch or threaten humans.
- Feeding one type of animal may inadvertently attract other, not so desirable types.
- Wildlife may come into conflict with your pets.
- Wild animals may carry diseases that are harmful to people.

AND THEIR **HEALTH**

- Wild animals need nature's diet to be healthy.
- Human food is "junk food" for wildlife. Well-meant food offerings can cause disease, injury, and even death to animals.
- Wildlife may become dependent on human offerings.
- Animals you feed today may be end up as tomorrow's "pests"!



Don't harm wildlife with your kindness... help them remain healthy, safe, and free.

Help Keep our Wildlife Wild!

For more information, please contact your nearest Forestry Services District Office.

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