

# City of Reedsport

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### A Proud Past to a Promising Future

The last eighteen months was busy for city staff and myself. 2022 marked the close of my second year as City Manager and the completion of more than twenty major projects for the City of Reedsport as a community. We have several major projects lined up for the immediate future with more earmarked for 2024 and beyond. Below is a brief summary of some of those major projects.

**Levee/Dike Project:** The City has completed the Environmental Review and Pump Station upgrades for the levee grant through FEMA which is worth more than \$5,000,000. Additionally, the engineering and GeoTech analysis is currently in progress. With the help of Representative Boomer Wright, the City will be able to recuperate some of the money it has already spent on the environmental review and engineering for the project with additional grant funding from the State of Oregon. The project is anticipated to last up to three years once construction begins.

**Vacation Rental Moratorium:** Staff is working with the Planning Commission and the City Council to review the ordinance(s) governing vacation rentals in the City. This will include the detailed review of the Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory which is in the process by FCS Group out of Portland.

**Taste/Odor of City Water:** The City Council recently approved a lease agreement for the installation of an ozone treatment system that will be used during identified times of turnover in Clear Lake to potentially eliminate the taste and odor issues with the City's water. If the system is successful the Council has granted authority to purchase the system. City staff learned of this system from another small community that experiences the same issues during different times of the year.

**Street Lights:** We have been successful in getting two street lights in the Master Heights Subdivision installed and we are continuing to work with the local power company to install the appropriate transformers to power the four existing street lights in the Providence Subdivision. The needed transformer is in high demand and hard to acquire, at this time.

**Reedsport Railroad Crossing Study:** ODOT is in the process of completing the traffic study for the proposed modifications at the railroad crossing on Highway 38. This study is in response to the possible increased train traffic coming through town with the Port of Coos Bay's planned development. ODOT has identified a firm that is completing an engagement plan for community involvement which also includes a page on the City website dedicated to project updates and community involvement. You can find the page by visiting [www.cityofreedsport.org](http://www.cityofreedsport.org), clicking on Departments and then Public Works.

**Road Diet:** ODOT is working on engineering plans for the proposed construction and revisions to Highway 101 in uptown. We have been in contact with ODOT who is expecting to have the proposal complete by this spring. Additionally, ODOT has prioritized the installation of an overhead light at Winchester Avenue and allocated the money from the City for that project and will be incorporating the two additionally requested lights at 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Street into the construction project in uptown.

**Wildfire Risk Reduction:** We are currently working with CFPA to complete a defensible space survey of diseased, damaged and or dangerous trees on City property adjacent to homes, to apply for a grant through the Oregon State Fire Marshalls office. If awarded the funds will be used to increase the defensible space of City property surrounding homes that pose a risk. The City has also, recently retained Stuntzner Engineering to conduct an assessment regarding the forests specifically surrounding the water plant due to concerns of the potential devastation to our plant and the watershed itself should a wildfire occur on or adjacent to the water plant.

**Urban Renewal District Amendment:** We advertised for and received quotes from two very experienced firms to complete a substantial amendment to the Urban Renewal District Plan which will extend the district for a few additional years in order to complete aspects of the plan that have not yet been finished. This process will involve community outreach prior to adoption by the City Council.

My office door is always open and I encourage and welcome citizens' questions, concerns and or suggestions. Thank you from Deanna Schafer, City Manager.

# City-Wide

# M E E T I N G S

Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
<b>ARBOR DAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>PLANT A TREE!</b>
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday May 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Reedsport Main Street Program Open House	Friday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 – 8:00 pm	Location(s) to be announced!
Parks & Beautification Meeting	Wednesday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 – 3:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Municipal Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Program	Wednesday May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am–Noon 4:30 pm	City Council Chambers Zoom & In-Person
Reedsport 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday Clean Up	Saturday May 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Location to be announced!
Urban Renewal Budget Meeting Budget Committee Meeting	Monday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 – 6:30 pm 6:30 – 8:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CITY OFFICES CLOSED</b>
Budget Committee Meeting (Optional)	Tuesday May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00 – 8:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
City Council Work Session Urban Renewal Agency Meeting City Council Regular Session	Monday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 7:15 pm 7:15 – 9:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Parks & Beautification Meeting	Wednesday June 14 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 – 3:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
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Municipal Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Program	Wednesday June 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am–Noon 4:30 pm	City Council Chambers Zoom & In-Person
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday June 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday July 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom

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# To Serve...and Inform!

A message from the Reedsport Police Department

Greetings to all. I have been the Interim Chief of Police for almost six months now and the time has flown by much faster than I expected. There was so much for me to learn about how Reedsport Police Department delivered police services to the citizens they serve, because no two police departments will be exactly the same. There are a multitude of social and political dynamics in every community across this great country of ours that determines how the citizens of a given community and their police department interact.

Having served with the North Bend Police Department for forty-four years before retiring at the end of March 2022, after delivering police services the North Bend way. I assumed that because our two communities, being separated by a mere twenty-five miles, that I would not find that much of a difference between the two communities and their respective Police Departments. I was somewhat mistaken, but I adjusted in due time and have found the people that I work with and the citizens of Reedsport to be very proud and protective of their community and easy to work with. This venture has been a positive and memorable experience for me and I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve with this agency.

The Police Department acquired two used vehicles from Coos Bay Police Department which were unmarked vehicles used by administration and investigations. The vehicles were in good condition and should last us for a few years. One of the vehicles will have decals applied to it and will be assigned to our new School Resource Officer. The remaining vehicle will be used by agency members to attend training and/or conferences pertinent to their assigned functions at the agency.

Did I mention that we have a new School Resource Officer (SRO)? Welcome aboard to Keenan Walker, who comes to us from Florence Police Department with four years of law enforcement experience. Officer Walker is very enthusiastic about serving as the SRO for the Reedsport School System. Officer Walker is also a Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Certified Firearms Instructor which is an asset to the department. Officer Walker is also a certified armorer for Glock weapons and AR-15 rifles.



Officers' Brandon Bern (hired September 1, 2022) and Jacob Molano (hired October 3, 2022) are currently attending Police Officer Basic Training at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, located in Salem, Oregon. I have every reason to believe that they will perform well during their training and project a positive image of the Reedsport Police Department and their community.

I leave you with this thought: "Failures and mistakes are not often terminal, and can be considered a form of success . . . . IF you learn from them." ~Interim Chief Buddy Young

## We Did It!!!



An A+ for our Finance Department on receiving an unmodified opinion on the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Audit. The City's budget runs from July 1st to June 30th (of the following year). Per Oregon law the City is required to undergo a financial review (audit) and file an annual financial report to the Secretary of State Audits Division.

This was all completed while welcoming the newest member of our team—Maxine Jones joined the City in March as our Utility Billing Clerk. Max is a Florence native, a graduate of Siuslaw High School and an avid bowler.

Feel free to stop in and welcome her to the team!



More about...

## Officer Jacob Molano

Jacob Molano was born in Longview, Washington and spent most of his childhood in the Northern Washington town of Ferndale. At about 10 years old, Jacob and his family moved to Phoenix, Arizona for a few short years before moving to Florence, where Jacob has been for the last thirteen years.



When Jacob finished high school he had aspirations of becoming a music teacher which led to him volunteering with the Children's Repertoire of Oregon Workshops (C.R.O.W). C.R.O.W is a nonprofit children's theatre which gives children, ages 4-17, the opportunity to participate in musicals, plays, summer camps and many other community activities, events and projects. Jacob was able to participate as the assistant musical director which fulfilled his dream as he assisted in teaching the children their separate musical parts and with choreography.

Prior to being hired by the Reedsport Police Department, Jacob worked at Three Rivers Casino as a security officer. During those three years Jacob assisted with many medical and other situations where people needed specialized assistance. Jacob knew then that he wanted to further make an impact and help the communities he grew up.

Jacob's father is an Army veteran and although the military was not in Jacob's aspirations, he made the decision that he wanted to be a police officer. Jacob is grateful that Reedsport gave him that chance and he is more than ready to make a positive impact in our community.

Jacob joined the department alongside another officer (Brandon Bern), whom was featured in the October newsletter. Brandon and Jacob are attending a 16-week basic police academy at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem, Oregon.

## RVFD Fire Safety Tip!

Smoke detectors are the first line of defense and play a vital role detecting a fire early. It is estimated that 96% of homes have at least 1 smoke detector, while 20% of those homes have smoke detectors that don't work. Additionally, a working smoke detector can increase your chance of survival by 50%. Testing your smoke detector periodically and replacing it if it is older than 10 years after the manufacturer date, can help save lives.



The City of Reedsport would like to thank each and everyone of our volunteers for their dedication and service to our community.





Umpqua Senior Center  
**FRONT DESK  
VOLUNTEERS**

- Answering telephone calls
- Taking messages
  - Flexible hours
  - No minimum commitment
  - No experience necessary
  - Volunteer while enjoying your favorite activities
  - Monday—Friday
  - Background check required

**WE NEED  
YOU!**

460 Winchester Avenue  
Reedsport, OR 97467  
(541) 271-4884

**ADOPT  
DONATE  
VOLUNTEER**

Phone: (541) 662-2062

Email: [k9shelter@cityofreedsport.org](mailto:k9shelter@cityofreedsport.org)



**Reedsport K9 Shelter**

**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.*





# Reedsport Main Street



## Open House

**Friday, May 5, 2023**

**5:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Join us for a stroll**

### Main Street Locations

**5:30 Creative Mercantile**

**392 Fir Ave**

**6:00 Mindpower Gallery**

**417 Fir Ave**

**6:30 Driftwood Farms Yarn & Candle**

**485 Fir Ave**

**7:00 Two Shy Brewery**

**473 Fir Ave**



**Refreshments**



**Free Drawing**



**Learn more about our  
Main Street Program**

Our Reedsport Main Street Program is hosting an Open House to let our community know the projects we have accomplished and our plans for the coming year. We will be visiting some of the main street businesses and hosting Cinco de Mayo refreshments. Adult beverages will be served so adults only please. Pick up event punch card at 5:30 pm for a chance to win a complimentary beverage. Come on out and enjoy an evening learning more about our Reedsport Main Street Program.

**RSVP to Rosa Solano at 541-271-3603 ext. 1008 or [mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org](mailto:mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org)**

**Hosted by:**



**Thank you for the support**



**We will see you in the sawdust June 15 - 18, 2023**





**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

*(Must be 18 yrs. old to play)*

**Reedsport Senior Center**

**460 Winchester Ave.**

**Join us for weekly fun and support our  
local Senior Center!**

**\$1 per (bingo) card or \$5 for 6 cards!**



# CHRISTMAS IN JULY CINCO DE MAYO TACO FEED



Friday, May 5th  
5:00 - 8:00 PM

MOOSE LODGE  
470 GREENWOOD AVE.  
REEDSPORT, OR 97467

**\$5.00**

kids under  
12 eat free

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# Umpqua Discovery Center



## Riverfront Rhythms

**2023 Free Outdoor Concerts**

**Thursday 6:00-7:30pm**

**July 6—'Timberwolf' Classics, Rock&Roll**

**July 27—'Endeavors' Classic Rock**

**August 17—'Stillwater' Oldies, Rock&Roll**

**409 Riverfront Way 'On the Waterfront'**

**Bring your Chairs or Blankets**

**(Please no pets, smoking or alcohol on concert site)**

Reedsport [www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com](http://www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com) 541-271-4816







**JUN - OCT**

5 pm - 8 pm

# FIRST FRIDAY

**POP-UP VENDOR MARKET**

OLD TOWN REEDSPORT  
HIGHWAY 38 SIDEWALKS

Join us on the first Friday of the month, June through October, for an evening out as we transform our main street sidewalks into a pop-up vendor market. Visit artists and makers at the booths lining our Highway 38. Shop the businesses on main street who are staying open late for these events. Enjoy a drink at Two Shy Brewery or a glass of wine at Mindpower Gallery. Grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant.

**Come on out and rediscover Old Town Reedsport!**

**Starting June 2, 2023 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

For questions or for an application to participate, contact:

Rosa Solano, Main Street Liaison, 541-271-3603 ext. 1008

[mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org](mailto:mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org)

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