

City of Reedsport

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CITY RECEIVES FUNDS TO DECREASE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISKS

Many remember the devastating wildfire season of 2020 and the desolation to our County and the State which stretched to the coast regions. Douglas County spent months in Level II evacuation status and for some the sounding of each fire alarm stood the hair on the back of our necks up. We often feel isolated from the valley communities in our County, yet that same forest stretches to our backyard and as we all know, wildfire knows no limits.

In an effort to help eliminate wildfire fuel, increase awareness and defensible spaces to reduce potential structure loss during a wildfire; in January of this year, City staff prepared and submitted a grant application to the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office under the Community Wildfire Risk Reduction program. This competitive grant program was open to local governments, special districts, structural fire service agencies, and non-governmental organizations in the State of Oregon. Funds are for wildfire risk reduction projects, equipment, and staff for local efforts. The projects will help protect people, property, and communities from wildfire and better prepare communities for wildfire impacts, creating a more fire-adapted Oregon.

Our application highlighted two major projects. The first project is to survey trees and brush on city property which immediately borders homes and structures to identify dangerous, diseased trees. Which will result in the removal of ladder fuels, (or debris that allows fires to spread up) ensuring adequate spacing between trees (12 feet) and ensuring that mature trees and other vegetation are no closer than ten feet to the edge of a structure. Additional work will include disposing of ground litter and debris, removing dead plant and tree material, removing vegetation adjacent to structures, and ensuring proper spacing between structures and the canopy tops.

The second project is to continue to assess trees within Bicentennial Park, the 19.5 acre forested park within the residential area of Forest Hills,. According to the USDA dying trees may increase fuel loads and the risk of fire while insect infestations and disease can cause mixed-severity or stand-replacing fires and to decrease the likelihood of a tree to die and fall to the forest floor, risking the increase of fire again. With half of the wildfires caused by humans each year, addressing this popular area is vital to the surrounding neighborhood.

The City of Reedsport was notified on May 1, 2023 that our application was approved for \$145,000 to complete both projects within two years. Staff will be reaching out to agency partners to begin these projects and fulfill not only the grant requirements but these vital projects for the continued safety of our community.



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ÿ INDEPENDENCE DAY ÿ	TUESDAY	JULY 4TH	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
First Friday Pop-Up Vendor Market	Friday July 7th	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Old Town Reedsport
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday July 10th	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Parks & Beautification Meeting	Wednesday July 12 th	2:00 – 3:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Reedsport 3 rd Saturday Clean Up	Saturday July 15 th	10:00 AM	Location to be announced!
Reedsport Main Street Program	Tuesday July 18th	4:30 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Municipal Traffic Court	Wednesday July 19 th	9:00 am–Noon	City Hall Council Chambers
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday July 25 th	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom
First Friday Pop-Up Vendor Market	Friday July 7th	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Old Town Reedsport
National Night Out	Tuesday Aug 1 st	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Lions Skate Park
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday Aug 7th	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Parks & Beautification Meeting	Wednesday Aug 9th	2:00 – 3:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Reedsport Main Street Program	Tuesday Aug 15th	4:30 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Municipal Traffic Court	Wednesday Aug 16 th	9:00 am–Noon	City Hall Council Chambers
Reedsport 3 rd Saturday Clean Up	Saturday Aug 19 th	10:00 AM	Location to be announced!
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday Aug 22 nd	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday Aug 28 th	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom
First Friday Pop-Up Vendor Market	Friday Sept 1 st	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Old Town Reedsport
Parks & Beautification Meeting	Wednesday Sept 13 th	2:00 – 3:00 pm	City Hall Conference Room
Reedsport 3 rd Saturday Clean Up	Saturday Sept 16 th	10:00 AM	Location to be announced!
Reedsport Main Street Program	Tuesday Sept 19 th	4:30 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Municipal Traffic Court	Wednesday Sept 20 th	9:00 am–Noon	City Hall Council Chambers
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday Sept 26 th	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Council Chambers & Via Zoom

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★ Summer Safety Tips from the Reedsport Police Department ★

Summer is here! The end of the school year means more kids are out and about, especially in neighborhoods. Parents and caregivers play an essential role in keeping kids safe while enjoying summer activities. There will also be an increase in traffic through town, be alert when driving and when out in public. The rules for driving do not change during the summer months, but the challenge does. Go into it with your eyes wide open and safety on your mind.



Safe Driving Around Kids

- When driving, pay attention and scan the entire area around you.
- Look for kids playing near the street and slow down. Children are often unpredictable and unaware of danger around them.
- Slow down around children and other pedestrians.
- Watch for people about to step off the curb at crosswalks.

Neighborhood Safety Tips

- Never let your child walk anywhere alone, whether to the store, to a friend's house, or to the park.
- Never let your child play outside alone. Predators may cruise neighborhoods looking for unsupervised kids. Take turns with other parents in your neighborhood or enlist a trustworthy family member to help.
- If your child rides bikes, roller blades, or skateboards, make sure they are always with two buddies.
- Report any suspicious strangers or vehicles in the neighborhood to police.

Summer Activity Tips

- Teach kids to appreciate and respect EMS professionals, firefighters and police officers, and when and how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- Always wear a helmet when biking, skateboarding, roller skating or riding a scooter.
- Always stop at STOP signs and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Use sunscreen and wear sunglasses to protect your skin and eyes from harmful solar rays.
- Use care when eating foods like hotdogs, grapes and hard candy or cut them into smaller pieces to prevent choking.
- Never allow unsupervised children to play near or swim in streams, pools, retention ponds or other bodies of water.

New Officers

Our newest Officers Jacob Molano and Brandon Bern., graduated from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training on June 9th and have returned to Reedsport to continue their training with their Field Training Officer. Please welcome them back!



2023 FIRE SEASON DECLARED

For the 11th year in a row, the Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department will not issue burn barrel or debris burning permits within the Reedsport City limits for the 2023 fire season. There will be no exceptions to this policy for the duration of fire season.

The Fire Department will stop issuing permits on Friday, June 9th 2023. This will occur the same day Coos Forest Protective Association declares fire season is in effect in their area.

The reasons for this policy 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), 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, go to www.cityofreedsport.org and click on the Fire Department link.



The Reedsport Main Street Program will receive \$200,000 in matching funds for roofs, awnings, electrical and plumbing improvements to seven commercial buildings in downtown Reedsport, through the Oregon

Main Street Revitalization Grant.

Funded projects include:

- 301 Fir Avenue – Property is currently being occupied by the U.S. Post Office. The grant will assist with replacing its heating system.
- 302 Rainbow Plaza – This property is rumored to have occupied the first Ice House in Reedsport. The grant will assist with a roof replacement.
- 339 Fir Avenue – The historic Welcome Hotel has been restored to include 10 renovated upstairs apartments and two street level commercial spaces. This property will be replacing the metal awning with the grant assistance.
- 417 Fir Avenue & 242 4th Street – Mindpower Gallery will be expanding its retail space and adding new services with the renovation within these two adjoining properties. With the grant assistance, they are adding a new awning to the 4th Street property, as well as updating electrical and plumbing in the interior renovation of the two properties.
- 485 Greenwood Avenue – Formerly the Three Rivers Rebekah Lodge #240, this property was constructed in 1942. The grant will assist with their roof repair project.
- 489 – 495 Fir Avenue – Long-time known as the Old Bank Building, this property has housed a variety of businesses. The grant will assist with the roof replacement.
- 776 E Railroad Avenue – The Umpqua Industrial Supply Co. sits on the far west side of Reedsport's Historic District. A roof replacement is being assisted with the grant funding.

Bicentennial Park Closure!

The North Entrance of Bicentennial Park, located off of 22nd Street, will be closed for construction beginning on July 10, 2023 until the project is complete. Park Access will remain open via Ranch Road.



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, a glass of wine at Mindpower Gallery or spirit tasting at Stillwagon Distillery. Grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant.

Come on out and rediscover Old Town Reedsport!

Event Dates: June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, and October 6, 2023
5:00 - 8:00 PM on Highway 38 from 3rd St to 5th St

For questions or for an application to participate (new vendors welcomed)
contact:

Rosa Solano, Main Street Liaison, 541-271-3603 ext. 1008
mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org

Hosted by:



**Coastal Douglas
Arts and Business Alliance**



UMPQUA DISCOVERY CENTER

News of Discovery



Osprey 'Lewie
& Nellie'
eggs to hatch
soon! Check
FB for
Updates..



'BEE' CARVING

Donated by
Bill Hardy.
Carver
Ryan Anderson



Riverfront Rhythms



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Free Outdoor Concerts 6:00pm—7:30pm



- ♦ July 6 - **'Timberwolf'** Classics, Rock&Roll
- ♦ July 27 - **'Endeavors'** Classic Rock
- ♦ August 17 - **'Stillwater'** Oldies, Rock & Roll

The 2022 City of Reedsport water quality report is available on our website at <https://www.cityofreedsport.org/publicworks/page/water-quality-reports>. Water quality reports include information on the community's water source; the levels of detected contaminants and compliance with drinking water rules established by the DEQ. Reports are published annually.

DIY Ornament Contest

For Holiday Tree at Lions Park



Enter DIY Ornament Contest by July 24

Do you have the creativity to create the winning DIY holiday ornament to decorate our holiday tree at Lion's Park? Ornament must be ready to be judged by August 1, 2023. To sign up - contact Rosa Solano at 541-271-3603 ext. 1008 or via e-mail at mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org.





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!

My Neighbor Keeps Parking His Car on the Street in Front of My House; Can You Do Something About It?

Actually, no. Since Public Roadways are just that, "public," no one has the right to reserve spaces in front of his or her house. However, while it is not illegal to park in front of someone else's house, it is certainly inconsiderate. Every homeowner likes the convenience of being able to park in front of their own house, and families who have an unusual amount of automobiles should make arrangements to park the extra vehicles someplace other than in front of someone else's house. On the other hand, if you encounter a vehicle which is parking in front of your house for excessive periods of time without moving, you can call the police department and ask to have the vehicle checked out. (If you don't recognize the vehicle and it hasn't moved for a long time, it may be stolen.) If the vehicle is registered to a neighbor who lives adjacent to your house, the owner is not violating any laws. If on the other hand, the vehicle belongs to someone who does not live adjacent to your house, and it remains in its parked position for more than 24 Hours, it can be ticketed, and in some cases, towed away, for violating the City's 24-Hour Parking Ordinance. Of course, the best course of measure to take for this type of problem is to talk to your neighbor, and to try to work it out without involving the police.

**Reedsport
K9
SHELTER**

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**More Information:
Call (541) 662-2062
[facebook.com/ReedsportK9](https://www.facebook.com/ReedsportK9)**

REEDSPORT

NNO 2023
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SAVE THE DATE!
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 @ 5 PM
LIONS SKATE PARK

**JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES,
MUSIC, & WHOLESOME
FAMILY FUN.**

For more information contact: Reedsport Police Department
541-271-2100