

April 2024

City of Reedsport

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Guiding Progress, Shaping Futures: An Overview by Your City Manager

Levee Project: The City continues to move forward with the Levee Rehabilitation project. Due to a delay of the County finishing the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the area, the City was not able to obligate the FEMA grant for \$4 million as was awarded in 2023. Now that it is in the final stages of review by DCLD, the City was able to submit a request for an Extraordinary Exception to allow us to finalize the funding request. What this does is give us a year to complete the NHMP.

Vacation Rental Moratorium: Staff has been working with the Planning Commission and the City Council to review the ordinance(s) governing vacation rentals in the City. Now that the Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Lands Inventory is complete by FCS Group and adopted by reference, the Council will be able to incorporate the results into the Comprehensive Plan. The next step will be to adopt policy revisions to the applicable code and set a fee for the building inspection by resolution.

Clear Lake Source Water Protection: The City was nominated to be considered for an upcoming EPA Pilot Project focused on providing hands on and flexible technical assistance to communities interested in land conservation in their drinking water source watersheds. The Pilot Project is being subcontracted through RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation).

Winchester Bay Water Line: The City engineer of record, Dyer Partnership continues to design a water line system in Winchester Bay. This will accomplish moving services to a new line, increased fire protection on Lighthouse Road and new services to Triangle Campground. Douglas County is paying for the design and the improvements and anticipates having the project out to bid this Spring with Fall construction. The City has pledged approximately \$100,000 towards the project that has been estimated at \$5-7 million.

Station 7 Refurnishing: The City received \$3.7 million from Business Oregon for Seismic Rehabilitation Grants for both Police and Fire Departments which also includes some remodeling of the Police Station for modernization. Police Chief stated that completion is expected to be on schedule by the end of May. Stay tuned for an open house sometime in June, we hope everyone will get a chance to come in and see the new look!

Reedsport Railroad Crossing Study: ODOT is continuing the traffic study for the proposed "FLY-OVER" on Highway 38 and E. Railroad. ODOT has identified a firm that is completing a traffic study that includes 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, clicking on Departments and the Public Works.

Road Diet: ODOT has finished the engineering plans for the proposed construction and revisions to Highway 101 in uptown. Staff was in contact with ODOT who is expecting to have the proposal complete by this Spring with the striping portion completed before the summer/holiday traffic. ODOT has prioritized the installation of the overhead light at Winchester Avenue and allocated the money from the City for those projects. ODOT will incorporate the requested light at 13th and 19th Street into the construction project uptown.

Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant: Staff was successful in working with Coos Forest Protective Association and Stuntzner Engineering to complete a defensible space survey of diseased, damaged and or dangerous trees on City property adjacent to homes and was awarded an Oregon State Fire Marshall grant. Mercedes Salles, project manager, announced significant progress on this initiative and stated that work around Highland RV Park is nearing completion, marking a milestone in our wildfire mitigation efforts. One community member shared, "The crew has had a great attitude and have been respectful while working around our homes." The City is grateful for the community's support as we continue to enhance safety measures against wildfires. The goal is to have the work completed by fire season.

Urban Renewal District Amendment: City staff is working with a firm 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. The project is nearly complete and is proposed to add commercial property to the district boundary.

My office door is always open (well, most of the time) and I encourage and welcome citizens' questions, concerns and or suggestions.

Thank you from Deanna Schafer, City Manager.

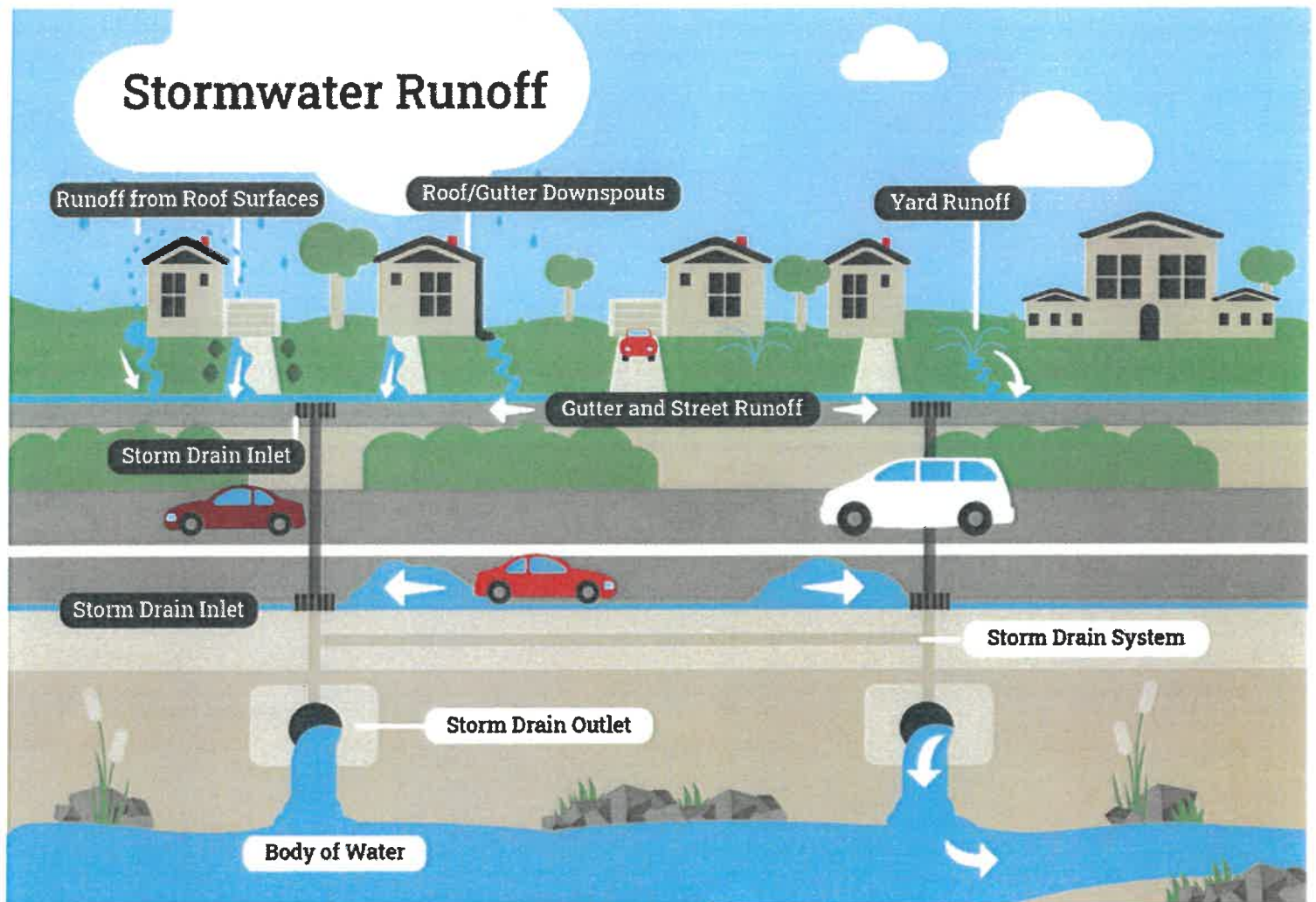
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Mainstreet Program Promotions Committee	April 11 th , 2 nd Thursday Each Month	5:30 pm	Two Shy Brewery
Mainstreet Program Outreach Committee	April 13 th , 2 nd Saturday Each Month	12:00 pm	Stillwagon Distillery
Parks & Beautification Meeting	Wednesday April 10 th	3:00 – 4:00 pm	City Hall Council Chambers
Reedsport 3 rd Saturday Clean Up	Saturday April 20 th	10:00 am	City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday April 23 ^d	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Mainstreet Program Economic Vitality Committee	April 24 th , 4 th Wed. Each Month	5:30 pm	Two Shy Brewery
Mainstreet Program Design Committee	Thursday April 25 th	5:30 pm	Mindpower Gallery
ARBOR DAY	FRIDAY	APRIL 26th	PLANT A TREE!
City Council Work Session	Monday	6:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
City Council Regular Session	May 6 th	7:00 – 9:00 pm	
Parks & Beautification Meeting	Wednesday May 8 th	3:00 – 4:00 pm	City Hall Council Chambers
Reedsport 3 rd Saturday Clean Up	Saturday May 18 th	10:00 AM	Location to be announced!
Urban Renewal Budget Meeting Budget Committee Meeting	Monday May 20 th	6:00 – 6:15 pm 6:15 – 8:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Reedsport Main Street Program	May 21 st 3 rd Tuesday Each Month	4:30 pm	Council Chambers Zoom & In-Person
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	MAY 27th	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday May 28 th	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday June 3 rd	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom
Parks & Beautification Meeting	Wednesday June 12 th	2:00 – 3:00 pm	City Hall Council Chambers
Reedsport 3 rd Saturday Clean Up	Saturday June 15 th	10:00 AM	Location to be announced!
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday June 25 th	5:00 – 7:00 pm	City Council Chambers & Via Zoom

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Stormwater Runoff



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2024 Old Towne Reedsport Hanging Flower Baskets

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Donations now being accepted.

This is our 17th year of placing hanging flower baskets on the light poles in the Old Town Area. We can only do it with your support. **Please** consider a donation and pay by check made payable to OTRMA, PO Box 543, Reedsport, Oregon 97467.



For more information please

contact Kathi Wall-Meyer,

541-271-3044

OTRMA, PO Box 543, Reedsport, Oregon 97467

OTRMA is a 501 [c] 6 Organization



Join us for the 2nd Annual Vendor Market Season in Reedsport!

From June through September, we transform our main street sidewalks into a pop-up vendor market on the First Friday of every month. Visit artists and makers at the booths lining our Highway 38. Enjoy a drink at Two Shy Brewery, sample Stillwagon Distillery's Tasting Room or a glass of wine at Mindpower Gallery. Grab a bite to eat at one of our many local restaurants.

Come on out and explore Old Town Reedsport!

Starting June 7, 2024 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Hwy 38 Sidewalks

For questions or for an application to participate, contact:

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

mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org

Hosted by:



**Coastal Douglas
Arts and Business Alliance**



2024 Event Calendar

May 26 - 27	Memorial Day Celebration
June 13 - 16	Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Carving Championship
June 14 - 16	Rock & Gem Show and Sale
July 4	4th of July Adventure Expo
July 11	Riverfront Rhythms Concert
July 13 - 14	Lady & the Tramp Couples Tournament
July 25	Riverfront Rhythms Concert
July 27	Jack Dunn Memorial Golf Tournament
July 30 - Aug 4	DuneFest
August	National Night Out
August 8	Riverfront Rhythms Concert
August 15 - 18	Fiddle at the Beach
August 17	Salmon Harbor Fishing Derby
August 24	Kool Coastal Nights Car Show
Aug 31 - Sep 2	S.T.E.P. Salmon Derby
September 1	Bill Humphrey's Benefit Golf Scramble
September 3 - 8	UTV Takeover
September 14	Battle of the Bones BBQ
September 15	R.E.E.F. Golf Scramble
October 5	Coast Music Festival
December 6 - 7	Holiday Arts Festival
December 7	Discovery Center Free Admission
Late December	Winter Whale Watch

**Reedsport / Winchester Bay
Chamber of Commerce**

For More Information

Call (541) 271-3495 Text (541) 662-2154

www.reedsportcc.org



24TH ANNUAL OREGON DIVISIONAL CHAINSAW CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP

June 13 - 16, 2024



Presented by The Reedsport / Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce

Coos and Douglas County Renters, Do You Need Help Paying Rent or Utilities Because of COVID-19? NeighborWorks Umpqua is here to help!

The Coos and Douglas County Rent and Utility Assistance Program is Now Accepting Applications

Renters in Coos or Douglas County may qualify for up to 6 months of past due rent and utility payments per household (heat and electric and heat only for utilities). Assistance goes directly to landlords and utility companies.

Who should apply?

Renters at least 18 years old who are members of households that:

- Rent in Coos or Douglas County Oregon
- Meet program income limits (see table below).
- Include at least one person who has experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- Have received a late payment or eviction notice and are at risk of losing housing due to unpaid rent, and/or past due utilities dating from April 2020 or later.

Household Size	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
Gross Annual Income	\$42,600	\$48,650	\$54,750	\$60,800	\$65,700	\$70,550	\$75,400	\$80,300
Gross Monthly Income	\$3,550	\$4,054	\$4,563	\$5,067	\$5,475	\$5,879	\$6,283	\$6,692

How do I apply?

Fill out the online application (<http://nwu.application.deval.us/>), or the PDF version (for PDF version, see our website at <http://www.nwumpqua.org/>). Copies of the following documents must be included to prove your eligibility.

- Copy of photo ID for all adults (must be current/valid)
 - 2 bills with name and current address can be used in place of photo ID.
 - A signed attestation from an employer, landlord, caseworker, or other official with knowledge of the household's circumstances can be used in place of photo ID.
- Documentation of last 30 days of income for all adults in your household. The following are acceptable:
 - Pay Stubs or wage printouts showing company name, employee name, and gross pay.
 - Benefits letter or unemployment payment printout (showing full name and current year).
 - Child support payment history (last 12 months).
 - Pension statement showing gross monthly amount or 1099.
 - If zero or cash income, complete self-certification in this application.
- Copy of most recent power and/or heating bill showing address and unpaid balance.
- Copy of a statement or ledger from landlord documenting past rent due.
- Completed statement of how COVID-19 has affected your household (included in application).

If you cannot access our online application, a PDF version can be mailed, along with clearly legible copies of all documents, to NeighborWorks Umpqua at:

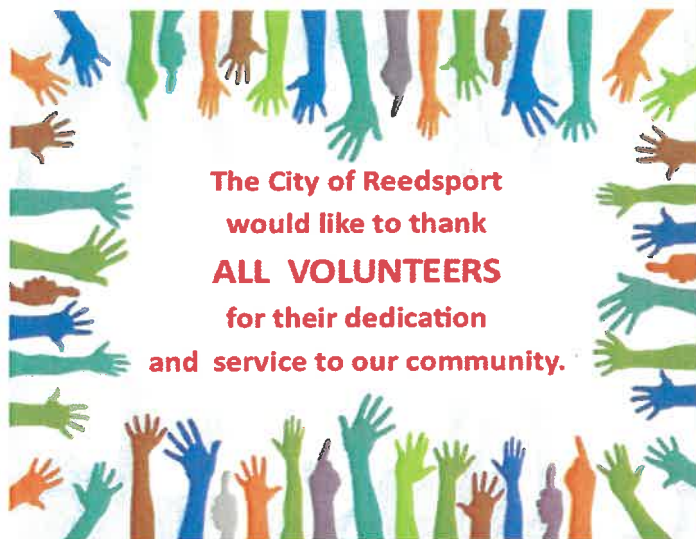
NeighborWorks Umpqua Coastal Housing Center
1984 Sherman Ave.
North Bend, OR. 97459

Please call us at (541) 756-1000 if you have questions or are in need of assistance!

This Program is funded by the Community Development Block Grant program CARES Act through Business Oregon (Oregon Business Development Department).



Thank You Volunteers



The City of Reedsport
would like to thank
ALL VOLUNTEERS
for their dedication
and service to our community.

Help us create a strong downtown!

Have a seat at the table and let's work together.

Call us 541-271-3603 ext. 1008

Promotions

2nd Tuesday of Month

Kick-off Meeting

Thursday, April 11th

5:30 pm @ Two-Shy Brewery

473 Fir Avenue

Outreach

2nd Saturday of Month

Kick-off Meeting

Saturday, April 13th

12 pm @ Stillwagon Distillery

464 Fir Avenue

Economic Vitality

4th Wednesday of Month

Kick-off Meeting

Wednesday, April 24th

5:30 pm @ Two-Shy Brewery

473 Fir Avenue

Design

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 25th

5:30 pm @ Mindpower Gallery

417 Fir Avenue



Umpqua Discovery Center



Follow us on Facebook for
the return of the Osprey
(Lewie & Nellie) in March to
their nest on the Railroad
Bridge Swing Span.

2024 Calendar

May 12th—Mother's Free Admission
June 16th—Father's Free Admission
July 11th—Riverfront Rhythms Concert
July 25th—Riverfront Rhythms Concert
August 8th—Riverfront Rhythms Concert
Nov. 11th—Veteran's Free Admission
December 3-6th—Member Shopping Days
Dec. 7th—Community Appreciation Day

Check out the Local Weather/
River Height
umpquadiscoverycenter.com

Educational
and Unique
items in the
gift Shop.



VISITOR COMMENTS

"Great! Very Informative"- Cincinnati, OH

"Wonderful—Could spend the whole day here." - Cranbrook, BC

Hours: Tues-Sat 10-4/Sunday 12-4

Room Rental Available.

409 Riverfront Way

541-271-4816

Reedsport Main Street



Open House

Friday, May 3, 2024

5:30 - 9:00 pm

Join us for a stroll on Main Street

Locations



Complimentary Dinner



Free Drawing



**Learn more about our
Main Street Program**

5:30 Creative Mercantile - Appetizers

392 Fir Ave

6:00 Mindpower Gallery - Starters

417 Fir Ave

6:30 Highwater Cafe - Dinner

427 Fir Ave

7:15 Stillwagon Distillery - Dessert &

464 Fir Ave

Beverage

The Reedsport Main Street Program is thrilled to invite you to our Open House!

We are hosting a free, festive Cinco de Mayo themed progressive dinner. We will enjoy a different dinner course at four main street business locations. 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 program, celebrate our accomplishments, and hear about our exciting plans for 2024.

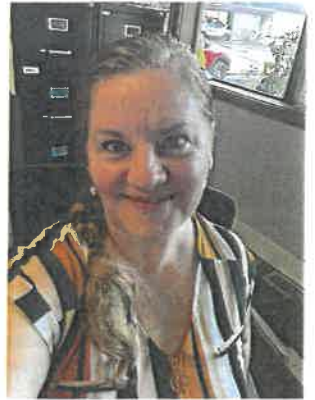
RSVP to Rosa Solano at 541-271-3603 ext. 1008 or mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org

Hosted by:



Growing Together: Meet New Employees Of Our Vibrant Team

Christina Crockett Having deep roots in our small city for 15 years, Christina embodies the spirit and resilience of our community. After years of dedicated service in various capacities, she embarked on a transformative path, returning to school to pursue new horizons and passions. With determination and a hunger for knowledge, she embraced this change later in life, showcasing the belief that it's never too late to chase your dreams. Armed with experience, grit, and a fresh perspective, she seamlessly transitioned into the role of Executive Assistant, bringing a renewed vigor for serving our city. Beyond the confines of the office, she remains connected to our community. Whether collaborating with local leaders or engaging with residents, she continues to be a symbol of adaptability and the relentless pursuit of excellence.



Rosa Solano joined the City of Reedsport on August 1, 2022 working with the Reedsport Main Street Program. Most recently, she has accepted the Director role with added responsibilities in promoting Reedsport as a travel destination. Rosa graduated with honors from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Project Management. Rosa's career extends from community relations for healthcare organizations to serving in the Peace Corps as a business advisor & educator in the entrepreneur curriculum. Her love of rural communities came full circle when she moved to Reedsport. She enjoys the outdoors and in her free time, works with her husband on developing the infrastructure for their farm.

Mercedes Salles is a dynamic professional with a diverse skill set spanning project management, and office administration. With a background as a former executive assistant and a wealth of experience in customer service, Mercedes brings a strategic approach to her work, coupled with unwavering commitment to excellence. With a blend of professionalism and adventurous spirit, Mercedes embodies the perfect balance between career success and personal fulfilment.

Welcome her as the city's project administrator.



We are also thrilled to welcome **Rhonda Bryan** to our team. Rhonda will be providing our payroll and accounts payable functions. Rhonda was born and raised in Reedsport. She and her husband have three children and a grandson. When not at work Rhonda enjoys gardening, crafting, agate hunting and spending time with family. Please stop in to say hi and welcome her to the city.

More about...

Lieutenant Bill Cutshall



William Cutshall has been a police officer for over 30 years. He began his career in Oregon in 1986. Eventually, he relocated to Richmond, Virginia where he was employed as a detective until he retired from the department in 2016. After retiring from Richmond, he accepted a position as a Lieutenant responsible for an investigation and evidence team before being promoted to Chief for a city in Kansas. William has almost twenty years of experience investigating high profile criminal cases including major crimes and property crimes.

He has as a strong belief in community policing and the effects it has on reducing crime. He has been a guest instructor at community colleges on this topic, and is looking forward to assisting the department incorporate it into the department. William holds a bachelor degree in Leadership and Organizational Management from George Fox University. He is married with an adult daughter, a 17 year old son and two grandchildren. William is grateful to Chief Carter for the opportunity to come home to Oregon.

Public Works Department

Taste/Odor of City Water: In 2017 the Ozone generation treatment was taken offline at the water treatment plant and replaced with Ultraviolet treatment. Shortly after that time, City Staff started to get complaints about the taste and odor of the water. Although the water was being treated and met all guidelines, it was discovered that the previous ozone system helped with the taste and odor. In 2022 during our yearly inspection, our taste and odor issue was discussed with the Regional Engineer for Drinking Water Services. After reaching out to a surrounding municipality that had the same issue, they recommended Sound Water Services to help resolve the problem. After many months of preparation for the system, the City has installed a new ozone generator to address the taste and odor. Since installing the system we have already received positive feedback from the community. The City appreciates all the understanding and feedback that was received during this time while we worked on resolving the issue.



(Ozone Generator)

Finance Department

The Finance team is happy to report that the City has once again received a clean unmodified audit for year ended June 30, 2023.



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