



Gateway to the Dunes

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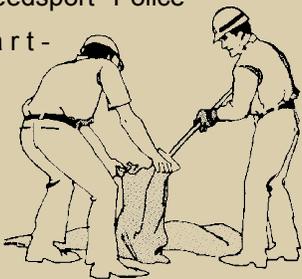
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STORMY WINTER SAND BAGS FOR SALE

The City of Reedsport will again be selling sand bags, throughout the stormy winter season, at cost (26 cents each) to any citizen or business owner who wants to make preparations for possible short term flooding on their property. The City of Reedsport keeps a supply of sand located on the property next to the railroad tracks that is adjacent to the City Shops (890 Elm Avenue). Any person who needs to fill sand bags can use this sand for that purpose. Persons interested in taking advantage of this program should come to the Reedsport City Hall during normal hours of operation, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Persons needing sandbags for after hour emergencies can get them from the Reedsport Police Department.



Proposed Downtown Stormwater Project

In an effort to address flooding in the downtown area, the City Council adopted the Downtown Stormwater Mitigation Plan.

The plan recommends collecting stormwater from the area of downtown from the railroad tracks to along Fir Avenue – Highway 38 through a new gravity piping system. The flow would be discharged to the wetwell of a new pump station to be pumped through a new 18-inch diameter forcemain and discharged to the Umpqua River. This plan is more cost

effective to previous alternatives.

At the September 14, 2009 Council meeting, the City Council approved the project to re-route storm water runoff generated in the downtown area from the existing Elm Street storm water pump station and authorized staff to secure funding. Staff has been working at securing the best financing package with the lowest interest rate since the 2009 Council meeting. Staff submitted an application to USDA Rural Development with the hope of some portion of the project being funded by grants. The grant portion did not materialize; however, the loan interest rate and debt repayment length were more attractive than market trends. The interest rate was quoted at 3% with a 40 year repayment period. On the list of USDA requirements which need to be met prior to final submission of a project for funding, a bond resolution needs to be approved by Council. USDA will not commit to funding the stormwater project if the City does not agree to a revenue bond sale. If the USDA commits to funding the Downtown Stormwater project, interim financing would need to be secured for the construction phase. At the completion of the project, USDA would issue revenue bonds for the total construction cost.

At the March 11, 2011 Council meeting, Council agreed that a combination of funding from Urban Renewal District revenue and increased Stormwater fees necessary would be used to make annual debt repayment for the Downtown Stormwater project.

At the September 6, 2011 Council meeting, Council passed a Stormwater revenue bond resolution for \$1,950,000 for the purpose of financing the Downtown Stormwater Rerouting project. If USDA Rural Development funds the project. Passage of this bond resolution does not ensure USDA funding for the stormwater project. If USDA does not commit funding for this project, this bond resolution will be void and other financing options will continue to be sought.

For clarification of differences between a Revenue Bond and a General Obligation Bond:

- A General Obligation Bond for must go to a vote of the city residents. The repayment can come from any source of revenue but is guaranteed that the taxing entity will use their property tax revenue to pay back the debt obligation if absolutely necessary.
- A Revenue Bond is pledging debt repayment from fees associated with the utility fund for which the project has benefited. A Revenue bond does not need voter approval; however, the Oregon Revised Statutes 287A.150 allows for voter approval by mandating that the citizens are notified by a legal advertisement which is placed in a newspaper of general circulation with the following information:

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Last phase of the Waterfront and Downtown plan

After receiving a grant from the Oregon Transportation & Growth Management (TGM) Program, the City has begun the last phase of the Waterfront and Downtown Plan. The final product will be an integrated land use and transportation plan to guide development and economic revitalization for the Old Town area.

This last phase will begin where phase I left off last summer. Phase I produced two alternative land use plans for Old Town, which are on the web site at www.cityoffreedsport.org. Public comments have been collected on these alternatives, which will inform this next phase of the project.

An advisory committee will be established and two public open houses will be conducted to provide feedback to the consultant team. A draft plan is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2012, which will then be presented to begin an adoption process. Please send comments or questions to Planning Director Melissa Anderson at: manderson@cityoffreedsport.org or mail to 451 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, OR 97467, or call 541-271-3603.

Winter safety tips from the Fire Department

Have chimney and woodstove flues inspected and cleaned each year by a qualified chimney sweep. Ask them to check for creosote deposits, soot buildup, and physical damage.

Always use a fireplace screen. Make sure the screen is made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass to prevent sparks from escaping.

Keep a clutter free environment. Store kindling, fire logs, and wood at least three feet from any heat source.

Dispose of ashes in a metal container and place the container outdoors at least three feet from anything flammable. Ashes may retain heat for days after they appear out.

When using portable electric heaters make sure they have an automatic tip-over switch and a high temperature limit switch. The tip-over switch turns the heater off if it gets knocked over. The high temperature limit switch prevents the heater from getting too hot.

Put at least 36 inches of space between the heater and combustibles such as furniture, curtains, papers and people.

Check the cord on portable electric heaters. If the cord gets hot, frayed or cracked, have the heater serviced.

Never use extension cords with portable electric heaters. They can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

Unplug heaters when not in use or before going to bed.

Be aware of electric baseboard or wall heaters. These heaters are thermostatically controlled and turn on without warning when temperatures drop. Keep combustibles at least three feet from these heaters.

If using a propane-fueled heater, or other appliance make sure it is designed for indoor use. Follow all manufacturers' instructions and make sure it is properly vented.

Do not use any barbecue indoors.

If you smell gas, do not operate any switches, appliances or thermostats. A spark from one of these could ignite the gas. Get everyone outside and away from the building. Shut off the gas supply. Call your propane supplier from a neighbor's phone.

Only use kerosene heaters outdoors as they may emit poisonous fumes.

More news from the Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Department has recently purchased a 1999 Chevy Suburban. This vehicle replaces an older, worn out Command Staff vehicle that had high mileage and chronic maintenance problems.

This vehicle will be used as a Command Staff vehicle and has more room to transport personnel and equipment when needed and will provide safe, reliable transportation for Chief, Tom Anderson.



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BECOME INVOLVED!
City boards, committees,
commissions, and
volunteer stations

Current vacancies for 2012:

**PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION
COMMITTEE**
Two Vacancies

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Two Vacancies

**DANGEROUS BUILDINGS ABATE-
MENT BOARD OF APPEALS**
Six Vacancies

PLANNING COMMISSION
Two Vacancies

**REEDSPORT BRANCH LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD**
One Vacancy

**SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD**
Five Vacancies

**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**
One Vacancy

**UMPQA EXPERIENCE
STEERING COMMITTEE**
Two Vacancies

DIAL A RIDE DRIVER
Accepting applications

**SENIOR CENTER DESK
VOLUNTEER**
Accepting volunteers

**LUCC, INC. BINGO CALLERS AND
HELPERS**
Accepting volunteers

**UMPQA DISCOVERY CENTER
DESK VOLUNTEER**
Accepting volunteers

**URBAN RENEWAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**
4 vacancies

Applications are available at Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport, OR and also online at www.cityoffreedsport.org. For further information contact Deanna Schafer at City Hall 541-271-1989. For January appointment, applications need to be turned into Reedsport City Hall by Friday, December 30, 2011. Applications will be taken until positions are filled.

News of Discovery

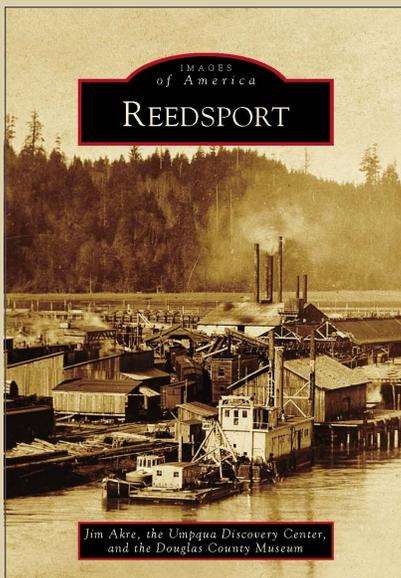
The Center is a wonderful place to bring friends and relatives during the holiday season.

Give the gift that gives all year long:

A Membership to the Umpqua Discovery Center.



New 'REEDSPORT' photo history book available now.



Have an event coming up? Consider the Center's meeting/event room. Call 271-4816 for reservations.

The Grinch who steals Christmas

With the holidays comes opportunity for criminals to prey on unsuspecting citizens. We all like to think of the holidays as a time for goodwill toward each other, unfortunately the holidays bring a sharp rise in thefts. There are very simple ways to greatly reduce the likelihood that you will fall prey to criminals during the holiday season.



LOCK YOUR CAR - While shopping, secure gifts in the trunk of your vehicle. If you don't have a trunk, make sure that the items stored in your car are covered by a tarp or blanket, or drop them off at your home between shopping destinations. Most importantly, always lock your vehicle even if you are making a quick stop. Criminals are very good at "quick grabs"; if they see an expensive item in your car, they will open an unlocked car and grab an expensive gift (or purse) and be gone in less than 10 seconds.

LOCK YOUR HOME - The holidays are a great opportunity for burglars. Our homes are full of expensive items laying on the floor. Since many of us spend evenings away from our homes at parties and visiting family, we are more vulnerable than normal. We can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of burglary by not storing gifts in view of a window and by simply locking our doors and windows. Also,

- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail or stop mail, newspaper delivery.
- Leave a light on when you leave your home at night or put your lights (including Christmas lights) on an automatic timer.
- Never say you are away from home on the outgoing message on you answering machine or voice mail. Simply say you are unable to answer the phone.

The holiday season also brings on a sharp increase in identity theft. It is extremely difficult to protect ourselves from being exposed to risk of identity theft; however, there are a couple of ways to reduce the risk and damage it causes.

- Monitor your credit reports, or sign up with a credit monitoring service
- Sign up for account alerts
- Establish on-line banking and check your checking, savings, and credit statements frequently.
- Don't take the bait on phishing scams and beware of shoulder surfing (when a thief looks over your shoulder while you're at an ATM, either directly or via a camera).
- Watch your purse/wallet at parties, restaurants, fitness clubs, shopping carts or your car.
- Don't write a check - give cash or a gift card. All of the information on a check, such as your name, signature, address and other information, can be used by thieves to steal your identity.
- Shop smart - When shopping, limit the credit cards you carry and don't take extras. Leave your Social Security card, birth certificate and passport at home.
- Watch where you shop online - Always check for the lock icon on the website's browser status bar, which signals a secure site that is safe for transactions. If you have never heard of a website before, check to make sure it has security precautions in place and that it is not a fake website set up by identity thieves.

Protecting yourself and your home from potential crime is the easiest way to ensure a safe, happy holiday season.



Check us out online at www.cityofreesport.org



The rain and cold weather are here

This time of the year with the leaves and the rain falling, the Public Works Department is keeping busy cleaning storm water catch basins and sweeping streets to keep the leaves that are falling from plugging catch basins and storm water pipes. Plugged catch basins will cause ponding or localized flooding, which may flood the street or your property.

When you rake up the leaves from your yard, be careful where you place them. Leaves placed over or near catch basins will cause problems. By keeping your leaves away from catch basins, you'll be helping to reduce the chance of flooding in your neighborhood. So, take a little extra time when raking your leaves to be a good neighbor.



Annual boat launch parking passes available



Don't forget to pick up your 2012 Boat Launch Parking Pass! Annual passes may be purchased at Reedsport City Hall for \$20.00. You will be asked to provide name and boat number prior to issuance.

Once you have obtained your pass, please place the permit (lime green in color) on the driver's side of the dashboard, so that it's clearly visible from the outside.

If you do not want to purchase an annual pass, day passes are available for \$2.00 per day. Find the nearest pay station, (there is one located at each of the boat ramps) fill out a day pass and deposit your money into the envelop and into the pay box. Finally, place the tag on the driver's side of the dashboard, so that it is clearly visible from the outside. REMEMBER to dispose of your old tag and replace it with a new one each time you use the boat launch and park your trailer in the City parking lots.

Revenue from this fee has allowed the City to replace the street lights at both parking lots and an outhouse was added, during the summer, at the Bumble Bee boat ramp (near Railroad Ave & Riverfront Way).

You can expect to see more improvements in 2012. The City would like to replace three of the docks and eventually re-pave the parking lots.

Downtown stormwater continued...

The following information is required to be posted in a legal notice, when notifying citizens of a Revenue Bond sale:

- * Resolution number and date resolution was adopted
- * Expected source of repayment revenue
- * Estimated dollar amount of revenue bonds to be sold
- * The procedures by which electors may cause the question of issuing the revenue bonds to a vote
- * The time period allowed gather signed petitions and file causing a referral
- * Place where the resolution is available for inspection

The following information was published November 2, 2011 in The Umpqua Post:

The estimated principal amount of the bond is \$1,950,000 with expected source of repayment to come from the Reedsport Urban Renewal Agency revenue and stormwater user fees.

This publication is published per requirements of ORS. 287A.150 (3)(a). which states "A public

body may not sell the revenue bonds until at least 60 days following publication of this notice as required in subsection 287A.150 (4)". ORS.287A.150(3)(b). further states in substance that: The resolution must provide that electors residing within the public body may file a petition with the public body asking the public body to refer the question of whether to issue the revenue bonds to a vote. If within 60 days after the publication of this notice, electors file petitions with the public body containing valid signatures of at least five percent of the public body's electors, then the public body shall place the question of issuing the revenue bonds on the ballot at the next lawfully available election date; and may not sell the revenue bonds described in the notice unless a majority of the electors voting on the question issuing the revenue bonds approve.

Resolution 2011-015 is available for inspection at Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport, OR 97467 between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. City of Reedsport Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 451 Winchester Ave. The meetings are open to the public.

Calendar of Events

Dec. 5	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Dec. 12	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Dec. 26	M	• City Hall closed.
Jan. 2	M	• City Hall closed.
Jan. 9	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Jan. 16	M	• City Hall closed.
Jan. 23	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Feb. 6	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Feb. 20	M	• City Hall closed.
Feb. 27	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Mar. 5	M	• UDC Steering Committee Meeting at 12:00pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)

CONTACT US

POLICE DEPARTMENT (541) 271-2100

Business Hours: 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk
Police Chief-Mark Fandrey

CITY HALL OFFICE (541) 271-3603

Business Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
City Manager-Scott Somers
City Recorder-Deanna Schafer
Finance Director-Vera Koch
Public Works Director-Floyd Dollar
Planning Director-Melissa Anderson

FIRE DEPARTMENT (541) 271-2423

Business Hours: 8am to 12pm
Fire Chief-Tom Anderson

UMPQUA DISCOVERY CENTER (541) 271-4816

Business Hours:
Summer (3/15-10/14) 9:30am- 5:00pm
Winter (10/15-3/14) 10:00am-4:00pm
UDC Director-Diane Novak