



Gateway to the Dunes

CITY OF REEDSPORT NEWSLETTER

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Water Eco-Kits

The City of Reedsport is partnering with Central Lincoln People's Utility District (CLPUD) to offer our customers energy efficient water saver kits. Proper installation of the items in these kits should result in annual savings on customers' water* and electric bills.



* Only metered water customers may see a savings. Flat rate customers will conserve water by installing these kits, but will not see a reduction in their water bills.

The water Eco•Kit includes:

- Toilet Tank Bank
- Plumbers Tape
- (2) Dye Tablet
- 1.5 GPM Dual Spray Kitchen Aerator
- (2) 1.0 Dual Thread Aerator
- 1.5 GPM Earth Massage Showerhead
- Aquasaver Toilet Fill Cycle Diverter
- Generic Version of the water wheel

If you are interested in a kit, please download an application at www.cityofreedsport.org or pick up a form at City Hall. This form must be filled out, signed, and returned in person at the front office. Customers will receive a water saver kit in exchange for their fully completed and signed applications. Persons who wish to receive a kit must have active accounts with both the City of Reedsport and CLPUD. Supplies are limited, so hurry in and get yours today. **Limit:** one kit per customer and household.



Partners with Central Lincoln People's Utility District

REMINDER: Spring Clean-Up 2011

Don't forget! The City of Reedsport is sponsoring multiple community clean-up events this spring. The following events are upcoming, so don't miss them! And don't worry if you missed out on the City-wide garage sale during Memorial Day weekend, you can still pick up a garage sale permit at City Hall between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday-Friday, for only \$5.00. Permits are valid for five consecutive days.

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 8:00am-4:00pm



Trash to Treasure. Place items that you no longer want (clearly marked "FREE") on the curb at the end of your driveway. Treasure hunters will have the opportunity to pick them up from 8am-4pm. Please be advised, residents are responsible for the proper disposal of any remaining unwanted items.

More Spring cleaning

It has been a long standing theory in law enforcement that neighborhood deterioration attracts criminal behavior detrimental to public peace and safety because it presents a perception that nobody cares. Neighborhoods that have a clean appearance tend to detour criminal behavior because of an appearance that citizens care and are working together to improve their community.

The Western Douglas County Clean-up originated to combat neighborhood deterioration that can occur from the storage of unused vehicles, appliances and other debris. The program's goal is to bring citizens, neighborhoods, and the community together in an effort to remove unwanted and unused items, keeping our community and neighborhoods attractive.

Saturday, June 11, 2011, 8:00am-4:00pm



Western Douglas County Clean-Up. Local businesses and members of the community will be participating in the clean-up. The event will take place from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Citizens can take items, at no cost, to the vacant lot west of the Roseburg Forest Products office. Acceptable items include water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers/dryers, scrap metal, tires, wheels, automobiles, car batteries and propane tanks.

If you are unable to transport vehicles, Mast Bothers Towing will be offering free towing of unused vehicles, beginning June 6th. Residents wishing to dispose of unused vehicles must be in legal control of the property where the vehicle is parked, or possess title to the vehicle. For all other items, residents who can't transport the items to the receiving site may call the Reedsport Police Department to arrange for free pick-up on June 11th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information, contact Bob Corcoran at (541) 271-2100.

No Fees will be collected; donations are accepted.



Presentation of Alternative Plans for the Waterfront and Downtown

Select the best land use plan for Old Town Reedsport! The public is invited to a presentation of alternative land use plans for the *Reedsport Waterfront and Downtown Plan* on **Tuesday, June 14th at the Senior Center from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.** The consultant team of *Columbia Planning + Design* will outline alternative concept plans for Old Town, and community feedback will be used to create a final land use plan.

This is an opportunity to hear directly from the consultant team, ask questions, and influence how the waterfront and downtown develops. Your input will define the future of Old Town. Anyone may attend. No RSVP is required.

Check us out online at www.cityofreedsport.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Reedsport's RV Dump Station has reopened.



Cost: \$5.00.

Hours of Operation: 24/7, self service

Location: Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, Visitor Center. (near Highway 101 & Highway 38)



The City of Reedsport offers Annual Boat Launch Parking passes to individuals who wish to use the City boat launches and/or park their boat trailers while boating or fishing. The cost is \$20.00 and the pass is valid for one calendar year. If you choose not to purchase an annual pass, you can still launch/park at either of the City's boat ramps (Rainbow Plaza or Riverfront Way) by purchasing a day pass. The day use fee is \$2.00.



You can drop your water/sewer payment in the City's drive-through, payment drop box. The payment box is located in the City Hall parking lot near the telephone pole and sidewalk, along Winchester Avenue.

So, if you can't make it into the office by 5:00pm during the week or if it's Saturday and you suddenly remember that your bill is due, you can drop your payment into the secure payment box. Payments are picked up every morning (excluding weekends and holidays).



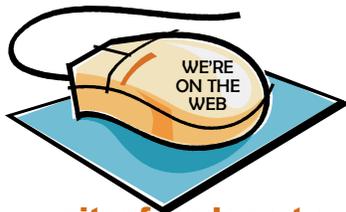
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Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department PANCAKE FEED

Father's Day Weekend
Saturday, June 18th, 7:00am-10:30am

TICKETS are:
Adults \$7.00 each
Kids 10 & under \$3.50 each

Join the Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department at the Downtown Fire Hall, 124 N 4th Street, next to the Police Station for a pancake breakfast. Bring dad too and treat him for Father's Day. Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, eggs, and hash browns.



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Lower Umpqua Senior Center

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Lower Umpqua Senior Center? Well let me tell you there is something for everyone. The building was expanded in 1989 to include a kitchen, dining area, and activity rooms. Three days a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, delicious, nutritious meals are served for a low cost donation. Many days there is live music or entertainment too.

Start your day with a cup of coffee or tea in the dining room. If you're early enough you can catch a game of pool with the pool players.

Bring a friend or two and you can watch a movie or play a Wii video game. Then work on a puzzle or read a book in our reading area. Books and VHS movies can be borrowed or swapped.

Stick around for the noon meal. Afterwards, try out ceramics and share your art with the Dunes Art Club.

On Wednesdays you can even arrange to have a pedicure with a licensed beautician just by calling the Senior Center desk. Also, on Wednesdays is BINGO. Bingo is the lifeline of the Senior Center fundraising activities. This fundraiser is what keeps the Center and the Meals on Wheels programs going.

The Center has several volunteering opportunities, as well. We have desk/greeters positions, these people are the hub of the center and really know what is going on. The Bingo program is also a great way to get involved. There are callers, hostess and book keeping positions. Douglas County accepts kitchen help volunteers and Meals on Wheels volunteers too.

The Lower Umpqua Senior Center is also a facility that can be reserved for special functions, meetings or gatherings with or without a full kitchen. A call to the City of Reedsport Reservation Clerk can set you up.

Contact information:

- For general questions call the Senior Center desk (541) 271-4884.
- For reservations call (541) 271-3603; ask for Caryn Kaufmann, City Reservation Clerk.
- For meal time presentations/activities call (541) 271-6211; ask for Marie Greger.

Dial-A-Ride Drivers needed

Do you want to help your local senior community?

Are you reliable?

Are you able and willing to drive a large wheelchair equipped passenger van?

Would you be willing to donate one day of time (9-4:30) a week?

We are looking for you!

To apply, please pick up an application in person at Reedsport City Hall.

The Lower Umpqua Senior Center needs volunteers too!

The following volunteer positions are available at the Senior Center.

- Desk volunteers
- Bingo coordinator, bookkeeper, callers
- Activity coordinator
- Senior Center Advisory Committee members

For information contact Jean Harris or Joan Starke (541) 271-4884, Monday-Friday from 10am-3pm or Deanna Schafer at (541) 271-1989, Monday-Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm.

Winter Averaging for Reedsport wastewater customers



BACKGROUND: With the recent sewer rate increase, many of Reedsport's metered water customers fear that they will be unable to water their lawns this summer without seeing a spike in their sewer charge. (The sewer bill is calculated based on how much water is used monthly.) However, many customers are unaware of "Winter Averaging". Winter averaging takes customers' water consumption during the winter months (November-April) and calculates the average. This average is then used to generate your sewer bill through the summer months (May-October), when most residents begin to water their lawns and gardens. This keeps the sewer charge the same through the duration of the summer. Customers should be aware that while they get this average for their sewer bill, the water charge will continue to be calculated based on the amount of water actually used during a one month period.

EXAMPLE: (This is a real customer's account history for the period of November 2010-April 2011.)

MONTHLY WATER CONSUMPTION (Measured in cubic feet)						
WINTER USAGE						
Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	Average
600	600	600	500	800	500	600

If the customer now uses 1600 cubic feet of water in July because he/she is watering the lawn, the bill will be:

Water: \$29.78, Sewer: \$65.60, Storm: \$3.00, **Total: \$98.38**

Now, if winter averaging was not provided to customers, based on 1600 cubic feet of usage, the bill would have been:

Water: \$29.78, Sewer: \$161.60, Storm: \$3.00, **Total: \$194.38**

QUESTION: What happens if my average is 600 cu. ft., but I only use 400 cu. ft. of water during the summer?

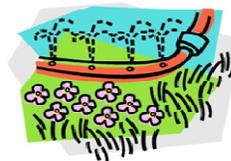
You are billed for the lowest consumption amount. So, your bill would reflect a sewer charge based on 400 cubic feet of usage. The bill would be:

Water: \$17.06, Sewer: \$46.40, Storm: \$3.00, **Total: \$66.46**

SUMMARY: This service affects ONLY the sewer charge. Once the winter average is set, your sewer bill remains the same for the entire summer, unless your consumption is less than your average. Please be advised, that customers without any consumption during the winter months will not receive an average. Their statement will reflect charges based on actual consumption.

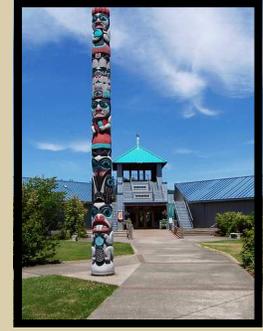
CONSERVATION: Further, the City still encourages customers to conserve, whether you have a water meter or you are on a flat rate. Here are a few tips to help keep your lawn looking green this summer, but to conserve our water supply:

- Check hoses and hand-held sprayers for leaks.
- Use hand-held sprayers to water shrubs, so you can control where the water goes.
- Avoid oscillating sprinklers; use soakers or stationary sprinklers.
- Water between 9pm and 10am to avoid evaporation; it saves up to 30% on water use. If dew is heavy, put off watering another day.
- Water your lawn no more than one inch per week.
- Set out an empty tuna can where you water and note the average time it takes to fill it one inch. That's how long you should run your sprinkler in ONE WEEK. Split this watering time into two periods.
- Rain barrels catch rainwater from the roof that can be used in the yard. CAUTION: Avoid breeding mosquitoes.
- Finally, over-watering washes away nitrogen (turning lawns brown) and sends fertilizers and weed killers into the storm drains.



For more information about this service or to find out what your winter average is, please contact Jessica Terra, Utility Clerk, at (541) 271-3603.

News of Discovery



Riverfront Rhythms Concerts 2011

June 24 - Young Bucs
(Doo-Wop)

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July 8 - Lost Highway
(Country, Rock & Roll, 50's Classics)

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July 22 - River City
(Disco, Rock, Blues, Country)

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August 12 - Irish Crème
(Celtic & Folk)

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Concert times: 6:30pm-8:00pm.
Come and enjoy a variety of music on
the front lawn of the Umpqua
Discovery Center!

Membership Special: May, June, July

Become a new member of the Center
and receive one month free.
Current Members—refer a new member
or renew your own membership to
receive one month free.

Yearly Memberships include: Free entry
to exhibits, programs, and 10% gift
shop discount.

\$25 per individual

\$45 per family (one household)

\$45 grandparent (4 grandchildren/visit)

It's a great way to show your support!



Come see what's new in the gift shop!

State Fire Marshal offers outdoor cooking fire safety tips

State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr reminds Oregonians to be fire safe during summer barbecues and cookouts to avoid tragedy during summer activities. From 2003 through 2007, there were 214 barbecue-related fires in Oregon. These fires caused more than \$2.2 million in property loss.

"Cooking outdoors can be fun and following a few basic fire safety tips will help keep it that way," says State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr. "There are steps everyone can take to be fire safe when cooking outdoors."

- Only use propane and charcoal grills outdoors. If used indoors or in any enclosed space they pose a fire hazard and expose occupants to toxic gases.
- Place the grill away from siding and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area; declare a three-foot 'safe zone' around the grill.
- If you use lighter fluid, never add it to a lit fire.

"It's easy to prevent fires from improperly disposed coals and ashes, says Orr. "Douse them with water and stir them until they are cool to the touch. Placing ashes in plastic, paper or wooden containers is a recipe for a fire."

In May, improperly disposed of ashes resulted in a fire at a Tualatin apartment complex causing \$10,000 in damage. On June 28, in Vancouver a fire caused by ashes placed in a paper bag and stored on a wooden deck destroyed a 24-unit apartment complex and left 50 people without homes.

"These incidents were preventable," says Orr. These fires are examples of how carelessness can produce devastating results."

For more home fire safety information, visit:

http://egov.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Home_Fire_Safety_Campaign.shtml.



DID YOU KNOW? continued...

Boat slips are available at Reedsport City Hall to rent the docks in front of the Umpqua Discovery Center. The docks can be rented by the week or the month at the rates listed below. To rent a dock, please fill out an application at City Hall. Moorage must be paid in advance.

- If rented weekly, the cost is \$7.50/day.
- If rented monthly, the cost is \$6.50/day.

The City of Reedsport assumes no liability or responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged property.



Calendar of Events

June 4	Sa	• Trash-to-Treasure event (City-wide)
June 6	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
June 11	Sa	• 10th Annual Western Douglas County Clean-up 8:00am-4:00pm (vacant lot behind Roseburg Forest Products building)
June 13	M	• Special City Council Meeting at 6:00pm (City Council Chambers)
June 14	Tu	• Presentation of Alternative Land Use Concept Plans for Phase I of the Waterfront and Downtown Plan at 6:00pm (Reedsport Senior Center)
June 18	Su	• Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Feed at 7:00am (Downtown Fire Hall)
June 23	Th	• Traffic Safety Advisory Meeting at 1:30pm (City Hall Conference Room)
June 24	F	• 'Young Bucs'-Riverfront Rhythms Concert at 6:30pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)
June 27	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
June 28	Tu	• Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)
July 4	M	• INDEPENDENCE DAY-City Hall is closed
July 8	F	• 'Lost Highway'-Riverfront Rhythms Concert at 6:30pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)
July 11	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
July 22	F	• 'River City'-Riverfront Rhythms Concert at 6:30pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)
July 25	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
July 26	Tu	• Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)
Aug 1	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Aug 12	F	• 'Irish Crème'-Riverfront Rhythms Concert at 6:30pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)
Aug 22	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Aug 23	Tu	• Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)
Sept 21	W	• Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting at 3:00pm (City Hall Conference Room)
Sept 30	F	• Library Advisory Board Meeting at 12:00pm (Library)

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 Superintendent-Floyd Dollar

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

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