

## Gateway to the Dunes

# CITY OF REEDSPORT NEWSLETTER

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### Reprint: FREE 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](http://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, free of charge, in exchange for their fully completed and signed application. Persons who wish to receive a kit must have active accounts with both the City of Reedsport and CLPUD. There are **only 40 left**, so hurry in and get yours today. Limit: one kit per customer and household.



Partners with Central Lincoln People's Utility District

### Reedsport Municipal Court volunteer bailiff needed

Reedsport Municipal Court is in search of a court bailiff. This is a volunteer position.

The bailiff is a sworn officer of the court. He/she:

- Maintains the peace and dignity of the Court.
- Assists the Municipal Court Judge and Court Clerk, as needed.
- Checks in with the Court Clerk at least one half hour prior to the court session and sets up the courtroom.

Persons must be available for the following three (3) court settings:

1. **TRAFFIC COURT** (Held at 1:30PM on the first & third Tuesday of each month)
2. **STATUS CONFERENCE** (Held at 3:00PM on the third Tuesday of each month)
3. **JURY TRIALS** (Held at 9:00AM on the fourth Tuesday of each month, as needed)

For more information or if you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Jeanne Plagmann at the Reedsport Municipal Court (541) 271-3603, Mon-Fri between 9AM and 5PM.

### Comments requested on Alternative Land Use Plans for Downtown

The City completed the first phase of the Waterfront and Downtown Plan in June of 2011. After receiving a grant from the Oregon Transportation & Growth Management (TGM) Program, the City is now able to begin phase II to complete the plan in Old Town.

Phase I produced two alternative land use plans for Old Town, which are on display at City Hall and online at [www.cityofreedsport.org](http://www.cityofreedsport.org). The City is still gathering public comments on these alternative land use plans, so your input is requested on this important project. Please send comments to Planning Director Melissa Anderson at: [manderson@cityofreedsport.org](mailto:manderson@cityofreedsport.org) or mail to 451 Winchester Ave, Reedsport, OR 97467. If questions, call 541-271-3603.



Concept Image of Waterfront Redevelopment

### CYCLE OREGON IS COMING TO TOWN!

**on September 12th, arriving from noon until approximately 6:00pm**

Join the community from 12:30pm-6:30pm at the Reedsport Community Charter School in greeting the cyclists.

If you're at work and cannot make the event, cheer them on from your business as they ride through town (anywhere along Highway 101).

There will be a beer/wine garden, as well as, an event stage (at the High School fields) with great entertainment.



For More information contact Robin Dollar at (541) 271-3495.



### Tsunami preparedness

Are you prepared for a Tsunami? Do you have an emergency plan?

If you feel an earthquake, find cover and wait until its over. Soon after the earthquake has stopped, the Tsunami Warning will sound. This siren will generate a steady 3-minute siren blast. An announcement will also be put over the NOAA weather radio. But don't wait to hear the warning siren, evacuate on foot, if possible; this will reduce traffic. You should always move to higher ground, as a Tsunami could come on shore in as little as 15-20 minutes.

Before you leave, be sure to grab your emergency kit. The kit should include a three day supply of the following items for each member of your family: (continued to page 4)

## News of Discovery



### UMPQUA RIVER BRIDGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Umpqua River Bridge opened to traffic on July 2, 1936. A celebration and dedication of the 75th Anniversary is planned for Thursday, September 8th, beginning with the opening & closing of the bridge around 3:00pm, followed by the crossing of vintage cars. Everyone will then meet on the back deck of the Umpqua Discovery Center for the dedication of the bridge. (Guest speakers include: Mayor, Keith Tymchuk, Douglas County Commissioner, Susan Morgan, and ODOT Bridge Preservation Manager, Benjamin Tang.) A presentation and book signing by Judy Fleagle, author of CROSSINGS - MCCULLOUGH'S COASTAL BRIDGES, will follow. Refreshments served.

### SOON TO BE RELEASED!!

New book: 'REEDSPORT HISTORY'. Author Jim Akre, Umpqua Discovery Center, Douglas County Museum. Watch for book signings in November.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tsalila is soon approaching with students from all over the area ascending on Reedsport. We are looking for volunteers to help with this wonderful event. Dates are September 20th, 21st, & 22nd.

The Umpqua Discovery Center is also looking for volunteers to work in the gift shop and to help with programs throughout the year.



Please call 541-271-4816 or stop by the Discovery Center at 409 Riverfront Way and pick up a volunteer application.

## Shall we landscape?

How can Reedsport become more attractive to visitors and residents alike? – One way is to provide landscaping in non-residential areas.

The City of Reedsport is considering adopting landscaping requirements for commercial and industrial areas. Currently there are no requirements for landscaping, screening or buffering. A new code requirement would not be retroactive, but would only apply to new development, additions/modifications and change of use that intensifies the use of a site (it would not apply to single-family homes and duplexes).

The current proposal for landscaping would require a minimum of 10% of a site to be landscaped with a combination of trees, bushes and live-plant ground cover, with at least half of the landscaping located within the first 20 feet of the street. Additionally, parking lots larger than 20 parking spaces would be required to provide interior landscaped islands.

On Monday, September 26th, the Reedsport Planning Commission will consider initiating a public hearing process to amend the land use code to adopt landscaping standards. Once a draft code is initiated for consideration, public notice is required and a public hearing before the Planning Commission is conducted; public notice and public hearing is conducted again at City Council. The final decision for the proposed code amendments are made by the City Council.

Public input is needed and welcome in this process. If you have questions, want to know more about the proposed landscaping code, or want to know how to participate in the adoption process, contact Planning Director Melissa Anderson at 541-271-3603 or [manderson@cityofreedsport.org](mailto:manderson@cityofreedsport.org).



### CCAT Service Reedsport/Coos Bay

On August 3, 2011 the Coos County Area Transit (CCAT) began offering bus service between Coos Bay, and Reedsport. The CCAT service schedule will provide two roundtrips, to the public, between Coos Bay and Reedsport, each Wednesday. Roundtrip fare is \$8.00.

Seniors and persons with a disability are reminded that they may make use of Dial-A-Ride services, both in Coos Bay and Reedsport, to help facilitate their needs in using this bus service. Should you have questions or need more information you may contact CCAT at (541) 267-7111 or Reedsport Dial-A-Ride at (541) 271-3603. If you would like to schedule a ride with the Reedsport Dial-A-Ride please call (541) 271-1847 the day before.

| Pick-up Locations                          | A.M. Run |
|--|----------|
| Coos Bay Library                           | 8:15     |
| Pony Village Mall                          | 8:30     |
| Lakeside McKay's                           | 8:50     |
| Reedsport Senior Center                    | 9:15     |
| Reedsport 7-11 Store                       | 9:20     |
| Winchester Bay - Phillip Boe Memorial Park | 9:25     |
| Pony Village Mall                          | 9:50     |
| Wal-Mart                                   | 10:00    |
| Pick-up Locations                          | P.M. Run |
| Wal-Mart - Grocery Door                    | 3:00     |
| Pony Village Mall                          | 3:15     |
| Lakeside McKay's                           | 3:35     |
| Reedsport Senior Center                    | 4:01     |
| Reedsport 7-11 Store                       | 4:05     |
| Winchester Bay - Phillip Boe Memorial Park | 4:10     |
| Coos Bay Library                           | 4:45     |



## **News from the Senior Center**

The Lower Umpqua Senior Center is the recipient of a Ford Family Foundation Critical Need Grant in the amount of \$935. The grant was used to replace the fire suppression unit in the Senior Center kitchen. The kitchen is used to prepare an average of 75 meals, three days a week for both in-center dining and Meals on Wheels delivery for seniors and disabled persons in our community.

The Ford Family Foundation was established in 1957 by Kenneth W. and Hallie E. Ford. Its mission is "successful citizens and vital rural communities" in Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. The Foundation is located in Roseburg, Oregon, with a Scholarship office in Eugene.

## **Reedsport City Council**

Under the council-manager form of government, the elected governing body (commonly called a city council) is responsible for the legislative function of the municipality such as establishing policy, passing local ordinances, voting appropriations, and developing an overall vision. The legislative body, which is voted into office by public elections, appoints a professional manager to oversee the administrative operations, implement its policies, and to advise the legislative body.

The Reedsport City Council is made up of the mayor and six Council members. Council members are elected by the voters at large. The mayor's term is two years, while the Councilors hold three year terms with one position expiring every other year.

Meet the Reedsport City Council:



Mayor Tymchuk



Councilor Anderson



Councilor Essig



Councilor Macho



Councilor Otis



Councilor Walker



Councilor Wall-Meyer

Keith Tymchuk has served five terms as mayor (2002, 2003-04, 2007-08, 2009-10, 2011-12). Tymchuk has worked as a teacher for 27 years. He received a Bachelors of Science in Telecommunications from the University of Oregon and a Masters of Education from Oregon State University. His past and current government experience includes: 14 years as a Port of Umpqua Commissioner, Governor's Renewable Energy Working Group, Oregon Solutions Process, Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, and the Oregon Mayor's Association.

Ginger Anderson is the current City Council President. She served as a councilor in the 1990's and is now serving her second term since coming back in 2008 (2008, 2009-12). Anderson attended the University of Oregon where she received a Masters of Interior Architecture. Her government experience includes: Reedsport Planning Commission, Reedsport Charter Review Committee, Library Board, Umpqua Discovery Center Steering Committee, and the Urban Renewal Advisory Committee.

Diane Essig was first elected in 2007. Her current term ends in 2014 (2007-10, 2011-14). Essig is retired after working 23 years for Bi-Mart Corporation. Essig attended Southern Oregon College for 3 years. She currently serves on the Parks and Beautification Committee and the Umpqua Discovery Steering Committee. Her volunteer experience includes PEO, Christmas in July, and the Umpqua Discovery Center.

Mike Macho is serving in his third term on the Council (2004-06, 2007-10, 2011-14). Macho was elected by the Council to be the Alternate Council President. He received his Advanced Supervision Certification from the Board of Police Standards and Training. Macho served 25 years with the Reedsport Police Department and is now retired.

Bill Otis has been a Councilor since 2005 (2005-08, 2009-12). Otis worked 32 years for the Oregon Department of Transportation, Management Department. He is also retired. Otis attended Umpqua Community College where he obtained his Associate of Arts degree. Otis is involved with the Reedsport Budget Committee, Reedsport Parks and Beautification Committee, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

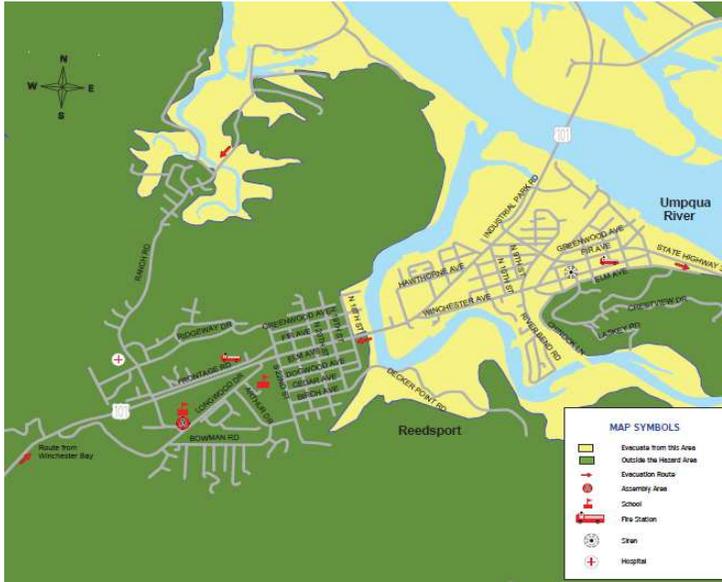
Bill Walker has been a Councilor since 2005 as well (2005-08, 2009-12). He is retired from his career of 28 years at the International Paper Company. Walker is also involved in the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association.

Kathi Wall-Meyer is the most recent councilor to join the Reedsport City Council; elected in 2011, her term expires in 2014. She worked as a government/computer industry employee and most recently as the owner of Kathi's Vintage Antiques Gifts and Collectibles. She attended Chemeketa Community College, receiving an Associates degree in Political Science. Wall-Meyer received a Bachelor of Political Science/Computer Sciences from Willamette University. She is a member of the Old Town Merchants Association and Coastal Douglas Arts & Business Alliance.

City council meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

**(Continued) Are you prepared for a Tsunami? Emergency kit supplies:**

- 1) Non-perishable food
- 2) Can opener
- 3) Food and water for pets
- 4) Cooking source
- 5) Matches
- 6) Water (1 gal/person/day)
- 7) First aid kit
- 8) Blankets
- 9) Flashlight and batteries
- 10) Heavy gloves
- 11) Sturdy shoes
- 12) Fire extinguisher
- 13) Medications
- 14) Money
- 15) Radio
- 16) Crescent wrench for utility shut off



If you need help evacuating, emergency responders suggest tying something white to your front door. Make sure that it is visible from the street. If there is enough time help may arrive. If the tsunami is “local” (meaning the earthquake is located near the coast) then it’s unlikely help will arrive. For this reason, **always have a plan!**

Once the Tsunami is over, listen to your radio for an official “ALL CLEAR” before moving back into hazardous areas. Damaged structures will need to be inspected before they can be occupied again.

Finally, check with emergency response agencies to see if you can be of assistance or if you need help locating lost family.

*Calendar of Events*

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|-------------|-------|--|
| Sept. 5     | M     | • City Hall Closed for Labor Day   |
| Sept. 6     | Tu    | • City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)   |
| Sept. 8     | Th    | • Umpqua River Bridge 75th Anniversary Celebration at 3:00pm (Umpqua River Bridge and Umpqua Discovery Center) |
| Sept. 20-22 | Tu-Th | • Tsalila Education Days (Rainbow Plaza and Umpqua Discovery Center)   |
| Sept 21     | W     | • Parks and Beautification Comm. Meeting at 3:00pm (City Hall Conference Room)                                 |
| Sept. 26    | M     | • Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)  |
| Sept. 27    | Tu    | • Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)  |
| Sept. 29    | Th    | • Library Renovation Meeting at 6:30pm (Library)   |
| Sept 30     | F     | • Library Advisory Board Meeting at 12:00pm (Library)  |
| Oct. 3      | M     | • City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)   |
| Oct. 4      | Tu    | • UDC Steering Committee Meeting at 12:00pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)  |
| Oct. 9-15   | Su-Sa | • Fire Prevention Week   |
| Oct. 24     | M     | • Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)  |
| Oct. 25     | Tu    | • Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)  |
| Nov. 7      | M     | • City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)   |
| Nov. 11     | F     | • City Hall Closed for Veterans Day  |
| Nov. 24-25  | Th-F  | • City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving  |
| Nov. 28     | M     | • Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)  |
| Nov. 22     | Tu    | • Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)  |
| Nov. 29     | Tu    | • Book Signing 'Reedsport History' (Umpqua Discovery Center)   |

**Prevent fires and burns**

Did you know that working smoke alarms cut your family’s risk of dying in a home fire almost in half? Protect your loved ones from fires and burns in the home. Things to do today:

1. Have working smoke alarms and hold fire drills. If you build a new home, install fire sprinklers.
2. Stay by the stove when cooking especially when you are frying food.
3. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
4. If you smoke, smoke outside. Use deep ash trays and put water in them before you empty them. Lock matches and lighters in a place where children can’t reach them.
5. Only light candles when an adult is in the room. Blow the candle out if you leave the room or go to sleep.



**Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2011**

**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