



Gateway to the Dunes

CITY OF REEDSPORT NEWSLETTER

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On-street parking limitations

The City of Reedsport needs your assistance with keeping our streets clear and safe by removing parked cars, trucks, boats, trailers, and RV's to other locations.



Due to safety and aesthetic concerns, citizens are being asked to become familiar with Parking and Recreational Vehicle Ordinances. Vehicles parked on city streets for greater periods than 24-hours, displaying for sale signs, having mechanical work performed, being used to sell merchandize, or being used to store junk are subject to warnings and possibly citations.

Parking any mobile home or recreational vehicle for sleeping, cooking, or living purposes within the city for any period of time exceeding 3 hours, except in an authorized and licensed RV Park is subject to the same consequences with limited exceptions.

Keeping vehicles off the roadway helps with congestion, visibility of traffic, as well as road maintenance and sweeping.

The Reedsport Municipal Code is available on line at www.cityofreedsport.org and at City Hall.

Fees vs. Taxes - what's the difference?

Generally, a tax raises revenue for general governmental purposes, while a fee raises revenue either to compensate the government for the provision of a specific service or benefit to the one paying the fee or to defray the government's costs of regulating and policing a business or activity engaged in by the one paying the fee.

A fee is a *charge for use of a service or amenity* - the amount of which is directly related and proportional to the cost of providing that service or amenity. Thus, licensing or permitting fees for building, planning, boat launching, use of facilities, business licenses, admission, copy costs, etc. help offset staff time and material costs directly associated with issuing the license or permit. The issuance of a license or permit directly benefits the one electing or choosing to utilize the service or amenity rather than the population at large. The key feature of fees is that the user is *electing or choosing* to purchase a good or service and the funds collected are directly related to the purpose of providing the elective good or service.

A tax, on the other hand is *collected to raise general purpose revenues* in order to provide services that benefit the entire population. Since the population at large benefits from certain services, such as police, fire, court, parks, and health, the costs of providing these services are funded from taxes, such as the property tax. Governments spend tax revenues for general purposes that benefit the general population. That's why taxes go into the "General Fund" and expenditures are allocated by the legislative budgetary process.

Get involved! Public encouraged to attend city-meetings

In Oregon, public meetings are governed by a State law called Oregon Public Meetings Law (ORS 192.610 to 192.690). The law was enacted by the Oregon legislature in 1973 and legally establishes the state policy that the public is entitled to know how public organizations operate. Essentially, what this law does is define a meeting as the convening of any of the "governing body of a public body". By this definition there are many different councils, boards, commissions, bureaus etc. that fall under these guidelines. Below are the rules and laws as they pertain to the City of Reedsport and to publicly noticing city meetings.

The Public Meetings Law requires public notice of the time and place of any meetings in which a quorum of elected officials is expected to conduct official business. This requirement is broken down by and applies to three categories: regular, special and emergency meetings. Regular meetings must be *reasonably calculated* to give actual notice of the time and place of the meeting to the public. Special meetings require at least 24 hours notice.

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Riverfront Rhythms 2012 Summer Concerts

'On the Waterfront' at Umpqua Discovery Center

June 21—*Timberwolf*
(Oldies, Rock & Roll)

July 12—*Worn Out Frets*
(Light Rock, Oldies)

July 26—*Small Town Rumors*
(Country, Rock & Roll, 50's)

August 16—*Young Bucs* (Doo Wop)

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6:00-
7:30pm

Free outdoor concerts—Bring chairs or blankets—Picnicking
Food vendors—No pets, no smoking, no alcohol
409 Riverfront Way, Reedsport—(541) 271-4816

Check us out online at www.cityofreedsport.org

Waterfront & Downtown Plan: Final Open House July 24th

Building on the work completed last year in Phase I, the City and consultant team held an open house in May and are now using that feedback to create the first draft of the Waterfront and Downtown Plan.

Comments on the **Draft Waterfront and Downtown Plan** will be gathered at the last **Open House on Tuesday, July 24th, 5-7 pm** at the Reedsport Senior Center. The draft plan will also be posted on the City web site for easy access, review and comment.

Your comments will be used to finalize the plan so attend the Open House, look on the City website or just contact Planning Director Melissa Anderson at: manderson@cityoffreedsport.org or call 541-271-3603. Refreshments will be served. Anyone may attend the Open House.



Summer reminder for drivers and pedestrians

Pedestrian safety is a concern this time of year with the improved weather and local youth out of school. The Police Department wants to remind everyone of the laws regarding driver AND pedestrian rules; typically the subject of a lot of confusion. Drivers and pedestrians share responsibility in the sense that actions by either the driver or the pedestrian can prevent accidents from occurring.

Oregon law requires pedestrians use crosswalks where available, and in the absence of an available crosswalk, pedestrians must cross roadways at the nearest intersection. Pedestrians are required to remain off of the roadway until they can enter without creating an immediate hazard to motorists. Although "J-Walking" is rarely ticketed, pedestrians need to be aware that if they cross roadways illegally, they would be determined "at fault" if struck by a unwary motorist. That can be a harsh reality given the gravity of the situation, but it is important that pedestrians understand they have an equal role and responsibility in ensuring their safety.

Motorists are required to yield to pedestrians that have entered the roadway. Motorists must remain stopped prior to the crosswalk until the pedestrian has cleared the lane in which your vehicle is traveling or turning and at least the next lane, before you proceed.

Remember, under Oregon law there is a crosswalk at every intersection.

Do not pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. A stopped car may be a clue that a pedestrian is crossing. When stopping for a crosswalk on a multi-lane road like Highway 101, you should stop about 30 feet before the crosswalk so you don't block visibility to a driver in the inside lane

When stopping at an intersection, motorists are required to stop their vehicle before entering the intersection.

Watch for pedestrians, especially children, when exiting driveways, backing out of parking spaces and exiting parking lots. Pedestrians have the right-of-way on sidewalks.

If you enjoy walking:

- Wear high visibility clothes and carry a light when you are walking during times of limited visibility
- Before proceeding onto a roadway, make eye contact with the driver to insure you have been seen
- Each year, teach your children pedestrian safety rules for walking and riding their bicycles in the community.

If you operate a motor assisted wheel chair the rules of a pedestrian apply. Use sidewalks when they are available and cross at intersections.

FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 17

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO WITH DAD THIS FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND?

Here are a couple of ideas:

Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department PANCAKE FEED

Saturday, June
16th from
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. Bring your Dad and treat him to a pancake breakfast.

Breakfast includes: pancake, sausage, egg, and hash brown.



Father's Day Special at
the Umpqua
Discovery Center

Sunday, June 17th
dads will receive
FREE ADMISSION

Weeds and tall grass

When weeds are present or grass is in excess of twelve (12) inches high, a nuisance violation has occurred. In the Reedsport Municipal Code, the violation is known as "obnoxious vegetation". Per City Code, "obnoxious vegetation" is a public nuisance and should not be permitted to grow, mature, or go to seed on the owner's or person's property or in the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting the property (RMC Section 6.08.060).

City staff does its best to address violations of this ordinance; however, citizens are asked to assist by notifying the City if they witness property that appears to be in violation of this ordinance. Citizen comment/concern forms are available at City Hall or you can call 541-271-3603 to issue a complaint. Once a complaint has been made, staff will investigate the complaint to ensure non-compliance. If it's determined that a violation has occurred, the City will notify the property owner informing them they must abate the nuisance within (10) days by cutting the grass and/or weeds on or abutting their property (RMC Section 6.08.180). If, within the time allowed, the nuisance has not been abated by the owner or person in charge of the property, the City shall cause the nuisance to be abated by entering the property at a reasonable time to investigate or cause the removal of the nuisance (RMC Section 6.08.190), the cost of which will be assessed to and become a lien against the property unless paid within thirty (30) days from the date of notice (RMC Section 6.08.200).

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Emergency meetings can be called on less than 24 hours notice but an "actual emergency" must exist. The notice for each meeting regardless of which category it falls under, must include a list of the principal subject(s) anticipated to be considered at the meeting. This requirement is met by distribution of an agenda.

The City of Reedsport is committed to providing the public with as much notice as possible to allow for citizens' participation in their local government. The Umpqua Post is the City's primary source of publication for city government meetings. While the City makes every effort for all meetings to be noticed in the paper, occasionally a meeting date is missed or is incorrect. To better serve our residents, the City is providing a listing of meetings in a variety of other locations. The City website at www.cityoffreedsport.org is now listing all City-related meetings along with civic events in an interactive calendar format easily accessed on the front page. The City will also be posting a list of weekly meetings on both the City Hall front office door and the Community Building front door on Friday of each week. The City will continue to send agendas for each and every meeting to a predetermined (by request) fax list that contains at least 10 area media recipients, as has been past practice.

The City is always looking for suggestions on improving communication and transparency and looks forward to your comments and suggestions.

Trash to Treasure—Saturday, June 2, 2012

In search of that perfect treasure? At no cost? Well, here is your chance! The City of Reedsport is sponsoring a "Trash to Treasure" day on June 2nd. Residents who wish to participate in the event should place items they no longer want on the curb at the end of their driveways. Items commonly placed curbside for swapping are lawn mowers, old furniture, grills, etc. All items placed on the curb should be clearly marked as "FREE". Treasure hunters will have the opportunity to pick up items that are marked as "FREE" from 8:00am-4:00pm that day. If treasure seekers do not pick up items that are placed on the curb, residents will be responsible for proper disposal of the unwanted items.



Dial-A-Ride receives Beacon Award

On May 7, 2012 seven volunteer Dial-A-Ride drivers were the recipient of the Lower Umpqua Hospital foundation's Beacon Award. The Beacon Award was created to recognize the efforts of an individual or an organization to improve the health, wellness, and safety of our community.

Richard Brown-Monday driver
Leonard Skinner-Tuesday driver and chief fill-in driver
Joe Hanshaw-Wednesday driver
Pat McCarthy-Thursday driver
Harvey Myers-Friday driver
Bill Whitney-Fill-in driver
Harvey Plunket-Fill-in driver

The Dial-A-Ride program provides transportation for seniors and disabled citizens as a priority and the general population secondarily, within a five mile radius of Reedsport. This can be from grocery shopping to medical visits to anywhere in between. The service runs from 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday and for special events.

During 2011 over 1693 hours of volunteer driving time has been given by these men for a total of 12,500 miles driven and 4,394 one way rides.

Candidates Packets available June 25, 2012

Positions up for election: Mayor, two year term, elected at large; Council positions #1, #2 and #3, four year terms and also elected at large.

Those interested in filing for a seat on the Reedsport City Council, including Mayor, may obtain an information packet from the City Recorder at Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Ave. Reedsport, Or. The Reedsport City Charter requires a one year and continued residency and a nomination petition. The deadline for filing the completed petition is August 24, 2012. Keep in mind that candidacy requires gathering of 17 signatures.

Now is the best time to have a water meter installed

The greatest difference between flat rate and metered rate fees for water and wastewater occurs within the next two years. Currently, the average residential metered rate customer is paying approximately \$80 a month for water, sewer and stormwater, based on 500 cubic feet of water used. Flat rate residential customers are currently paying \$112 per month. This equates to a savings of approximately \$32 per month for metered rate residential customers.



The average cost of having a water meter installed is about \$300. The City is working to ease the burden of paying the installation

cost up front by allowing customers to spread the cost over a 12 month period. For customers choosing this method, the monthly cost would be approximately \$25. Including the meter installation cost, the average residential customer may see a savings of approximately \$7 per month once the meter is installed. After the meter installation is paid in full, the average metered residential customer may see a savings of approximately \$32 per month. Since the base rate for metered residential utility customers will increase by \$3 every year until 2020, the greatest opportunity for savings is within the next two years. For more information or to get an estimate for a water meter visit www.cityoffreedsport.org, stop by City Hall or call 541-271-3603.

Calendar of Events

June 2	Sa	• Trash to Treasure Event from 8:00am-4:00pm (City-wide)
June 4	M	• Urban Renewal Agency Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers) • City Council Meeting at 7:15pm (City Council Chambers)
June 13	W	• Parks & Beautification Committee Mtg. at 3:00pm (City Hall Conference Room)
June 14-17	Th-Su	• Annual Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Sculpting Championships (Rainbow Plaza)
June 15-17	W-Su	• CDABA Art Walk and Sidewalk Event (Downtown)
June 16	Sa	• Father's Day Pancake Feed from 7:00am-10:30am (Downtown Fire Hall)
June 19	Tu	• Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Mtg. at 1:30pm (City Hall Conference Room)
June 21	Th	• Riverfront Rhythms "Timberwolf" at 6:00pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)
June 25	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
July 2	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
July 4	W	• City Hall Closed. • Fireworks Celebration at 9:00pm (Winchester Bay and Gardiner, OR)
July 12	Th	• Riverfront Rhythms "Worn Out Frets" at 6:00pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)
July 13	F	• Annual Torch Run
July 14	Sa	• Christmas in July
July 20-22	F-Su	• 2012 Ocean Festival (Winchester Bay, OR)
July 23	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
July 24	Tu	• Waterfront & Downtown Plan: Final Open House from 5:00pm-7:00pm (Sr. Ctr.)
July 26	Th	• Riverfront Rhythms "Small Town Rumors" at 6:00pm (Umpqua Discovery Center)
Aug. 1-5	W-Su	• Dune Fest 2012 (Winchester Bay, OR)
Aug. 6	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Aug. 7	Tu	• National Night Out from 5:00pm-7:00pm (Lions Park)
Aug. 16	Th	• Riverfront Rhythms "Young Bucs" at 6:00pm (Umpqua Discovery Ctr.)
Aug. 24-25	F-Sa	• Kool Coastal Nights (Winchester Bay, OR)
Aug. 27	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Sept. 1-2	Sa-Su	• Art-by-the-Bay (Winchester Bay, OR) • Step Salmon Derby (Rainbow Plaza)
Sept. 3	M	• City Hall Closed.



Fire season is upon us

The Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department is amending policy regarding the issuance of burning permits for the 2012 fire season. As such, there will be no debris burning or burn barrel permits issued within the Reedsport City limits. There will be no exceptions to this policy for the duration of fire season.

This year the Fire Department will stop issuing permits the same day that Coos Forest Protective Association closes fire season which typically starts in late June and ends in early November.

The reasons for this policy change are:

- More efficient fire operations
- Elimination of burning illegal materials
- Policy alignment with neighboring fire protection agencies
- Public and firefighter safety

Warming fires, otherwise known as campfires or recreational fires, (for cooking and other non-debris burning activities), are still allowed year around, and do not require a permit. We ask that you burn safely and responsibly. 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(J).

For more information, go to www.cityoffreedsport.org and click on the Fire Department link.



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- 5pm (M-Sat.)
Winter (10/15-3/14) 10:00am-4pm (M-Sat.)
Sunday (1/1-12/31) 11am-4pm
UDC Director-Diane Novak