



Gateway to the Dunes

CITY OF REEDSPORT NEWSLETTER

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"Jake" brakes

Communities commonly complain about noise related to commercial motor vehicles using "Jake" brakes in populated areas. A "Jake" brake is a common term for engine compression braking used by semi-tractors to reduce speeds by using engine compression to assist normal braking systems. This is typically done to improve braking performance, reduce brake wear and brake overheating.

"Jake" braking is especially problematic in communities where truck routes travel through, or nearby, residential areas, schools, or other areas where the public congregate and are disturbed by the noise level created by this braking method.

In the City of Reedsport, there are two main roadways that are designated truck routes: State Highway 38 and State Highway 101. Both roadways are under the State of Oregon jurisdictional authority, which means the City of Reedsport doesn't have the authority to impose more restrictive laws on vehicle operation. Communities that have designated truck routes on City streets may impose an ordinance restricting ALL engine braking, thereby making muffled engine braking a violation of city ordinance.

Unmuffled engine braking can be distinguished from muffled engine braking due to the fact it is

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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.cityofreedsport.org, stop by City Hall or call 541-271-3603.



Save with a water EcoKit

New water saver kits have arrived! The City of Reedsport is, again, 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' water¹ and electric bills.

¹Only 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.

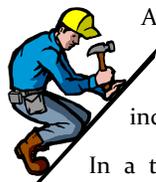
The EcoKit includes:

- Toilet tank bank • plumber's tape • dye tablets • 1.5 GPM kitchen aerator • 2 dual thread aerators • 1.5 GPM showerhead • toilet fill cycle diverter • generic 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 application. Persons who wish to receive a kit must also have active accounts with both the City of Reedsport and CLPUD. **Limit:** one kit per customer and household.

Build now: SDC Moratorium in place



At the December 5, 2011 City Council meeting, the Reedsport City Council adopted an ordinance placing a moratorium on the imposition and collection of system development charges (SDCs) for storm drainage, water and sanitary sewer systems for new commercial, industrial and residential development until December 31, 2012.

In a time of deep economic recession, the City Council expressed their desire to stimulate commercial, industrial and residential development and to create new permanent jobs by offering incentives to invest in Reedsport.

In order to qualify for a waiver of SDCs, the developer of a proposed commercial, industrial or residential development must submit a complete application to the City by December 31, 2012.

For more information and to obtain and submit an application, please visit www.cityofreedsport.org, visit City Hall, or call 541-271-3603.

Check us out online at www.cityofreedsport.org

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

July 12 and July 26—TBA

August 16—*Young Bucs*
 (Doo Wop)

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6:00-7:30pm

It's time again for the community-wide Spring clean up event!
 City-wide garage sale—Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28, 2012
 Hold your garage sale during this weekend and the City will waive the permit and fee requirements (RMC \$7.16.040).

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 8am-4pm 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.

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

New; of Discovery—1962 Columbus Day Storm



This year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Columbus Day Storm. The storm of 1962 is a contender for the 'Biggest Extratropical Cyclone of the 20th Century'. Cape Blanco's anemometer, that lost one of its cups, registered wind gusts in excess of 145 mph, some reports put the peak velocity at 179mph. In less than 12 hours, over 11 billion board feet of timber was blown down in Northern California, Oregon and Washington combined. This exceeded the annual timber harvest for Oregon and Washington at the time. 46 fatalities were attributed to the storm and 100's were injured. The level of emergency caused by this storm exceeds that of any other Pacific Northwest event in memory.

TELL US YOUR STORY: The Center is interested in hearing what you remember from this storm. E-mail your stories and/or photos to info@umpquadiscoverycenter.com, or bring them by the Center. Stories will be featured on our website, in future newsletters, and a special history program in October.

Umpqua Discovery Center, 409 Riverfront Way, Reedsport, OR 97467 | (541)-271-4816

Tree planting in the Reedsport area

Not all trees are suitable to an urban environment. Simply selecting an appropriate tree can save money and maintenance chores and provide lasting enjoyment. When selecting a tree keep in mind:

- * Size of the tree at maturity—
 - Small trees (20'-35') may be planted under power lines.
 - Medium-size trees (35'-50') are recommended only for large yards.
- * Shape of the tree—
 - Trees with spreading crowns should be planted at least 25' from wires, sidewalks, and buildings.
 - Plant trees with columnar or pyramidal forms at least 10' away from wires, sidewalks, and buildings.
- * Will the roots uplift sidewalks or driveways or damage foundations?
- * Will the tree block visibility?
- * Will it survive strong winds?
- * Will it overhang your neighbor's property?

- * Will it require a wet or dry area?
- * Will it require frequent spraying?
- * If near a deck or patio, will the tree drop seeds or fruit?

The Reedsport Tree Board and the Parks and Beautification Committee has put together a list of trees that are suitable for plating in the Reedsport area. These trees include:

Flowering Crabapple • Japanese Flowering Cherry • Armstrong Maple • Bowhall Maple • Marshall Seedless Green Ash • Persian Parrotia • Western Redbud • Vine Maple • Amur Maple • Japanese Stewartia • Goldenchain Tree • Japanese Snowbell • Dogwood • Cornelian Cherry • Strawberry Tree • Saucer Magnolia • Hawthorn • Deciduous Magnolia.

Here are some trees to avoid:

Quaking Aspen • English Elm • Plum • Tree of Heaven • Honey Locust • Certain Flowering Cherries.



"Jake" brakes

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significantly louder since the vehicle's exhaust system is operated through "straight pipes". Officers enforce this statute in Reedsport; however unmuffled engine braking rarely occurs because most commercial vehicles are equipped with muffled engines.

Numerous communities in Oregon continue to be disturbed by the noise created by muffled engine braking. Although it is not as loud as unmuffled engine braking, if a driver is aggressively using a muffled engine brake at high RPMs, it still creates a significant noise issue that is disturbing to the public. When the City of Reedsport Police Department identifies unmuffled engine braking, the driver of that vehicle will be cited.

Why does the Reedsport Urban Renewal District appear on my tax bill?

November 15—Tax payment deadline for real property and personal property tax discounts has come and gone, but the question “Why does the Reedsport Urban Renewal District appear on my tax bill?” still lingers.

Your total tax bill does not change because of the creation or existence of an urban renewal district. What changes is how these dollars, the taxes collected, are divided among the taxing districts.

Each taxing entity that overlaps the urban renewal district continues to collect the same amount of taxes they did prior to the creation of the urban renewal district. When an urban renewal district is created the County Assessor calculates the total assessed value in the urban renewal district plan boundary. The initial assessed value becomes the “frozen base” of the urban renewal district. Increases in assessed value over and above the “frozen base” value are termed “excess value”. Urban renewal district funds, also known as tax increment revenue, are the amount of taxes collected from the “excess value” that would have gone to each of the taxing districts that overlap the urban renewal district prior to the creation of the urban renewal district.

The first chart below shows the total taxes without an urban renewal district. The second chart shows total taxes with an urban renewal district. Note, in bold, the total tax for this subject property has not changed.



Where can I find out more information about the Reedsport Urban Renewal District and urban renewal districts in general? The adopted plan for the Reedsport Urban Renewal District can be viewed at City Hall or at: www.cityoffreesport.org; click on Departments, then Community Development, then Urban Renewal District. The Urban Renewal Program – Under the Past and Current Property Tax Systems can be accessed at www.leg.state.or.us/comm/lro/home.htm; click on Publications and scroll to the publication. Other information on taxing districts and Urban Renewal Districts can be viewed at: www.oregon.gov/DOR/forms.

Area Taxing District Rates **WITHOUT** the Urban Renewal District

Taxing Districts	Tax Rate- Govt	Tax Rate - School	Exempt from Measure	Tax Rate x Assessed Value÷\$1,000	Taxes for	Taxes for	% of all	% of gov	Total Assessed Property Value
	per \$1,000 of assessed value*	per \$1,000 of assessed value*	5. per \$1,000 assessed value		Govt	School	taxing entities	only	
Douglas County	\$1.1124			1.1124 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$151.47		5.94%	9.38%	\$ 136,161.00
City of Reedsport	\$6.1882			6.1882 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$842.59		33.03%	52.18%	
Port of Umpqua	\$0.3441			0.3441 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$46.85		1.84%	2.90%	
Lower Umpqua Hospital	\$3.9729			3.9729 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$540.95		21.21%	33.50%	
Lower Umpqua Park & Rec	\$0.2416			0.2416 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$32.90		1.29%	2.04%	
South Coast Education Dist	\$0.0000	\$0.4432		0.4432 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=		\$60.35	2.37%		
Reedsport 105 School Dist	\$0.0000	\$4.3788		4.3788 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=		\$596.22	23.37%		
SW Oregon Community College	\$0.0000	\$0.7017		0.7017 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=		\$95.54	3.75%		
School Bond	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$1.3523</u>	1.3523 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=		\$184.13	7.22%		
Total of Taxing Rate	\$11.8592	\$5.5237	\$1.3523		\$1,614.76		100.00%	100.00%	
Total Combined Tax Rate	\$18.7352								
Total of Taxes per Category				\$18.7352 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$1,614.76	\$936.24			

Total Taxes Billed by County

\$2,551.00

* Tax rates are permanent rates as filed with State of Oregon

Area Taxing District Rates **WITH** the Urban Renewal District

Taxing Districts	Tax Rate- Govt	Tax Rate - School	Exempt from	Tax Rate x Assessed Value÷\$1,000	Taxes for	Taxes for	% of all	% of Gov	Total Assessed Property Value
	per \$1,000 of assessed value*	per \$1,000 of assessed value*	Measure 5. per \$1,000 assessed value		Govt	School	taxing entities	only	
Douglas County	\$1.0883			1.0883 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$148.18		5.81%	9.09%	\$136,161.00
City of Reedsport	\$6.0539			6.0539 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$824.31		32.31%	50.54%	
Port of Umpqua	\$0.3367			0.3367 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$45.85		1.80%	2.81%	
Lower Umpqua Hospital	\$3.8867			3.8867 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$529.22		20.75%	32.45%	
Lower Umpqua Park & Rec	\$0.2364			0.2364 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$32.19		1.26%	1.97%	
South Coast Education Dist	\$0.0000	\$0.4336		0.4336 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=		\$59.04	2.31%		
Reedsport 105 School Dist	\$0.0000	\$4.2838		4.2838 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=		\$583.29	3.66%		
SW Oregon Community College	\$0.0000	\$0.6865		0.6865 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=		\$93.47	22.86%		
Urban Renewal District	\$0.3770			0.377 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$51.33		2.01%	3.15%	
School Bond	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$0.0000</u>	<u>\$1.3523</u>	1.3523 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$0.00	\$184.13	7.22%		
Total of Taxing Rate	\$11.9790	\$5.4039	\$1.3523				100.00%	100.00%	
Total Combined Tax Rate	\$18.7352								
Total Tax Per Category				\$18.7352 x 136,161 ÷\$1,000=	\$1,631.07	\$919.93			

Total Taxes Billed by County

\$2,551.00

* Tax rates are adjusted rates as recorded at Douglas County Assessor Web Site -2011 Code Rates

Check us out online at www.cityoffreesport.org

Why plan for our Waterfront and Downtown?

As most of Reedsport's citizens know, the City is in the second and last phase of creating a plan for the waterfront and downtown area. But not everyone may know the importance of the project, what it will accomplish for the city or the consequences if a plan is not completed.

A plan for Reedsport's waterfront and downtown area will provide the basis for adopting appropriate land use and development standards, identifying key properties for redevelopment, establishing a transportation network for future development, and completing for funding for public improvements such as street enhancement, bike and pedestrian routes, signage and gateways.

Benefits of The Plan: A plan for the downtown is necessary in order to:

- Adopt appropriate zoning and code standards,
- Direct property acquisition and consolidation for redevelopment,
- Acquire funding for public improvement projects, and

- Attract and assure private sector investment.

Consequences of No Plan: If the City does not adopt a plan for the downtown:

- Zoning will remain the same, leaving land uses and development standards that are inconsistent with revitalizing the area for more tourist-oriented commercial activities,
- Undesirable land uses are able to move into the area and redevelop key sites losing opportunities for higher and better uses,
- Funding opportunities will be lost due to competition and lack of planning, and
- Private sector investment will be lost due to lack of a cohesive vision for the area.

The City completed Phase I of the Plan in June of 2011, and this year will see the completion and final phase of the Waterfront and Downtown Plan. Two public Open Houses are scheduled before the draft Plan is completed in August of this year. Look for announcements of the first **Open House in May of 2012.**

Safety tips from the Fire Dept.

Residential fires kill around 3,000 Americans each year, but they don't need to. Most deaths can be prevented if homeowners follow these basic fire prevention tips.

Safety tip #1: Install smoke detectors

Simply put, having smoke detectors installed in your home is your single best weapon against fire fatalities. Of those 3,000 deaths mentioned earlier, most happen in homes without working smoke detectors. So, place detectors on every floor of your home and in the immediate vicinity of any bedrooms. Test them once a month, and replace the batteries at least once a year. Most manufactures suggest that you completely replace your smoke detectors every 10 years as well, just to be safe.

Safety tip #2: Develop an escape plan

The second most important thing you can do is to draw up an escape plan and talk about it in detail, with your family. This means planning at least two escape routes from every bedroom, purchasing fire ladders for upstairs bedrooms, and making sure that every member of your household knows basic home fire safety procedures. Checking doors for heat before opening them, crawling on the floor to stay out of the smoke, and knowing the closest way out, can all save lives in a major fire. Finally, don't just talk about your plan; practice it at least twice a year. Remember, those fire drills back in grade school? Schedule a few for your home.

Calendar of Events

Mar. 5	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Mar. 20	Tu	• Traffic Safety Committee Meeting at 1:30pm (City Hall Conference Room)
Mar. 26	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
Mar. 27	Tu	• Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)
April 2	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
April 9	M	• Urban Renewal Budget Committee Meeting at 6:30pm (City Council Chambers)
April 9	M	• Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
April 16	M	• Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
April 18	W	• Parks & Beautification Committee Mtg. at 3:00pm (City Hall Conference Room)
April 23	M	• Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
April 24	Tu	• Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)
April 30	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
May. 7	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
May 21	M	• Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)
May 22	Tu	• Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 1:00pm (Senior Center)
May 26-28	Sa-M	• City-wide garage sale (Reedsport)
May 28	M	• City Hall closed.
June 2	Sa	• Trash to Treasure event from 8:00am-4:00pm (Reedsport)
June 4	M	• City Council Meeting at 7:00pm (City Council Chambers)

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