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Duane Wisheart

Reedsport Welcomes new Chief of Police

"We had many qualified applicants and capable finalists for the Chief Position; however, Wisheart's proven leadership and experience made his selection the right choice for our community."

—Jonathan Wright, City Manager

Duane Wisheart began his police career in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served four years as a Military Police Officer. From the Military, he joined the Hemet Police Department where he has served for over 26 years. His career began as a Patrol Officer in 1987 and rose to the current position of Lieutenant where he oversees the department's Investigations Bureau. This division consists of Hemet's major crimes unit and SWAT team. Previous command assignments include oversight of the city's five school resource officers, dispatch center, patrol division, K9 division and municipal jail.

Wisheart possesses a B.S. in Workforce Education from Southern Illinois University and has received specialized training in: Homicide Investigations, budgeting for Police Departments, Police Management and Command, Internal Affairs, S.W.A.T. and Traffic Investigations. He is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute and is an FBI Firearms Instructor. Personal interests include serving on the Board of the Ramona Humane Society, Youth Sports Coach for boys baseball and girls softball and volunteering at the Central County United Way.

Wisheart cites that he and his wife have a desire to raise their two young children, in a small town, away from negative influences of larger cities as his basis for applying for the Reedsport position. He states that his family is completely on board with the transition and is excited about the move.

Chief Wisheart will be sworn in at 9:30am on January 24, 2014. Please join us for this ceremony at the Umpqua Discovery Center.

ADOPT A BEST FRIEND



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At the Reedsport Animal Shelter 541-271-2100



16th street water line project

Recently, the City has taken on a number of waterline improvement projects. The first project completed was the replacement of the failed 16th Street waterline. The waterline had been shut down previously due to a leak in the line under the levee. The Army Corp of Engineers would not allow the line to be replaced in the same location; so, the City had to reroute the entire line.

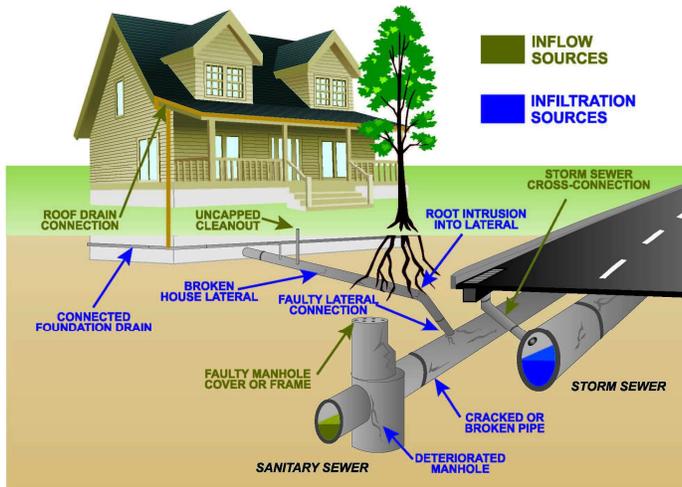
The project replaced an old 10" line, starting at the bottom of the Scholfield Bridge and ending at 16th Street, with a 12" line. Approximately 750 ft. of pipe was replaced using 3 different types of pipe. The old pipe under the levee was filled with cellular form concrete slurry to prevent any leak in the levee. **Continued to page 4...**

Vacant Building Regulation

House Bill 2662 prohibits owners of foreclosed properties from neglecting said properties during vacancy. This provision allows local governments to assess civil penalty for each day during which the owner fails to remedy conditions of neglect. Currently, when a property is foreclosed on and found to be in violation of City Municipal Code provisions (e.g., tall grass and weeds, accumulated waste, etc) the financial institute is notified of the issue by certified mail; however, rarely do these notifications elicit a response. Many of these houses end up being maintained by City Staff to mitigate potential fire hazards. House Bill 2662 forces banks to post the contact information of a person who is accessible by City Staff and the general public in a location that can be viewed from the exterior of the vacant residence.

Through Ordinance 2013-1125, Reedsport Council has expanded on the provisions set out in the House Bill to include all vacant properties within the City of Reedsport; thereby, providing provisions for the regulation of derelict residential, commercial and industrial properties. Further, owners (whether bank or private) will have to inspect properties regularly ensuring compliance with municipal code provisions and keep an inspection log that shall be made available to City Staff upon request. Out of

town owners will be required to procure a local representative thereby insuring compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. A fee of \$100 for the registration and enforcement of vacant buildings has been adopted by Resolution 2013-016.



neighborhoods have older sewer laterals (laterals convey wastewater from the home to the city sewer) made of materials that are no longer structurally sound and need to be replaced. Even homes with modern lateral materials made from plastic often suffer damages due to crushing or faulty installation.

I&I is problematic in a number of ways; 1) it can overwhelm the collection system design capacity causing backups and overflows; 2) it can undermine the bedding under sidewalks, driveways and streets causing potholes in asphalt and cracks in concrete; 3) the increased flow increases the cost for treatment and collections. Knowing the location of your sewer lateral is important in determining its condition. Large vegetation located on the lateral or sinkholes are general indicators that your system may be compromised. Most sewer repair companies offer locate and camera services that can pinpoint the cause and location of a sewer lateral defect.

The Reedsport Municipal Code prohibits a property owner from allowing I & I to enter the municipal sewer system. Further, it is unlawful to connect anything (e.g., roof drains, cellar drains, cooling water discharge pipes and cross connections with storm drains) to a private lateral or City wastewater system. Not only is allowing I & I to enter the sewer system unlawful, it is unsanitary. If water can get in, wastewater can get out. Do your part for the community and insure that your lateral is in good condition. Large vegetation located on the lateral or sinkholes are general indicators that your system may be compromised.

The City of Reedsport sells sand bags (26¢ each). A supply of sand is located at Rainbow Plaza (behind the Steam Donkey) that may be used to fill them.

Bags can be purchased at Reedsport City Hall during business hours, (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm). Persons needing sandbags for after hour emergencies can get them from the Reedsport Police Department.



SDC MORATORIUM

The Reedsport City Council has, again, waived the System Development Charges (SDCs) for most new construction projects, in order to promote investment in our community by offering an economic incentive for development.

The moratorium will be reviewed for continuation at the July 7th City Council Mtg.

Contact City Hall at 541-271-3603 to see what this could mean for your plans to build or start a business in Reedsport.

CITY MEETINGS

Umpqua Discovery Center Steering Committee meeting

January 14, 2014 at 12:00pm

Treasure Chest Meeting

January 14, 2014 at 5:15pm

MLK Day-City Hall Closed

January 20, 2014

Swearing in of the New Police Chief

January 24, 2014 at 9:30am

Library Advisory Board meeting

January 30, 2014 at 12:00pm

Presidents Day-City Hall Closed

February 17, 2014

Parks & Beautification meeting

February 19, 2014 at 3:00pm

Beginning of Daylight Saving Time

March 9, 2014 at 2:00am

Traffic Safety meetings

March 18, 2014 at 1:30pm

Reedsport City Council meetings

Work Session 6:00pm

Regular Session 7:00pm

February 3, 2014

March 3, 2014

Budget Committee meeting

Regular Session at 7:00pm

February 10, 2014

April 14, 2014

April 21, 2014

April 28, 2014

Planning Commission meetings

***Work Session 6:00pm**

Regular Session 7:00pm

January 27, 2014*

February 24, 2014

March 24, 2014

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Police Department (54) 271-2100

Fire Department (541) 271-2423

Adapting to Change

The resounding goal of the City is to maintain services at the lowest possible cost. Therefore, City Staff have employed new techniques to adapt to financial challenges by utilizing such facets as technology and social networks to obtain goods and services at the lowest possible price. For

example, the City relies on fire trucks, police cars, work trucks and various types of specialty equipment to keep the City operating. Budget restrictions prevent purchasing new vehicles and equipment; therefore, the City takes great care to meticulously maintain its current fleet while keeping operational costs low. Part of keeping operational costs low is replacing worn out parts with quality new or used parts at the lowest possible price. Many times this entails buying items in bulk or sourcing items from trusted vendors. When a vehicle or piece of equipment must be replaced, the City has networked relationships with larger municipalities allowing for the purchase of vehicles or equipment for cents on the dollar. These items usually come fully equipped saving the City tens of thousands over buying the items new and outfitting them ourselves. So, while most of our vehicles and equipment will not take home the blue ribbon in a beauty pageant, citizens can be assured they will continue receiving the best possible services at the lowest possible cost.

NEWS OF DISCOVERY

CHAINSAW CARVINGS DONATED TO CENTER



The Umpqua Discovery Center is proud to announce that two carvings have been donated from the Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Sculpting Championships (held June 2013). The Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce purchases carvings and then places them around the Reedsport area. Stop by the Center to enjoy these wonderful works of art.

C. GILES HUNT GRANT RECEIVED

The Umpqua Discovery Center received a grant, from C. Giles Hunt, to cover the transportation costs for schools that visit the Center. To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, while funds are available, call Diane Novak at 541-271-4816 or e-mail: dnovak@cityoffreedsport.org. Students will be thrilled to learn about the plants and animals of tidewater country, along with traveling back in time to a 1900's tidewater town. (Student admission rate would apply for 25+)

Check it out! www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com

The Center has a new website.

BECOME INVOLVED! **2014**
COMMITTEE
VACANCIES

Budget Committee: 3 year term, 2 vacancies

Reedsport Branch Library Advisory Board: 4 year term, 1 vacancy

Planning Commission: 4 year term, 1 vacancy

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee: unlimited term, 1 vacancy

Also accepting applications for:
the Adopt-a-Park & Dial-a-Ride programs, the Umpqua Discovery Center,
and the Reedsport Animal Shelter

NEW TRAFFIC & MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS FOR 2014



Electronic Proof of Insurance Authorized

HOUSE BILL 2107 permits a person to verify their proof of insurance electronically. The measure provides an exemption to the offense of failure to carry proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements for motor vehicle operators when a police officer verifies compliance through the Law Enforcement Data System.

Provisional Driver's License Clarification

HOUSE BILL 2261 specifies that provisional driver license restrictions do not apply to persons 18 years of age or older. The measure specifies that the provisional license restrictions on hours of operation and passengers under 20 years of age apply only to provisional license holders who are under 18 years of age.

Photo Radar in Work Zones/Workers Present

HOUSE BILL 2265 allows for use of photo radar enforcement in highway work zones, including work zones located on interstate highways, if workers are present or in cases where the configuration of the roadway is temporarily changed. The measure also removes the sunset on provisions allowing use of photo radar enforcement in highway work zones.

Smoking in a Motor Vehicle

SENATE BILL 444 creates a Class D traffic violation for persons who smoke in a motor vehicle with a person under 18 present. (enforceable upon second offense)

Increased Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Using a Mobile Communications Device

SENATE BILL 9 increases the penalty for this offense from a "D" violation to a "C" violation.



16th street water line project continued...

Cradar Company received the bid for the project and did a great job. The City appreciates everyone's patience during the project as we understand that these projects can be inconvenient. The City especially appreciates Preston Richardson and crew, of Les Schwab, for their patience and cooperation throughout the project.

Next up is a project to replace the 8" waterline on Longwood, Highland, and Gardens. Line breaks in this area have become more and more prevalent over the last few years. This project will be done by the City crews in three phases and is slated to start this winter.

FOREST HILLS GOLF COURSE
541-271-2626

Ask us about the Oregon Trail Sister Club.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8TH

The Rotary Club presents:
Coastal Douglas Has Talent! Community Talent Show

At the Pacific Auditorium
(2260 Longwood)

Name That Tune Event at 5:30pm
Talent Show at 6:00pm
Cost is \$5.00

Applications available at Jitterbug N Java or KDUN.
Applications are due January 15, 2014.
It is free to audition and participate

FEBRUARY 15TH & 16TH

CONFLUENCE 2014

Wine, Beer, Seafood, & Music Festival

The Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce invites you to Confluence 2014 at the Reedsport Community Building (451 Winchester)

Saturday, February 15th from 12:00pm-10pm &
Sunday, February 16th from 12:00pm-6:00pm

Bands from Oregon & Washington—Oregon wineries & microbreweries—tastings and sales—Bus service available.

For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 541-271-3495.

MARCH 17TH

St. Patrick's Day Trivia Pub Crawl

sponsored by Coastal Douglas Arts & Business Alliance will be held at various locations in Old Town Reedsport. For more information contact Kathleen Miller at 541-271-2101.



MARCH 22ND

Rotary Club of Reedsport sponsors the **SOLVE Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup** (end of Sparrow Park Road, just north of Reedsport) On Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 10 am – 1 pm.

Meet up at the US Forest Service office at 855 Highway 101 South, Reedsport, OR 9747 at 9:30 am to car pool to the beach site.

The Rotary Club will also sponsor its annual glass float give away.