



City of Reedsport QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

PAY YOUR WATER BILL ONLINE!

Tired of writing a check each month to pay your water bill? Do you just want to have it automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account instead?

COMING SOON!

On August 1st, the City will be able to accept electronic payments, from our customers.

To get started, you'll need to contact City Hall to set up a username and password. After that, you can log into your account on the City's website. It will look similar to the screen above, with these options:

- **Dashboard:** View city announcements, updates, and uploaded documents;
- **Make a payment:** Set up your payment accounts (checking or savings), pay your bill, change your payment account, set up recurring payments, and more;
- **My bill:** View your bill in real-time. Your balance will be updated immediately after a payment is made or the Utility Clerk makes an adjustment to your account;
- **Usage:** Shows consumption history, meter readings, and after one year of history a chart will appear, comparing monthly and yearly usages;
- **Activity:** Shows all recent transactions;

More about online payments is continued to page 2...

Reedsport Farmer's Market on 5th Street (next to the Community Building) Come join us every Friday from 9am-3pm!

17 vendors offering a variety of local fruits, veggies, honey, artisan breads, herbs, mushrooms, eggs, grass-fed beef, crafts & more.

Now accepting debit and EBT cards. Credit cards are not yet accepted.
Contact Kathi for more information at 541-271-3044.





Fire Season Is In Effect

Coos Forest Protective Association announced that fire season began on June 11th.

For the second year in a row, the Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department will not issue burn barrel or debris burning permits within the Reedsport City limits during fire season. There will be no exceptions to this policy for the duration of fire season.

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(1).

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



What's New at the P.D.

The Reedsport Police Department welcomed back Officer Terry Lohf, who was hired in April. He returned to the Department after more than 15 years with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. Lohf will be a great asset to the Department and community.



Mayor Keith Tymchuk swearing in Officer Terry Lohf

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The Reedsport Police Department is getting new vehicle graphics! You may have noticed that one of the police cars and the truck have been given a more modern look. The Department feels this look is an improvement over the older, more basic graphics. One of the other newer units will also be getting graphics soon.



Temporary camping available at Rainbow Plaza during the fishing season (July-Oct.)* at a rate of \$10.00 per night. Contact City Hall for more information. *Exclusions may apply.

ONLINE PAYMENTS continued...

- **My Profile:** Update your mailing address, phone numbers, email, etc.; and
- **Contact Us:** Shows the City's contact information in case you have questions about your account.

With this new service, you'll also be able to request electronic statements, which means you'll no longer receive a paper statement (postcard) in the mail. However, you'll receive same day notification of your water billing with electronic statements.

In the future, the City hopes to accept credit cards, but for now electronic check payments are the only method of payment accepted. The City also hopes to take electronic payments for permits and business licenses too (to be announced at a later date). Sign up for an account, so that you'll receive monthly notices from the City. Then, we can update you when the new features and services become available.

If you're interested in setting up an online account, contact City Hall to find out more information and learn how to setup your account. We are eager to get started!

CALL: 541-271-3603, ext. 219 (Mon. & Wed.) or
EMAIL: jterra@cityofreedsport.org

JUST A REMINDER!

City Hall has changed the phone system to an automated phone tree.

For your convenience, a list of extensions has been posted on the City's website.

If you don't know the correct extension, you can also dial the first three letters of the name of the person you are trying to reach.

We appreciate your patience during this transition.

DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM

The question of the day: Where does the money come from that supports the Dial a Ride program?

60% of the funding comes from Federal 5310 Grants. The 5310 money is set aside specifically to provide transportation services for older adults and persons who have a disability. If there are empty seats, then the general public may ride. This enables the entire community to benefit.



30% of the funding comes from State Special Transportation allotments. Like the Federal 5310, this money has been earmarked to provide transportation services for older adults and persons who have a disability. The general public may also ride on a seat available basis.



10% of the funding comes from the users of the service and the community through fares (\$1 for a daily pass) and donations, etc.

Besides being the right thing to do, providing transportation for the target groups (older adults and persons with a disability) makes financial sense. By assisting them with their transportation needs they are able to continue living on their own and in their homes rather than the next phase of assistance which is assisted living. Assisted living facilities are far more expensive to society than providing assistance for transportation. So ultimately the program brings citizens tax dollars back to your community.

THE UMPQUA DISCOVERY CENTER

Follow the Bear Tracks to the Umpqua Discovery Center...beginning at the intersection of 3rd Street and Highway 38 (next to the Post Office).



You'll find shopping, exhibits, the weather center, and now you can enjoy free Wi-Fi!

RIVERFRONT RHYTHMS

2014 Summer Concerts on the Waterfront
at the Umpqua Discovery Center
Thursday evenings from 6-7:30pm

July 10—Done Deal (*Contemporary, danceable Rock*)

July 24—Big Creek Rendezvous (*Country*)

August 7—Strange Brew (*Blues, Rock & Roll, R & B, Swing, Jazz*)

Free outdoor concerts — Bring chairs or blankets — Picnicking welcome

Food vendors — No pets, no smoking, no alcohol

409 Riverfront Way, Reedsport—(541) 271-4816



CITY MEETINGS

July 4th-City Hall Closed

Umpqua Discovery Center
Steering Committee meeting
July 8, 2014 at 12:00pm

Treasure Chest meeting
July 8, 2014 at 5:15pm

September 1st-City Hall Closed

Library Advisory Board meeting
September 25, 2014 at 12:00pm

Traffic Safety meeting
September 16, 2014 at 1:30pm

Reedsport City Council meetings
Work Session at 6:00pm
Regular Session at 7:00pm
July 7, 2014
August 4, 2014
September 8, 2014

Planning Commission meetings
Regular Session at 7:00pm
July 25, 2014
August 22, 2014
September 26, 2014

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

The City has been inundated by questions from Reedsport residents who received letters from a business called HomeServe USA. The company states that they will provide "exterior water service line" insurance for home owners.

Common questions from residents are:

1. WHY doesn't the City cover the waterlines"?
2. HOW do I get off the mailing list?

WHY? The City will repair all City waterlines up to the shutoff valve, at the street. From the valve up to the structure or dwelling is the ownership and responsibility of the property owner. If a home owner wishes to check on coverage for exterior waterlines, a call to the property owner's insurance policy provider would be the best place to start.

HOW? To be removed from HomeServe's mailing list you need to call

1-888-752-6740 go to prompt No. 3 and tell the operator you would like to be removed from their list.

HomeServe

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Cardboard Canoe Workshop Friday, July 18th-Saturday, July 19th from 9am-2pm

Just in time to produce a suitable vessel for the Lakeside Cardboard Canoe Race, this workshop will cover construction and

includes the materials, tools, and supplies to build your own boat.

10 teams of 5 people each (adults and kids ages 5-14) will be formed by registering in advance with the Reedsport Community Charter School's shop instructor, Guy Marchione.

The cost is \$25 per team. A portion of the fee will be used to pay the entry fee, for one of the teams, into the Lakeside Race on August 9th. The winning team will be determined by lottery.

Work days will be held at the RCCS's shop class room. Be sure to bring a sack lunch.

For more info or to register contact Mr. Marchione by email at Gmarchione@wildblue.net or by calling 541-404-2550 or 541-396-6957.

DuneFest 2014

Wednesday, July 30-Sunday, August 3

The Annual DuneFest is located in Winchester Bay, Or.

DuneFest provides a wide variety of activities for the whole family, including: Sanddrags, Auctions, a Treasure Hunt, Tire Toss, Freestyle Shows, Concerts, Monster Truck & Helicopter Rides, Vendors, and much more.

For more information on this event please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 541-271-3495.



Holiday Bazaar 2014

Friday, December 5th-Saturday, December 6th

Don't forget to put the Holiday Bazaar on your calendar! You won't want to miss it!

CDABA is working hard to make even more improvements, have more vendors, and provide an even larger selection of items to purchase.

So, all you artists and crafters, start making your wonderful items now. The bazaar is just around the corner!

FOREST HILLS GOLF COURSE
541-271-2626
golfreedsport.com

Check us out on-line or give us a call, to find out about our upcoming events, including:

**The Jack Dunn Memorial Fundraiser
on July 26th**



Highway 38 & Winchester Ave. Railroad Crossings Improvement Project

According to an Oregon Department of Transportation representative, the final phase of work on this project will commence Monday, June 30th. The work will begin with retaining wall construction, followed by sidewalks and curbs. The sidewalks and curbs will be installed at the railroad crossings only, at this time, they will be extended along Highway 38 and connect to Highway 101, at a later date. Sometime near the end of July, the crews will begin striping, paving, and installing handrails & signs.

The project is scheduled to wrap up on July 31st.

Water News

Flat fee. The City has made it easier than ever to acquire a water meter. In January 2014 the City Council adopted a new \$100 flat fee for water meter installation (labor), plus the cost of materials. Previously, the installation costs would vary based on the hours it took the City to install the meter. These variable costs were seen as a deterrent to many who inquired about water meters. The City also offers financing options that may allow the meter costs to be spread out over 12 months.

Financing. Once your water meter has been installed, you'll be billed for the costs of installation. You now have the option to pay in full or set up payment financing at no extra charge. The City offers a 12 month, equal payments plan. The average monthly billing for installation is around \$30/month. Ask us about it!

WaterEco Kits. Looking for ways to conserve water? The City offers free water saver kits. (You must also be a customer of Central Lincoln PUD.) The kits include items such as, low flow shower heads, sink aerators, leak detection tablets, and more. Stop by City Hall and pick one up today!

CONTACT US:

www.cityofreedsport.org

City Hall (541) 271-3603

Umpqua Discovery Center (541) 271-4816

Reedsport Public Library (541) 271-3500

Police Department (54) 271-2100

Fire Department (541) 271-2423