



City of Reedsport QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2014 BALLOT PROPOSAL



It is election time once again and the City is seeking direction from citizens on an issue of rates. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rule changes now allow the City to refinance existing wastewater loans thereby adjusting the interest rate and extending the term. The City proposes to use this savings (approximately \$3-\$5 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) per month) to apply toward the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) levee certification requirement for Reedsport.

FEMA has mandated Reedsport comply with levee certification requirements (Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 44). Failure to comply with FEMA mandates will invoke the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations thereby forcing development restrictions and economic penalties on land owners. A FEMA representative will be providing information at the City Council Work Session starting at 5:30pm on April 7, 2014 in the Reedsport City Council Meeting Room at City Hall for those interested in getting more information.

The City is sensitive to the economic challenge that increasing rates imposes on the citizens of Reedsport; therefore, the proposal is to adjust the wastewater rates down proportionate to an increase in stormwater rates. Thereby mitigating any immediate financial impact to citizens and providing the revenues necessary to begin dealing with the mandate. No matter what your position it is important that you make your voice heard by voting on May 20, 2014.

GET INVOLVED!
The Reedsport Planning Commission has one vacancy.
Term: 01/14-12/17
To apply, pick up a volunteer form at City Hall.

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The purpose of the flushing is to remove naturally occurring sediments that build up in the water distribution system. These fine sediments are not harmful, but can cause the water to be discolored if they are not removed by the flushing process. Residents may notice discolored water after flushing has occurred. The City advises residents to open an outside faucet, if desired, and run the water until it clears up.



April 8: Winchester Bay | April 9: Reedsport (uptown) | April 10: Reedsport (downtown) | April 11: Gardiner

Reedsport Animal Shelter 541.662.2062 541.271.2100



ANNIE is an adult Boston Mix (5 years old, 35lbs). She is spayed and has all of her vaccinations. Annie is a sweet girl that would be great for an active senior or a family with children (ages 6+), without cats. She loves to play ball and does well with some other dogs, but would do best where she is the only dog child.



BLACKIE is a loving BIG boy! He came to us due to his owner's declining health. He is currently overweight, but we have him on a diet. He is a very happy dog, although he is very stressed right now due to the change in his life. With proper diet & exercise he has many good years ahead of him and lots of love to give.



Flat Rate for Water Meter Installations

For years, metered users have been realizing the savings over flat rate accounts. In 2013, the City crew installed 35 meters, bring the total number of metered users to 896.

And now, the City has made it easier than ever to acquire a water meter. At the January 2014 City Council meeting, the Council adopted a new \$100 flat fee for water meter installation (labor), plus the cost of materials.

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Reedsport Memorial Day Events for 2014 | A Memorial Day Event committee has been formed and is working to make this year's Memorial Day weekend an unforgettable experience. To participate in any of these events or for more information, please contact the Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce at 541-271-3495.



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
Memorial Day weekend
May 23rd - 26th
 • NO PERMITS
 • NO FEES

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

- **4:00-6:30pm** A dinner honoring all veterans will take place at the Presbyterian Church on Longwood Drive. The dinner is open to all for a donation and free to veterans.
- **7:00pm** A patriotic concert will be held in the Pacific Auditorium (Reedsport Community Charter School), featuring the "Strange Brew" band. They will be performing musical selections of "Americana". Other community groups will also be performing. The evening will culminate in a "sing'-along" of America's favorite patriotic songs. Donations accepted at the door.

MONDAY, MAY 26TH

- **10:00-11:00am** The American Legion and the VFW will hold a special ceremony at the Masonic Cemetery on Longview Drive. The public is invited to attend.
- **1:00pm** The Memorial Day Parade will start at the Reedsport Community Charter School parking lot on 22nd Street and proceed by Highway 101 to 10th Street, then onto Winchester Avenue, finishing at the Hahn Park War Memorial. The Parade will feature Veterans, music, floats, old cars, etc. Contact the Chamber for entry forms.
- Immediately following the parade, a Memorial Day Service will be held at the Hahn Park War Memorial. Command Master Sergeant, Daryl Thies, will be the featured speaker. Thies is a graduate of Reedsport High School and has served 23 years as an Army Ranger.



It is election time again and City staff wants to remind all of those of a political mind that campaign signs are limited to four locations within the City ' s rights-of-way. For a map of approved locations and sign regulations, please stop by City Hall or see our website at www.cityofreedsport.org. Signs on private property are not regulated, but can only be placed with the permission of the property owner.



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 FROM 8AM-9AM
JITTERBUG N' JAVA
2211 WINCHESTER AVENUE

A Message from Chief Wisheart:

I would like to thank everybody for making me feel so welcome to the city, and for providing all the guidance and advice in my first 7 weeks or so. My first few days had very nice weather and only some light sprinkles of rain. A few days later I had to drive to Roseburg with Sgt. Tom Beck for a meeting and it was raining. I commented to Tom that it was nice to finally have the rain that I kept hearing so much about. Tom responded, "rain? It's not raining, the wipers aren't on high yet!" Since then, I've come to know just what he meant!

OTHER NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- The PD has a Facebook page, updated with news worthy events and interesting pieces.
- We have our new truck up and running, providing 4X4 and towing capabilities. It was purchased used from Crook County, and outfitted with brand new graphics.
- Our first of four in-car camera systems is up and running. The cameras will monitor and record the front view and backseat view, as well, as record audio.



SPECIAL NOTICE

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.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS TRANSITION.

CITY MEETINGS

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

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

Parks & Beautification meeting
April 16, 2014 at 3:00pm

Memorial Day—City Hall closed
May 26, 2014

Library Advisory Board meeting
May 29, 2014 at 12:00pm

Traffic Safety meetings
June 17, 2014 at 1:30pm

Independence Day
City Hall closed
July 4, 2014

Reedsport City Council meetings
Work Session at 6:00pm
Regular Session at 7:00pm
April 7, 2014
May 5, 2014
June 2, 2014

Budget Committee meeting
Regular Session at 7:00pm
April 14, 2014
April 21, 2014
April 28, 2014

Planning Commission meetings
May 19, 2014 at 7:00pm
June 23, 2014 at 7:00pm

CONTACT US:

www.cityofreedsport.org

City Hall (541) 271-3603

Umpqua Discovery Center (541) 271-4816

Reedsport Public Library (541) 271-3500

Police Department (541) 271-2100

Fire Department (541) 271-2423



Dial a Ride gets a face lift

The City of Reedsport is in receipt of a new Dial-A-Ride vehicle and will soon be in possession of a second one. Many will remember just a few years ago when the City moved up from the mini van with a ramp and was granted the current (big) white wheel chair lift van. Dial-A-Ride (DAR) will now be operating the program with a large wheel chair lift van AND a mini-van with a ramp.

The goal is to be able to accommodate more people during the day. Currently we have to turn away riders when the schedule has more than 20 trips in one day, which is becoming more and more frequent with increased ridership. This has become especially true on days that meals are served at the Senior Center, as the service is primarily used by seniors and disabled patrons.

The City of Reedsport DAR program is part of a much larger County wide system that is funded by Oregon Department of Transportation, State, and Federal funding. It is staffed by volunteer drivers. (We are always looking for more.) County wide, over 164 trips are completed every day.

Most of the programs are managed in the same way, so that if a person visits another city, they can seamlessly transition into being mobile throughout the County and into neighboring Counties.

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Lane County Hazardous Waste Collection Event

April 18: 12pm-5pm

April 19: 8am-2pm

At the Lane County Transfer Site

The event is open to residents in Reedsport

Riverfront Rhythms 2014 Summer Concerts *On the Waterfront at the Umpqua Discovery Center* Thursday evenings from 6-7:30pm

June 19—*Timberwolf (Classics, Country, Rock & Roll)*

July 10—*Done Deal (Contemporary, danceable Rock from 60's to today)*

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



NEWS OF DISCOVERY

50 History Photos – The Center's rotating photo screen has received fifty new history photos of the area, bringing the total to 300 photos. Stop by and view them all on the screen in our main hall. No charge.

New On-Line Store – The Center's new website now includes an on-line store. We currently only have a few items on the website, but will continue to add items in the future.

Mother's Day Weekend—Free Admission for all Moms

Father's Day Weekend—Free Admission for all Dads

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NEW! The Old Town Reedsport Farmer's Market

May 23rd — October, Fridays 9am-3pm

Location: 5th St. in Old Town Reedsport

Local fruits, veggies, honey, artisan breads, herbs, mushrooms, eggs, grass-fed beef, crafts & more. Contact Kathi with the Old Town Merchants Association for more information at 541-271-3044.

Come join us each Friday! You never know what you might find!



5th Annual Art Walk and Photography Contest



Friday, June 13 from 4-8pm | Saturday, June 14 from 10-5pm

Location: Old Town, between the US Post Office and the Orca Gallery (across from the Eagles Lodge)

There will be many open venues and guest artists lining Hwy 38. The Myrtlewood Gallery will also host guest artists. No fees. E-mail kkmiller@reedsportlaw.com for more information.

The photography contest, which coincides with the Art Walk, is open to community members who enjoy taking photos and do not deem themselves professional photographers. There is an entry fee to submit photographs and size guidelines to be followed. E-mail jcoyne8@yahoo.com for more information.

15th Annual Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Sculpting Championship

June 12-15, 2014 (Fathers Day Weekend)

THURS-SAT: Carvers start at 7:30am and finish at 5pm
SUNDAY: Carvers start at 7:30am and finish at Noon

The cost is \$3 per day or get Four-day pass for only \$10
Daily auctions are at 5:30 pm, Thurs-Sat and at 1:30 pm on Sun

Food and Craft Vendors | Big Foot Eating Contest | Poker Walk in Downtown Reedsport | Ice Sculpture Competition



Reedsport Volunteer Fire Dept. Pancake Feed

Saturday, June 14 from 7:00am-10:30am

Location: Downtown Fire Hall
(124 N 4th St, next to Police Dept)

Tickets: Adults \$7 each, Kids 10 & under \$3.50 each
Breakfast includes pancake, sausage, egg, & hash brown.

FOREST HILLS GOLF COURSE

541-271-2626

golfreedspport.com

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

4-MAN \$CRAMBLE



FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT

A combination of funds totaling \$ 18,500.0 from the Coquille Tribal Community Fund, the Fire Department Equipment Fund, and generous donations from the community from our annual Father's Day pancake breakfasts has enabled us to purchase new extrication equipment that will replace our 30 year old tools. The new equipment includes a power unit, spreader, cutter, a ram and two hoses and will be in service in May of this year. These tools will greatly enhance our ability to safely and effectively perform vehicle extrication rescues.

We would also like to remind everyone to check their smoke alarms. For more information go to www.cityofreedspport.org, click on the Fire Department link.

Thank you for your support.

Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department

Water Meter Installations

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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.

The city realizes that a water meter is a tough purchase for citizens. The City is hoping that this fee change will make it easier to consider opting for a water meter.

New Dial-A-Ride Van

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For more information about the program and other County programs please visit www.DouglasRides.Com or contact Deanna at 541-271-1989. If you'd like to become a Dial-A-Ride Driver, volunteer applications are available at Reedsport City Hall and on the web at www.cityofreedspport.org.