

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



The choice is yours.

Last November Oregon voters passed Measure 91 legalizing the sale and use of Marijuana in Oregon. The regulation of the sale, possession and consumption of this drug fall primarily on local governments. As a result of the legalization, the City has already had to invest many hours of staff time researching and drafting land use regulations and responding to community inquiries. Like Reedsport, most communities resources and budgets are already stretched thin without the additional impact of this new enterprise; therefore, the question of whether or not to assess a local tax to help offset these costs has been a topic for many Oregon Cities and Counties. Looking at examples from other Cities in Oregon, many have adopted some sort of marijuana tax ranging from 5%- 40%.

There is nothing in current Oregon law that prohibits a local government from taxing Marijuana. Therefore, on October 6, 2014, the Reedsport City Council adopted Ordinance 2014-1036 that effectively places a tax on sale of Marijuana and Marijuana-infused products in the City of Reedsport. However, in order for this new tax to be enacted, the City Charter requires such a tax be ratified by the voters where at least 50 percent of the registered voters cast a ballot (aka double majority). The City may lose its opportunity to tax Marijuana should this tax not be executed by July 2015. Below is a copy of the language that you will be asked to vote on.

Ballot language

CAPTION: Tax on the sale of marijuana in Reedsport

QUESTION: Shall electors allow a tax on the sale of marijuana and marijuana infused products in the City of Reedsport?

STATEMENT: Every person who sells marijuana, medical marijuana, or marijuana-infused products in the City of Reedsport is exercising a taxable privilege.

A "Yes" vote will establish a five percent (5%) tax to be levied on the gross sale of medical marijuana and a ten percent (10%) tax to be levied on the gross sale of any other marijuana and marijuana-infused products as provided for in City of Reedsport Ordinance No. 2014-1136 passed by the City Council on October 6, 2014.

Revenues are based on the sale of marijuana and marijuana-infused products in the City. Proceeds generated from the tax will be used to fund such things as law enforcement, park maintenance, storm water and general administration of the City.



**REEDSPORT
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

PANCAKE FEED
With sausage, eggs and hash browns

Treat Dad for Father's Day Weekend
Saturday June 20, 2015 from 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM

**Downtown Fire Hall
(124 N 4th St)**

TICKETS

Adults \$7.00 each Children 10 and Under \$3.50 each
Proceeds will be used to purchase unbudgeted equipment

The Reedsport Main Street Program – Updates

We are really happy with the momentum and outcomes of the program after being developed only a few short months ago. As of now, we are preparing to launch our Façade Improvement Program on April 15th. This is a small matching grant program offered to local businesses to stimulate improvements to all three of our commercial districts. For information on the program and how to prepare for the application, visit the Main Street Section on the City's website at www.cityofreedsport.org or email Emesha at ejackson@cityofreedsport.org for more details.

The Reedsport Main Street Program is also working on fundraising efforts to develop revitalization projects around the community. We are currently selling colorful t-shirts with winning logo designs and personalized engraved bricks to raise funds. The funds raised will go toward colorful banners to be placed along highways 38 and 101, hanging flower baskets, and the Steam Donkey Preservation Project.

For more updates on projects and upcoming meeting dates, contact Emesha and see how you can get involved. Our meetings are always open to the public and we welcome new ideas, insights, and faces!

16th Annual Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Sculpting Championship

June 18-21, 2015 (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
Daily auctions are at 5:30 pm, Thurs-Sat and at 1:30 pm on Sun

Reedsport Memorial Day Events for 2015. The Reedsport Memorial Weekend Parade Planning Committee has finalized the schedule of events for the parade and activities below.

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

- **2:00 pm** This year's theme for the parade is "Salute to Remembrance" starting at intersection of 22nd and Hwy 101 north on Hwy 101 to 10th Street and onto Winchester Avenue ending at Hahn Memorial Park with a memorial service directly following the parade.
- **4:00 pm** A dinner will be hosted at the Presbyterian Church on Longwood honoring veterans. No cost to veterans but donations by non-veterans appreciated.
- **7:00 pm** A heart-warming Patriotic Concert will be held at Pacific Auditorium on Longwood Drive near the church. There is no charge for this concert.

MONDAY, MAY 25TH

- **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.

Entry forms are available for the parade by calling 541-271-4281 or 541-271-3940.

So make your plans now to celebrate Memorial Weekend 2015 with Reedsport on the beautiful Oregon Coast. Travelers in Reedsport area on Sunday May 24, 2015 should be aware that the far right lane on Hwy 101 northbound through Reedsport will be closed from about 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM for the parade. Please make your travel plans accordingly.

The Old Town Reedsport Farmer's Market

May 15th — 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.

REEDSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

We held testing for Police Officers in March. Oregon Physical Abilities Test (ORPAT) was held. This is the first step in the hiring process and a very rigorous and demanding physical test to ensure candidates are in good shape to attend the Police Academy and become police officers. Our goal is to have our staffing back up and also to add a School Resource Officer for the next school year. We currently have three openings for Police Officers and we anticipate a public safety dispatcher opening very soon.

“Bullying”

Bullying has become a huge issue and talking point lately, and much blame is put on the schools and staff at the schools. The police department would like to remind everyone in the community that bullying is best identified and prevented by parents, adult role models, coaches, mentors, or anyone that a child or teen looks up to and respects. It is best defined as a form of aggressive behavior in which someone intentionally and repeatedly causes another person injury or discomfort. This can be physical, verbal (words) or even more subtle actions. Many cases in our city seem to involve electronic or digital media; cell phones, tablets, internet access, etc. (cyberbullying), and we would remind parents to be aware of what your children are sending or receiving on these devices and to monitor on-line activity. Parents should monitor activities of their children and be sure to watch for signs and clues of bullying

Stop bullying before it starts

Educate your children about bullying. It is possible that your child is having trouble reading social signs and does not know what they are doing is hurtful. Remind your child that bullying others can have legal consequences.

Make your home “bully free”

Children learn behavior through their parents. Being exposed to aggressive behavior or an overly strict environment at home makes kids more prone to bully at school. Parents/caregivers should model positive examples for your child in your relationships with other people and with them.

Look for self esteem issues

Children with low self-esteem often bully to feel better about themselves. Even children who seem popular and well-liked can have mean tendencies. Mean behavior should be addressed by parents and disciplined.

A great resource for more information on this subject for parents, students, teachers, or anyone interested is: <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

Annual Spring Clean Up

It's time again for the community-wide
Spring clean up event!

City-wide garage sale—Memorial Day
weekend, May 22-25, 2015

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, May 30, 2015

In search of that perfect treasure? At no
cost? Well, here is your chance! The City of
Reedsport is sponsoring a “Trash to Treas-
ure” day on May 30th. 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.

Umpqua Discovery Center 2015 Calendar

May 10th – Mother's Free Admission
June 21st – Father's Free Admission
June 25th – Riverfront Rhythms Free Concert Done Deal
6:00-7:30pm
July 9th – Riverfront Rhythms Free Concert Soul Pie
6:00-7:30 pm
July 23rd – Riverfront Rhythms Free Concert Timberwolf
6:00-7:30 pm
August 6th – Riverfront Rhythms Free Concert TSA
Nov. 11th – Veteran's Free Admission
Dec. 5th – Community Appreciation Day (free admis-
sion)
Free Wi-Fi/Theater Rental
website www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com for local



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Reedsport City Council meetings

Work Session at 6:00pm
Regular Session at 7:00pm
May 4, 2015
June 1, 2015

Planning Commission meetings

Regular Session at 7:00pm
April 27, 2015
May 18, 2015

City Budget meetings

Regular Session at 7:00pm
April 20, 2015
April 27, 2015 (opt)
Regular Session at 7:00pm
April 20, 2015

Pay your water bill online.

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the great features!

There are still plenty of openings for volunteers for the
following positions:

- Animal Shelter, Dial-A-Ride, Adopt-A-Park

Applications are available at Reedsport City Hall or
online at www.cityoffreedsport.org. For more info. call
541-271-3603 ext. 212

Spring Advisory

This spring when cleaning up the yard in preparation for
your first big barbecue, make sure that you remove any
clippings or leaves from the street in front of your home.
These items can be disposed of at the Reedsport landfill
free of charge.

The City receives complaints every year regarding people
who leave unrestrained yard waste in the streets out in
front of their homes. Given the blatant nature of the of-
fense it is clear that the public simply is not aware of the
issues that this causes. This debris ends up costing the
community money as additional maintenance is required
to prevent issues with the storm water system and could
have potential liability for the homeowner responsible for
the debris. Because of this the Reedsport Municipal Code
prohibits this activity.

The City appreciates your cooperation and your neigh-
bors will appreciate your efforts.

CONTACT US: www.cityoffreedsport.org



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Reedsport Public Library (541) 271-3500 | Umpqua Discovery Center (541) 271-4816