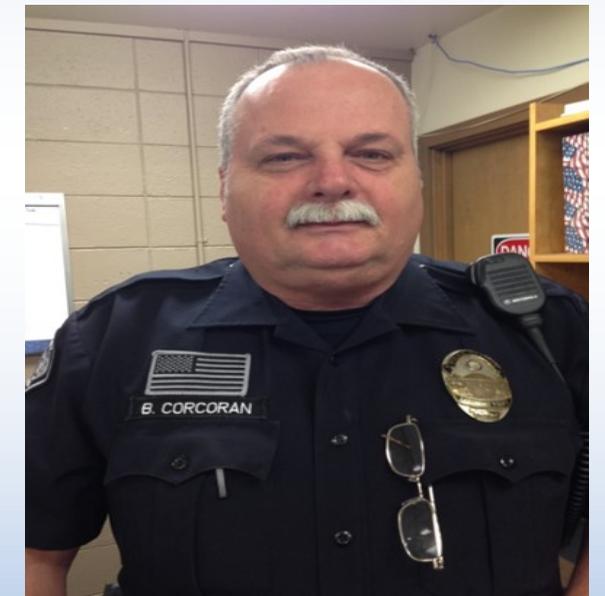


QUARTERLY  
NEWSLETTER



Officer Bob Corcoran retires this month after a great 20 year career with the Reedsport Police Department. Bob cares deeply about this community and he has served it well and honorably for all these years. Bob will be sorely missed but we offer him congratulations and know that he will enjoy his retirement in Reedsport.



REEDSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWS

**HYDRANT FLUSHING**

February 10	Winchester Bay
February 11	Uptown Reedsport
February 12	Downtown Reedsport
February 13	Gardiner

**Fats, oils, and grease, oh my!**

The City of Reedsport is seeking your help in reducing the fats and greases being dumped down the drain. FATS, OILS, and GREASES are harmful to plumbing; every year City crews get called out because of grease blockages in City sewer pipes and waste water pumping stations. These contaminants are not only harmful to both public and private sewer systems but also to the environment. You can easily help yourself, your neighborhood and the City observing some easy to follow instructions:

1. Pour greases into cans or other receptacles and dispose of them in the trash.
2. Never pour grease down sinks or toilets.
3. Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash.
4. Use basket strainers in sinks to catch food scraps, then empty strainers into the trash.
5. Using some de-greasing products may simply pass the grease down the line, where it reconstitutes and causes problems elsewhere.
6. Remember that home garbage disposals DO NOT protect your plumbing system from grease.
7. Businesses that generate or use fats and oils need to have grease traps or interceptors installed and maintained.

Following these simple instructions will help the City minimize expenses and protect your home or business from costly repairs.

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Reedsport City Council meetings**

- Work Session at 6:00pm
- Regular Session at 7:00pm
- February 2, 2015
- March 2, 2015
- April 6, 2015
- May 4, 2015

**Planning Commission meetings**

- Regular Session at 7:00pm
- February 23, 2015
- March 23, 2015
- April 27, 2015

**City Budget meetings**

- Regular Session at 7:00pm
- February 9, 2015
- April 12, 2015
- April 19, 2015

**Reedsport Urban Renewal Budget meetings**

- Regular Session at 7:00pm
- February 9, 2015
- April 12, 2015
- April 19, 2015

**Parks & Beautification Committee**

- City Hall Conference Room
- March 11, 2015 at 3:00 pm

**REEDSPORT LEVEE LOOP TRAIL**

Please join us on March 2nd from 4-6pm in the Reedsport Community Building Foyer.

The City of Reedsport and Parametrix will be holding an Open House to overview the Levee Loop Trail Plan project. The consultants from Parametrix and City staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. Come see the proposed trail alignments, trail types (i.e., boardwalk), and the trail amenities (including a kayak launch).

Remember this is YOUR trail, so your input is important in helping select the best options for the community.

Light refreshments served.

For more information, please contact Jessica Terra at 541-271-3603, ext. 214.



## KEEP CHIMNEYS AND FIREPLACES CLEAN

The official winter season is here and with plenty of more cold days on the way, Reedsport Fire Chief Tom Anderson urges citizens, that any time is a good time to have chimneys, fireplaces and woodstoves inspected and cleaned. This can prevent fireplace or woodstove-caused fires.

Have chimneys, flues, fireplaces and woodstoves inspected and cleaned each year by a qualified chimney sweep.

•Always use a fireplace screen. Make sure the screen is made of sturdy metal or heat tempered glass to prevent sparks from escaping.

•Dispose of ashes in a metal container and place the container outdoors at least three feet from anything flammable. Ashes may retain heat for days after they appear out.

•When using portable heaters make sure they have an automatic tip-over switch and a high temperature limit switch.

•Give heaters space. Put at least 36 inches of space between the heater and combustibles, such as furniture, curtains, papers and people.

•Check the cord on portable electric heaters. If the cord gets hot or is frayed or cracked, have the heater serviced.

•Never use extension cords with portable electric heaters. It can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

•If you smell gas, do not operate any switches, appliances or thermostats. A spark from one of these could ignite the gas vapor. Shut off the gas supply. Call your propane supplier from a neighbor's phone.

•Only use kerosene heaters outdoors, as they may emit poisonous fumes.

•Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. Test monthly.

•Make a home escape plan and practice it with your whole family at least twice a year.

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Annual St. Patrick's Day

Trivia Challenge to Benefit

City's Main Street Program

For more info contact

Kathleen Miller 541-271-2101



## The Reedsport Main Street Program Updates

The Reedsport Main Street Program has been progressing along with many new updates! There are currently three committees working towards separate goals to increase Reedsport's economic base and revitalize the community. Each committee has different goals and objectives that identify with priorities in the City. The Design Committee is working on a banner project to line the three commercial districts (uptown, midtown, and downtown), the Façade Improvement Program to provide businesses grants for exterior cosmetic upgrades, and the Steam Donkey Preservation Project to rehabilitate the wood fired yarder in Rainbow Plaza and move it to a pocket park on Highway 38. The Economic Restructuring Committee is developing a business development resource for future and current business owners, working on developing bike tourism and bike-friendly businesses, and exploring options to promote local businesses through reader boards. The Promotion Committee is working developing a website and on providing website tutorials as marketing and promotional resources for business owners. The committee is also going to be hosting an Open House event as a launch event for the Reedsport Main Street Program. The community will get to meet our new mayor, meet the Board of Directors for the Main Street Program, learn about committees and their projects, and get a chance to see the student submissions and winning logo design. The event is Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 in the Community Center at City Hall.

Main Street meetings are always open to the public and citizen participation is encouraged. We hope to see you at our upcoming meeting dates and event:

Economic Restructuring Committee February 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:45 in City Hall Conference Rm

Design Committee February 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:15 in the Council Chambers

Board of Directors February 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:15 in the Council Chambers

Promotion Committee February 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:15 at the Waterfront Restaurant Reedsport Main Street Open House Event

Façade Program Design Training w/SHPO office February 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 Council Chambers

March 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm at the Community Center

### How you can get involved

Attend one of our meetings or contact Emesha Jackson, your Main Street Program Coordinator! She is more than happy to update you with meeting dates, projects to get involved with, and information on the program. You can also stop by her office right in City Hall in the Conference Room.

Office: (541)271-3603 ext. 217

Email: [ejackson@cityoffreedsport.org](mailto:ejackson@cityoffreedsport.org)



Umpqua Discovery Center 2015 Calendar

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Free Admission

June 21<sup>st</sup> – Father's Free Admission

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Riverfront Rhythms Free Concert 6:00-7:30pm

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Riverfront Rhythms Free Concert

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Riverfront Rhythms Free Concert

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Riverfront Rhythms Free Concert

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Free Admission

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Community Appreciation Day (free admission)

Free Wi-Fi/Theater Rental

website [www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com](http://www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com) for local weather and river height. Check us out on facebook.

## MORE R.P.D. NEWS



The police department hired public safety dispatcher Susie Ledbetter in December. Susie comes to us with many years of experience with the Douglas County Sheriff as a dispatcher, and is a welcome addition to our staff.



FOREST HILLS GOLF COURSE

541-271-2626

[www.golfreedsport.com](http://www.golfreedsport.com)

From Tee to Green

FHCC

50th Anniversary Celebration

Kick Off Event

Friday, May 1, 2015

Friday, May 1st, FHCC will host the "1st Friday" art event sponsored by Coastal Douglas Arts and Business Alliance (CDABA). The featured artists will be our very own talented FHCC members.

This event will also mark the beginning of the 50th Anniversary celebrations planned for Forest Hills County Club.

What artistic talent would you like to showcase?

Do you paint?

Are you a photographer?

Do you quilt or sew?

Are you a sculptor or potter?

Do you work with wood?

If you are interested in participating, please contact

Ruby Koenig 541-271-4590 or

Alison Myers 541-999-8737 by March 15th

## BECOME INVOLVED!

There are still plenty of openings on City boards and committees for those that would like to become involved in local government guidance:

- **Budget Committee:** 2 vacancies
- **Parks & Beautification Committee:** 1 vacancy
- **Dangerous Building Abatement:** Several vacancies
- **Planning Commission:** 1 vacancy
- **Urban Renewal Agency Advisory:** 2 vacancies
- **Other:** Animal Shelter, Dial-A-Ride, Adopt-A-Park

Applications are available at Reedsport City Hall or online at [www.cityoffreedsport.org](http://www.cityoffreedsport.org). For more info. call 541-271-3603 ext. 212.

We are still in the hiring process for police officers, and have several applicants in the final stages. Our goal is to have our staffing back up to normal levels and also add a School Resource Officer for the next school year.

CONTACT US: [www.cityoffreedsport.org](http://www.cityoffreedsport.org)



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