

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## Reedsport City Council meetings Work Session at 6:00pm Regular Session at 7:00pm

November 3, 2014  
November 17, 2014 (No Work Session)  
December 1, 2014  
January 5, 2015

## Planning Commission meetings Regular Session at 7:00pm

November 20, 2014  
December 15, 2014  
January 26, 2015

## 53rd Annual Holiday Bazaar December 5th (5pm – 8pm) December 6th (10am – 5pm)

At the Reedsport Community Building

You'll find Art, Craft, Gift, & Holiday Items. Admission is Free! Take a picture with Santa! Crazy Christmas sweater & a holiday card contest. Luncheon. Raffles. Door prizes.

Vendor spaces are still available. Download the application at [www.cityofreedsport.org](http://www.cityofreedsport.org), under the "Events" tab.

Copies are also available at the Mindpower Gallery, the Chamber of Commerce, and Reedsport City Hall.

For more information contact Theresa at [tjchickering@yahoo.com](mailto:tjchickering@yahoo.com) or call 541 271-4608

### Tree of Giving

Families in need who would like some help with Christmas gifts for their children this year must pick up an application at the Family Resource Center (FRC) before November 3rd.

Eligible children must be 18 years old or younger, enrolled in the Reedsport school district, and qualify for food stamps.

Shortly after November 3rd the program will have both families available for "adoption" and individual children's tags ready.

Gifts are due back to by December 9th.

Cash donations should be sent to FRC at 5 St Johns Way, Reedsport.

For more information call FRC at 271-9700.

## FOREST HILLS GOLF COURSE

541-271-2626

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

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



## WANT TO BURN? GET A BURN PERMIT!

The Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department continues to monitor all burning within the City limits to ensure that burning is done on authorized days, to control smoke intrusion and in order to meet local, state and federal guidelines.

Burning, including use of burn barrels and debris burns, within the City limits requires a permit. Burning of household garbage is strictly prohibited. So, how do you get a permit?

- Call Reedsport City Hall at 541-271-3603. (If you wish to burn on the weekend, please call by Friday.)
- City staff will ask for your name and phone number.
- The Fire Department will contact you within 24 hours.
- The Burn Permit Office will setup an appointment time to look at what you plan on burning.

"Warming fires", otherwise known as campfires, fire pits, or commercially purchased containers, (for cooking, or other non debris burning activities), doesn't require a permit. We ask that you burn safely and responsibly. Do not leave the fire unattended, put it out completely when finished, and carefully watch the direction of the smoke coming from your fire which is regulated by City Ordinance 6.08.020 (J)

For more information call City Hall and ask to be contacted by the Burn Permit Officer, or go to [www.cityofreedsport.org](http://www.cityofreedsport.org) and click on the Fire Department link for more information.

## UMPQUA DISCOVERY CENTER

News of Discovery

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Nov. 11 — Free Admission for Veterans**

**Dec. 6 — Community Appreciation Day (10am-4pm)**

- Free Admission to Center and Exhibits
- 10% off at the Gift Shop
- Special Sales
- A drawing for one family membership

**Dec. 2 & 9 — Member Shopping Days (10am-4pm)**

- Center Members receive 20% off at the Gift Shop
- Not a member? Join Now! Members receive 10% off in gift shop all year, along with free access to exhibits and programs. Memberships make good gifts and are a great way to show your support!

### Holiday Gift Ideas at the UDC:



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# City of Reedsport QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## BALLOT MEASURE 10-135

The content contained herein has been reviewed by the Oregon Secretary of State and found to be compliant with ORS 260.432 reference No. 14-241.



### 10-135 eliminates the double majority requirement for City elections.

The League of Oregon Cities presents the following impacts of double majority requirements on local government:

- Non-votes become the determining factor in many local elections:
- Due to the double majority requirement, measures approved by the majority of participating voters are failing nevertheless.
- Local governments are forced to compete on general election ballots, which are not subject to the double majority and overloaded with tax and bond measures.
- Measures failing due to double majority are costing taxpayers additional time and money.

For example, a measure was passed by the voters of Reedsport last May (10-133) to help fund a solution to the City's current levee issues; however, it could not be implemented because it fell short of the double majority requirement.

A double majority is not required under current Oregon State Statute for rates fees or certain taxes and is only applicable to this community due to a provision contained in the Reedsport City Charter.

### 10-135 allows the City to refinance a \$12 million wastewater loan saving the community thousands of dollars.

Early this year the City of Reedsport was offered the opportunity to refinance an existing wastewater loan with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). DEQ has offered the City an interest rate not to exceed 1.8%. That is almost half what the City currently pays. To take advantage of this, the City has been given two years to complete the process; however, must have voter approval to be able to capitalize on what could save the community hundreds of thousands of dollars. We now have approximately 15 months to complete this process or forfeit this opportunity.

### 10-135 Saves the community jobs and money

This Measure implements the provisions of voter approved 10-133 which authorizes the offset of an increase in storm-water fees with a proportional decrease in wastewater fees to be applied toward certification of the City's levee system thereby working to save the community jobs that would otherwise have to leave the area and millions in mandatory flood insurance expenses.

## BECOME INVOLVED! 2015 BOARD & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

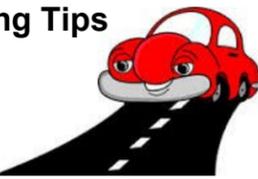
On January 5, 2015 the City Council will appoint persons for the following vacancies:

- **Budget Committee:** 4 vacancies
- **Parks & Beautification Committee:** 2 vacancies
- **Dangerous Building Abatement:** Several vacancies
- **Reedsport Branch Library:** 1 vacancy
- **Planning Commission:** 1 vacancy
- **Umpqua Steering Committee:** 2 vacancies
- **Traffic Safety Advisory Committee:** 2 vacancies
- **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.cityofreedsport.org](http://www.cityofreedsport.org) and due by Dec. 24th. For more info. call 541-271-3603 ext. 212.

## Winter Weather Driving Tips

As we approach the fall and winter seasons and more rain begins, the Police Department would like to remind all of our citizens of some wet weather driving safety tips:



- First and foremost: slow down! It takes longer to stop or adjust in wet weather.
- Stay toward the middle lanes - water tends to pool in the outside lanes.
- Maintain proper following distance (3 Second Rule). This needs to be increased in wet weather.
- Drive in the tracks of a car ahead of you.

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## THE REEDSPORT MAIN STREET PROGRAM

The Main Street program is a locally driven process following the proven Main Street Approach, which is a practical and comprehensive model capitalizing on a community's unique assets. The goal is to build high quality, livable, and sustainable communities that will grow Oregon's economy while maintaining a sense of place.

In Reedsport's case, we will be focusing on the downtown, midtown, and uptown districts. The success of the Main Street Approach is based on its comprehensive nature. By fully integrating four points into a practical downtown management strategy, a local program will produce fundamental changes in a community's economic base.



This program's success is met with community involvement and participation. This is an opportunity for the community members to shape their community and foster the growth of the projects that go on around them. The following four committees have open positions:

- The Promotions Committee** is the heart and soul of a commercial district's activity. It's goal is to entice shoppers, investors, and visitors to experience Reedsport's distinct culture and environment. This committee also helps to organize community events.
- The Economic Restructuring Committee** builds on our commercial district's unique characteristics to strengthen investment and promote economic vitality. This committee frequently makes recommendations to other committees based on its research.
- The Design Committee** preserves and enhances our district's buildings, landmarks, and public spaces. This committee will be working on many of the revitalization projects.
- The Organization Committee** is the technician that makes sure the organization is effectively adhering to the Main Street Approach. Its goal is to foster a well-managed, diversely funded, volunteer driven organization.

In November, a permanent Board of Directors and the organizational structure will be in place.

Once we have the organizational structure in place, we can hit the ground running and work on projects with immediate results. We recognize the need to see tangible evidence of changes and improvements being made and plan on showing a splash of efforts with the Main Street Program.

Current projects that we have addressed as goals in the community are Main Street Banners to line 38 and 101, developing better communication tools, crafting a funding plan with a variety of sources and grants, beautification projects with murals and pocket parks, better signage, a façade program, a business start-up guide and business resources, an increase in youth involvement, and marketing techniques with a better online presence.

On **December 3rd at 4:00pm** a Stakeholder Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers. We will host the committees' training and work plan session for community members.

**To get involved with the Program, contact the Main Street Coordinator, Emesha Jackson.**

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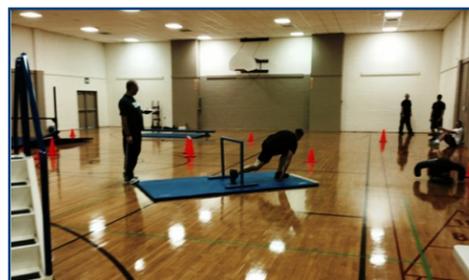


## R.P.D. NEWS

The police department has a new Reserve Police Officer on board, Officer Brian Klier, who was sworn in on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Officer Klier comes to us with many years of law enforcement experience; most recently as the Chief of Sutter Creek Police Department, CA.



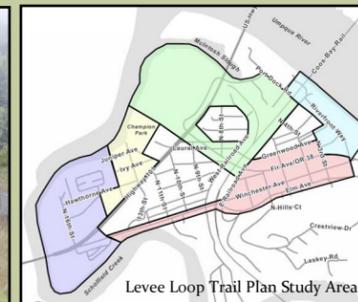
The Police Department has also started its hiring process for a Police Officer. Written tests, physical fitness testing, and oral interviews were all held recently. We are hoping to get a good list of qualified applicants for at least two upcoming openings. One to fill the School Resource Officer position the Department intends to staff, and another for an officer retiring in January 2015.



## REEDSPORT LEVEE SYSTEM

As we all know, our Levee situation is weighing on the minds of many here in Reedsport. Our City economic, business viability, as well as, our personal quality of life is extremely dependent on a certified and accredited Levee system. To move us closer to this goal, we are fine tuning a plan of action that includes consultations with engineering firms and municipalities that have successfully certified their Levees as well as key leadership within FEMA. To date, this is proving to be extremely helpful with our planning purposes and we are very grateful for their time and generosity.

The next steps are to present a general plan of action and estimated costs to the City Council for review and approval in early November. Upon discussion and obtaining the Council approval of this plan, Request for Qualifications (FRQs) will be sent to multiple qualified firms that have been successful in levee certification. Once a firm is selected, funding for the required phases of consulting services will be evaluated and obtained. Hopefully, the funding process will be finalized by no later than May of 2015. When full funding is obtained, the certification process will start to move forward and is hoped to be finalized in approximately 2 to 3 years. As items, issues and progress occurs, the community will be well informed. If there are any questions about the overall process or if you would like to discuss this in more detail, please contact Public Works Director, John Stokes, at 541-271-3603 ext. 215.



## REEDSPORT LEVEE LOOP TRAIL PLAN

The City of Reedsport has received a grant from the Transportation & Growth Management Program to begin developing a Levee Loop Trail Master Plan. The Plan will identify a multi-use trail, which utilizes portions of the levee. A consultant, Parametrix, has been selected to aid in the Plan development.



The Plan will offer a non-motorized transportation alternative for city residents and visitors that will connect the City's waterfront and downtown areas. This idea reduces the reliance on motorized vehicles for trips to school, work, shopping, and recreation, while improving pedestrian safety along Highways 101 & 38.

The purpose of the Plan is to identify a vision that maximizes the amount of the trail atop the levee, defines the trail alignment, addresses ADA standards, provides guidance for satisfying the USACE levee recertification process, links the trail to key destinations, supports shorter and more convenience links, includes safety features, recognizes access points and trailheads, considers visual and use impacts to abutting property owners, and outlines preliminary trail cost estimates and potential funding opportunities.

### NEXT STEPS & TIMELINE:

- November** — hold stakeholder meetings.
- December-March** — Analyze trail options. Hold an Open House in February or March.
- April-June** — Select preferred trail options. Hold a joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting in May or June
- July-August** — Publish the Levee Loop Trail Plan.

## Winter Weather Driving Tips continued from cover

- Don't follow large trucks or busses too closely. The spray created by their large tires reduces your vision. Take care when passing them as well; if you must pass, do so quickly and safely.
- Be more alert when driving in wet or slippery conditions. Watch out for brake lights in front of you.
- Avoid using your brakes; if possible, take your foot off the accelerator to slow down.
- Turn your headlights on even in a light rain, or in gloomy, foggy or overcast conditions. Not only do they help you see the road, but they'll help other drivers see you. If your car has daytime running lights you still should put them on, so vehicles behind you can see you better.
- Before it starts to rain, replace old or brittle wipers.
- Never drive beyond the limits of visibility. At night rainy roads become especially treacherous. The glare of oncoming lights, amplified by the rain on your windshield, can cause temporary loss of visibility while substantially increasing driver fatigue. In rainy conditions pedestrians, livestock, and wildlife are extremely hard to spot and even harder to avoid.
- When driving through a puddle of uncertain depth, go slow. If it's deeper than the bottom of your doors, turn around and find another route. Deep water can cause serious damage to a modern car's electrical system.
- Avoid splashing pedestrians.

Slow down! This should be obvious but it also very important. People are so used to driving certain speeds on certain roads that sometimes they forget the need to slow down when inclement weather presents itself.

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