

City of Reedsport

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME! DEBBY TURNER



Ms. Debby Turner was appointed to fill City Council position #6 recently vacated by Mike Macho when he moved out of the district. This is a partial term and will expire on December 31, 2014.

Ms. Turner is a retired elevator industry professional and has resided in Reedsport since September of 2003. She is very active in the community volunteering for many organizations even before she officially moved to Reedsport.



DuneFest Benefits Everyone

Not only did the 2013 DuneFest, sponsored by the Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce, bring thousands of visitors to the region, it also benefited a large number of local organizations. Due to some extenuating circumstances the annual DuneFest Charity Auction had a huge windfall this year and was able to lay claim to over \$42,000 to be locally distributed. At last count over 25 different groups received donations from \$250 up to \$4,500.

Specifically, the City run Dial a Ride program received a donation of \$4,500 to go towards operations. Another benefactor of the windfall goes to the dogs. The Reedsport Animal Shelter received a \$2,500 donation to help with maintenance fencing between the kennels. The Parks and Beautification Committee also received \$1,150 for projects they are currently working on. The Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department received \$1,000 for equipment.

A huge thanks goes out to the Reedsport-Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce and the DuneFest Committee!

Top 10 things you should never flush down your drains!



1. Plastics
2. Cigarette butts
3. Floss
4. Hair
5. Diapers
6. Condoms
7. Feminine hygiene products
8. Paper products (other than toilet paper)
9. Fats, oils, and grease
10. Pharmaceuticals

The City of Reedsport Wastewater Department seeks your help in keeping these unwanted items out of the sewer system. Strangely enough, continued to page 2....

Adoptable pets at the REEDSPORT ANIMAL SHELTER

541-271-2100



UPCOMING CDABA EVENTS

Fall Gala Event: Under the Big Top

Reedsport Community Building
451 Winchester Avenue

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Social Hour: 5pm | Dinner & Events: 6pm

After Dinner Party: 9pm

- Costume, Table Decorating, & Desert Contests
- Games, door prizes, dinner entertainment, art, & desert auctions
- After Dinner Party featuring music from *Soulypie*

Tickets: \$40.00 per person. (includes After Dinner Party)

After Dinner Party Tickets: \$12.50 or 2 for \$20.00

52nd Annual Holiday Bazaar

Reedsport Community Building
451 Winchester Avenue

Friday, December 6, 2013 from 4pm-8pm

Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 10am-6pm

Art, crafts, foods, gifts, collectables, raffles, & more. Free admission. Pictures with Santa. Door prizes. Christmas Card contest. Crazy Christmas Sweater Contest. Luncheon available.

For more info or to rent a booth contact Theresa at 541-271-4608 or tjchickering@yahoo.com



Water Plant



Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a organism found in water causing waterborne diseases. It is a genus of protozoan's that can cause gastrointestinal illness with diarrhea in humans. Cryptosporidium is found in raw water from lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

The City of Reedsport is one of only four water systems in the State that are unfiltered. The City's system was designed to be capable of providing a level of ozonation that has been proven effective in treating Cryptosporidium. The EPA set the standards for the Reedsport plant. Currently, Reedsport is required to test for Cryptosporidium every 5 years. To date no Cryptosporidium has been found in the Reedsport Water System.

NEWS OF DISCOVERY

November 10th & 11th: In honor of Veteran's Day the Umpqua Discovery Center will offer free admission to Veterans

December 7th (Community Appreciation Day): Stop in and receive free admission through the exhibits. You can also enjoy the Center's Special sales on that day.

December 3rd & 10th: UDC Member Shopping Days. Members receive 20% off.

NEW! ORAL HISTORIES INSTALLED IN 'I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER'

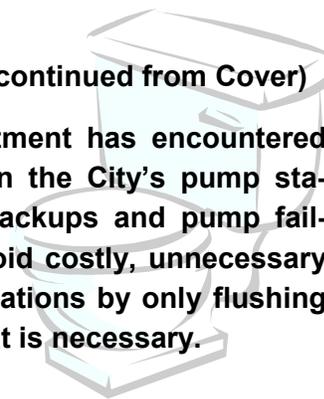
Stop by and listen to stories about growing up in the area from Earl & Carol Plagmann, Gerhardt Kaufmann, Edna Peck, Dorothy Leach, Helen Bartow, Jean Harris, and Leo Murphey.



Clear Lake

DON'T FLUSH! (continued from Cover)

the Wastewater Department has encountered many of these items in the City's pump stations causing sewer backups and pump failure. Help the City avoid costly, unnecessary repairs on the pump stations by only flushing down (your drains) what is necessary.



Reference number changes

You may have noticed that the account number on your utility bill has changed. In August, the City changed customers from a reference number (attached to the service address) to a customer number (linked to the customer name).

Why did we make this change? Customers who schedule their payments through an on-line bill pay service with their financial institute are using the reference number which applies payments to that service address. If a customer moves, but does not update the new reference number, the payment gets posted to their previous service address. With this change to a customer number, payments will always be applied to the person, not the lot.

So, if you use an on-line bill payment service through your bank, please remember to update the account number the next time you schedule your payment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Parks & Beautification meeting
September 18, 2013 at 3:00pm

Oregon Main Street Program meeting
September 19, 2013 at 4:00pm

NOAA Ceremony: "TsunamiReady"
September 19, 2013 at 11:00am

Reedsport K9 Shelter Open house
September 21, 2013 at 2:00pm

Tsalila Education Days
September 24-26, 2013

Food Pantry Open House, LIONS Park
September 25, 2013 at 11:00am

Library Advisory Board meeting
September 26, 2013 at 12:00pm

Umpqua Discovery Center Steering Committee meeting
October 08, 2013 at 12:00pm

Budget Committee meeting
October 14, 2013 at 7:00pm

End of Daylight Saving Time
November 3, 2013 at 2:00am

Thanksgiving-City Hall Closed
November 27-28, 2013

Veterans Day-City Hall Closed
November 11, 2013

Christmas Day-City Hall Closed
December 25, 2013

Traffic Safety meetings
September 17, 2013 at 1:30pm
December 17, 2013 at 1:30pm

Reedsport City Council meetings
Work Session 6:00pm
Regular Session 7:00pm
October 7, 2013
November 4, 2013
December 2, 2013

Planning Commission meetings
Regular Session 7:00pm
September 23, 2013
October 28, 2013
November 18, 2013
December 16, 2013

CITY OF REEDSPORT
451 Winchester Avenue | Reedsport, OR 97467-1597

YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER
009999-099

SERVICE ADDRESS: 123 MAIN STREET

Billing: 08/01/13 - 08/31/13

Current	Previous	Cons	BEGINNING BAL.	\$112.00
0	0	0	PAYMENTS	-\$112.00
	0	0	WATER CHRG	\$28.75
			WASTEWTR CHG	\$80.25
			STORM SEWER	\$3.00
			MISC	\$0.00

TOTAL USAGE 0

Temp/Return Srvc Request

CURRENT AMOUNT DUE: \$112.00

JOHN SMITH
123 MAIN STREET
REEDSPORT, OR. 97467

Enter SOS amount here (optional)
SOS AMT #

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT

SOS Program

Have you ever wondered why the line labeled SOS is listed on your City of Reedsport utility billing?

In 2002, the City established a utility assistance program for water utility users and called the program - SOS. This is a voluntary donation program designed to assist very low-income citizens in the Reedsport, Winchester Bay, and Gardiner areas with water user charges. Water users who desire to donate any amount of money to assist very low income citizens with water user charges may add an amount to the monthly water bill charge. When donating please write in the amount being donated on the line labeled SOS and enclose the total amount for the utility charges and the donation.

The City Ordinance does not allow the City to disburse the donations. Donations received are forwarded to the Lower Umpqua Ministerial Association for distribution by request to qualified recipients. Since the programs' inception, the City has been able to forward to the Lower Umpqua Ministerial Association over \$1,700 received in donations.

Pedestrian safety

Pedestrian safety is a common community safety concern and the applicable laws are typically the subject of confusion.

Oregon law requires pedestrians to use crosswalks where available, and in the absence of an available crosswalk, pedestrians must cross roadways at the nearest intersection. Pedestrians are required to remain off of the roadway until they can enter without creating an immediate hazard to motorists.

Motorists are required to yield to pedestrians that have entered the roadway. A good basic rule for motorists is to remain stopped prior to the crosswalk until the pedestrian has cleared the lane in which your vehicle is traveling or turning and at least the next lane, before you proceed; **it's your lane plus the next lane.**

Remember,

- Under Oregon law there is a crosswalk at every intersection (marked or not).
- Do not pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. A stopped car may be a clue that a pedestrian is crossing.
- When stopping for a crosswalk on a multi-lane road like Highway 101, you should stop about 30 feet before the crosswalk so you don't block visibility to a driver in the inside lane
- When stopping at an intersection, motorists are required to stop their vehicle before the crosswalk line.
- Watch for pedestrians, especially children, when exiting driveways, backing out of parking spaces and exiting parking lots. Pedestrians also have the right-of-way on sidewalks.

The Reedsport Police Department has pamphlets available regarding this subject as well as:

- Child safety seat/belt tips and requirements
- Teen driving laws (Titled: Get them started on the right road)
- The Oregon Parent Guide to Teen Driving
- Child learning guide on pedestrian safety (Titled: What do Safe Walkers do?)
- Child coloring book on safety (Titled: 10 Safety steps for traveling in your community)
- Bicycle safety (Titled: Say, you're not from this planet are you? AND From A to Z by bike)

All safety pamphlets are free to the public and available at the Police Department seven days a week.

RV Sewer Dump Closure

The City has had a number of inquiries into why the RV Sewer Dump has been closed periodically this year. The answer is simply complicated.



In short, last spring City crews shut down half of the plant for routine maintenance and cleaning. At that time, an issue was discovered in one of the pipes feeding a necessary piece of equipment at the plant. While City staff has been researching the cause of the issue and consulting with designer and builder of the plant, operations have remained limited. Therefore, the RV Sewer Dump has been closed to allow the portion of the plant in operation to recoil after heavy flow events such as Labor Day weekend.

The issue will be resolved soon. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

FOREST HILLS GOLF COURSE

October 5th at 10am
REEF Benefit Tournament

For more information on this event and others please call 541-271-2626

CONTACT US

City Hall: 541-271-3603 (M-F, 9a-5p)
Police Department: 541-271-2100 (24/7)
Fire Department: 541-271-2423 (M-F, 8a-12p)
Umpqua Discovery Center: 541-271-4816
(M-Sa: Summer hrs. 9:30a-5p, Winter hrs. 10a-4p
Su: All year hrs. 11a-4p)

Check us out online at www.cityoffreedsport.org