

City of Reedsport

July 2020

NEWSLETTER

A Volunteer "Thank You"

From Mayor Linda McCollum

Almost any article you might read about life today will refer to it as "uncertain times" or words to that effect. We don't need someone to tell us that, as we are all living through these "uncertain times" that have changed every aspect of our lives. I would like to thank everyone for working to keep Reedsport safe and healthy.



One thing that has stayed the same, thankfully, is the work that is done to install and care for the hanging

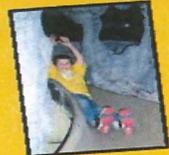
baskets downtown. We all owe Allen Teitzel and Kathi Wall-Mayer a huge thank you for all the time and hard work they do in caring for the baskets including watering and weekly fertilizing.

Volunteers are an important part of our city and even with social distancing, wearing masks and no large gatherings the work of our city must go on. We currently need volunteers for a number of our committees including budget and planning. Our Reedsport Main Street Program has been going strong for a number of years now and we would love to have more people participating. The RMSP has helped businesses improve their buildings with new roofs, signs, paint and more.

Please consider volunteering for a committee or the Main Street Program. Be part of making Reedsport an even better place to live.

If you would like to make a donation towards the care of our flower baskets send it to OTRMA, P.O. Box 543, Reedsport, OR 97467.

Umpqua Discovery Center



We hope to see everyone soon! Watch for updates on Facebook & Center Website.

Check out the On-line Store for Educational and Unique Items.



Summer Concerts Cancelled 🙄

www.umpquadiscoverycenter.com



PAWESOME NEWS!

from the Reedsport Police Department

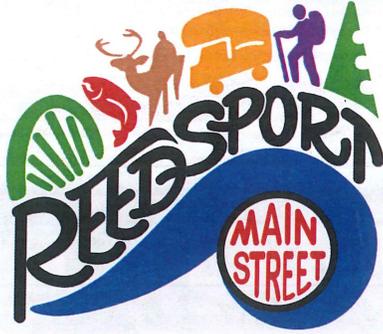
She's not your typical officer; she's fluffy and has four legs! You guessed it, she's a K-9. Meet Penny, the new partner of Corporal Snyder.

Penny is a three (3) year old German Shepard from the Netherlands, who joined the department on March 4, 2020. She is a narcotics detection canine trained by MA-KOR K9 in West Virginia. Penny is trained to detect the odor of methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine. Her reward for a sniff well done is her tennis ball.

Our K-9 Program relies on donations and grants, please consider donating to help keep this important aspect of our department around.



Welcome to Reedsport Penny!



Business Improvement Grant 2020

The new application deadline is not determined at this time, but business and property owners will receive at least two weeks' notice

once there is a new deadline. In the meantime, you may still review grant materials and turn in your application via email to mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org from now until the new deadline .

The improvement grant allows Reedsport businesses to apply for a matching grant up to \$2,500 to complete projects for their business!

Grant guidelines and applications can be found on their website at <http://www.reedsportmainstreet.com/> .

For more information please contact Main Street Coordinator, Emily Bradley, by phone or email. Phone: [541-271-3603](tel:541-271-3603) ext. 1013

Email: mainstreet@cityofreedsport.org

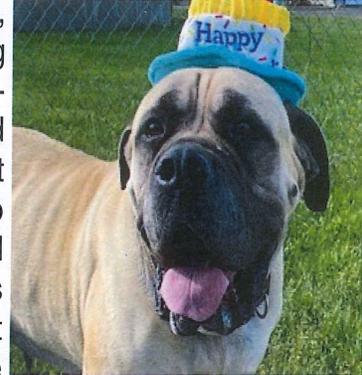


City Meetings Wide

City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday July 6	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Council Chambers
Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Meeting Lower Umpqua Parks & Recreation	Wednesday July 15 th	9:00 am-Noon 4:30 – 5:30 pm 6:15 – 7:15 pm	Council Chambers Conference Room Highland Pool
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday July 28 th	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Council Chambers
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday Aug. 3 rd	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Council Chambers
Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Meeting	Wednesday August 19 th	9:00 am-Noon 4:30 – 5:30 pm	Council Chambers Conference Room
City Election Nominations Due	Thursday August 20 th	By 5:00 pm	City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	Tuesday August 25 th	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Council Chambers
Traffic Safety Committee	Tuesday September 8 th	11:00 am - Noon	Conference Room
City Council Work Session City Council Regular Session	Monday September 14 th	6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Council Chambers
Traffic Court Reedsport Main Street Meeting Lower Umpqua Parks & Recreation	Wednesday September 16 th	9:00 am-Noon 4:30 – 5:30 pm 6:15 – 7:15 pm	Council Chambers Conference Room Highland Pool

From the Bark Side of the Bay!

Our K-9 Shelter, is the final home for 8 year old Kaya. Kaya is a mastiff that came to the shelter as an owner surrender. After extensive medical treatment, Kaya is recovering alongside the volunteer staff and making herself at home. Due to Kaya's age and health concerns she will likely not be adoptable. The



shelter relies on donations for her care. For more information or to donate to Kaya's and other dogs medical funds call 541-662-2062 . The shelter is a no-kill facility.

City Elections

Candidate Packets Available NOW!!

In 2020, the Mayoral position and three City Council positions will be up for election on the Nov. 3 ballot. The Mayor holds a two-year term, while City Councilors are four-year terms. Those interested in becoming involved in their community and serving on the City Council may obtain an information packet at Reedsport City Hall 451 Winchester Ave. Those who wish to run for Mayor may also pick up a packet at City Hall. All nominations are due to city Hall by 5 p.m. on Aug. 20.

Please remember to read and follow COVID-19 recommended safety and sanitation measures while gathering signatures.

Stay safe and good luck candidates!

What's happening **REEDSPORT**

An update from our Public Works Director Kim Clardy

Staying Safe During COVID-19

- ◆ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water.
- ◆ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ◆ Stay at least six feet apart, that's two arm lengths, from each other.
- ◆ Avoid contact with others who are sick, even in your own home.
- ◆ Wear a cloth face covering when out in public.
- ◆ Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.
- ◆ A face cloth is not a substitute for social distancing, do both.
- ◆ For more safety measures visit the CDC website.



The Public Works Department encompasses the water department, the wastewater department, maintenance and mechanical departments of the City of Reedsport. There are currently 9 employees and the director working to keep the city running.

- Winchester Avenue Paving—the paving portion of the project is complete. ODOT will be painting the lines on the road next, at an unknown date. The lining will likely not cause road closures, but delays are likely.
- Frontage Rd. Paving—Phase I paving is complete. Kim is in the process of applying for a grant that will allow the city to complete the ends of Frontage Rd. at Ranch and 22nd. She is hoping this will be completed in the fall.
- 7th & 12th Street Pump Stations Improvements —Phase II up grades will be made to the mechanical, electric, power and controls. When complete this will allow the pumps to remove water from the surface streets of the City more efficiently.
- Wastewater Dept.— Over 700 lineal feet of sewer pipe will be “cured in place”. This process modernizes the main sewer lines.
- Water Dept.—the City workers just completed laying over 600 feet of new water line on Broadway in Winchester Bay.





Need a ride?

Dial a ride

Dial A Ride is back in service on a limited schedule. Due to COVID-19 there will be no out-of-town services at this time. All riders will be required to wear a mask while in the van.

We look forward to when we can resume our normal schedule and services

To schedule a ride, call 888-232-8121.

Staff Introduction:

Michelle Fraley joined the City of Reedsport in December of 2019 as our new Finance Director. Michelle comes to us with over 35 years of experience as an accountant in the public sector. She



has lived in Reedsport for over 27 years .

Her and her husband have been married for 34 years, they have two children and four grandchildren. The couple are avid golfers and enjoy traveling to various couples tournaments, when they aren't enamored with their grandchildren.

Michelle is also a Rotarian and belongs to the Soptimist of Florence as well as an active member in her church and community.

Michelle is enjoying her new role and looks forward to serving our citizens for many years to come.

Stop by City Hall and say hello!



Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department

A message from Fire Chief Tom Anderson

Be fire safe during summer barbeques and cookouts with these tips:

- ◆ Only use propane and charcoal grills outdoors. If used indoors or in any enclosed space, they pose a fire hazard and expose occupants to toxic gas.
- ◆ Place the grill away from siding and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ◆ Place the grill a safe distance away from play areas and foot traffic.
- ◆ Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- ◆ If you use lighter fluid, never add it to a lit fire.
- ◆ Properly dispose of ashes and coals. Douse them with water until they are cool to the touch and place them in a metal container with a lid.



Have a safe summer!