



# Community Development Newsletter



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## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR EARLY APRIL

Come join us for an Arbor Day Celebration at the Stewart Park Pavilion on Saturday, April 12. The festivities will run from 11:00 until 2:00 and will include information booths, equipment displays, pruning demonstrations, free tree seedlings, and a drawing for prizes.

The Roseburg Parks Division and Community Development Department have teamed up with community organizations including Tree Magic Tree Service, OSU Extension Service, the Douglas County Museum, the Society of American Foresters, Pacific and Bureau of Land Management.

### What is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day is America's National Tree Holiday, the day we set aside to plant ceremonial trees, educate children and adults about the importance of trees, and honor the important role trees play in our daily lives.

All 50 states celebrate Arbor Day although the dates may vary in keeping with the local climate. At the federal level, in 1970 President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day.

### The History of Arbor Day

The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. The lack of trees there that

led to the founding of Arbor Day in the 1800s. Among pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854 was J. Sterling Morton from Detroit. He and his wife were lovers of nature, and the home they established in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers. As editor of Nebraska's first



newspaper, he spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to an equally enthusiastic audience. His fellow pioneers missed their trees. But, more importantly, trees were needed as wind breaks to keep soil in place, for fuel and building materials, and for shade from the hot sun. Morton not only advocated tree planting by individuals in his articles and editorials, but he also encouraged

civic organizations and groups to join in.

It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on that first Arbor Day which was celebrated with a grand parade and students planting trees.

During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882. Arbor Day has now spread beyond the United States and is observed in many countries of the world.

Oregon is a "tree" state. We have diverse forests and beautiful trees. In fact, Oregon has some of the most productive forests and is home to some of the largest trees in the world. We place a high value on the importance trees play in our quality of life by providing habitat for wildlife, products that we all use, clean air and water and all of the other wonderful things trees do. For that reason, Oregonians celebrate an entire Arbor Week. We invite you to celebrate the importance of trees in your life.

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Community Development  
Department Mission  
Statement:

Helping Plan and Build a  
Better Roseburg

## ELECTRONIC FLOOD CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE SOON



# FEMA

The City of Roseburg participates in the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS) Program and annually publicizes services available to City residents through the program.

The City receives credit through the program by implementing a flood insurance rate map determination program and providing information to City residents regarding flood insurance rate map zones, base flood elevation heights, flood-proofing, contractor information, retrofitting and historical data. Upon request, the City will provide a site visit and plan review for flood prone sites.

Participation in the CRS program qualifies City residents for a 10 percent rate reduction for

flood insurance. Homeowners should contact their insurance agents for flood insurance information.

In 2008, the City of Roseburg will be providing electronic copies of all existing flood plain certifications for City of Roseburg properties. Staff expects to add a link to the [www.cityofroseburg.org](http://www.cityofroseburg.org) website by April 2008. Insurance agents, lenders and property owners and prospective owners will be able to access the Acrobat .pdf file format from any internet connection.

Detailed flood information can be obtained from Certified Floodplain Manager Teresa Clemons in the Community Development Department at 541-440-1177 or by visiting the Department (Building and Planning Divisions) at City Hall (3rd Floor), 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

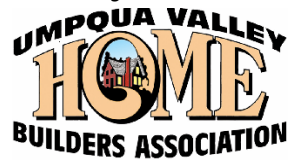
## UMPQUA VALLEY HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

For the third year, the City of Roseburg Community Development Department had a booth at the annual Umpqua Valley Homebuilders Association Home and Garden show. The three day event takes place at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and this year was held on Friday, February 29, and Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, 2008.

The City's booth was again located in the Commercial Building, as it was the first year the City participated. This building provides a new and modern space with carpet flooring and access to the internet. Community Development staff was joined by staff from the Fire, Public Works and Parks Departments.

Experienced staff was on hand to give a wide variety of information, answer questions and provide assistance to citizens throughout the area. One of the most popular items is a City street map; and there was access to the City's web page, on-line mapping information available on a lot by lot basis and color books for children.

Approximately 10,000 people attend the event each year. Participation gives the City an opportunity to get out into the community and make contact with those who typically do not come into City Hall. With another successful event behind us, we look forward to next year.



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### So then what is Oregon Arbor Week?

Well, in Oregon we like to be different, so we set aside an entire week to honor trees. The Oregon State Legislature has decreed that the first full week of April shall be designated as Arbor Week. The Oregon Revised Statutes state that pupils in the pub-

lic schools shall be made better aware of the benefits of the preservation and perpetuation of forests and the growing of timber and of the environment, the district school board shall cause to be conducted, during school hours, activities which tend to encourage the planting, protection and preservation of trees and shrubs and a greater understanding of the environment and

means for preserving and improving it.

*For a complete list of all state Arbor Day celebrations, a list of state trees (Oregon's is the Douglas-fir) and a variety of other notable tree facts, figures, and advice go to <http://www.arborday.org/index.cfm>.*

## MILL-PINE NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT PRIDE MONTH IN APRIL

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Mill-Pine National Historic District Pride Month begins April 1. The City of Roseburg's Historic Resource Review Commission has arranged for Roseburg Disposal to set up two dumpsters, free of charge, for residents of the District. The dumpsters will be placed at the corners of Mill & Burke and Mill & Floed from April 7th through April 21<sup>st</sup>. Also the City's Public Works crew will pick up old appliances, rimless tires and other items too big for the dumpster. Call Chris @ 440-1175 to schedule pick-up.

Awards will be given to properties showing significant improvement in their fix-up efforts. Painting, removing debris/junk, fence repair, etc. are some ideas to improve the look of each property. To be eligible to win an award, you must call the Community Development Department @ 440-1175 to enter. "Before" photographs will be taken March 25<sup>th</sup> and "after" photographs on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Planning Activity Report

	Month to Date		Year to Date	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Comprehensive Plan Amendment	-	1	3	2
Zone Change	1	2	2	3
Annexation	1	-	1	-
Subdivision	-	-	-	-
Partition	1	-	3	1
Boundary Line Adjustment	3	1	4	1
Amendments	-	-	-	-
Vacation	-	1	-	2
Conditional Use Permit	1	-	1	-
Temporary Use Permit	-	-	-	-
Planned Unit Development	-	-	-	-
Variance	-	1	1	1
Appeal	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>

**February Site Reviews: 23**

### February Compliance Activity

32 Complaints Opened  
 20 Sites Posted for Abatement  
 1 Permit Required Notice  
 1 Stop Work Order  
 3 Interagency Referrals  
 31 Telephone Contacts  
 9 Personal Contacts  
 26 Letters and Correspondence  
 23 Complaints Closed

#### Complaint Types for the Month of January 2008

8 Derelict/Junk Vehicles  
 1 Sanitation/Sewage  
 7 Garbage/Debris  
 2 Vegetation  
 3 Prohibited Camping  
 6 Clear Vision  
 2 Storm Drainage  
 1 Permit Required  
 2 Obstruction of the Public Way  
 4 Land Use

Note: Many complaints have multiple violations. Complaint type tally will exceed the actual number of complaints.



Year-to-Date comparison as of end of February:

2008 - 68 Complaints  
 2007 - 44 Complaints  
 2006 - 42 Complaints

Phone Number:  
440-1175  
or 440-1177

**Fred Alley,**  
Community  
Development  
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Planning Manager,  
Ext 245  
**Marion J. Thompson AICP,** Senior  
Planner, Ext 253  
**Teresa Clemons**  
**CFM,** Community  
Planner, Ext 140  
**Dick Dolgonas,**  
Community  
Planner, Ext 209  
**Larry Caldwell,**  
Compliance Officer,  
Ext 261  
**Chris Morgan,**  
Dept Technician,  
Ext 225  
**Kelly O'Brien,**  
Dept Technician,  
Ext 227

# March 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Planning Commission	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 City Council	11 Joint Air- port/EDC Commission	12 Historic Resource Review Commission	13	14	15
16	17 Planning Commission 	18	19	20	21	22
23 	24 City Council	25	26 Historic Resources Review Commission	27	28	29
30	31					

## MEETING PLACE, TIME AND MEMBERS

City Council meets 2nd & 4th Mondays in City Council Chambers at 7 pm

**Larry Rich, Mayor**

Mel Cheney, Ward 1      Verna Ward, Ward 1  
Vacant, Ward 2      Tom Ryan, Ward 2  
Rick Coen, Ward 3      Chris Spens, Ward 3

Planning Commission meets 1st & 3rd Mondays in City Council Chambers at 7 pm

**Ron Hughes, Chair**

Chris Clark      Don Dole  
Jim Gamble      Patrick Parson  
Harvey Lopez      Meagan Conry

Historic Resource Review Commission meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room at Noon

**Susie Osborn, Chair**

Janet Beeby      Mary Blevens  
Jack Earl      Lisa Gogal

Economic Development Commission meets 2nd Tuesday in City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room at Noon

**Rick Coen, Chair**

John Amoroso      Jerry Anderson  
Don Baglien      Roger Brandt  
Allie Cyr      Alex Palm  
Art Swanson      Michael Widmer

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<http://www.cityofroseburg.org>