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CITY OF ROSEBURG NEWSLETTER

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Too often when we hear the word "government," we read and hear about all the things that don't work, the things that are wrong with our system. Today, I'd like us to reflect on all the positives that are part of Roseburg, the people who work for our local government and the people who have volunteered their time to improve our city. I am extremely proud of the hard work of the City staff and employees. I'm impressed with their desire to treat all citizens in an honest, fair and consistent manner. And I'm pleased we've been able to accomplish so much with so few. I look forward each year to having this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to all of you who do so much for the town we live in.

During these past two years as your Mayor, I have come to recognize that Roseburg's greatest asset, the thing that helps us to succeed, to grow, and to meet the challenges that lie ahead are the public employees, the City Council, the City Commissioners, the volunteers and the everyday citizens who take the time to become actively involved in solving problems and assuring that our government remains responsive and efficient.

The staff of the Parks and Golf Department, directed by Jim Dowd, worked hard this year on several projects. Highlights included the completion of the first phase of the New Community Park. With 48 additional acres acquired, the 90-acre park now has ball fields in place. The next phases, which will include construction of the main concession-restroom building and installing landscaping, irrigation, fencing, dugouts, trails and picnic shelters should be completed in time for this spring's softball season. Special thanks goes to the Ford Family Foundation for their grant of \$600,000 which will assist in these improvements, and Douglas County for all their assistance as well. Jim and his staff worked on the renovation and improvement of existing parks such as Eagles Park which will provide for a modern urban park with areas for both simple relaxation and small downtown events. The staff also worked on improvements at the golf course. Installation of subsurface drain fields on fairways #2 and #3 will allow extended play in fall and winter months, and the department contracted to pave the last remaining unpaved portion of the cart path system.

Chris Berquist and the Public Works Department is concluding another successful year during which they

oversaw three Urban Renewal projects. Airport Road improvements included widening the street and installing curb, gutter, storm drainage and sidewalks, as well as bike paths on both sides of the street. The Estelle Street Project included installation of traffic signals and realignment of the entrance to the VA complex to create a four-way intersection. The Garden Valley Overlay Project was also completed between Stephens and Airport Road/Cedar Street. The City Street Crew was also kept busy with several small projects including the installation of two different storm lines on Evans and Keasey Streets to eliminate ongoing drainage problems, the installation of a storm drainage line at the golf course and several small paving projects such as repairing significant sections of Rifle Range Road. In addition, a new parking lot was constructed at the Roseburg Regional Airport which provided 60 more spaces. The Water Division was kept very busy with a variety of projects including main replacements, tank recoatings and extensive improvements at the Water Treatment Plant.

The Police Department, headed by Chris Brown responded to more than 24,000 calls this past year, a slight increase over the previous year, although the number of serious crimes in almost every category has dropped significantly. Still, officers were confronted on several occasions with circumstances where the use of deadly force would have been appropriate and justifiable. In every instance, the officers displayed extraordinary restraint, courage and tactics. A new Records Management System was implemented which allowed the department to provide a higher level of service, increase patrol time, work more efficiently and achieve more successful investigations. The first Citizen's Police Academy proved to be a wonderful experience for the officers and the 20 participants ranging in age from 18 to 80 who graduated from the 10-week program. It should also be noted that aside from work, officers continue to be very involved in the community where they serve on a number of boards and committees, coach youth sports, represent numerous service organizations, participate in community events, teach classes and volunteer for numerous City projects.

The Roseburg Fire Department, under the leadership of Chief Ford Swauger, was responsible for all aspects of public safety related to fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical assistance and fire code enforcement. The first year of a self-

inspection program for low hazard businesses has been a success. Not only was the return rate high and the program well received by the community, but this program allowed the Fire Marshal to concentrate more on higher risk areas and new development. Early this year, two major purchases will be made including a new fire engine and an air compressor. Department officers implemented a new equipment maintenance/replacement program and database which made budgeting easier and reduced emergency expenditures. Two firefighters finished their first year probationary exams and another is in mid-process. And as always, training continued with such programs as the first phase for Confined Space Rescue and a multi-agency mass casualty exercise at Jo Lane Middle School. It should also be noted that emergency call volume increased over 11% for the year.

Dan Huff and the Community Development Staff spent most of their time working through permits and development processes. Though general development slowed slightly from the previous two years,

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Larry Rich
Mayor

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Police Department Citizens Academy 2001

The expanded 2001 session of the Roseburg Police Department Citizen Policy Academy begins on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, and applications are now being accepted. Roseburg residents and business owners will have a first hand opportunity to learn about law enforcement at the Roseburg Police Department. Academy participants will attend 40 hours of hands on and classroom training on topics that include community policing, officer recruitment and training, emergency communications, patrol investigation, defensive tactics, firearms, high risk situations and many others. The classes will be taught by officers who specialize in each of these areas and will include practical demonstrations and mock situations.

The purpose of the Citizen's Academy is to acquaint the general public with some of the issues, problems and tasks that police officers encounter on a daily basis. Students will hopefully walk away from the twelve sessions with a more realistic understanding of police work and the issues and problems that officers encounter every day. Participants will not be "trained police officers" but they will have a better idea of the "how and why" of law enforcement.

Tentatively, the Roseburg Citizen's Academy is scheduled for March 20th through May 22nd. Classes will be Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a full day scheduled for Saturday, April 14th and Saturday, May 12th. Participants will be asked to commit to the full 10-week session, which will culminate in a graduation ceremony. Anyone interested in more information can contact Sergeant Mark Nickerson at the Police Department, 673-6633.

PUBLIC NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Any public notice which the Municipal Code requires to be posted in a public place is posted in City Hall on the entrance lobby bulletin board and just outside City Hall by the Douglas Street entrance. Notices which are required to be posted in twelve public places are posted in the locations below. Notices required to be posted in four public places are posted on the location first listed for each specific ward, in addition to City Hall. Notices are prepared on brightly colored paper and attached to 3-foot stakes.

Ward I:

- Corner of Casper and Commercial
- Corner of Diamond Lake and Rifle Range Road
- Corner of Stephens and Garden Valley

Ward II:

- Corner of Keasey and Calkins
- Corner of Troost and Calkins
- Corner of Garden Valley and Dogwood

Ward III:

- Corner of Harvard and Umpqua
- Corner of Bradford and Broccoli
- Corner of Madrone and Harvard

- Corner of Lane and Kane
- Corner of Booth and Main
- Corner of Sheridan and Mosher



CITY NEEDS YOUR HELP

There are approximately 2,200 streetlights throughout

Roseburg. We want your help in making sure they are all working. If you see a street light out, please call the Public Works Department at 672-7701, extension 236. When you call, give the identification number located on the pole or the street address that is nearest the malfunctioning light. Staff will then contact the appropriate company for repair. Thank you for your assistance.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Larry Rich	Councilor Ward II Tom Ryan	Councilor Ward III Bill Clifford	Ward I: Voting Precincts 38, 39, 40
Councilor Ward I Verna Ward	Councilor Ward II Paul Sykes	Councilor Ward IV Stacey Crowe	Ward II: Voting Precincts 36, 37
Councilor Ward I Phil Gale	Councilor Ward III Dan Hern	Councilor Ward IV Shirley Neal	Ward III: Voting Precincts 44, 45, 46, 47, 47A
			Ward IV: Voting Precincts 41, 42, 43

IS IT A PYRAMID?

Recently, the Roseburg Police Department has received dozens of calls about a deal that "...sounds too good to be true." It's called a lot of things; investment clubs, gifting ministries, multi-level marketing, just to name a few. However it is represented, it is pyramiding and it is illegal. Generally, the schemes involve "gifting" or giving some amount of money, from \$20 to \$2,000 or more, to some person, usually a friend or relative, who has recruited the person to participate. The "gifting" individual then recruits several more people to invest a similar amount of money. The original "gifter" then receives back from their recruits between four and eight times their original investment within a few weeks. The return is based on the number of people they are able to recruit. The "gifter" is entitled to no service or product for their "gift."

According to the Oregon Attorney General's Office, this scheme is an investment pyramid and is strictly prohibited by law. Based on information provided by the Attorney General, a nine-level pyramid, which is built when each participant recruits six others quickly exceeds the entire population of Oregon.

Level	Participants
1	6
2	36
3	216
4	1,296
5	7,776
6	46,656
7	279,936
8	1,679,616
9	10,077,696

As you can see, people at the top of the pyramid will likely get a return. People on the lower levels will likely lose their money. There just simply aren't enough people to keep the scheme going and the whole thing eventually collapses.

Promoters of these scams will provide you with substantial evidence to prove it works. You will likely be told that

their idea is "perfectly legal" because it is a "gift" and no return on the investment is expected or guaranteed. In truth, you are giving money with an expectation of getting many times your money back. Potential "gifters" may also be provided with alleged evidence that the plan has been reviewed and approved by a lawyer, the district attorney or even the police. Be suspicious of any scheme where claims like this are made.

While some states do not actively pursue these cases, even though illegal, Oregon does. According to the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Division, anyone participating in the fraud or attempting to recruit investors may be sued, required to pay restitution or criminally prosecuted for theft.

An article in the November 3, 2000, edition of the Oregonian reported that a Sherman County Justice of the Peace was required to pay \$4,000 to the state consumer fund, return \$14,000 she received in "gifts" and paid \$14,000 to people she had led to join the club. According to the article, one person who learned of the "gifting club" from the judge lost \$40,000.

Investors or "gifters" are cautioned to use common sense before making any investment, especially one where results are guaranteed. If the promoter is asking you for cash, if the meetings are held in a "secret" location or by invitation only, be suspicious. If you don't understand the offer or if it "sounds too good to be true" it probably is.

For more information, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at (877) 877-9392, or the Roseburg Police Department during regular business hours.

MONEY AVAILABLE FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS



The City of Roseburg has zero interest loan funds available for homeowners in the Mill-Pine district. The South Umpqua River borders this area on the West and SE Stephens Street borders on the East.

These loans are for low to moderate-income families as defined by HUD. Many families may not realize that they qualify as low/moderate income.

INCOME LEVEL	Income Limits by Family Size					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Moderate Income	\$21,000	\$24,000	\$27,000	\$30,000	\$32,400	\$34,800
Low Income	\$13,150	\$15,000	\$16,900	\$18,750	\$20,250	\$21,750

The loans may not exceed the owner's equity in their home, with the maximum loan being \$20,000. At 0% interest and no repayment until the title to the property transfers, homeowners have the opportunity to make repairs and upgrades that they may not be able to afford any other way. Homeowners must occupy the residence and repairs need to be done by a licensed and bonded contractor.

Twelve homes have been involved in the program so far and the response of the owners has been very positive. One homeowner wrote, "I want to express my appreciation to all of you, for all the hard work you did in helping me to fix up my house. It was in need of many repairs that I couldn't afford to have done. You were all very considerate and easy to work with. I feel very fortunate to have qualified for the program. It was a chance in a lifetime, like a dream come true."

Eligible Repairs can include repair or replacement of roofing, roof rafters; electrical and wiring repairs; foundation work; weatherization; installation of new or repair of inadequate heating systems; repairing or replacing broken windows or doors; installing smoke detectors; exterior painting; and other items which correct serious health and safety problems.



Home in the Mill-Pine Neighborhood before and after housing rehab work.



BEFORE

AFTER

The application is simple, the process is fast and help is available for any interested and qualified homeowner. Karan Reed at Umpqua CDC administers the program and can be contacted for more information at 673-4909.

COMMUNITY PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Construction has begun on the new community park located on the North Umpqua Highway. A majority of the acreage in the western portion of the park site has been excavated and leveled for playing fields, parking and walkways. Also installed were the ball field irrigation systems, storm drainage and electrical systems. The fields have been seeded with perennial rye grass and the surrounding open areas have been seeded with new grass as well.

Construction of these fields is unique to Douglas County because the ball fields have been designed and constructed with a complete drainage system and a 5" cap of sand. This drainage system will allow quick removal of excess water on the fields from heavy rains, thereby extending the playing season for local users.

Roseburg Paving and their subcontractor Landscape Industries bid this phase of the project for \$679,000, well below the designer's estimated costs. The contractors were required to complete their project in a short period of time in order to allow for rapid growth of the newly planted grass. They completed their project on schedule and the turf will be ready for play in the spring. Currently under construction are the concrete sidewalks leading to the softball fields, dugout foundations, retaining walls and stairwells.



The next phase of the construction will begin in early March. This phase will consist of completing the irrigation system, planting trees and shrubs, constructing the concession stand and restroom and additional concrete work for the hardball fields.

The final phase of construction will begin early this summer. This phase will put the finishing touches on the park. Items to be constructed include trails, two picnic pavilions, an additional concession stand and restrooms for the hardball fields and the remaining park amenities such as benches, trash containers and walkway lighting will be installed.

The park's main funding source is a \$2.5 million bond levy passed by the voters in 1998. In order to complete the \$3.2 million project as designed, the Ford Family Foundation granted the City of Roseburg \$600,000 and Douglas County will assist with construction of the parking lot and road improvements to Sunshine Road. With the help of the Ford Foundation and Douglas County the park will provide quality recreational opportunities for all of the Roseburg community.

ROSTER OF PARK FACILITY ORGANIZED USERS

There are many recreational activities in Stewart Park which are organized by a tremendous number of volunteers who make these programs successful. The list below is provided for your information should you want to learn more about these recreational opportunities.

BASEBALL

Little League
(Ages 5-12)
Shawn Lybarger 673-4783

Babe Ruth
(Ages 13-15)
Tom Donegan 672-9795

American Legion
(Ages 16-19)
Leland Black 673-7853

GOLF

Men's Golf Association
Andy Gaylor 679-5598

Women's Golf Association
Nancy Stockhoff 673-3929

SOFTBALL

ASA-Indian Fast Pitch
Pete Fullerton
Work - 679-6751 • Home - 672-9531

DC Women's Softball Association
Bobbi Brown 957-8309

Roseburg Church League
Greg Knee 459-6088

DC Men's Softball Association
Sid Toleno 672-4767

HORSESHOES

Roseburg Horseshoe Club
Pat and Art Gee 459-9549

TENNIS

Umpqua Valley Tennis Center
673-3429

BASKETBALL

Roseburg Church League
Tim Snyder 440-2817

SOCCER

Roseburg Soccer Association
Frank Tarascio 673-0000

YMCA

Stephanie Roberts
440-9622

Give us a call. Come join in the fun!

ROSEBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Safety Tips For The Winter Season

SPACE HEATERS

- When using space heaters, always locate your heater at least three feet away from items that could catch on fire such as: bedding, curtains, paint or any other flammable materials.
- Unplug your heater when not in use.
- Never leave your heater unattended near children, pets or the elderly.

WOOD STOVES

- Before each heating season, carefully check your stove and make any necessary repairs.
- Inspect and clean your chimney often to avoid creosote build up.
- Always store flammable liquids well away from where a stove is being used.
- Never leave small children alone in a room where a wood stove is in use.
- Install smoke detectors in your home and plan a home fire escape plan and practice it often.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Burn permits for yard debris

October 1 through October 31
April 15 through May 15

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2000

Fire Prevention Week took place on October 9 through 12, 2000, at the Roseburg Valley Mall. The event is an opportunity for both children and adults to learn fire safety tips for the home and outdoors. Presentations were given to over 950 local children. Displays included Stop, Drop and Roll, Kitchen Fire Safety, Camp Fire Safety, Home Escape Plans, and the EDITH (exit drills in the home) booth. The Roseburg Fire Department looks forward to seeing you next year.



REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The City will be offering a loan program for existing businesses located within the city limits and urban growth area of the City of Roseburg. This loan program was created by the City of Roseburg Economic Development Commission and City Council to encourage existing business growth and retention by offering low interest loans up to \$15,000.

Loans for growth and retention of existing businesses will be given a 3 to 5-year repayment plan or 10-year amortization with a repayment plan of 5 to 7 years. Funding for this loan program is provided through the City Economic Development Fund.

The loan applications will be processed by CCD Business Development Corporation and managed by a loan committee appointed by the City Manager. If you own a business in Roseburg and have a business plan you can contact the CCD Business Development Corporation located at 744 SE Rose Street in downtown or by phone at 672-6728 to discuss a loan application.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

City crews will offer free hauling of inoperable appliances and tires in January, February and March. Phone 440-1175 during business hours to arrange pickup. Roseburg Disposal will also place free dumpsters around the City. Look for notices in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Cleanups are a service of the City of Roseburg in cooperation with Roseburg Disposal, The Steel Outlet and Douglas County Public Works.

TRAFFIC TIPS - SHARING THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Transportation is different things to different people. To most of us, we automatically think of our cars and trucks. But transportation includes bicycles and pedestrians as well as planes, trains and automobiles. In an urban setting such as the City of Roseburg it is important to plan for multi-modal transportation.

Bike Lanes

You may have noticed that more and more bike lanes are being constructed around town as part of improvement projects. Bike lanes are becoming an important part of the transportation system within Roseburg. The City looks at what makes sense for connectivity when deciding to install bike lanes. Many residents are unsure of what the bike lanes are and how traffic laws apply to them. We hope the following clears up some of the mystery!

Bike lanes are separated from vehicular traffic by an eight-inch wide solid white line. Bike lanes are marked with a bicycle symbol and arrow indicating the direction of travel. In some areas around Roseburg, signs are also posted adjacent to bike lanes. There is no parking allowed in bike lanes. This is true whether or not there are "No Parking" signs. Vehicles may travel across a bike lane when making a turning movement, but must always be sure the maneuver can be made safely without cutting off a bicyclist.

Pedestrian & Crosswalks

Crosswalks can be either marked or unmarked. There is a crosswalk at every intersection, regardless of whether there are white lines. If a crosswalk is not marked, it is located where the sidewalk or shoulder would extend across the road and meet the sidewalk or shoulder on the other side of the road. Generally, pedestrians have the right of way at all intersections. The Oregon Driver Manual states that you must yield to pedestrians when:

- You are making a left or right turn at any intersection.
- A pedestrian is crossing with a green light or WALK signal, or when the pedestrian has not cleared the crosswalk before you get a green light.
- You cross a sidewalk, such as when entering or leaving an alley, driveway or private road.
- In a marked or unmarked crosswalk when the pedestrian is on your half of the road or so close to your half of the road that he or she is in a position of danger.
- At a school crossing where there is a traffic patrol, stop and yield if a traffic patrol member signals you to do so.

To increase safety for everyone, pedestrians should be aware of traffic around them and be especially careful whenever crossing streets. Pedestrians should not move into the street suddenly so that the driver doesn't have enough time to see them and stop. Pedestrians must also observe and obey pedestrian signals and not enter an intersection when the solid red hand or "don't walk" signal is displayed.

Just a reminder - state law prohibits vehicles from parking in a manner that blocks either the sidewalk or a crosswalk.

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community growth was still very active. Projects included the new Juvenile Center which has involved many hours of staff time for inspections and coordination, Con-Vey Keystone, Applebee's, Jack-in-the-Box, Mercy Manor, Lookingglass Apartments, remodeling of Garden Valley Center, development of five medical/professional offices, Rocky Ridge PUD, Mulholland Heights Subdivision and the Hoover Hills Subdivision. Staff has continued to work on various long and short-range projects such as the Roseburg Transportation System Plan, set to be completed by July 2001. Staff also participates regularly as a member of the Southwest Area Commission on Transportation which determines state highway projects. Additionally, the City signed a contract with Umpqua Community Development Corporation to administer the housing rehabilitation program in the Mill-Pine area. After the City received a grant to develop a walking tour of the downtown area, Staff has been developing general information as well as interviewing several eye-witnesses of "the Blast."

During the past year, the Finance Department, under the direction of Lance Colley, concluded a major staff transition. Retirements meant four new additions to the department who will continue the commitment to customer service both to the public and internally. Working with many other departments, the Finance Department began implementing the Downtown Master Plan. Initial implementation included transportation changes from one-way to two-way streets and the replacement of traffic signals with stop signs. The parking structure was also painted to make it more compatible with surrounding structures and to make it safer by lightening up the interior. The department worked on acquiring property which will join Micelli Park and Templin Beach Park and allow for expansion of recreational activities in the area. And finally, for the seventh consecutive year, the City of Roseburg achieved the Government Finance Officers Association award for "Excellence in Financial Reporting."

City Recorder Sheila Cox and her assistant, Nancy Cobb, spent numerous hours revising documents and developing forms in order to comply with new public contracting laws that resulted from the 1999 legislative session. Each quarter, the staff advised other departments of all contracts due to expire to ensure there was no lapse in service. The department also worked closely with the City Manager and Architect Rex Price on the Council Chambers Remodel Project and helped develop a new contract for FBO services at the airport. The City Recorder's Office was also responsible for managing the leases on all airport and golf cart storage facilities, working with the City Attorney to develop new telecommunication ordinances along with the appropriate forms for the telecommunication companies, and for getting the City's web-page on-line and updated. Sheila Cox was especially busy in 2000, serving out her term as First Vice-President of the Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders and taking office as President of the State Association.

A record number of new City employees meant that the Personnel Department and Director Barbara Gershon were busier than ever screening, interviewing and selecting new employees as well as conducting orientation for these new employees. Other responsibilities included researching and choosing new health insurance coverage and updating the Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook.

This department also designed and purchased a new display board for the and implemented a new Wellness Program. They also conducted workshops on Conflict Management, Staff Communication, Ethics, Customer Service Skills mandatory training for OSHA.

A special thank-you goes to the City Manager's Administrative Assistant Davidson who not only keeps us all informed of what's really going on, but helps us accomplish our goals.

I'd also like to take the time to thank the nine City Commissions and the more than 100 volunteers who served on those commissions. As I stated at the beginning, Roseburg's greatest asset is its people and this is evident in the countless hours of unselfish giving of so many. Thanks to all our volunteers for their work and dedication in giving back to our community. Our city commissions have spent hours on our parks, downtown revival, economic development airport improvements, to name just a few of their projects over the last year.

After reflecting on the successes of the past year, I'd like to take the time to comment on the future. The outlook for Roseburg is bright. The downtown area is well on its way to revival. Stop signs have replaced stoplights and soon benches, tree grates and new signage will enhance the aesthetics of the area. A national historic designation and a walking tour of the "Blast" will once again revitalize this shopping area.

Our new 90-acre park will be large enough to provide both sports and leisure activities. If construction continues at the current pace, softball games will be played on the community park fields this summer.

During 2001, the new juvenile detention center will be completed, affording families the opportunity to have a secure place close to home for troubled youth who are in need of such a facility.

2001 will also mark the beginning of upgrading the city government facilities. The Council Chambers will be undergoing major remodeling to make the facility more user friendly. Also, a new public works building is planned for construction and other buildings are planned for the future.

The City is working with the Chamber of Commerce's telecommunication force to ensure modern capabilities to meet today's demands as well as those of the future. The City is also looking forward to working with the Chamber of Commerce, Douglas County Industrial Development Board and others in implementing a program for active recruitment and retention of jobs in Roseburg and Douglas County.

I'm proud to be the Mayor of a city with such a bright future, a city that values its history and looks forward to tomorrow, a city whose best assets are those who are willing to work together to solve problems, to envision change and to improve the quality of life for everyone in Roseburg.

Mayor, Larry Rich



DOWNTOWN

A number of improvements have been completed in Roseburg Town Center. The interior of the parking structure was recently painted and stop signs have been placed at the majority of the downtown intersections. Cass and Roseburg Streets were returned to two-way traffic which helped our transportation system and customer service for a number of businesses located along those streets.

Upcoming projects will include street lighting improvements from Court Street to Oak Avenue and Oak Avenue west to Stephens Street. We will also be installing tree grates, benches and trash containers in the same area. The Oregon Department of Transportation is expected to replace traffic signals at a number of intersections on Stephens and Pine Streets through the downtown area.

Roseburg Town Center, through a contract with the City of Roseburg, recently hired a Main Street Manager who is participating in the National Main Street Program. If you have questions relating to downtown, please contact Susan Keiffer at 673-3352.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

The following are the Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the Roseburg City Council during the first six months of fiscal year 2000/2001.

"ORDINANCE": A written directive or act of a governing body. Ordinances have the full effect of law within the local government's boundaries, provided that they do not conflict with a state statute or constitutional provision. An ordinance has two readings at Council prior to being voted on by the Council. An ordinance becomes effective 30 days after the second reading, unless an emergency is declared which enables the Ordinance to become effective immediately.

ORDINANCE NO. 3069: "An Ordinance Amending Roseburg Municipal Code Section 4.02.180 Regarding Work in the Public Way," adopted July 31, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3070: "An Ordinance Amending Section 9.25.050, 9.25.100 and 9.25.110 of the Roseburg Municipal Code Regarding Telecommunication Providers," Adopted August 14, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3071: "An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation by Consent of the Property Owners of Land Known as the Penrose Property Abutting the Present City Limits of the City of Roseburg, Oregon; Amending the Zoning of Said Property and Amending the Roseburg Zoning Map Accordingly; Withdrawing the Property From Douglas County Fire District No. 2; and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State," adopted August 14, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3072: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, Section 1.090(2) of Land Use and Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended," regarding Mini-Retail Businesses, adopted September 11, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3073: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Article 13, Section 13.13.100; Article 18, Section 3.18.050; Article 20, Section 3.20.050; and Article 24, Section 3.24.050; of Land Use and Development Ordinance No. 2981 As Amended," regarding Mini-Retail Businesses, adopted September 11, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3074: "An Ordinance Granting to Wantel, Inc., a Franchise to Use The Public Ways of the City of Roseburg For Purposes of Providing Telecommunications Services in Accordance With Applicable Provisions of the Roseburg Municipal Code and Declaring an Emergency," adopted August 28, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3075: "An Ordinance Granting to TCG Oregon a Franchise to Use the Public Ways of the City of Roseburg for Purposes of Providing Telecommunications Services in Accordance with Applicable Provisions of the Roseburg Municipal Code and Declaring an Emergency," adopted August 28, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3076: "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Land Use Map for Property Known as the Collins Cauble Property Located on the West Side of Old Highway 99 and 1.5 Miles North of Interstate 5 Exit 129," adopted September 25, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3077: "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property Known as the Crowe Family/FCC Commercial Furniture Property Located on the West Side of Old Hwy 99 and South of the Wilbur Road/Old Hwy, 99 Intersection," adopted October 9, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3078: "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan and Adding Supplementary Provisions," adopted October 9, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3079: "An Ordinance Amending the Roseburg Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Expanding the Roseburg Urban Growth Area and Changing the Land Use Designation for Property Known as the Roseburg Resources Company Property Consisting of 57.30 Acres Located on the North Side of Del Rio Road Northwest of the Intersection of Interstate 5 and Del Rio Road," adopted October 9, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3080: "An Ordinance Declaring the Annexation by Consent of the Property Owners of Land Known as the Fields/Shirtcliff Property Abutting the Present City Limits of the City of Roseburg, Oregon; Withdrawing Property From Douglas County Fire District No. 2, and Directing the Filing of a Transcript With the Secretary of State," adopted November 13, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3081: "An Ordinance Amending Section 9.16.170 of the Roseburg Municipal Code to Require Distribution of a Portion of the Hotel/Motel Tax Revenues Used for Economic Development to the Small Business Development Revolving Loan Program Account," adopted November 13, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3082: "An Ordinance Adding Chapter 3.24 to Title 3 of the Roseburg Municipal Code, Establishing the Small Business Development Revolving Loan Program and Providing for its Administration," adopted November 13, 2000.

Ordinance No. 3083: "An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Arrowhead Avenue Between Gardiner and Fulton Streets in the City of Roseburg," adopted November 27, 2000.

Ordinance No. 3084: "An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of NW Dee Street in the City of Roseburg," adopted November 27, 2000.

Ordinance No. 3085: "An Ordinance Vacating Portions of Deer Creek Drive and Bush Drive in the City of Roseburg," adopted November 27, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3086: "An Ordinance Amending Subsection 7.02.030(B)(2) of the Roseburg Municipal Code to Delete the Reference to the Flegel Center," adopted November 27, 2000.

ORDINANCE NO. 3087: "An Ordinance Adding Chapter 2.36 Entitled "Property Claims for Compensation", to Title 2 of the Roseburg Municipal Code, Implementing Article I, Section 18 of the Oregon Constitution, as Amended by Ballot Measure 7 in the 2000 General Election; Establishing Procedures for Property Owners to File Claims for Compensation; Declaring an Emergency and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date," adopted November 27, 2000.

"RESOLUTION": An order of a governing body; requires less legal formality than an Ordinance. Statutes or City Charter specify which actions must be by Ordinance and which may be by Resolution. For cities, revenue-raising measures such as taxes, special assessments and service charges are always imposed by Ordinance; fee amendments, however, are made by Resolution. Prior to adoption, a Resolution only needs to be read before the City Council once (by title only, if no member of the Council objects).

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-13: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding the City of Roseburg Fee Schedule Establishing Fees Associated with Telecommunications Providers," adopted July 31, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-14: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding the City of Roseburg Fee Schedule to Increase Right-of-Way Permit Fees," adopted July 31, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-15: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding the City of Roseburg Fee Schedule Establishing Fees Associated With Airport Commercial Operators," adopted August 31, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-16: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding the City of Roseburg Fee Schedule Establishing Fees For Mobile Unit Concessionaire," adopted July 31, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-17: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding the City of Roseburg Fee Schedule to Add Reinspection Penalty Fee for Work in the Right-of-Way," adopted July 31, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-18: "A Resolution Authorizing 1999-2000 Budget Appropriate Transfers," adopted August 14, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-19: "A Resolution Authorizing the Institution of Proceedings in Eminent Domain for the Acquisition by Condemnation of Property Interests Along Vine Street, Alameda Street and Oakland Avenue for the Purposes of Construction of Street Improvements," adopted September 25, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-20: "A Resolution Increasing the Rate of Compensation to be Paid to All Persons Summoned to Appear as a Potential Juror, Selected and Sworn to Serve as a Juror or Subpoenaed to Testify as a Witness in Cases Tried Before the Roseburg Municipal Court and Rescinding All Prior Resolutions Relating to Such Compensation," adopted October 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-21: "A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 92-13 Regarding the City of Roseburg Fee Schedule Establishing a Measure 7 Property Compensation Application Fee," adopted November 27, 2000.

Complete copies of, or more information regarding City Ordinances and Resolutions may be obtained through the City Recorder's Office on the third floor of City Hall, 900 SE Douglas Avenue, Roseburg; by calling 541/672-7701, extension 219 or requested via e-mail sent to ncobb@ci.roseburg.or.us.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR

City Commissions conduct regular public meetings according to the following schedule:

Airport Commission	4th Tuesday	noon	Conference Room	Parks & Recreation	1st Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Conference Room
City Council	2nd & 4th Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers	Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Chamber
Downtown Development	3rd Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Conference Room	Public Works Commission	2nd Thursday	noon	Conference Room
Economic Development	2nd Tuesday	noon	Conference Room	Utility Commission	2nd Thursday	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Golf Course Commission	3rd Monday	noon	Conference Room	Visitors & Convention	Quarterly, 3rd Tuesday	3:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Historic Resources Review	1st & 3rd Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Conference Room				

Depending upon the number of issues needing attention by the Commissions, special meetings may be scheduled or regular meetings may be cancelled. Upon final preparation, summaries of meeting agendas are published in the News Review's public meeting calendar and are available at City Hall.

CLEAR VISION

In order to maintain clear vision for traffic, there should be no obstruction on corners between 3 feet and 12 feet in height. The only exceptions are poles, posts and tree trunks. Tree trunks have to be pruned 8 feet above curb height. The property owner is responsible for ensuring landscaping complies with these guidelines.



This neatly trimmed hedge provides good traffic visibility



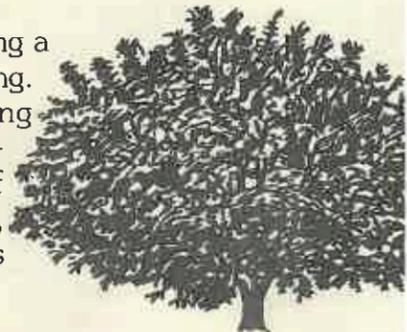
This tree obstructs the view of oncoming traffic.

TREES FOR ROSEBURG'S FUTURE

The City of Roseburg has been fortunate to receive several grants from National Tree Trust. The National Tree Trust was established as part of "America the Beautiful Act of 1990". The mission of the NTT is to act as a catalyst for local volunteer groups in the growing, planting, and maintenance of trees in rural communities, urban areas, and along our nation's highways. One of the primary purposes of the NTT is to promote public awareness and volunteerism in support of community tree planting.

In 1997, Roseburg Parks Department applied for a grant from NTT and received 800 trees. Some of these tree seedlings were planted directly into the ground and the remainder were put into containers to grow larger before planting. Volunteers did the entire tree planting and potting. In 1999, Parks Department received another grant of 500 trees. These trees were also planted into containers by volunteers, and recently volunteers have begun planting them into many of our parks and other public areas. In February of this year, the city will receive another 600 tree seedlings from NTT. Types of trees coming this year include Red Alder, Incense Cedar, Bigleaf Maple, Western Redbud. These trees will be potted into containers to allow them to grow larger before being planted out in another year or two.

Roseburg Parks Department is also planning a tree-planting event for Arbor Day this spring. More details of the event will be coming soon. If you or your organization is interested in volunteering to help with any of the tree planting or tree potting activities, please contact Barbara Taylor, Parks Volunteer Coordinator, at 672-7701.



CITIZEN SUGGESTION BOX

What would YOU like to see published in the next CITY CONNECTION?

Please return suggestions to: City Manager's Office,
900 SE Douglas, Roseburg OR 97470.
Phone 672-7701/FAX 673-2856
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CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 900 SE Douglas Avenue. Agenda for upcoming Council meetings are available in the City Recorder's Office the Friday prior to the meeting. Current agendas are also available at the meeting. In rare instances the Council may deal with agenda items out of order.

Citizens attending Council meetings may speak on any item on the agenda, unless they are the subject of an executive session or a public hearing where comments have been taken and the hearing has closed. Citizens may speak when recognized by the chair and will be required to give their name and address for the official record. A minimum of 12 copies should be provided if you are submitting handouts to Council.

Toward the beginning of each meeting, time is set aside for **Audience Participation**. At this time, anyone wishing to address the City Council concerning items of interest included in the agenda may do so. The person addressing the Council shall, when recognized, give his/her name and address for the record. All remarks shall be directed to the whole City Council. The Council reserves the right to delay any action, if required, for such time when they are fully informed on the matter.

Written minutes, *not verbatim transcripts*, and audio tapes are taken for all public meetings.