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“We don’t have to agree on anything to be kind to one another.” ~ Anonymous

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City Manager’s Weekly Report

Community Development

Economic Development: The City expresses its sincere appreciation to all residents, vendors, bands, sponsors, volunteers, and especially the chalk artists who helped to make our 20th anniversary Art Along the Rogue a special celebration last weekend. The street art featured three 3-D pieces of artwork this year plus another 35 chalk artists. Approximately \$20,000 in private sponsorships helped to expand this year’s activities, including Wildlife Images with two birds of prey and the Children’s Museum of Southern Oregon booth. More than 450 kiddie bags of chalk and goodies were distributed, and 11 different bands provided live entertainment throughout the event. Thank you to everyone who came out!



Community Development

Parks Division: Around 30 people attended an engaging Fall Tree Walk last weekend at Reinhart Volunteer Park led by the City Urban Forester. Attendees learned of many species of trees planted in the park and the benefits of a diverse urban forest.

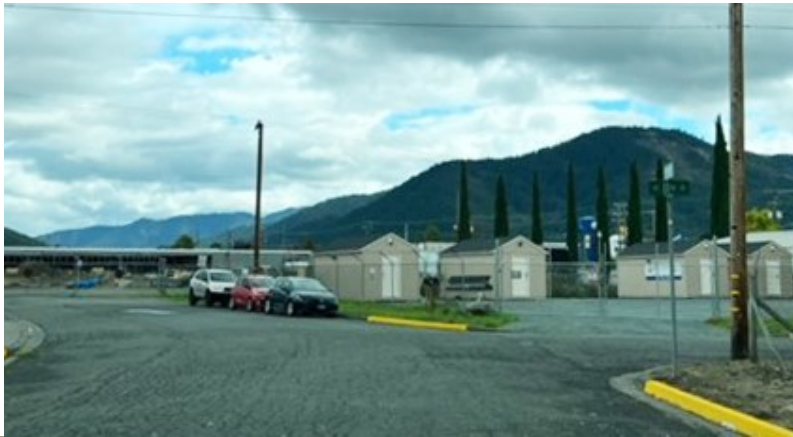


The City sponsored the New Design Caveman Pool community forum to discuss the pool replacement project with the Parks Superintendent and a representative from RSA, the City's design firm. There were many questions from the 14 attendees. The new pool design and a short survey are available on the City webpage for citizens to share their thoughts. The survey closes later today, October 13.

Planning Division: The Historical Buildings and Sites Commission approved the partial demolition of a structure on the former U.S. Forest Service Compound on SW K Street. This demolition will help to rectify several challenges facing the site's developer, including the building's location within the public right-of-way and removal of a public sewer manhole that sits inside the structure. The owner's intention is to keep as much of the historic building as possible and return the new façade to the original design.

Public Works

Streets: The Streets team has been busy with routine activities including installing signs, painting curbs, filling potholes, and responding to various road hazards. They have also been busy cross training with other departments to better prepare them to assist in responding to emergencies, including flooding and emergency locating. Freshly painted curbs on I Street are pictured here.



Facilities: Fall is in full swing and has the team busy with leaf cleanup this week. The team also completed the 90% design review for the Welcome Center renovation, scheduled to be completed the summer of 2024. As well, interim repairs to the City Hall soffit were made this week and staff started developing a larger project to make permanent repairs. In this picture, the crew is replacing an exterior light at City Hall.

Safe Routes to Schools Phase I: The new 8" ductile iron water main has been installed to mid-block on Churchill between 10th and Beacon streets. After the waterline is relocated, the sidewalk will be constructed along the northern side of the street. (Churchill Drive near Lincoln Elementary)



Public Works

Heiglen Estates: Onsite clearing and grubbing has been substantially completed. The contractor has been busy grading the lot for the proposed subdivision. (Heiglen Loop)



Silverbrook Planned Unit Development:

Grants Pass Irrigation District has turned off the water to the irrigation canal, allowing the contractor to begin work on the proposed water main that will be installed underneath the canal.



Clyde Place Water and Sewer Replacement: The project is close to completion as the contractor prepares the road base for paving next week. (Baker Street and Clyde Place)



Portland Loo Installation- Beaver Lot: The contractor placed the Loo on the concrete slab earlier this week and the final plumbing and electrical work is underway. (7th and G streets)



Public Works

Water Treatment Plant: Crews at the plant passed the halfway point this week processing solids at the Mill Pond. Every season the Mill Pond is a race between time, room in the Geo bags, and the amount of solids remaining. The dredge has been steadily getting closer to the end point near the skatepark. After the initial breakdowns during the season, the process has been running smoothly. Crews have been challenged by some interesting objects jamming in the dredge like a baseball, socks, jeans, and skateboard parts.



Distribution: Staff worked to replace a fire hydrant located at the City yard. The fire hydrant has been used for over 20 years to fill up the three high pressure jet-vac trucks that the City has in its fleet. Subject to constant usage, the hydrant needed minimal maintenance over the years, but once a more critical failure occurred, staff opted to replace the hydrant rather than repair it.

Public Works

Wastewater Collections: This week, the Collections crew spent time working on a 6-month rotation line on Bridge Street at Greenwood Avenue. This line was approximately 95% blocked with root intrusion and took approximately three hours to complete the removal to ensure adequate flow. In addition, crews had one developer project and one City capital project that needed to be cleaned and inspected prior to acceptance into the City's system.



BEFORE



AFTER



Wastewater Collections and

Stormwater: The Drainage crew spent most of the week removing approximately 50 yards of sediment from a 48-inch diameter pipe that is 109-feet long. This pipe was so compact with sediment, the crew was unable to use the CCTV camera to inspect it prior to using the vac truck. Given the quantity of debris removed, staff can give an approximation that the pipe was more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full only allowing approximately 12-inches or less of stormwater to flow.

Police Activity

Calls for Service	739
Officer Initiated	322
Arrests	61
Citations	40
Warnings	24
Traffic Stops	46
Sobering Center Lodging	8
Community Response Team	
Contacts	168
Warnings	48
Citations	45
Arrests	5
Trespasses Warnings	44
Camps Posted	67
Camps/Trash Removed	10

Fire Rescue Activity

Fire	2
EMS/Medical	29
Lift Assist	19
Rescue	6
Assist to Public	3
Assist to Other Agency	4
Total Fire Responses	98
False Alarm	4
Medic Level '0' within City	6
Pub Ed/Prevention	2
Car Seats Installed	2
Business Inspection	58

911/Dispatch Calls for Service:

Records: Incoming non-emergent calls: 914

911 calls: 1,140

Women's Crisis Support Team 24/7 Hotline

541.479.9349

Choices Counseling Center - Substance Use Disorder

Treatment 541.479.8847

Committee on Public Art: Three positions open. Apply by December 1.

Historical Buildings and Sites Commission: One position open. Special qualifications: Citizen-at-large. Apply by November 3.

Budget Committee: Four positions open. Special qualifications: Must be a City resident and registered to vote. Apply by November 17.

Sustainability and Energy Action Committee: One position open. Apply by November 3.



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