

City Desk

Reedsport Main Street Program

You are invited to join the next Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at 4:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, 451 Winchester Avenue. The community is welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Public input and involvement are crucial as we work

together to shape the future of our Main Street. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the revitalization and enhancement of our downtown area. Zoom link: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/765213317> Meeting id: 765 213 317 Passcode 161986 Call in via phone: 253-215-8782

YONCALLA BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT Quarterly Report



Red and Green Holiday Lights

Did you feel a little extra community holiday spirit this past Christmas here in Yoncalla? Local residents, visitors and everyone passing through our town were treated to wonderful Christmas light display as our local businesses teamed up on a common-themed light show. When entering our town from the south, the red and green light display began at Easy Pick Shavings on Eagle Valley Road and ending at Jim Thorpe Lumber Products on the north side of town. Virtually EVERY local business participated in this community event. THANK YOU to all for your participation. We can't wait to see how our local businesses build upon this display in next year's Christmas holiday celebration!

Seasonal and Holiday Banners

The Holiday Banners along Eagle Valley Road and on Main Street, we hope, added to your holiday enjoyment. Have you noticed that the "banners" downtown have been changing with the seasons? **Dany Starr** helps to repair and restore the banners with a little TLC as the sun, rain and wind takes its toll upon all things exposed. Please stop and say "Hi" to *Dan Kingery and Ed Mussen* when you see them up on the ladder truck as they keep the banners in their seasonal rotation. Please note that it is Dan who also displays the American flags on Eagle Valley Road and along Main Street during various holiday events. We are also looking to expand our flag display with additional flags on Eagle Valley Road extending out of the north and south sides of town.

Flowing Flower Baskets

We are rapidly ascending into our flower-basket season. Pass Creek Nursery has been our "go-to" supplier as we enjoy a very successful partnership with them. We currently have enough money in our account to supply the various 16 inch and 12 inch baskets that we will hang up around town (this will nearly drain the funds we have available). Next year,

we will need to find a funding source to purchase the baskets going forward. However, we do not have any funds available for supporting the watering of the baskets through the summer months. We have paid \$300 per month for the watering during the months of June, July, August and September. We are seeking local sponsors of \$100 each (or, perhaps, two or three neighbors or friends combine for a sponsorship) for the flower basket program to support the summer watering. The local community's support is critical as the Yoncalla Beautification Project is entering its second year **without** a regular stable funding source. If you can help sponsor the daily watering campaign for the flower basket program, please send a \$100 check to **Doris Bartlett** (Treasurer) at P. O. Box 936. All sponsors will be recognized during Yoncalla's 4th of July Parade on the Beautification Project's float entry. Also, we are planning to sell 12 inch baskets in the same color theme as those we hang around town. We are creating these baskets and will sell them for \$40 each. Proceeds from this project will go toward the support our hanging basket program. Please place your order with Doris Bartlett where she can be reached at 541-315-0608. Place your order by March 16th and we will have them ready for pickup around Mother's Day weekend.

Adopt-A-Street

Are you willing to Adopt-A-Street? From First Street to Fifth and from Eagle Valley Road to Douglas, there are ten downtown streets needing a caretaker. Remember how nice our community looked following last spring's community cleanup? Adopting a street will help to ensure that kind of appearance . . . year round! Four streets are already adopted but there are six more needing some help with regular grass and weed abatement and litter pickup. Please consider joining our Adopt-A-Street by calling Terry Duncan at 541-580-1752 for more information.

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Board Meeting Agenda
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City Council Chambers**

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1. Call to Order
2. Citizen's Comments
3. Approval of the minutes
4. Approval of agenda
5. Financial report
6. General Business
 - a. Introduction of New Board Member – Kell Smith
 - b. Board Resignation
 - c. Treasurer Position Appointment
 - d. Volunteer Tracking Form
 - e. Oregon Main Street Quarterly Report
 - f. Committee Meetings
 - g. Meeting with American Legion Update
 - h. Brick Sales
 - i. Open House
 - j. Vendor Market
 - k. RDI Economic Vitality Upcoming Meeting
 - l. Virtual – March 22nd at 10 am – Resiliency
 - l. Questions

Announcements

Next meeting - April 16, 2024 at City Council Chambers & Zoom, 4:30 pm

Please Note: There may be a quorum of City Councilors in attendance. No City business items will be discussed nor decisions made.

Reedsport to Electrify School Bus Fleet

EPA and Oregon Providing Incentives to School Districts Statewide



In a significant step toward sustainability, Reedsport based school transportation service Lewis Transportation demonstrated an electric school bus. The school board was in attendance for the demonstration, and expressed support for the concept. Lewis Transportation provides school bus services to Reedsport, Gardiner, Scottsburg, and Loon Lake for 40 years and is now looking to the future.

"School buses powered by electricity reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants, reduce noise pollution, and protect the health of students, drivers, and communities. ODOE's 2022 Biennial Energy Report shared that transportation

is the state's largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions, at 35 percent of all emissions in the state. Electrifying transportation options for Oregonians can significantly reduce emissions, especially as Oregon moves toward its goal of 100 percent clean electricity to power homes, businesses, and electric vehicles by 2040" states an Oregon Department Of Energy press release.

In 2020, the Beaverton School District became the first in Oregon to begin electrifying their fleet. According to the ODOE, Beaverton will be up to 19 fully electric buses, as they look to add 6 more at the start of 2024. Beaverton and Bend LaPine School

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