



JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

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CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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In observation of the Fourth of July the City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th!



Mayor's Fourth of July Picnic

The Mayor will be hosting a picnic on Tuesday July 4th on the lawn of City Hall. Starting at noon join Mayor Becker for hotdogs, chips, watermelon, and water along with entertainment provided by the Randall Theater.



Mayor

Paul Becker

Council

Brad Bennington

Criss Garcia

David Jesser

Jim Lewis

Ken Gregg

Steve Casaleggio

City Administrator

Jeff Alvis

City Hall

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Police

Office 541-899-7100

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Fire

Office 541-899-7246

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Planning

541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

800-358-8034

News From The Fire Department

Fire Season was declared open June 4th by the Oregon Department of Forestry which triggers the concern of Southern Oregon Firefighters and your Jacksonville Fire Department. The welcome snow pack and rainfall is reassuring to us all, that we are no longer in drought conditions, but we cannot let our guard down. Rainfall has fed grasses and blackberry plants and the warm sun has accelerated the growth; but just a few extremely warm days takes away the moisture content and makes that grass a real hazard.

Now is the time to address combustible grasses and fuels around our properties and homes. Removing pine needles from roof gutters and valleys is not only a good practice, but vital in preventing the spread of fire. It is a good practice to address your mowing and weed-eating now before additional fire restrictions go into effect. Regardless if you are in a Firewise Community or not, it is a good time to familiarize yourself with plants and practices to keep your home safe from the spread of wildfire or a catastrophic fire in our communities. The Jacksonville Fire Station has brochures that can give a good idea for maintaining defensible space.



Water Quality Reports Available

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The City of Jacksonville, in conjunction with the Medford Water Commission, has our annual 'Consumer Confidence Report' available to the public. This is a report of our Drinking Water Quality for the year 2016 as required by the EPA.

As always, the report contains important information on the results of water quality testing during the prior year, and explanations of what these results mean. Information on the sources of our drinking water is also included, as well as water conservation tips to help customers save water and money.

To view the report on-line in English or Spanish, just access these websites:

For English use: www.medfordwater.org/WaterQualityReport.pdf

For Spanish use: www.medfordwater.org/CalidadDelAgua.pdf

This information is also posted on our website at www.jacksonvilleor.us. If you would like a copy of the report mailed to you, please call our office at 541-899-1231. We also have reports available to the public at our office at 206 N. Fifth Street.

Keeping Natural Watercourses Clean

Property owners are responsible for keeping the natural watercourse through their property cleaned of debris and any obstructions that might affect water flow and water quality. Limbs, logs, “woody” vines (such as blackberries and brambles) and debris should be removed if they are causing an impassable area where debris could dam up. Natural grasses/perennial weeds that grow low to the ground should remain, as they are helpful in trapping sediments and in preventing erosion.

In order to help improve water quality in our streams, please do not dump grass clippings or leaves into the waterway. Please keep chemicals away from the stream area and keep run-off into the stream at a minimum. Any impromptu footbridges or planks are discouraged because they may cause a dam in a high water event. Thank you for helping keep our watercourses clear of debris.

Auto-Pay For Water Bills

Auto-Pay is now available for City Service Bills. Forms can be obtained at City Hall or on the city website.

Funds will be drafted on the 15th of each month. If the 15th falls on a weekend or legal holiday, it will be drafted on the next working day.

Completed forms need to be turned in to the Water Department at City Hall.



Development Code Revision

If you are interested in participating in the Development Code update process, applications for the new Citizen Advisory Committee are available at City Hall and the Planning Department. Applications are also available on the City website (jacksonvilleor.us).

Completed Applications should be turned in to the City Recorder at 206 N. 5th Street, Bldg A. or by email to recorder@jacksonvilleor.us

Historic Preservation Fund

As a reminder, applications for the 2017 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant are due on July 7 at 2 P.M. at the Jacksonville Planning Department. The manual and application are available at City Hall and the Planning Department, both located at 206 North Fifth Street. They are also available on our website. If you are the owner of a structure that is on the City’s landmark list, you may be eligible for grant funds to assist with preservation and maintenance of your historic structure or property. The purpose of the grant program is to maintain and enhance Jacksonville’s Heritage through cost-sharing grant awards that are appropriated each year by the Historical and Architectural Review Commission. The grants provide a 50% (1:1) cost-share match for approved preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation projects. If you do not make the deadline this year, you may have a chance next year. We encourage you to think about eligible projects during the next year. Please feel free to contact the Planning Department regarding ideas for potential projects.

The Funds for the Historic Preservation Fund Grant were made possible by generous privately-donated financial contributions from the Verne Beebe and Linda Scovill estates. This program has helped preserve Jacksonville’s heritage through revitalizing and enhancing some of Jacksonville’s unique collection of historic landmark structures.

At this point, the Historic Preservation Fund is depleting and without future donations, the Historic Preservation Fund will be exhausted. We are currently researching ways to keep the program going, but we need help. If you have any ideas, or know someone interested in a gift toward the Historic Preservation Fund, please contact the Jacksonville Planning Department. We hope that we can continue to use this tool to help preserve Jacksonville’s heritage now and for generations to come.

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council	Tuesday, July 18th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall
HARC	Wednesday, July 26th	6:00 pm	Old City Hall