



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

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City Hall

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

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Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

After Hours Dispatch

(emergencies only)

541-776-7206

Police

Office 541-899-7100

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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

Oregon Department of Transportation—Jacksonville Curb Ramp Upgrades

Jacksonville’s creaky boardwalks of yesteryear are today’s concrete sidewalks. But for people with disabilities, Jacksonville’s streets remain difficult to navigate, harkening back to when the streets were dirt during summer and a muddy mess during winter.

That will soon change. This spring through June, you’ll see workers on six corners of 5th Street (Oregon 238) from E Street north to Shafer Lane. They’re upgrading curb ramps to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

These improvements in Jacksonville are a few of the more than 3,000 curb ramp upgrades scheduled throughout southern Oregon — about 26,000 statewide. Timing is critical: we’ve worked with Jacksonville officials on the best time to do the work and still meet the community’s needs, especially during high tourist season.

For example, our spring schedule for most of 5th Street (Oregon 238) from E Street to Shafer Lane is ambitious: complete work before July. We’ll be back to work several corners in that area after September 7.

Each improved ramp must meet rigid ADA standards for the correct angle of slope and level of approach. For the sight impaired, raised bumps indicate where the crossing ends and the street begins. In Jacksonville, these tactile pads will be red to blend in with the community’s historic character.

Rebuilding these ramps are a priority for the Oregon Department of Transportation to meet the agency’s 2017 settlement agreement with the Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living. During construction, we will ensure that pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will have temporary access through the intersections.

When finished, all Jacksonville residents and visitors will have a safer, more equitable transportation system. And unlike the boardwalk days, the curb ramps will be there for generations to come.

Backflow Testing Notification

Providing quality drinking water to our customers is extremely important to the City of Jacksonville. We regularly test our water, and the Oregon State Health Division receives reports on our water quality throughout the year. Another requirement of the Health Division is that we have a Backflow Prevention Program to help ensure that the City’s water supply is protected against contamination. For this, the City contracts with a certified backflow tester to have backflow devices tested each year. There is no fee to the property owner for this testing.



Jacksonville has contracted with a backflow testing company and they will need access to the backflow device. This device needs to have clear access to it, i.e. no bushes overhanging the box, material piled on top of it, vehicles parked over it, etc. If there are special circumstances that they will need to be aware of (backflow device is behind a locked gate, dogs, etc.) please contact us at **541-899-1231** so we can make special arrangements. Otherwise, they will test the device on their own schedule over the next few months.

Wildfire Risk Reduction—10 Safety Tips

Action Items to Improve Your Home’s Survivability:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8” wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8” wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. **REPLACE** missing shingles or tiles. **COVER** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home:

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **MOVE** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **DISPOSE** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.

City Council Meetings At-A-Glance

A synopsis of the previous month’s City Council agenda items and discussions so you, the citizens of Jacksonville, know what is going on in your local government. **If you would like more detail on any of the discussion items, please review the summaries for each item in the Council packet on the City website.**

April 6, 2021—City Council

- **Historic Jacksonville, Inc. Annual Report.** Carolyn Kingsnorth presented the 2020 Annual Report to Council.
- **Appointment of Member to Citizen Advisory Committee.** Council appointed Beth Lindsay to the Citizen Advisory Committee.
- **Resolution No. R2021-001 A Resolution Accepting the Appointments of the Budget Committee for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Cycle.** Council approved Resolution No. R2021-001. Per state budget law, the Budget Committee consists of the City Council and an equal number of budget committee members, if possible. In addition to Council members, the Budget Committee members are Larry Smith, Brad Bennington, Paul Becker, Mark Thomas, Lori Buerk and Eric Rogers, with one vacant position.
- **Letter of Interest: Seeking Funding for Britt Reservoir #1 and Reconfiguration of a Water Main and Water Service.** Council authorized staff to submit the Letter of Interest to Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund for consideration of funding and grant opportunities.
- **Acceptance of Jacksonville Boosters Foundation Grant.** Council accepted the Jacksonville Boosters Foundation Grant in the amount of \$30,000 to assist with materials and labor for the lighting and sound system on the second floor of New City Hall.

April 20, 2021 — Council Work Session

Mayor Bowen and City Councilors received an Urban Renewal 101 training from the Elaine Howard on the City’s Urban Renewal Agency.

*Audio and Approved Minutes from each of the City Council Meetings is located on the City website.
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Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, May 4, 2021	6:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, May 11, 2021	2:30 PM	Virtual Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting	Wednesday, May 12, 2021	6:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
Budget Committee Meeting	Thursday, May 13, 2001	4:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
City Council Work Session	Tuesday, May 18, 2021	12:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, May 25, 2021	2:30 PM	Virtual Meeting
Parks and Visitor Services Committee	Wednesday, May 26, 2021	5:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
HARC Meeting	Wednesday, May 26, 2021	6:00 PM	Virtual Meeting