



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

June 2021

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Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

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541-776-7206

Police

Office 541-899-7100

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Office 541-899-7246

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Planning

541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

800-358-8034

Keeping Natural Watercourses Clean

This is a yearly reminder of your responsibility to keep the natural watercourse through your 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 preventing erosion. In order to help improve water quality in our streams, please do not dump grass clippings or leaves into the waterway. 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.

*****Reminder – To protect Oregon's fish and wildlife resources, date guidelines for in-water work are from June 15th – August 31st.***

Thank you for your help in keeping our watercourses healthy.

Fire Season Started May 12th

The start of Fire Season was officially announced on May 12th in the Southern Oregon Department of Forestry Southwestern District. Conditions are pointing to be a very busy summer for wildfires and normally fire season starts at the beginning of June but this year there have been more than 30 wildfires caused by open burning and with above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation it can be a very active summer.

What this means to the citizens of Jacksonville is losing a month of preparation time to get your weeds and grass in compliance with the city regulations. In the City of Jacksonville, once the Oregon Department of Forestry declares fire season, city employees will start enforcing the weed and grass policy and these policies can be found on the City's website. Jacksonville Fire Department is asking residents to mow tall vegetation and create defensible spaces around their properties to reduce the wildland threat to the City. If you have questions about the weeds and grass Ordinance, you can visit the cities website or contact Jacksonville Fire Department.

Jacksonville's Wildfire Firewise Community Preparedness Day

Wildfire Firewise Community Preparedness Day is a national campaign where people come together on a single day to take action to raise awareness and reduce wildfire risks. Jacksonville is especially vulnerable to wildfires due to many homes being in the wildfire-urban interface, in close proximity to woodlands and forested land. Removing dead vegetation in close proximity to your home and pruning tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground helps reduce fire embers from landing on your house and fire getting into many crowns of trees.

Jacksonville's Wildfire Community Preparedness Day was held on Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the D Street parking lot. The Jacksonville Fire Department and the Oregon Department of Forestry, with assistance from the Jacksonville Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), accepted yard debris from residents who live in one of the Jacksonville Firewise Neighborhoods. We had a great turnout, despite the pouring rain in the morning. Thank you to everyone for helping make our homes safer in case of wildfires.

Now, with the 2021 fire season upon us, is the time to become a Firewise Neighborhood where you and your neighbors learn how to lower the risk of wildfire damage to your home, and how to become prepared for emergencies. If you want to know more about Firewise, please contact Linda Davis by text at 541-690-5688 or by email at lmdavis425@gmail.com.

Forest Park Suspension Bridge Dedication—June 5, 2021—10:00 a.m.

The Forest Park volunteers, Clayton Gillette, Gary Sprague, Tony Hess and others were busy this past winter with a bridge building project at the old spillway at the P1A parking lot near where the pit toilet was installed two years ago. The primary funding for this project came from a generous donation from the Raymond Foundation along with KAS and Associates, Medford Fabrication and Edge Construction donating time and/or materials. The bridge is a suspension type bridge and looks quite impressive as it crosses from the end of the old spillway, across Jackson Creek to the Rail Trail. If you are looking for a good hike, it may be a great choice to check out the new suspension bridge at Forest Park.

The bridge dedication is on June 5th at 10:00 am and is open to the public to come see the newest bridge and enjoy a hike on one of the trails in the park.



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.**

May 4, 2021—City Council

- **Medium Event Packet—Hiking the Woodlands.** The Britt Music & Arts Festival submitted a medium event packet for an outdoor concert on a portion of the Jacksonville Woodland trails for July 30th through August 4th. This event will be held on a reservation basis. Small groups of audience members will walk along the trails above the Britt Pavilion through ensembles of musicians spread along the trail. This event was previously approved and is a carryover from 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- **OLCC Application—Rogue Grape at Bigham Knoll.** The OLCC Application for Rogue Grape at Bigham Knoll was approved by Council.
- **Acceptance of Certified Local Government Grant.** Council accepted the Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$12,000 to contribute toward the archaeological consultation, monitoring, limited feature recovery, site documentation, and report preparation to be conducted as part of the seismic retrofit of the Jacksonville Fire Station.
- **Approval of Police Officer new Hire.** Council approved the hiring of Alex Oh in the newly vacant Police Officer position.

May 18, 2021—Work Session

This Work Session was an open discussion amongst Councilors on how they are liking the format of having a Work Session the second meeting of each month, topics already discussed and future topics that can be scheduled. Councilors also gave reports on the various areas they have been working on. The anticipated Work Session for June 15th will be on Urban Growth Boundary.

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
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, June 1, 2021	2:30 PM	Virtual Meeting
City Council Meeting / Budget Hearing	Tuesday, June 1, 2021	6:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting	Wednesday, June 9, 2021	6:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
Committee for Citizen Involvement Meeting	Monday, June 14, 2021	5:15 PM	Virtual Meeting
City Council Work Session	Tuesday, June 15, 2021	12:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, June 15, 2021	2:30 PM	Virtual Meeting
HARC Meeting	Wednesday, June 23, 2021	6:00 PM	Virtual Meeting
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	Tuesday, June 29, 2021	2:30PM	Virtual Meeting
Planning Commission Meeting	Wednesday, June 30, 2021	6:00 PM	TBD