



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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# JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

## December 2021

### **Mayor**

Donna Bowen

### **Council**

Mike McClain

Jim Lewis

Ken Gregg

Steve Casaleggio

Andrea Thompson

Scott Selbe

### **City Administrator**

Jeff Alvis

### **City Hall**

Monday-Thursday

8:30 am—4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am—2:00 pm

### **Public Works**

Monday-Friday

8:30 am—4:00 pm

After Hours Dispatch

(emergencies only)

541-776-7206

### **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

### **BEAR AWARE**

*From the ODFW website:*

Everyone should “Be Bear Aware” and do their part to avoid creating situations that are dangerous for people and bears,” said Mathew Vargas, ODFW Rogue District assistant wildlife biologist “Black bears are wild animals that can behave unpredictably and may quickly become a human safety problem if habituated to human food.”

The best way to keep bears and people safe is to prevent bears from getting food rewards within the City. To keep wild bears wild, we ask you and your neighbors to help by:

- Never feed bears.
- Put garbage cans out just before pick-up.
- Keep pet food inside.
- Remove bird feeders.
- Keep BBQ grills clean or in the garage.
- Clean up fruit under fruit trees.



If you encounter a bear:

- STOP: Never approach a bear at any time for any reason. If you see bear cubs, leave the area.
- GIVE IT SPACE: Give any bear you encounter a way to escape.
- STAY CALM: Do not run or make sudden movements. Face the bear and slowly back away.
- AVOID EYE CONTACT: Don’t make eye contact with the bear.
- DON’T RUN: It may encourage the bear to chase you.
- FIGHT BACK: In the unlikely event you are attacked, fight back, shout, be aggressive, use rocks, sticks, and hands.

Report non-emergency bear activity in Jacksonville by calling ODFW directly at 541-826-8774

Dial 911 if there is an immediate threat to human health and safety.

### **Website Launch: Jacksonville Development Code Revision**

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) that is currently reviewing and providing recommendations on the Jacksonville Development Code is continuing to plug away at the project. Under normal circumstances, there’s typically town hall events for staff and CAC members to provide progress reports and to hear feedback from the community. However, because of the unique challenges presented this past year and a half, the Planning Department staff explored alternative ways to reach the community. With that, staff developed a dedicated code update website where residents can be informed about the process, learn about specific topics, and provide comments for CAC consideration. On the site, you can review draft and current documents, as well as follow blog posts regarding some of the CAC discussions. We hope this tool will be useful, and a helpful way for you to follow along in the process.

We hope to have town hall events soon, but in the meantime, please check out the website:

[www.jacksonvillecodeupdate.com](http://www.jacksonvillecodeupdate.com)

As always, if you ever have any questions, feel free to contact the Jacksonville Planning Department at 541-899-6873.



## Happy Holidays!

City offices will be closed the following days for  
the Holidays

**Thursday, December 23rd**

**Friday, December 24th**

**Friday, December 31st**

## Fire Department Temporarily Relocating

The Fire Department is temporarily relocated to the Public Works Yard at 400 W. C St. #B, as work is underway on the seismic retrofit and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor addition of the Fire Station.

## Winter Snow

As winter approaches, we are all starting to think about the possibility of snow again this year. The City does own a snow plow and a small sander and we try to keep roads drivable during a snow event, but we cannot cover all streets and roads at one time. The City's priorities are the main collectors, school bus routes and those roads in the steep and hilly areas within the City limits. Our next priority are the residential streets and the downtown areas. Once those roads are cleared, we have in the past plowed some extensions of City streets that are deemed private, but these are not a priority. If you live on an unmaintained street, you may need to make other arrangements to have it plowed or sanded.



## 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.**

### November 2, 2021—City Council

- **Chamber Christmas Tree Lighting and Victorian Christmas Parade Discussion.** Chamber representatives discussed the Christmas Tree Lighting and Victorian Christmas Parade with Council, given the impact of COVID. Council expressed support of moving forward with the events with appropriate COVID measures in place.
- **Fuel Reduction Update.** Presentation was made to Council by Chris Johnson and Bob Budesca on fuel reduction and risk mitigation. Grayback Forestry, Inc. will be performing fuel reduction measures before the end of the year. The presentation is on the City website.
- **Acceptance of Small City Allotment Grant Award for Carriage Lane Overlay.** Council accepted the Small City Allotment Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Carriage Lane Overlay.
- **Resolution No. R2021-009—A Resolution Requesting a Small City Allotment Grant from the State Highway Fund that has been Appropriated for Allocation to Several Cities of the State of Oregon.** Council approved Resolution No. R2021-009 as formal approval and acceptance of the Small City Allotment Grant.

### November 16, 2021—Work Session

- **Review of Draft Jacksonville Municipal Code Revisions—Title 1.** Councilor Casaleggio discussed the proposed revisions to the JMC Title 1 and Council gave input.

**Audio and Approved Minutes from each of the City Council Meetings are located on the City website.**  
**[www.jacksonvilleor.us](http://www.jacksonvilleor.us)**

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council Meeting	December 7th, 2021	6:00 PM	New City Hall –Assembly Room
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting	December 14th, 2021	2:30 PM	New City Hall—Assembly Room
HARC Meeting	December 15th, 2021	5:00 PM	New City Hall—Assembly Room
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting	December 28th, 2021	2:30 PM	New City Hall—Assembly Room