



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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# JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

## October 2023

### Mayor

Donna Bowen

### Council

Mike McClain

Ken Gregg

Steve Casaleggio

Andrea Thompson

Andrew Hellenthal

Talon Reed

### 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

### Jacksonville Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Join us for Jacksonville's Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on Saturday, October 28th, from 9 am to 1 pm at the D Street Parking lot near the library. This event is a crucial step in fortifying our community against the threat of wildfires.

#### Here's what you can expect:

- **Vegetation Disposal:** Residents of Jacksonville are invited to bring branches and other vegetation for chipping and proper disposal by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). We have set up three dumpsters for your convenience: one for yard debris and two for woody material that needs chipping.
- **Coordination and Management:** The event will be expertly coordinated and managed by members of the Jacksonville Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in partnership with the Jacksonville Fire Department.
- **Open to All Residents:** This event is open to all residents of Jacksonville, so please spread the word and encourage your neighbors to participate.

#### Here's how you can protect your home:

1. Dispose of branches, dead trees (no stumps), and dead shrubs found on your property.
2. Remove and trim flammable trees and shrubs in close proximity to your home.
3. Prune tree limbs so that the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground.

These steps are essential in safeguarding your home from the potential dangers of wildfires.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

- Linda Davis, Jacksonville Firewise Coordinator, at [imdavis425@gmail.com](mailto:imdavis425@gmail.com) or (541) 690-5688.
- Jeff McFarland, Assistant Jacksonville Firewise Coordinator, at [jeffreymcfarland@charter.net](mailto:jeffreymcfarland@charter.net) or (541) 601-3926.

Let's work together to protect our beautiful Jacksonville community from the threat of wildfires. Your participation can make a significant difference.

### Blackberry Abatement Grant Program

Every year, Jacksonville property owners with natural watercourses on or adjacent to their properties receive notices under Title 9, Chapter 9.12, Jacksonville Municipal Code of their responsibility to keep the watercourses free of obstruction or constriction. In recent years, many watercourses have become overgrown with blackberries, not only affecting the watercourse, but presenting significant fire hazards.

The City of Jacksonville, recognizing that clearing blackberries can be onerous, has created a Blackberry Abatement Program of \$25,000 to make grants to assist and encourage property owners in removing the blackberries and restoring the quality and safety of the natural watercourses.

Using the Program, the City will provide a grant to match the amount spent by a property owner to remove watercourse blackberries and restoration up to a maximum of \$2,000 per property until the Program is entirely depleted.

Please visit the City website under "Latest News" to get more information on the Grant Program and download an application.

**Food & Friends – Help make a difference in the older adult community!**

Food & Friends, the Meal on Wheels and Senior Meals program, is currently looking for volunteers in the Jacksonville area!

Volunteer to deliver meals or to assist in our dining center. Drivers volunteer between 10am-12pm one day a week, and dining center volunteers commit to two or more hours between 8am-12:30pm, one day a week.

To learn more about volunteering with Food & Friends, please contact us today by calling **541-734-9505** or visiting <http://www.rvcog.org>.”



**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.**

**September 5, 2023—City Council Meeting**

- **Lomakatsi Expansion of Prescribed Fire Unit in Britt Woods.** Council approved the expansion of the prescribed fire unit in Britt Woods.
- **Discussion on Intergovernmental Agreement with Jackson County Relating to Law Enforcement Services.** Council discussed proposed utilization of Jackson County Sherriff’s coverage for law enforcement services.
- **Las Palmas Food Truck Continuation.** Council approved the continuation of the Las Palmas Food Truck during the rebuild of the restaurant.
- **Management and Promotion Agreement—Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.** Council approved the Management and Promotion Agreement with the Chamber for a one year period.
- **Pheasant Meadows Court Improvements.** Council approved the resurfacing and repair of the tennis courts with the repainting to include 2 pickleball courts.
- **First Reading of ORDINANCE NO. O2023-004—AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CURRENT TITLE 2 OF THE JACKSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW TITLE 2.** Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. O2023-004 with the second reading by title only. The second reading and adoption will be on the October 3rd agenda.
- **Notice of Formation of Traffic Ad Hoc Safety Committee.** Mayor Bowen advised Council she will be forming an Ad Hoc Traffic Committee.

**September 19, 2023—City Council Meeting**

- **OLCC Application—The Wine Lounge at Jacksonville Inn.** Council approved the OLCC Application.

**September 19, 2023—City Council Work Session**

- **Police Department Discussion.** Staff gave a brief PowerPoint presentation recapping the history of the Police Department and the challenges we are facing. Council brainstormed ideas for the future of the Police Department.

**Audio and Approved Minutes from each of the City Council Meetings are located on the City website.**

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Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council Meeting	October 3rd, 2023	6:00 PM	City Hall– Assembly Room
Planning Commission Meeting	October 11th, 2023	6:00 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room
City Council Meeting / Work Session	October 17th, 2023	12:00 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room
Traffic Ad Hoc Committee	October 18th, 2023	4:00 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room
Parks Committee Meeting	October 23rd, 2023	5:00 PM	City Hall—Conference Room
HARC Meeting	October 25th, 2023	5:00 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room