



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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# JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

## May 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



*Spring is here. Here's a few things to think about:*

**Maintenance:** Now is the time to get ahead of noxious vegetation on your property. Maybe you have a large blackberry bramble, or a field of grass that is growing. Soon it will be dry and turn in to a fire hazard. Mow it, cut it, trim it, pull or spray-it doesn't matter how you do it-as long as you do it. When you have your space under control, consider helping your neighbor with theirs. Make a plan to keep it up. Regular maintenance is better, and easier, than putting it off.

**Planting:** Please think carefully about your landscaping choices and try to avoid planting species that pose a known fire danger. Try to avoid planting any resinous species including Leyland Cypress, Arborvitae, Italian Cypress, Juniper, etc. Be particularly careful with Leyland Cypress trees which are often planted for privacy screens. These will overgrow any area where they are planted, catch fire easily, and burn violently. These plants want to be large trees, they aren't appropriate for hedges.

**Trimming and Brush:** Remove any dead, dying or dry materials from around your home. These can include trees and shrubs that have perished during the winter, or low limbs that can transfer fire from the ground. Consider removing any trees or bushes that have overgrown or are of the resinous varieties.

**Mulches:** Reconsider dry vegetative mulches against your home. Though these mulches look great, they are a large fire danger when placed adjacent to your structures. Consider using alternative non-combustible alternatives.

**Cleaning:** Clean your gutters! A tidy home exterior free from small combustible debris is safer during a wildfire. Small light, dry debris provides great place for sparks to grow into flames. Removing small accumulations of fuels from all areas of your home makes it much less likely to burn.

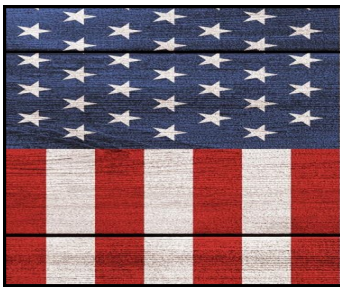
### **Backflow Testing Notification**

A requirement of the Oregon Health Division is that we have a Backflow Prevention Program to help ensure that the City's water supply is protected against contamination.

Jacksonville has contracted with a backflow testing company, at no fee to the property owner, 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.



**City Offices will be Closed  
for Memorial Day on  
Monday, May 29, 2023**

*Recognize and honor those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom.*

**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 4, 2023—City Council Meeting***

- **Lifetime Achievement Award—Jim Lewis.** Mayor Bowen presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Gayle Lewis recognizing Jim Lewis’ many years of service to the City.
- **Person of the Year Award—Linda Davis.** Mayor Bowen presented a Person of the Year Award to Linda Davis for her extensive work establishing the Firewise Communities.
- **Approval of Transient Lodging Tax Grant Applications.** Council approved the following Transient Lodging Tax Grants per the Transient Lodging Tax Committee recommendation: Art Presence—Phase 2 Website Update, in the amount of \$4,500. Jacksonville Community Center—Revision and Printing of Brochures and Rack Cards, in the amount of \$1,000.
- **Trolley Lease Agreement.** Council approved the Trolley Lease Agreement with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce for a twelve month time period, per the request of the Chamber.
- **Fuel Reduction Report and Permission to Burn.** The Jacksonville Woodland’s Association (JWA), Lomakatsi, and the City have been working to reduce fire risk through strategic fuel reduction. Council approved the exemption to allow controlled pile burning for this specific project beginning as early as Fall 2023, and continue seasonally through the project, ending in Spring 2026.
- **Second Reading of ORDINANCE NO. O2023-002—AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND FINDINGS RELATING TO AND APPROVING THE JACKSONVILLE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND DIRECTING THAT NOTICE OF APPROVAL BE PUBLISHED.** Council approved the second reading by title only and the adoption of Ordinance No. O2023-002. The Ordinance will become effective 30 days from adoption.

***April 18, 2023—Council Work Session***

- **Jacksonville Municipal Code Title No. 2.** Council reviewed and discussed potential changes to JMC Title 2.

***Audio and Approved Minutes from each of the City Council Meetings are located on the City website.  
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| <b>Public Meeting Schedule</b>      | <b>Date</b>    | <b>Time</b> | <b>Place</b>             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| City Council Meeting                | May 2nd 2023   | 6:00 PM     | City Hall—Assembly Room  |
| Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting  | May 9th, 2023  | 2:30 PM     | City Hall- Assembly Room |
| Budget Committee Meeting            | May 11th, 2023 | 4:00 PM     | City Hall—Assembly Room  |
| City Council Meeting / Work Session | May 16th, 2023 | 12:00 PM    | City Hall—Assembly Room  |
| Planning Commission Meeting         | May 17th, 2023 | 6:00 PM     | City Hall—Assembly Room  |
| Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting  | May 23rd, 2023 | 2:30 PM     | City Hall—Assembly Room  |
| HARC Meeting                        | May 24th, 2023 | 5:00 PM     | City Hall—Assembly Room  |