



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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# JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

## September 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

### **Driscoll Family Fund Continues Generous Support to Jacksonville Fire Department**

The Driscoll Family Fund has once again reaffirmed its steadfast commitment to the Jacksonville Fire Department by providing essential equipment, continuing their long-standing support to the community fire department. For several years, the fund has been a significant contributor to the fire department's mission, and this latest donation will further empower the department's efforts to serve and protect the citizens of Jacksonville.

Recognizing the challenges faced by the small fire department in optimizing their resources, the Driscoll's assistance has been instrumental in enabling the Fire Department to achieve more with limited means. By bridging the gap between our current budget and the required equipment, the Driscoll Family Funds financial support is expected to enhance the department's capabilities significantly.

The generous donation from the Driscoll's will allow the Jacksonville Fire Department to acquire equipment that was previously beyond our allocated budget. This infusion of resources promises to bolster the department's ability to respond effectively to emergencies, ensuring the safety and welfare of the community.

The Driscoll's philanthropic efforts have earned them deep respect and admiration from both the public and private sectors. Their ongoing support exemplifies the positive impact that collaborative partnerships between private organizations and public services can have on local communities.

As the Jacksonville Fire Department gears up to utilize the new equipment, they pledge to continue their tireless service and remain committed to safeguarding the lives and property of the residents they proudly serve.

In conclusion, the City of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Fire Department, and the entire community express their sincere thanks to the Driscoll Family Fund for their continuous support and generous contribution. Their benevolence is a shining example of the positive change that can be achieved through philanthropy and community collaboration.

### **Mayor Bowen Corner—Little Library Kiosk at City Hall**

You may have noticed a new addition to our City Hall grounds. We have added a new Little Library, between the Planning Department and the backdoor of City Hall. This is an independent, non-affiliated, small exchange library. Our aim is to promote literacy, a love of reading, and a place to exchange books. Tom Glover and Jorge Valles from our public works department built this little gem, recycling materials left over from other projects. Please visit and exchange any types of books in good condition. If the shelves are full, please bring your donations to the front desk and we will put them out, as space empties. There are at least six other "Little Libraries" in Jacksonville. Some are independent and others are affiliated with the "Little Free Library" program. Their locations are: the 1100 block of South 3rd Street, the 200 block of Wells Fargo Drive, the 900 block of Beverly Way, North Oregon between West C and West D Streets, the 900 block of Beverly Drive, and the Vineyard View Gazebo. These little libraries are a fun way to keep books in circulation and share with others. Remember, they are exchange libraries. Bring books to exchange, or they will run out of books.



I think reading is one of the most important concept and habit we can teach our children. I encourage you to visit all the choices Jacksonville has to offer for books. Buy, borrow, donate and share books. Help someone learn to read. Give books to your friends and family as gifts. Literacy opens so many doors for a person of any age. Books mean a way to learn, to travel, to experience things we would never do without learning to read. *(continued on page 2)*

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The thought of books and reading brings to mind children, and school. The 2023-2024 school year started August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be mindful of our local kids headed to and from school. School is in session from approximately 7:50 AM until 2:50 PM. Students are traveling by foot and bicycle before and after school. Some of these kids are still so small you can't see them below your hood or in your rearview mirror. Leave your house earlier than usual to allow time to adhere to city speed limits and avoid creating a dangerous situation for our students. Please be pro-active, not re-active when you are driving in Jacksonville.

### 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.**

#### **August 1, 2023—City Council Meeting**

- **2022 Doug Newman Memorial Award.** Mayor Bowen presented the 2022 Doug Newman Memorial Award to Tony Hess on behalf of the Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. This award recognizes leaders in Oregon's trail community who have significantly contributed to improving recreational trail opportunities.
- **Large Event Packet—The Haunted Trolley Tours.** Council approved the event packet for the Haunted Trolley Tours.
- **OLCC Application—Cowhorn Kitchen and Wine.** Council approved the OLCC Application for Cowhorn Kitchen and Wine, located at 130 N. Fifth St., which will open in October 2023.
- **OLCC Application—Churro Rush.** Council tabled this item to the next Council meeting when the owner can be present to speak to the application and answer questions.
- **Direct Promotion to Building Maintenance Supervisor.** With the upcoming retirement of Tom Glover, Building Maintenance Supervisor, Council approved the direct promotion of Jorge Valles to this position. Jorge has been working part time in buildings and part time in public works since 2016.

#### **August 15, 2023—City Council Work Session**

- **Visitor Information Center Management and Promotion Agreement Renewal.** Administrator Alvis and Finance Director Bray give a report on the past fiscal year Management and Promotion Agreement and answer questions from Council. The renewal of the agreement will be on the September 5th City Council Agenda.

#### **August 15, 2023—City Council Meeting**

- **Urban Growth Boundary—Establish a Scope of Work.** Council directed staff to prepare a scope of work and framework that establishes a Technical Advisory Committee to evaluate sites and the UBG amendment applications submitted to the City.
- **OLCC Application—Churro Rush.** Council approved the OLCC Application for Churro Rush, located at 130 W. California St. store, which will open in October 2023.

**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	September 5th, 2023	6:00 PM	City Hall— Assembly Room
Planning Commission Meeting	September 6th, 2023	6:00 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	September 12th, 2023	2:30 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room
Transient Lodging Tax Committee	September 14th, 2023	3:00 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room
City Council Meeting / Work Session	September 19th, 2023	12:00 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	September 19th, 2023	2:30 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room
HARC Meeting	September 20th, 2023	5:00 PM	City Hall—Assembly Room