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CITY OF JOSEPH NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **June 4th, 2026 @ 6:00pm**
Regular City Council Meeting
- * **June 9th, 2026 @ 11:00am**
State Shared Revenue Hearing
- * **June 11th, 2026 @ 6:00pm**
Budget Hearing
City Council Special Session
- * **June 22nd, 2026 @ 6:00pm**
Planning Commission
- * **July 30th Weed Wipeout**



Utility Rate Changes

Effective July 1st Base Water Rates:

Hotels/B&B's/Seasonal RV Parks
\$126/mo*
All other users \$73/mo*
Outside City Limits \$110/mo*

*Rates include 7,500 gallons of water, overages are the the rate of \$2 per 1,000 gallons inside City and \$4 per 1,000 gallons outside City limits

Effective July 1st Sewer Rates:

Inside Residential \$53.24
Outside Residential \$106.48
Inside Commercial \$106.48
Multi-Commercial \$106.48
per rentable unit
Laudromat \$133.10
Hotels/B&B's/RV Parks
\$106.48 base + \$20 each unit

**An additional \$10 increase
takes effect January 1st, 2027**

Spotted Knapweed Weed Wipeout

The County Weed Department will conduct a spotted knapweed weed wipeout on July 30th in Joseph. **Please return the enclosed form to Joseph City Hall to either grant or deny permission for your property.** Bags will also be available if you would like to dig up your weeds rather than spray. A Frequently Asked Questions page is available on our City website ► *Documents* ► *City Council Work in Progress* ► *Weed Wipeout Information*. To volunteer to help or further questions, please contact Andy Marcum at 541-426-4543 Ext 1206 or amarcum@co.wallowa.or.us

Adopt – A – Box to Help Revitalize Main Street

Our Main Street Task Force has been hard at work giving the downtown Main Street district a makeover. If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact us via e-mail at either info@josephoregon.org or nparmenter@josephoregon.org



Ordinance Corner

For more information on Ordinances, please refer to: josephoregon.org ► Documents ► Ordinances, or send a request for information to info@josephoregon.org



DO NOT FEED THE DEER

Per City Ordinance 2025-06 §92.09(A) (Passed Dec of 2025) No person shall feed deer within the corporate boundaries of the City



Is your grass too long? Are you creating a fire hazard?

Vegetation must be cut to a height of less than 10 inches at least once each year after May 1st and before June 15th. Also, all dead bushes, dead trees, stumps, and other items likely to cause fire and to spread fire need to be removed. §91.03 (12)(a) City of Joseph Code of Ordinances



Do You Need an RV Permit?

Are you or your guest occupying an RV within the City limits? Visit City Hall to pick up a Zone Permit. Each permit is good for up to 90 days and you are allowed two per year. The cost of each permit is \$150.

****The storage of a non-occupied RV does not constitute a use. (So a permit is not required unless occupied).**** §156.035 City of Joseph Code of Ordinances



Even “Flushable Wipes” clog sewer drains



PLEASE BE SURE TO dispose of all wipes, including those labeled as “flushable,” and other cleaning product wipes using the trash rather than flushing them down the toilet, because all wipes clog sewer pipes.

Support the Joseph Public Library

If you would like to make a donation in support of the Joseph Public Library, please drop off at City Hall or mail your donation to City of Joseph, PO Box 15, Joseph, OR 97846 (make checks payable to “Wallowa Valley Library Foundation”) and be sure to note JPL in the memo line.

Get Involved!

Interested in getting involved with the City? The City of Joseph Planning Commission has open positions, stop by City Hall to pick up an application or see our Employment and Service page of the city website.

