

# ***TOLEDO City News***

## **FROM MAYOR ROD CROSS**

Can you believe it? Summer is upon us, and it did not seem that long ago that we had snow! This summer, we will have the return of Lincoln County's favorite Fair and Fireworks Show. Summer Festival is BACK! Scheduled for July 14-16, our community has worked tirelessly and raised over \$50,000 to bring the festival back this year. When you see an event volunteer, please reach out and give them a high-5, as well as a hearty "thank you". We truly are the "Little Town That Could".

Many other events are on tap this summer with Art Toledo's "Art, Oysters and Brews" series for the first Saturday in July, August and September. "Chalk the Block" is set for August 19 on Main Street. Port of Toledo's outstanding Wooden Boat Show is set for August 19-20 at the docks and amphitheater. Always a hit with young and old alike – don't forget to start your cardboard boat soon.

We round out the summer with the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Walk over Labor Day weekend. Galleries, artists and more will be featured all weekend long. As always, with summer weather, Hwy 20 will be packed. Please remember to leave a little early for your destinations, as traffic will be its typically busy self this year. Please be safe out there.

On a more somber, and yet exciting note, Toledo City Manager Judy Richter will be retiring this month. She has been instrumental in the success and forward progress that we have made, in better serving our residents and visitors. She will be moving on to that next part of her life: grandkids!

We have two vacancies on City Council. If you would like to join the hardest working council in the county (I am biased, of course), please contact City Hall. Urban Renewal and other projects make this is an exciting time to join us.

## **City Manager Judy Richter reflects back on four-years-plus of Toledo leadership**

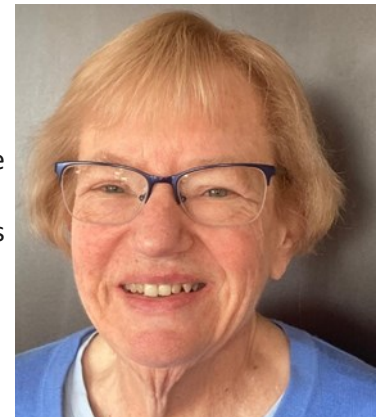
"So, what did you do during the 2020 Covid Pandemic, Grammy?" Judy Richter's answer will be, "I took over the management of a small city on the Oregon Coast and developed policies and standards of operation that protected my staff and residents, and kept us moving forward." Or similar words, same message!

After a career in accounting, with a degree in Accounting and Business Administration, Judy left the City of Yachats, where she had been in charge of all-things-financial, and accepted the position of Financial Director for City of Toledo in 2019. A year later, after an unsuccessful national search for a manager who could recognize and honor the priorities of our small community, and run a tight fiscal ship, the Toledo Council recognized that they had the best candidate sitting in City Hall, and quickly appointed Judy as City Manager. And, of course, her new leadership job started right when Covid hit!

Judy takes great pride in the wonderful team she has guided and shaped, carefully matching staff's abilities and talents to the sections of their department where they could shine and improve City services. During Covid, when other cities and counties shuttered their doors and provided limited services by email and phone calls, the team at City of Toledo kept right on going – with safety precautions, of course.

Judy saw that the city completed vital infrastructure work that reduced inflow and infiltration, so that the sewer system could function more efficiently, saving wear and tear on pipes and pumps. They replaced waterlines, paved streets, and improved playgrounds. She headed the establishment of the Urban Renewal Agency, which broadens the tax base and allows for more improvements, including the remodeling of a new public safety building.

City of Toledo is a better place for having been served by Judy Richter, and we wish her well in her retirement.



JUDY RICHTER



**Tuesday, June 13th, 7P.M.—Free!**

Adults and Teens: come learn about/try out the new art kits the library has available for checkout: **Watercolor Painting Kit**

**Charcoal Drawing Kit**

**Pencil Drawing Kit**

Call or stop by the library to register.

Toledo Public Library

173 N.W. 7th Street

Toledo, OR 97391

541-336-3132

\*Limited number of childcare spots available—  
inquire when registering.



**THANK YOU, WADE CAREY**

**FOR YOUR SERVICE TO**

**THE CITY OF TOLEDO**

*What are you doing this summer?*

*Need a job? Toledo is hiring!*

*Need to serve? Toledo needs  
volunteers and council members*

**CALL CITY HALL at 541-336-2247**

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

**SAVE THE  
DATES!**

**SUMMER  
FUN  
IN TOLEDO**

**JULY 1**

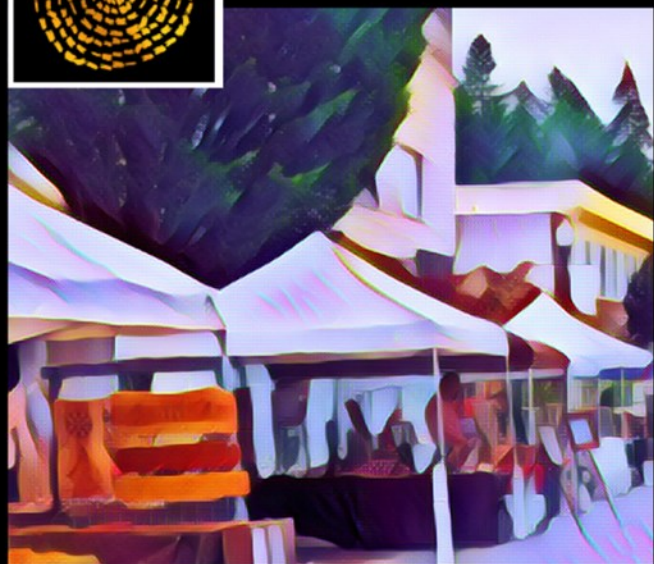
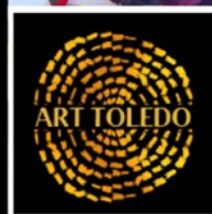
**AUG. 5**

**SEPT. 2**



# Art Toledo's Summer Art Festivals

Held on the first Saturdays  
of  
July, August, and September



## **FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILL ZUSPAN**

The Public Works crew has re-built "Rock Park" on Main Street, to make it actually usable and much more attractive. It also has three mural stands with interchangeable 4x4 murals that can be changed out anytime the Arts Committee decides to do so. The flower baskets along both Main Street and the Port have been placed again this year. Construction on Arcadia Park restrooms begins in June, followed by work on the tennis court fence replacement and walking path. Hicks Striping for the street painting this year for all white and yellow paint, including fog lines and lane striping. The City crew will paint crosswalks, yellow curbs and safety features in June.

## **Two positions open for Toledo Police Department**

Toledo Police Department is currently taking applications for positions as a Police Officer \$25.87 - \$31.09 (Depending on Experience) or Telecommunicator and Emergency Medical Dispatcher \$21.08 - \$25.00 (Depending on Experience).

To apply, please fill out a City of Toledo Application (which can be found at [cityoftoledo.org/jobs](http://cityoftoledo.org/jobs) with job descriptions) send to Chief Michael Pace, at [michael.pace@cityoftoledo.org](mailto:michael.pace@cityoftoledo.org)."



**Toledo Public Library & Art Toledo Present:**

## **Toledo Teen Mural Tour And Pizza Party!**



**Thursday, June 22nd 6:00pm-9:00pm**

This event starts and ends at the library. Wear your walking shoes and come explore Toledo's art scene! Brainstorm ideas for future murals, create mini murals, and eat pizza!

**FUN! FREE! Call 541-336-3132 to register.**



**WALKING  
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MURALS,  
ON A WALK  
THROUGH  
TOLEDO ON  
A WARM  
SUMMER  
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IT JUST  
DOESN'T GET  
ANY BETTER,  
RIGHT?**

## FROM FIRE CHIEF LARRY ROBESON



### Fire Explorers Program

Toledo Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department is home to Boy Scouts of America, Fire Explorer Post 5030. This is a program where youth ages 14-21 can come and gain some experience in the fire and medical services careers. This post currently meets every other Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm, with drills and training on alternative weeks. This is a combination of classroom and hands-on training in fire, rescue and emergency medical services topics.

Your youth also has the ability to be elected by their peers for a youth leadership role, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms. Youth in these roles meet on the other Wednesdays of the month to plan drills, fundraising ideas and envisioning where they would like the program to go.

There are adult advisors who are currently members of either the fire or EMS services, to lead them along the way, but overall, the program is youth-led. All meetings and training take place at the Toledo Fire Station at 285 NE Burgess Rd, Toledo. For more information, please contact Captain Greg Musil, at (541) 336-3311, ext. 5202.



**Art, Oysters & Brews**

Dates for 2023: 7/1 - 8/5 - 9/2

*Call for Vendors*

info@arttoledo.com  ARTToledo.com

### Toledo Council and City Hall Contact Information

Toledo Council meetings are held the first, third and fourth Wednesday at 6 pm, in-person at City Hall council chambers, 206 N. Main St., and available via Zoom. Mayor and Council members may be reached at these email addresses:

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