Roseburg, Oregon, is situated on the South Umpqua River in the heart of the Hundred Valleys of the Umpqua, which is still inhabited by the Umpqua Tribe. The city was named for Aaron Rose, who settled within the current city limits in 1851 and whose home became a tavern and stopping place for the many travelers following the old Oregon-California Trail.

The Douglas County Museum is noted for its natural and cultural history collections that tell the ancient and contemporary stories of the Umpqua River Valley, the research herbarium's comprehensive plant collections, and a historic photograph collection.

The Umpqua Valley Arts Association houses six art gallery spaces, a workshop studio, a full-sized pottery studio, and a new outdoor stage.

Performing arts venues include the Betty Long Unruh Theatre, which hosts the Umpqua Actors Community Theatre that presents 5 major productions annually; the Umpqua Community College Centerstage Theater and Jacoby Auditorium, which present student and community concerts and theater productions; and the First Presbyterian Church, which hosts the Umpqua Chamber Orchestra and Umpqua Singers, UCC Chamber Choir, and Roseburg Concert Chorale. A free summer concert series called Music On The Half Shell is held at Stewart Park’s Nichols band shell.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Roseburg has three National Register Historic Districts: Downtown Roseburg, Mill-Pine, and Laurelwood. The downtown area does not currently have many residential options. The Mill-Pine neighborhood of modest homes was developed in 1878 to house employees of the adjacent railroad and others who served them. The Laurelwood neighborhood was developed between 1921 and 1958 as an early suburb, and 18 of its 90 lots have river frontage. Homes in such styles as bungalow, Colonial, Mediterranean, English Cottage, and 1950s ranch sit on large lots on curvilinear streets.

Fullerton IV and Orchard Estates are other neighborhoods that are situated along the river. Homes in Fullerton IV were built in the 1950s and 1960s in styles that include ranch, Mediterranean, and farm house. An eclectic collection of homes can be found in Orchard Estates, where construction began in the 1990s; some lots are still available. In both neighborhoods, larger houses on larger lots are located along the river.

Farther from the river, the hilly Warewood neighborhood consists of homes in modern styles that include ranch, split-level, and two-story. Construction began in the 1970s and is ongoing. Mercy Medical Center is located in the Edenbower neighborhood, which is a developing residential area and features the Oakridge Apartments; new townhouses are planned for this area.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Roseburg has 20 developed parks that offer many amenities. Stewart Park, the city’s largest, is home to the 9-hole Stewart Park Golf Course, Umpqua Valley Tennis, Roseburg Skate Park, Roseburg American Legion Baseball, Nichols band shell, and Movies In The Park. Other park amenities include butterfly and botanical gardens, antique steam locomotive, ball fields, bike path/walking trails, horseshoe pit, river/pond, open grass space, play equipment, and volleyball courts.

Many other city parks are also located along the South Umpqua River. Among them, Gaddis Park is the home of Roseburg Little League and contains 3 regulation little league hardball fields and 2 softball fields. Amenities at Micelli Park include a softball field, large open turf area, and access to Happy Tails Dog Park, which offers a fenced, off-leash dog area. Riverfront Park is mostly undeveloped and naturally landscaped with mature trees. An 18-hole disc golf course is also located in this park. Riverside Park boasts hundreds of varieties of ornamental landscaping plants, such as rhododendrons, azaleas, perennials, and flowering trees.

In addition to a 40-acre natural area containing oak trees and seasonal wetlands, the city’s new Sunshine Park offers 2 hardball fields, 3 softball fields, and a play area.

Several county parks are located within Roseburg. River Forks features a ball field, boat ramp, fishing, horseshoe pits, Pitchford Community Center, play structure, swimming, and trails. Hestnes Landing offers a boat ramp and fishing. The O.C. Brown Park has a ball field and play structure. Singleton Park provides opportunities for fishing, horseshoe pits, and a play structure. Whistler’s Bend RV Park and Campground is located 15 miles east of Roseburg and has amenities that include a boat ramp, disc golf, fire rings, fishing, horseshoe pits, play structure, swimming, trails, and yurts.

EDUCATION

Roseburg School District 4 serves approximately 6,000 students in 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 high school, and an alternative school.

Umpqua Community College is a two-year public institution that offers adult basic instruction, technical and vocational programs, self-enrichment classes, liberal arts studies, and pre-professional courses. Viticulture and enology are among its specialty programs.

Eastern Oregon University located in La Grande, Oregon, operates a regional center in Roseburg and offers bachelor’s degrees with flexible courses available online.

HEALTH CARE

Catholic Health Initiatives Mercy Medical Center is a 174-bed medical center located in Roseburg. The VA Roseburg Healthcare System offers primary care and hospital services in medicine, surgery, and mental health.

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