

# City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ November 2017

## City of Scappoose Park Naming Contest ~ Submission Deadline: December 1, 2017

The City's grant application with Oregon Parks and Recreation, to develop the site located off of Seely Lane as a neighborhood park, was awarded in June 2017. It is anticipated the park will be completed by Summer 2018. Following approval of the Grant, City Council recognized the future park was in need of a name. To that end, the City is now holding a Park Naming Contest and welcomes all members of the Scappoose Community to take part.

### Contest Instructions:

- Given the Native Chinook heritage of the area, the City will consider park name suggestions that are reflective of Chinook Indian culture and language. However, all submissions will be given full consideration.
- Please disclose why the park name being proposed should be selected
- Please list your name, phone number, address and email address on your submission
- Submit park name proposals by December 1, 2017 either by email to Assistant to City Manager Alexandra Rains at [arains@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:arains@cityofscappoose.org), or by paper submission to City Recorder Susan Reeves at Scappoose City Hall, 33568 E Columbia Ave., Scappoose, OR 97056

Once the submission deadline has passed, the Parks and Recreation Committee will select their top five park name entries. Those five entries will then be presented to City Council, who will make a final decision on the name for the park.

The individual who submitted the winning park name entry will be awarded \$100.



Thanks to everyone who attended the dedication of the Rotary Fountain on October 7, 2017. We all learned that the fountain is truly one of a kind and we are fortunate to have an artist with the extraordinary talent of Michael Curry in our community, who cares enough to make a difference. Thanks to Michael and his staff's efforts, coupled with the leadership of the South Columbia Rotary Club and the support of the City of Scappoose, we have transformed Heritage Park into a community gem. If you haven't had a chance to visit Heritage Park, you should do so soon. During the evening hours, you will be able to enjoy the lighting that surrounds the fountain. This endeavor would not have been possible without the generous contributions from numerous individuals and organizations. This renovation was also made possible by a grant from Oregon State Parks. This Project is a prime illustration that by working together, anything is possible. Finally, thanks to Gary Liao for his unwavering leadership to see this project through to completion.

(photo taken by Michael Sykes)

"The Scappoose Historical Society is happy to announce the receipt of a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation designated for the Watts House Museum. The money will be used to purchase a fireproof and waterproof lateral file to store our historic records, some of which are 165 years old. We will begin fund raising efforts immediately to make up the difference for the price of the file, and hope to be able to order it by the end of the year."

### **CITY WINS PRESTIGIOUS SAFETY AWARD**

The City of Scappoose received a well-deserved safety award at the League of Oregon Cities annual conference. The City took home the Gold award.

CIS (Citycounty Insurance Services) presented the award in recognition of the City's good employee safety record during the 2016-17 year. The annual CIS/LOC award, more than three decades old, rewards cities with the fewest number of work days lost due to on-the-job injuries. It showcases employee safety, focusing on training, a proven track record in avoiding injuries, and management's commitment to a safe work environment.

"At CIS, we've redoubled our focus on keeping safety front and center for our workers' compensation program members," said CIS' Executive Director Lynn McNamara. "Our winners are cities that adopt safe work practices and make sure those practices are followed, day in and day out. Their commitment and vigilance produces results: employees stay on the job, and costs stay down."

### **Mark your Calendar**

- \* City Council meetings on November 6 & 20 at 7:00 pm
- \* Planning Commission meeting on November 9, at 7:00 pm
- \* Economic Development Committee meeting on November 16, at 12:00 pm
- \* Park & Recreation Committee meeting on November 16, at 6:00 pm

Meetings are held in the Scappoose City Council Chambers at 33568 East Columbia Avenue

Call Scappoose City Hall at 503-543-7146 for more information

### **Watts House Information**

The Watts House is closed for winter hours until the Holiday Lighting event on November 27th. Holiday tours begin December 1 from 5:00 pm—8:30 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sundays. There will be a wine tasting on December 9, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm. On December 16 there will be visits with Santa from 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm ~ \$10 per person. Also this year Santa has designated the Watts House as an official drop off site for letters to him, and he has left a special North Pole mail box. Drop off times will be during all scheduled events and tour times.

If you would like to set up a tour outside the normal business hours please contact Karen Holmberg, President of the Scappoose Historical Society, at 503-970-3920.

**The Oregon Mayors Association and the City of Scappoose invite you to enter the "If I Were Mayor..." contest.**

CONTEST DEADLINE: Thursday, April 12, 2018.

For more information contact City Recorder Susan Reeves at 503-543-7146 or sreeves@cityofscappoose.org.

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The City is pleased to announce the purchase of a new Mack dump truck. This truck is equipped with a snow plow and sander, and will enable the City to effectively plow City streets during winter events. It also gives the City an important vehicle to help maintain streets and other critical maintenance activities that our outstanding Public Works crew performs for the community on a regular basis.

# Join Us Halloween Night

**Tuesday, Oct. 31,  
5:30-8:30pm**



Officers from the Scappoose Police Department will be teaming up to keep the children in our community safe.

Stop by the Scappoose Middle School turnaround for some hot chocolate and safety tips!

**Hope to see you there!**





# Fall Leaves &

# Storm Drains

## WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Storm drains are grates with slats that are normally near the edge of a street. These grates collect water from the street to prevent localized flooding in the area. The storm water then flows to the nearest stream or lake. Although not all city streets have a storm drain. Some areas have wet-wells which just hold additional storm water until the ground can absorb it.

## WHY SHOULD I HELP CLEAN THE LEAF DEBRIS AND/OR STORM DRAINS ON MY STREET?

Cleaning storm drains or catch basins ensures they work properly to prevent localized flooding in the area. City & county crews work to keep all the storm drains clear, but with thousands of drains in Columbia County, a little help could go a long way and could help reduce property damage caused by localized flooding.

## DO NOT BLOW or RAKE LEAVES ONTO THE ROADWAY;

Blowing or raking your leaves onto the street is not permitted. The street sweeper is not able to sweep large piles of leaves as it causes equipment failures & your section of street could be skipped. Leaves on the street could also flow to a STORM DRAIN and clog the drain.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Check storm drain grates frequently to make sure they are free of leaves & debris.
- Do not remove grates from the drain opening – this does not unclog the system & creates a hazard.
- Rake leaves & yard debris away from storm drains near your home or business.
- Help keep leaves off the street.

If you noticed severe flooding on your street; call Public Works (503-543-8404).

There are several streets in Scappoose maintained by the Columbia County Road Dept. (503-397-5090);

~Eastside: Westlane Rd., E. Columbia Ave, North Rd, Bird Rd., Miller Rd. & SE Elm St.

~Westside: Scap-Vern Hwy., Smith Rd., JP West Rd., EM Watts Rd. & Dutch Canyon Rd.

## TIPS FOR PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL:

- Dispose leaves in a compost bin
- Order a Waste Management yard-waste container (1-800-808-5901)
- Mulch leaves w/ lawnmower to spread on your garden or flowerbeds for winter nutrients
- Take your leaves to the following locations:

~ Columbia County Transfer Station 503-366-2613 (call for rates; avg. truckload = 2-3 yards)

~ Scappoose Senior Center @ 33342 SW Meadow Dr. (off SW 4<sup>th</sup>); will take leaves for **FREE** as compost on their community garden. But it can only be leaves, --NO grass clippings-- NO garbage-- NO tree trimmings or branches.

*They also accept soda cans & newspapers in the appropriate bins which helps the Senior Center raise funds.*

**NEED MORE INFO:** Scappoose Public Works office: 503-543-8404



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