City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ October 2018



Information on City of Scappoose Residential and Business Alarm Permits

It's almost that time of year again. Your current alarm permit will expire on December 31, and will need to be renewed by January 1, 2019.

The Scappoose Police Department will be sending out renewal notices beginning November 15th, 2018. Please fill out the renewal application, update any information that is not current, and pay the appropriate fee.

- Business Alarm Permits \$60.00
- Residential Alarm Permits \$30.00
- Residential Alarm Permits 62 years + \$0

If you are new to Scappoose and have an alarm or are planning on installing an alarm, within thirty days of the time when the system becomes operative, please contact the Scappoose Police Department for an application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Scappoose Police Department with questions at 503-543-3114.

Watts House Information ~ Beginning September 1, the Watts House will be open by appointment only. During the time the Watts House is closed they will be working on projects, in addition to preparing for the upcoming holidays. The Scappoose Historical Society invites anyone who would like to share their historic memorabilia of early families and businesses and/or if you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Karen Holmberg at 503-970-3920. Your assistance in creating new historical displays and information available to the public will be very much appreciated.

To report a street light out/not working properly ~

Visit our website at ~ http://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/publicworks/webform/report-street-light-out or call Susan at 503-543-7146, ext. 224.

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Visit our website www.ci.scappoose.or.us

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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);

<u>Eastside</u>: West Lane Road, East Columbia Ave, North Road, Bird Road, Miller Road & SE Elm Street

Westside: Scappoose-Vernonia Highway, Smith Road, JP West Road, EM Watts Road & Dutch Canyon Road

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; <u>Columbia County Transfer Station</u> 503-366-2613 (call for rates; avg. truckload = 2-3 yards) or <u>Scappoose Senior Center</u> @ 33342 SW Meadow Drive (off SW 4th); will take leaves for FREE as compost on their community garden. But it can <u>only be leaves</u>, NO grass clippings, NO garbage and NO tree trimmings or branches. They also accept soda cans & newspapers in the appropriate bins which helps the Senior Center raise funds.

For more information please call Public Works at 503-543-8404

Mark your Calendar

- * City Council meetings on October 1 & 15, at 7:00 pm
- * Planning Commission meetings on October 11 & 25, at 7:00 pm
- *Economic Development Committee meeting on October 18, at Noon
- *Park & Recreation Committee meeting on October 18, at 6:00 pm
- *Friends of Scappoose Parks meeting on October 18, at 7:00 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 and to confirm meetings.

Utility Bills are due the 15th of each month

Things are changing around town



Updates at Miller Park



Scappoose Creek restoration



Restroom construction starting at Chief Concomly Park

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collections Columbia County Transfer Station

Located at 1601 Railroad Ave. St. Helens, on October 27, from 8am to noon.

For more information, please call Kathy at 503-397-7259.