



City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ July 2019

Mark Your Calendars – Chief Concomly Park Dedication Ceremony and Grand Opening Scheduled for July 26th, 2019 at 11:30 am!

Completion of Chief Concomly Park is the culmination of a lengthy process that began in 2016 with the purchase of land from the Bernet Family located off of Seely Lane. Following the purchase, City Staff submitted a successful grant application with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for \$450,000 in 2017. Design for the Park was completed over the winter of 2018 by Mackenzie Engineering and construction was completed by Tapani over the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019. During Construction, a second successful grant application was submitted to the Heal Grant Program for \$10,000 which helped the City fund a portion of the play-ground equipment.

City Staff would like to thank City Council for their leadership on this project and the following sponsors:
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department’s Local Government Grant Program
HEAL Cities NW Campaign Grant Program
The Bernet Family
CalPortland

Safe Streets and Sidewalks Update

At the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, the City of Scappoose presented on the current state of the community’s streets and sidewalks and discussed possible funding options to repair existing streets and construct new sidewalks. The needs described included an increase in annual revenue of \$300,000 for street paving and sidewalk and bicycle improvements . Those who attended learned about the three different funding options that had been studied to meet the City’s needs – a local fuel tax was overwhelmingly favored by 92% of residents in attendance over options like a property tax levy or a \$10 monthly transportation utility fee.

The promotion of transportation improvements that enhance community livability has been a top priority of the City Council. On May 6th, City staff presented to the Council to provide a recap of the Annual Town Meeting voting results on Safe Streets and Sidewalks and how a local fuel tax could address the community’s needs. The City Council adopted Resolution 19-03, which authorized City staff to prepare the referral of a \$0.03 per gallon local fuel tax to the ballot for the November election.

City Meetings Calendar

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

Utility bills are due the 15th of each month

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To report a street light out or not working properly

Please contact City Recorder Susan Reeves at City Hall, 503-543-7146, ext. 224
Thank you!

Watts House Information

The Scappoose Historical Society invites anyone who would like to share their historic memorabilia of early families/businesses to contact Karen at 503-970-3920 for an appointment. The Watts House will open: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm ~ Thank you!

\$0.03 Local Fuel Tax Facts

Why are streets and sidewalks important?

In 2018, the City conducted a community survey which indicated that more than 80% of residents felt that street and sidewalk deficiencies were very important

At the 2019 Town Meeting, the City engaged community members as to the street and sidewalk challenges in Scappoose – 92% of attendees favored a local fuel tax over other options

As a response to the public feedback received, the City Council has adopted Resolution No. 19-03 authorizing City staff to refer a \$0.03 local fuel tax to the November ballot

How would the money be used?

Under Oregon law, local fuel taxes **can only be used** for repair and construction of new and existing streets and street improvements, including sidewalks

A local fuel tax would be used to fund street paving projects and new sidewalk and bicycle improvements from the City's Transportation System Plan

A 2017 pavement report found that Scappoose street quality is declining – **and will decline faster** – without more funding for streets

Who pays?

Users of Highway 30 and Scappoose streets

30,000 daily vehicle trips experienced through Scappoose on Highway 30

Based on the large amount of through traffic and fuel sold each year, the City estimates **80%** of all local fuel tax revenue will come **from non-Scappoose residents**

Pass through motorists pay no taxes to Scappoose for roads or sidewalks

Cost to residents?

For the average Scappoose resident who commutes to work in the Portland area, a \$0.03 local fuel tax would cost an average of **\$1.20/month** at 20 miles per gallon

For comparison, a \$0.03 local fuel tax would cost residents almost **ten times less** than a property tax levy or utility fee option of \$10/month per household

How does Scappoose compare with other communities?

More than 20 cities and counties in Oregon have local fuel taxes, including: Washington and Multnomah Counties, Milwaukie, Cornelius, Troutdale, Tigard, Sandy, and Portland

For example, every gallon of fuel sold in Portland includes a \$0.02 county fuel tax and a \$0.10 local fuel tax that go towards maintaining and improving their roads