

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ September 2019

Chief Concomly Park Opens

The City held a dedication ceremony for Chief Concomly Park on July 26th at 11:30 am. Mayor Burge presided over the event and spoke about the importance of local recreational opportunities and his long time goal of adding parks in the community. He also acknowledged the important role of City Council, the efforts of City Staff and the sponsors of the park – the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, CalPortland, the HEAL Cities NW Campaign Grant Program and the Bernet Family – all of whom made development of the Park possible. The park is now open to the public and the gazebo can be reserved by visiting the City's Park Reservation System at https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/reservations.







Cutting the Ribbon: Mayor Scott Burge, Councilor Megan Greisen, Councilor Natalie Sanders & Councilor Joel Haugen.

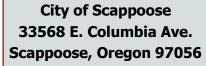


City Meetings Calendar

- * City Council meetings ~ September 3 & September 16 at 7:00 pm
- * Planning Commission meetings ~ September 12 & September 26, at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting, Tour of Cascade Tissue ~ September 19, at Noon 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.

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503-543-7146

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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

Minutes

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!

National Night Out highlights hosted by the Scappoose Police Department! What a wonderful evening with fun games, good food and great memories!! Thank you to all that were able to make it out that evening and to all of our volunteers! We were lucky enough to have the Scappoose High School Baseball team come out and volunteer their time this year! We can't wait until next year!!



Scappoose High School Baseball Team with Chief Norm Miller



Scappoose Police Officers
Chisum Ford, Matt Dorick
and Joel Dale



Officer Hailey Holm in the dunk tank

Scappoose
Sauerkraut
Festival
Saturday,
September 14



Heritage Park

The City held a dedication ceremony for Charles T. Parker Way Road on July 26th at 9:00am.

This new road establishes access to the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC) and opens up the surrounding property for development. Mayor Burge presided over the event and noted the transformative impact OMIC is projected to have on the future of Scappoose's economic development. Additionally, he acknowledged the efforts of Senator Johnson, who secured funding for the road through the legislature, both Business Oregon and ODOT as the agencies tasked with administering the funds, as well as Oregon Tech, Scott Parker, City Council and City Staff for all of their various contributions to the project.



CITY OF SCAPPOOSE NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE LAND USE PUBLIC HEARINGS

DOCKET #CPA1-19

The Scappoose Planning Commission and City Council have scheduled Legislative Land Use Public Hearings to solicit comments on the proposed Scappoose Urban Renewal Plan, which would be adopted by ordinance. The plan covers approximately 475.8 acres. The proposed maximum indebtedness that can be issued or incurred for the Scappoose Urban Renewal Plan is \$37 million. The ordinance, if approved, is subject to referendum.

The Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for September 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scappoose City Hall Council Chambers, 33568 E. Columbia Avenue, Scappoose, Oregon. The City Council hearing and first reading of the ordinance is scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM, and the second reading and vote by City Council is scheduled for November 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The purpose of the hearings is to take testimony, either written or oral, regarding the proposed Scappoose Urban Renewal Plan and its conformance with applicable Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council and the City Council may approve, approve with modifications, or deny the proposed Scappoose Urban Renewal Plan following the Public Hearing.

Copies of the proposed Scappoose Urban Renewal Plan are available for inspection at the Scappoose Community Development Center (52610 NE 1st Street). Copies are also available for purchase at a cost of \$0.40 per page for black & white or \$0.50 per page for color. For additional information concerning the amendments, you may call the Planning Department at (503) 543-7184.

Interested parties may submit written comments to the City of Scappoose, City Planner, 33568 E. Columbia Avenue, Scappoose, Oregon, 97056 or email comments to loliver@cityofscappoose.org by 5:00 p.m., September 11, 2019. Failure to raise an issue in person, by letter, or email prior to the close of the public comment period, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal on that issue.

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Proposed Scappoose \$0.03 per gallon Local Fuel Tax

Why is the tax being presented for voter consideration?

- In 2018, the City conducted a community survey, in which more than 80% of respondents indicated that development and maintenance of streets and sidewalks was important to them.
- At the 2019 Town Meeting, the City engaged community members as to the current state of streets and sidewalks in Scappoose 92% of attendees would favor a proposed local fuel tax over a street utility fee or property tax levy.
- The City Council is referring a \$0.03 per gallon local fuel tax to the 2019 November ballot.

If passed, what would funds from the fuel tax be used for?

- 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 projects from the City's Transportation System Plan.
- A 2017 pavement report update found that the City's average Pavement Condition Index would decrease under existing funding.
- If the measure does not pass, no additional funds would be provided for street paving or transportation improvements; no tax would be assessed, and fuel prices would remain the same.

If passed, who would pay the fuel tax?

- All motorists who purchase fuel in the City of Scappoose, unless exempted from fuel taxes by state or federal law.
- 30,000 daily vehicle trips experienced through Scappoose on Highway 30.
- According to the Oregon Employment Research Division, Scappoose residents account for about 7,000 of the daily trips.

If passed, what would the cost to residents be?

- The average Scappoose resident that commutes to work in the Portland area drives approximately 40 miles round trip per work day. A proposed \$0.03 per gallon local fuel tax would cost an average of \$1.20 per month at 20 miles per gallon.
- The proposed \$0.03 per gallon local fuel tax would cost residents an average of \$1.20 per month. Other options considered include a utility fee option of \$10.00 per month per household, or a property tax levy with an anticipated cost of \$13.00 per month.

If passed, how would 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 \$0.03 per gallon county fuel tax and a \$0.10 per gallon local fuel tax that goes toward maintaining and improving their roads.

For more info: Michael Sykes, City Manager, msykes@cityofscappoose.org or Huell White, Program Analyst, hwhite@cityofscappoose.org

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