



City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ August 2020

The City appropriates \$30,000 annually to the Community Enhancement Program. This program is open for applications from non-profit groups/organizations. We encourage you to let us know your ideas and proposals for enhancing the community. Whether you have big ideas, small ideas, or ideas somewhere in-between, you can be sure they will be considered.

This year the Scappoose City Council awarded the following ~

- Amani Center \$3,791
- CASA \$4,106
- Grant Watts Parents Organization \$2,917
- Scappoose Community Club \$3,317
- Scappoose Community & Senior Center \$ 3,431
- Scappoose Historical Society \$2,016
- Scappoose Kiwanis \$2,365
- Scappoose Middle School \$2,037
- Scappoose Public Library District \$644
- Society of St Vincent's De Paul St Wenceslaus \$3,000
- VFW \$2,269

The City is appreciative of everything these organizations do for the community!



Scappoose Farmers Market

The Scappoose Farmers Market will start on July 4 and go until September 12, from 9am to 2pm every Saturday. For more information please visit scappoosefarmersmarket.com or contact Bill at 503-730-7429.

Thank you!

To report a street light out or not working properly

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

City Meetings Calendar

- * City Council meeting ~ August 10, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Planning Commission meeting ~ August 27, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting ~ August 20, starting at noon
- * Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting ~ August 20, starting at 6:00 pm



Citizens can email comments in ahead of time to sreeves@cityofscappoose.org, in addition to watching Council & Planning Commission meetings online at <http://scappoosecityor.iqm2.com/Citizens/default.aspx>.

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 ~
pay online at www.xpressbillpay.com or call 1-800-720-6847**

Are you installing a new fence, retaining wall, or an accessory structure near your property line or public right-of-way? If so, City staff has developed a quick guide to fencing available at the bottom of the Building Department's page under "Supporting Documents" at: <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/building>.



2020 City Sidewalk Repair

The City contracted with a local company to replace and install new ADA sidewalk ramps along SE 6th Street. These needed safety and accessibility improvements have been made possible by the Scappoose Local Fuel Tax. Below are some examples of the work that was completed. Public Works completed the pavement patching for the work. (Photo below is the repair at SE 6th Street & Vine Street)



2020 Public Works Crack Sealing Maintenance

The Public Works Department has been hard at work maintaining Scappoose this summer. This year's crack sealing initiative began in late June. A number of streets in each part of the City will receive a crack seal treatment.

What is Crack Sealing? This method of pavement maintenance adds a sealant to cracks in the asphalt to prevent water from infiltrating into the base underneath a roadway. Crack sealing not only prevents cracks and potholes from worsening, it can extend the lifespan of a roadway.

(Photo on the right is of Public Works crack sealing streets around the City)



Watts House Information

The Watts House will remain closed until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at 503-970-3920.



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Small Town, Big Community

Use Water Wisely...

Learn How Much is Enough

Depending on the weather, it's generally better to water about once a week and provide 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches of water. (If it's hot, you might have to water more often.)

Water early in the morning before 10:00 a.m. Watering in the heat of the day allows the water to evaporate and watering late in the day may promote fungus and other lawn diseases.

Time how long it takes to apply one inch of water by placing a flat-bottomed can about 6-ft. away from the sprinkler. Turn the water on and time how long it takes to fill the can with one inch of water. For the next watering, set a timer as a reminder to turn off or move the sprinkler.

Don't over water. Puddles of water and runoff definitely indicate too much water.



Puddles may also indicate your soil isn't able to absorb enough water and needs conditioning. Thatch and aerate the soil. To do any good, the water must be able to penetrate the soil.

You can put off watering another day if there is heavy dew on the grass.

Try Other Ways to Save Water Outdoors

- When you wash your car, use a bucket, sponge, and shut-off nozzle on the hose.
- Sweep sidewalks, driveways and patios instead of hosing.
- Restrict play in the sprinklers to when the lawn needs watering.
- Clean gutters and downspouts manually, without using a hose.

*Water Conservation -
Making the most efficient use
of the state's most precious
natural resource.*

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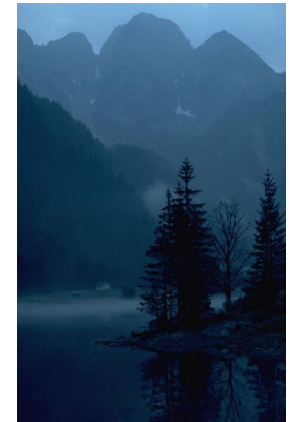
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Water Conservation

Outdoor Water Use

A GUIDE TO WATER CONSERVATION



Use Water Wisely...

In the summer each of us uses about 250 gallons of water a day—that's more than twice what we use in the winter. And research suggests much of that extra use is simply wasted.

Nobody has enough water to waste. Please use what you need, but don't waste it.

Water conservation is not just for emergencies. Water conservation today saves you money on your next water bill, reduces the cost for developing new supplies, and leaves more water in the rivers for fish and recreation.

Even if you're not connected to public water and sewer services, conservation is a good idea. You'll save money on

water pumping and heating, extend the life of your well and septic system, and avoid depleting groundwater supplies.

This pamphlet provides a few tips on outdoor water use. For more information, please contact your local water utility, Extension agent or the Oregon Water Resources Department.



Choose the Right Plants

When landscaping, buy plants that are low water-users. A good nursery will be able to advise you.

Consider replacing turf with ground covers such as junipers or heathers.

Group high-water use plants and water them together by area.

Use the Right Equipment

A good stationary sprinkler or soil soaker will water a large area evenly. Avoid oscillating sprinklers since they tend to over-water at the ends when they reverse direction.

Check hoses for leaks and replace washers in hose connectors. Leaks will cost you more money and distribute water unevenly.

Use a hand-held sprayer to water shrubs and special plantings so you can control where the water goes.

Take Care of Your Lawn

Keep your lawn in good shape. Keep weeds down. They rob your lawn and plants of nutrients and water.

Mow your lawn regularly to the height recommended for the type of grass you have. Leave the clippings on the lawn as mulch if they aren't thick and matted.

Start a new lawn in early fall to take advantage of autumn rains and moderate temperatures.

Maintain Planted Beds

Cultivate the soil regularly so water can penetrate and develop a good root system.

Use mulch in rows and around plants to retain moisture.

Keep weeds down so they don't compete for water and nutrients.



Consider using a soaker hose or drip irrigation system instead of a sprinkler if your garden is large. These methods also help prevent evaporation of water from leaves and upper parts of plants.

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