



City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ October 2020



The Mayor, Council and City Staff want to join in thanking outgoing City Manager Michael Sykes for his dedication and guidance during his tenure with the City. Under his leadership, Staff was empowered to implement Council Goals at a rapid and efficient pace, creating positive change in the community such as the addition of new parks, updates to public infrastructure and long range planning documents, economic development initiatives and the Annual Town Meeting. We wish him all the best at his new position as the General Manager of the Columbia River PUD.

Hello Scappoose Community,

I want to inform you that I resigned my position as Scappoose City Manager on August 31, 2020. As many of you probably know, I have been offered the General Manager position for the Columbia River PUD. It is with mixed feelings that I resign as I have really enjoyed the opportunity to work for the citizens of my hometown Scappoose.

I am proud of the work that we've accomplished for our community. Adding over 400 acres to the urban growth boundary, creating new jobs, protecting the CZ Trail, acquiring Chapman Landing & the Grabhorn property, building new parks and roads, passing a fuel tax, updating our infrastructure on many fronts, and creating an urban renewal district are just some of the accomplishments we should all be very proud of. We've also created a clear vision and goals to help guide the City into the future and began the tradition of holding annual town meetings that I hope will continue for years to come.

I cannot tell you how much I have appreciated working with the Mayor and City Council. Scappoose is lucky to have such a talented group and they are truly making a big difference. I believe that I am leaving the City in good hands. We have assembled an outstanding staff that is a very high-performance team. They do an amazing job for the citizens of our community. We have several great projects in the hopper that will take the next 5 years to complete. When finished, they will make our town an even better place to live.

Again, thank you to the citizens of Scappoose, the City Council and City Staff for your friendship and support! It has been my honor to be your City Manager.

Michael Sykes

To the Community of Scappoose:

I feel both privileged and grateful to have been appointed as the Interim City Manager for the City of Scappoose. I look forward to continuing to serve you by implementing the vision of City Council and continuing the excellent work of my predecessor, Michael Sykes. Michael will be greatly missed here at the City and I wish him all the best as he assumes his new role as General Manager of the Columbia River PUD.

Should you ever have any questions or concerns for me, please contact City Hall at 503-543-7146.

Kind Regards,

Alexandra Rains, MPA
Interim City Manager

City of Scappoose Emergency Small Business Grant Program

Under the CARES Act, the City of Scappoose has received funding to address hardships created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. City Council has allocated \$75,000 for a Small Business Grant Program to provide financial assistance directly to businesses and non-profit organizations located within the City that have been adversely affected by the economic conditions associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Applications for the City of Scappoose Emergency Small Business Grant Program will be available as of October 1st, 2020. Applicants may apply by printing out and completing a hard copy, then scanning and attaching all necessary information and sending as email attachments to Susan Reeves, City Recorder, at sreeves@cityofscappoose.org.

All applications are due by 5:00 pm on November 9, 2020.
Grant funds are expected to be distributed by mid December.

It is intended that these state funds are equally accessible to all community members in Scappoose. Outreach is being conducted to encourage businesses to participate in the program and Sole proprietor business owners are especially encouraged to apply.

Grants will be awarded in an amount up to \$5,000

An Ad Hoc Committee composed of members of City Council and the Economic Development Committee will make all final award selections. To access the application online, please download from the City's website at <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/>. For additional information or questions, please contact Susan Reeves, City Recorder at 503-543-7146 or by email at sreeves@cityofscappoose.org.

The Scappoose City Council passed Resolution No. 20-18 Declaring that a State of Emergency Exists within the City of Scappoose. This resolution amends the City's earlier declaration of a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which was made on June 1, 2020. This State of Emergency shall last so long as the COVID-19 virus poses a threat to our City or December 30, 2020, whichever is less.

The Emergency Resolution stipulates that the City of Scappoose government offices remain closed to walk-in customers, except by appointment.

This includes:

- Scappoose City Hall
- Scappoose Public Works offices
- Scappoose Police Department lobby
- Scappoose Community Development Center

Online Payment options for Scappoose Municipal Court Fines, Utility Bills and other City services can be found at <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/cityhall/page/online-payments>.

City staff are still working during this closure and can be reached by phone at 503-543-7146 or by email at info@ci.scappoose.or.us, during regular business hours. Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.

City Meetings Calendar

- * City Council meeting ~ October 5 & 19, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Planning Commission meeting ~ October 8 & 22, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting ~ October 15, starting at noon
- * Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting ~ October 15, starting at 6:00 pm

Citizens can email comments 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 and, or virtually.
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**

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 of Scappoose
33568 E. Columbia Avenue
Scappoose, Oregon 97056
503-543-7146
Visit our website:
www.ci.scappoose.or.us

Watts House Information

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

Small Town, Big Community

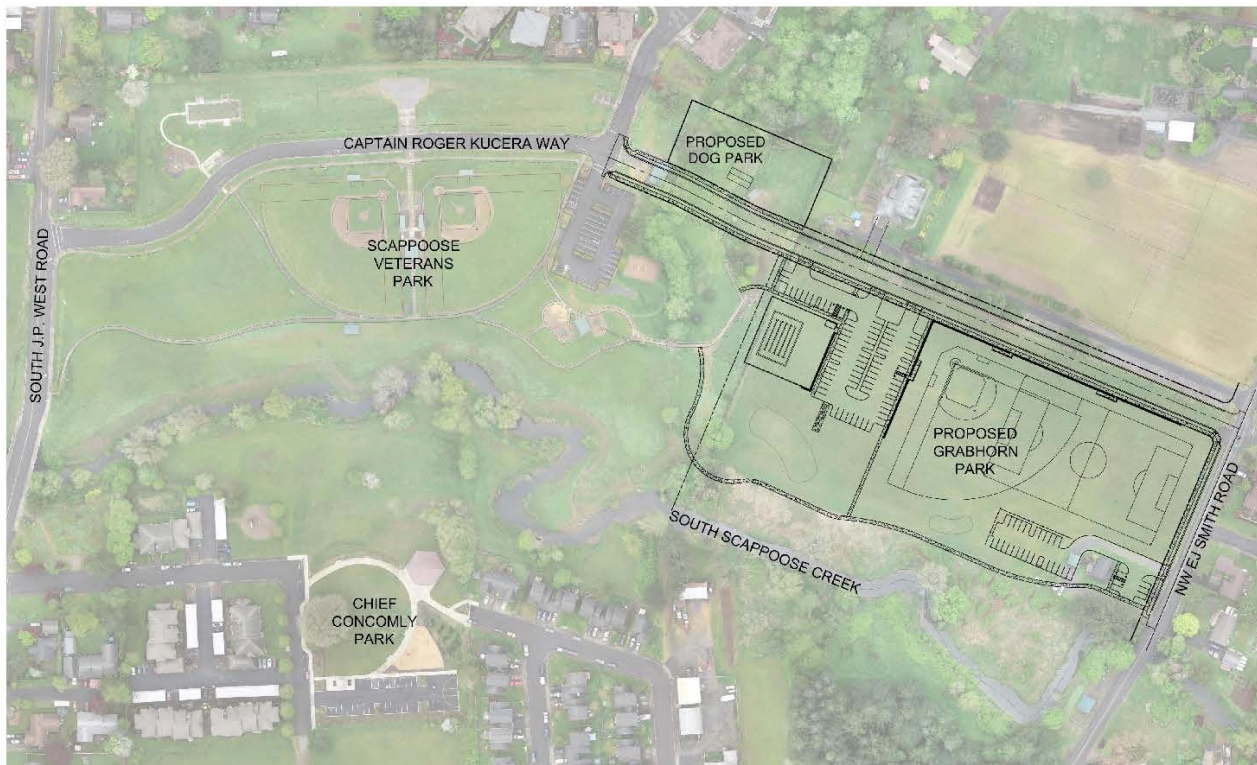
Over the last several months, City Staff have worked with an engineering firm to develop a conceptual park design for the City's newly acquired park property located just north of Veteran's Park, along NW EJ Smith Road.

The conceptual plan takes into account the constraints and limitations of the site as a result of the floodway, 100-year flood plain, and considerable slope by locating the proposed features on the most advantageous/developable portions of the property. Additionally, the concept shows the connection of Captain Roger Kucera Way to NW EJ Smith Road, an important addition to the City's street network identified in the City's Transportation System Plan.

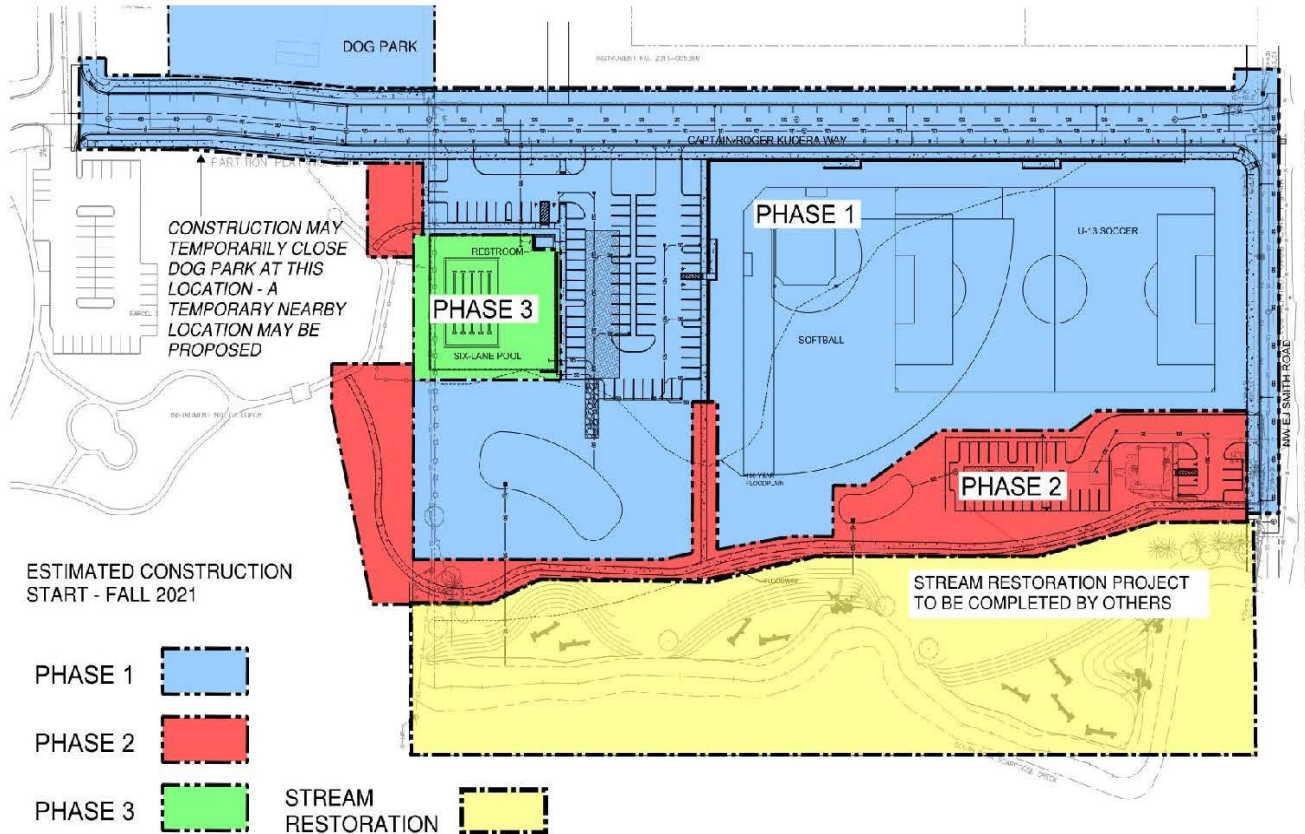
The park amenities in the conceptual plan were selected based on the needs of the community and in consideration of the park's location in a residential neighborhood. Development of the shown amenities would occur in phases due to budget constraints and the availability of grants.

At this juncture, City Council and Staff would like your input on the Conceptual Plan. Please complete the survey questions that follow and submit your feedback. The electronic version of this survey can be found at: <https://forms.gle/1sf84XVvd7Tg86A96>. Completed paper surveys may be returned with your utility bill at the drop box in the City Hall parking lot.

Please return your completed survey by November 9th, 2020.



Conceptual Plan - Project Phasing



Phase 1: Extension of Captain Roger Kucera Way to NW EJ Smith Road, parking lot adjacent to the new road extension, restrooms, sports fields, frontage improvements (sidewalks) on NW EJ Smith Road, and relocation of the Dog Park to the North.

Phase 2: Creek side trail and trailhead parking lot.

Phase 3: Community Pool (when funding is available for construction and operation).

Survey Questions

1. Park name suggestions?
2. Field(s) name suggestions?
3. What other amenities would you like to see at the park?
 - A. Picnic tables and benches
 - B. Tennis courts
 - C. Pickleball courts
 - D. Disc golf
 - E. None of the above
 - F. Other:
4. Do you support development of a softball field? YES / NO
5. Do you support development of a soccer field? YES / NO
6. Do you support development of a creek side trail? YES / NO
7. Would you support construction of an outdoor seasonal community pool? YES / NO
8. Would you support a new funding mechanism for construction and/or operation of the community pool? YES / NO

General feedback or suggestions?

Please return this completed survey to the City of Scappoose at:
33568 E Columbia Ave, Scappoose, OR 97056

Fall Leaves &

Storm Drains

WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Storm Drains are typically covered by grates with slats located near the edge of a street. These drains collect stormwater to help prevent localized flooding in the area. The stormwater then flows to the nearest stream or lake. However, not all city streets have a storm drain. Some older parts of town have wet-wells which hold additional stormwater 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 within 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 the street could be skipped as a result. Leaves on the street could also flow to a nearby 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).

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 Community and Senior Center** @ 33342 SW Meadow Dr. (off SW 4th); 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 in the appropriate bin which helps the Center raise funds.*

NEED MORE INFO CALL SCAPPOOSE PUBLIC WORKS: 503-543-8404



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Street Sweeping Schedule

Beginning Monday October 12, 2020, Public Works crews will begin the scheduled Fall Street Sweeping. This schedule is in an effort to help reduce the number of leaves within our community and most importantly to keep storm drains clear of debris. Our primary focus will be on streets that have curbs because these streets have catch basins that could become clogged and cause flooding. This schedule will be in effect through November. Please note that our crews may have to respond to an emergency and may not make it on a scheduled day. In the event that the sweeper does not sweep your street on a scheduled day, we will make every effort to return as soon as possible. Also note that this schedule is subject to change as necessary to provide the best service possible. Please have any vehicles, trash cans or any other items that may obstruct access moved clear on the day of your zone.

The schedule will be as follows:

Mondays – Curbed Streets West of Hwy 30 and South of EM Watts

Tuesdays – Curbed Streets West of Hwy 30 and North of EM Watts

Wednesdays – Curbed Streets East of Hwy 30 and South of Elm Street

Thursdays – Curbed Streets East of Hwy 30 and North of Elm Street

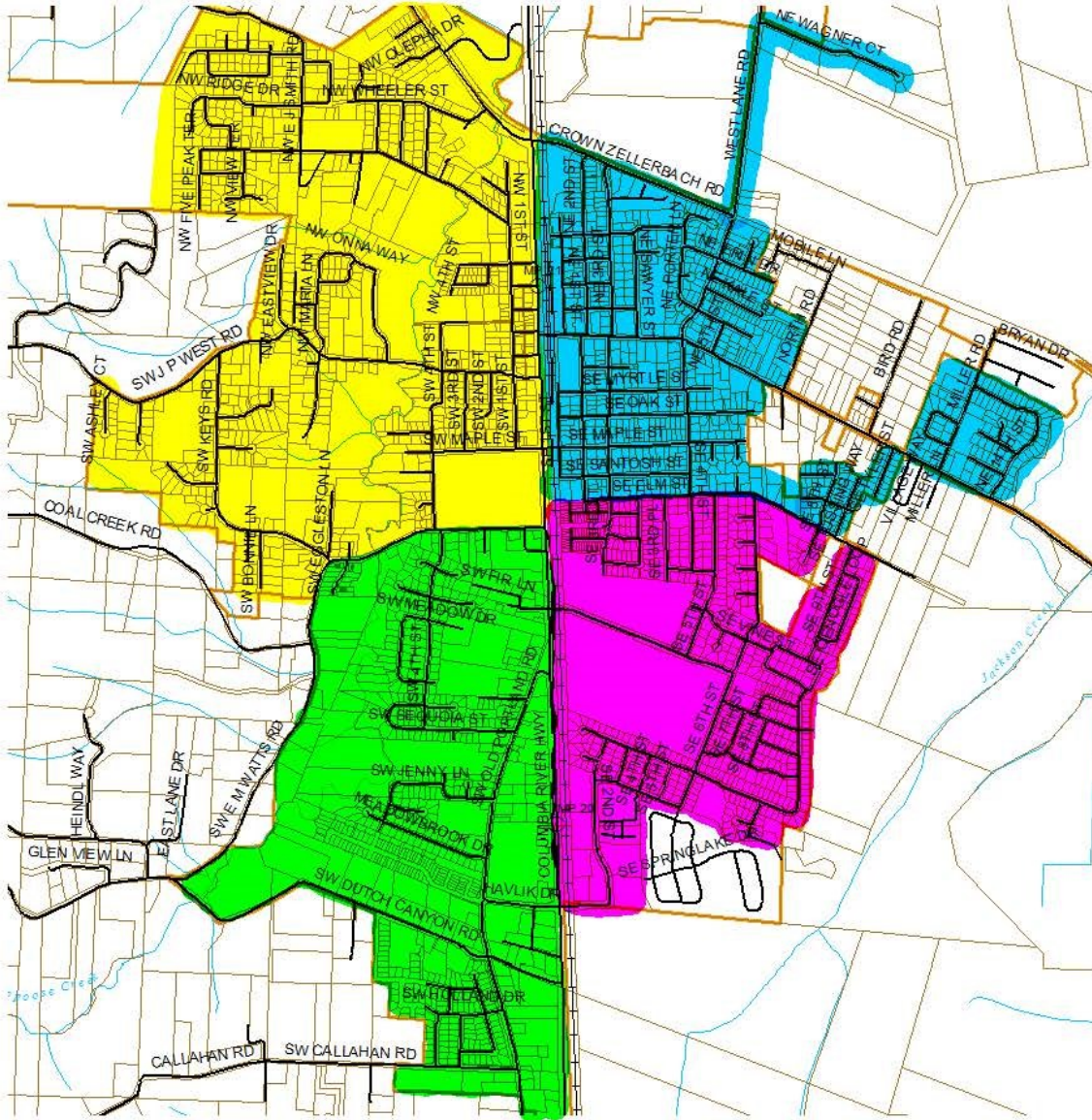
Fridays – Non-curbed Streets throughout the City that have heavy leaf buildup

****We want to remind you that raking or blowing leaves from your lawn into the street is still prohibited.***

Thank you,

City of Scappoose Public Works

Sweeping Zones



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday