



Scappoose City Council
would like to thank
Patrick Kessi
for his outstanding service,
dedication and commitment
to the Citizens of Scappoose

Councilor
January 2017 to December 2018
Council President
January 2019 to October 2020



Hello Scappoose Community,

In addition to the Conceptual Park Plan Survey for the Grabhorn parcel, there will be other opportunities for public input on the proposed park design. Those opportunities are outlined below in detail:

1. Adoption of the conceptual park plan into the Parks Master Plan.
 - Inclusion in the Parks Master Plan is a Legislative Decision, for which the City Council is the approval body.
 - Legislative decisions involve two public hearings; first with the Planning Commission, then with the City Council.
 - Each public hearing will require that the following noticing is provided:
 - ◇ 35 days prior to the hearing, notice is provided to the State of Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development.
 - ◇ 14 days prior to the hearing, notice will be published in the local newspaper. The notice will specify the time period in which written comments from the public can be submitted.
2. If awarded a grant to construct the park, prior to construction, the City must first apply for and receive approval of an SDR (Site Development Review) application for a new public park.
 - SDR applications are processed as a Limited Land Use Decision, for which the Planning Commission is the approval body.
 - SDR applications involve one hearing with the Planning Commission.
 - The following noticing will be required prior to the Planning Commission issuing a Limited Land Use Decision:
 - ◇ 14 days prior to the decision, property owners within 200 feet of the site will be noticed of the upcoming Limited Land Use Decision. The notice will specify the time period in which written comments from the public can be submitted.
 - ◇ 14 days prior to the decision, the City will post notices on the property every 300 feet, along the frontage of NW EJ Smith Road. The notice will specify the time period in which written comments from the public can be submitted.
 - ◇ 14 days prior to the decision, the notice will be posted in the local newspaper. The notice will specify the time period in which written comments from the public can be submitted.

There is still time to participate in the survey, you may fill out and submit the paper version provided in this month's newsletter, page 6, or go online at <https://forms.gle/1sf84XVvd7Tq86A96>. Surveys are due to the City on November 9th, 2020.

Thanks for your participation, we look forward to hearing from you!

Alexandra Rains
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 are now available. 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.

Parks & Recreation Committee Seeks Members

The City of Scappoose Parks & Recreation Committee (SPRC) is looking to fill two alternate positions. If you are interested in joining the SPRC, please complete the Citizen Interest Application and return it to Susan Reeves, City Recorder, at City Hall, 33568 E. Columbia Ave, Scappoose or by email at sreeves@cityofscappoose.org. Forms are also available online at <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/bc-prc/page/citizen-interest-application-park-and-recreation-committee>. The City will accept applications until the positions have been filled. Should you have any questions regarding the application, and/or, would like to receive a copy of the Committee Bylaws, please contact Program Analyst Huell White at 503-543-7146 or by email at hwhite@cityofscappoose.org.

Economic Development Committee Seeks Members

The City of Scappoose Economic Development Committee (EDC) is looking to fill one member and two alternate positions. If you are interested in joining the EDC, please complete the Citizen Interest Application, which is located on the City's website at <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/bc-edc/page/citizen-interest-application-economic-development-committee>. The City will accept applications until the positions have been filled. Should you have any questions regarding the application, and/or would like to receive a copy of the Committee Bylaws, please contact Program Analyst Huell White at 503-543-7146, or by email at hwhite@cityofscappoose.org.

City Meetings Calendar

- * City Council meeting ~ November 2 & 16, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Planning Commission meeting ~ November 12, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting ~ November 19, starting at noon
- * Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting ~ November 19, 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**

Pay your utility bills using the mobile app from Xpress Bill Pay! Looking for another fast and convenient way to pay your utility bills? The new and improved app is now available for download from the Google Play and App Stores. **Now available for both Android and iPhone**

**2021 Annual Town Meeting
Will be virtual
More information to come!**

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!

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Utility Bill Hardship Application

The Scappoose community, like many communities across America and the World are suffering from the social, mental, health and economic hardships that are being triggered by the battle with the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the devastating impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on our community, the City of Scappoose is considering offering a program that will help those affected.

The City is proposing to assist those individuals who have recently lost their jobs, or who own a small business that has had to close their doors to the public because of the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-12. Our plan is to offer a onetime credit of up to a \$100 applied to their Utility bill for any individuals who after 3/13/2020, lost their job, or to a small business that has had to close due to the virus. Citizens can download an application from our website or contact the City at 503-543-7146 x221 for an application to be mailed to them. Once received, the City will determine if the applicant is eligible and notify them of our decision.

This program is not available to reimburse any payments that have already been received. Each applicant who is approved will have a onetime credit of up to a \$100 applied to their Utility Bill. This program expires on December 31, 2020.

Utility Billing Account Number: _____

Email address: _____

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____

Reason for Hardship:

Name and contact information of employer or previous employer if not working:

Layoff or termination date, must be after 3/13/20 to qualify:

Any other information or proof that this has been a financial hardship for us to take into consideration:

I understand if approved, this is a onetime credit of up to \$100 applied to my Utility Billing Account.

Utility Billing Account Holders Signature

Date

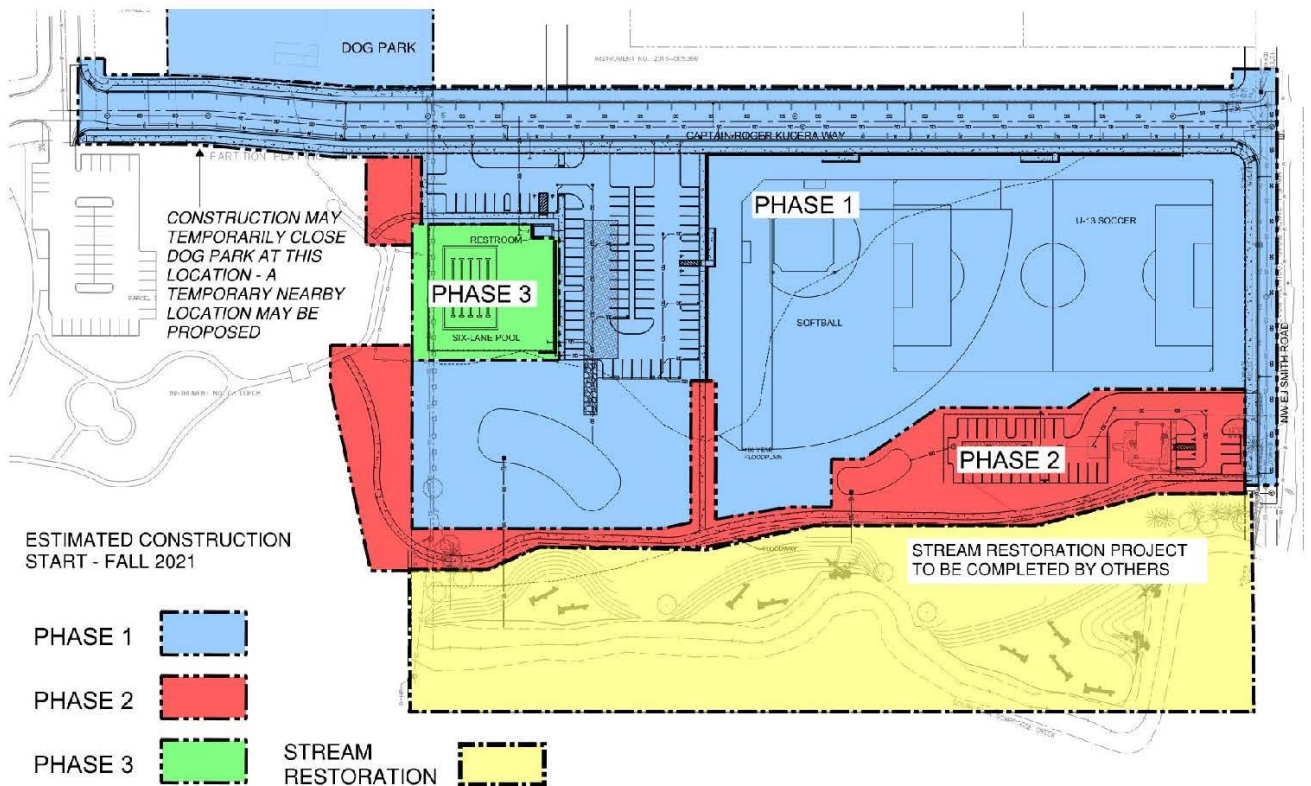
Please submit the City of Scappoose Utility Bill Hardship Application to:

City of Scappoose
33568 East Columbia Avenue
Scappoose, Oregon 97056
Fax: 503-543-7182
Email: khead@cityofscappoose.org

Thank you!

Conceptual Park Plan Survey for the Grabhorn parcel

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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Why is Urban Renewal on my Property Tax Bill?

The City of Scappoose formed an urban renewal area in 2019. The City is working to improve the area to promote the emergence of a vibrant town center as a civic and cultural hub for Scappoose that is connected to surrounding neighborhoods and employment areas. One of the main goals of the Plan is to support the growth and retention of local businesses. The projects will improve transportation, water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to support job growth and encourage redevelopment and infill in the town center.

Urban renewal is not a new tax and does not increase individual property tax bills. Urban renewal allows for the use of tax increment financing to fund its projects. The financial impact of urban renewal is born by the taxing jurisdictions. While the urban renewal area is active, the taxing jurisdictions' revenue from the area (including the City) remains largely fixed, and the tax revenue from the increases in assessed value goes to the urban renewal area to pay for projects that help to spur new investment. When the urban renewal district expires, taxing jurisdictions can expect to receive more tax revenue than they would have without an urban renewal area due to the increased assessed values stemming from the increased investment in the area.

Every property owner in Scappoose will see a new line item on their 2020 property tax bill that represents the amount of funds allocated to the Scappoose Urban Renewal Agency. Even though your property may not be in the urban renewal area, you will contribute to the funds allocated to the urban renewal agency. The process the assessor must go through to allocate urban renewal funds is complicated and is explained in a video on our website titled: Why is Urban Renewal on my Property Tax Bill? <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/ed/page/urban-renewal>. Again, this does not mean your property taxes have increased as a result of urban renewal. If there were not an urban renewal area, you would still pay the same amount of property taxes, it would just be allocated differently.

There are additional informational documents and a map of the district on the City's website at <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/ed/page/urban-renewal>.

