



In loving memory of
Cathy Carpenter
with appreciation and gratitude
for 14 years
of service and dedication to
the
City and Community of
Scappoose, Oregon
November 2020

Court Clerk with City of Scappoose



Gone, but not forgotten



Parks & Recreation Committee Seeks Alternate Member

The City of Scappoose Parks & Recreation Committee (SPRC) is looking to fill one alternate position. 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 Alternate Member

The City of Scappoose Economic Development Committee (EDC) is looking to fill one alternate position. 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.



**Scappoose Police
Department
Halloween Night**

**We appreciate the
community
supporting this
event.**

Thank you!



Scappoose Building Official Don VanDomelen Recipient of 2020 Silver Sparky Award

On October 20th, 2020, Don VanDomelen and two other building officials in Columbia County, Susie Dahl and Mike De Roia, received the 2020 Silver Sparky Award from the Oregon State Fire Marshal. This Award recognizes a civilian(s) for outstanding achievement in fire prevention or public safety education.

The City wants to congratulate Don on this achievement and thank him for his excellent work!



City Meetings Calendar

- * City Council meeting ~ December 7 & 14, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Planning Commission meeting ~ December 10, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting ~ cancelled for December
- * 100 Year Ad-hoc Committee meeting ~ December 17, starting at 2:00 pm
- * Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ December 17, starting at 6:00 pm

2021 Annual Town Meeting will be virtual. More information is provided in this newsletter (pages 6-10)

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**

****Utility Bill Hardship applications available through end of year****

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!

**SAVE THE DATE AND START SAVING YOUR
CANNED AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS!!
DRIVE-THRU DOUGHNUT DAY
IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!
SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, 2020 7AM-12PM
AT THE SCAPPOOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT!!**



Canned Food Drive



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.

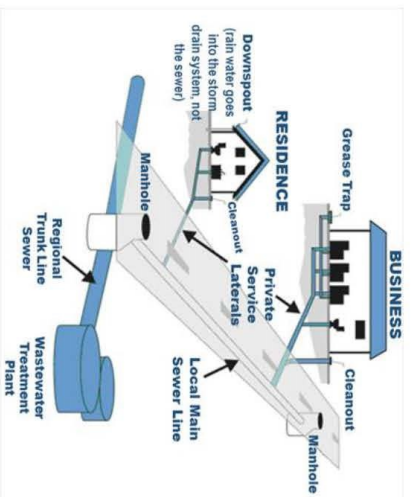
Every property owner in Scappoose will see a new line item on their 2020 property tax bill that represents the amount of funds allocated to the Scappoose Urban Renewal Agency. Even though your property may not be in the urban renewal area, you will contribute to the funds allocated to the urban renewal 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>.



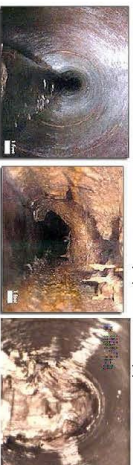
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SEWER LINE AWARENESS



PREVENTING SEWER ISSUES

Sewer systems age. People and nature can both cause sewer blockages. In some cases, blockages cannot be prevented without replacement of pipelines. Sewer blockages are most commonly found in the private service lines caused by soil settlements, misaligned joints, tree roots, pipe collapse, grease/FOG build up or by other items being flushed. Sewer backups and blockages in the private lateral lines between the sewer main and the home are the responsibility of the property owner.



Photos of a few sewer pipes in Scappoose:

THE GOOD

THE BAD

THE UGLY

MULTI-TENANT PROPERTY OWNERS/MANAGERS: Please share with all tenants.



FOG is a byproduct of cooking and is usually found in the following;

- Meat
- Lard, Oil, Butter, Margarine, Shortening
- Sauces, Salad Dressings, Gravy
- Baking goods
- All Dairy Products: yogurt, cheese, ice cream, etc.
- Food scraps, coffee grounds

When grease washes down the sink, it sticks to the insides of the pipes that connect your home or business to the city's sewer.

Eventually, the grease can build up until it completely blocks the sewer pipe. These blocked sewer pipes can cause raw sewage to back up into your home, business, or overflow into streets and streams polluting our waterways and harming our fish and wildlife habitats.

Myths: *Garbage disposals do not keep grease out of sewer pipes. It only grinds it up before passing them into your sewer pipes. Products that claim to dissolve grease may dislodge a blockage – they will only cause problems farther down the line when the grease hardens again. *Dish soaps lose their effectiveness eventually and grease will solidify and congeal on pipes. *Running hot water as a grease-chaser might only help a little but hot water will eventually cool as it travels down the pipes.

The only safe method of FOG removal is to place all Fats, Oils & Grease in the trash.

Can It - Cool It - Trash It



What Not to Flush

Although Grease in sewer pipes is a big problem, there are other things that should **never** enter the sewer system because they can also cause blockage in your pipes leading to messy and expensive **sewer backup into your home or business**. They also cause mechanical problems at pump stations and treatment plants and pollute our local environment.

The only thing you should ever flush down a toilet is human waste (urine & feces) and toilet paper.

DON'T FLUSH THE FOLLOWING:

- cleaning wipes
- disposable wipes
- facial tissues and paper towels
- disposable or cloth diapers/undergarments
- feminine/personal hygiene products
- cotton balls and swabs
- dental floss
- condoms
- bandages and bandage wrappings
- razor blades, syringes or needles
- disposable toilet brushes
- cloth or plastic materials
- kitty litter and animal waste
- unused medications (*To properly dispose, put in original containers (no needles or liquids) then seal in a plastic/zip-lock bag, bring to free RX Drug Drop-Off at the Scappoose Police Station*)



Many of today's products claim to be **FLUSHABLE**. But they are **NOT**.

They do not dissolve easily and can clog your sewer lines which can lead to **RAW SEWER BACKUP INTO YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS**.

To view a sewer scope video or for more info:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/247465>

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Trtek Trailhead Improvements

The Public Works Department has made several improvements to Trtek Trailhead over the last two months. New park amenities – including benches, tables, bicycle amenities, and a kiosk – were installed thanks to a \$10,000 grant award from Travel Oregon. A new cedar fence has also been installed, continuing eastward from the Roundhouse Lane access point to North Road. Finally, grass hydroseed was put down on the recently graded area between the trail and fence for erosion control purposes.



2021 Annual Town Meeting - State of the City Address

In the face of the challenges brought on by Covid-19, the ways we connect and gather have changed. The 2021 Annual Town Meeting will be held virtually out of respect for gathering restrictions and a concern for the health and safety of our community. The City is as committed as ever to sharing its successes with the community and taking this opportunity to listen to your feedback. The Community Survey has been distributed with the December Newsletter and will be available online through January.

Despite the unique challenges this year, the City continues to operate at full capacity, and while City offices remain closed to the public, the City does still offer full services by appointment or request. In response to Covid-19, City Council allocated \$75,000 in CARES Act funding to Covid-related small business economic relief, created the Utility Bill Hardship Program to assist those facing difficulties paying their utility bills, and provided a grant to the Scappoose School District to help purchase laptops to support students and families with remote learning requirements.

Other notable successes include: the opening of the PCC OMIC Training Center in Scappoose in 2021; welcoming Titan Aviation to the airport, bringing 20 living-wage jobs to Scappoose; continuing development of the Airpark and the new road encircling the airport; working with local economic development partners to promote Scappoose and advance projects in the County; and continuing to work on addressing aging infrastructure to prepare Scappoose for the future. Additionally, preparation for a resilient, vibrant, and economically robust community is underway through a multi-year process to plan for the next 50 years, which will assist in the responsible management of growth, while ensuring our community's needs will be met in the future.

Mayor Burge formed an Ad Hoc Committee to plan the 100-Year Celebration of the City's incorporation and re-commemoration of the Peace Candle. The Developer has agreed to help preserve the Peace Candle by granting the City an easement to ensure access for City restoration activities in 2021, and regular maintenance activities in 2021 and beyond. The Scappoose Police Department remains committed to the continuation of community engagement through events like Donut Day and the Halloween Drive-Thru.

One of our goals is to develop a parks and recreation system within a 10-minute walk from all neighborhoods. Currently 63% of our community has met this goal! In support of this ambition, the City Council is in the process of updating the proposed Park Plan for the Grabhorn property by incorporating public comments from the recent park plan survey. Additionally, several improvements have been made to Trtek Trailhead thanks to a grant from Travel Oregon.

Public Works Staff continues to care for our City through maintenance activities, including annual park maintenance, repainting crosswalks, pavement crack-sealing, and street sweeping. Sidewalks along Highway 30 and ADA sidewalk ramps on SE 6th Street have been replaced, which were made possible by the Local Fuel Tax. The City is in the process of engineering more sidewalk improvements around the community and has applied to the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program this year.

The City remains committed to serving the public through these challenging times and will continue to build on past successes to create a strong, vibrant, and robust Scappoose by remaining agile and responsive to the needs of the community. As the year comes to a close, we want you to know that we will continue to innovate, achieve community and City Council goals, and provide the best public service possible.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

View Mayor Burge's full Annual Town Meeting Address on the City's YouTube Channel:
<https://tinyurl.com/City-of-Scappoose-YouTube>

Your voice matters! Our online Annual Town Meeting Survey will remain active through January, and paper copies are available by request: <https://tinyurl.com/Scappoose-ATM-Survey-2021>

If you have questions about this Address or to get a copy of the survey, please contact: ibutman@cityofscappoose.org
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Due to COVID-19, we have seen a shift in how we engage with each other. The City of Scappoose is working to improve community engagement now and in the future. Answers to the following questions will help us understand how to better engage and communicate with the residents. Please tell us a little bit about how you communicate in your daily life, and how you would like the City of Scappoose to communicate with you.

Which methods of communication work best for you? Electronic Newsletter Paper Newsletter City Website Nextdoor App Library or School Notice Board/Newsletter Twitter Instagram Newspaper Facebook Other: _____

What sorts of electronic communication devices are present in your home? Phone Smart Phone (i.e. iPhone, etc.) Desktop Computer Tablet Laptop Computer Webcam or similar device Microphone or similar device Other: _____ I don't have any of these devices

How do you connect to the internet? Broadband or similar I rely on a friend, neighbor, library, work, school, etc. for internet. Cellphone internet access I don't have access to the internet in my home

What methods of electronic communication do you use, and how often do you use them?

	Never	Less than 10 times a day	15-30 times a day	More than 30 times a day
Text message	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Email	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Video Conferencing (i.e. Zoom etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Phone call	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conference call	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electronic newsletter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Email list/group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Online chat group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please rate your comfort with video conferencing communication (Zoom, Webex, Hangouts, Teams, etc.).

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not at all comfortable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Extremely comfortable

Please rate your comfort with smart phone usage (conference call, email, app use, web browsing, etc.).

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not at all comfortable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Extremely comfortable

Please rate your comfort with general computer usage (Zoom, Hangouts, email, conference call, web browsing, etc.).

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not at all comfortable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Extremely comfortable

Please rate your comfort with social media communication.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not at all comfortable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Extremely comfortable

Thinking only about the ways the City is communicating, do you like the virtual Annual Town Meeting? Yes No As part of the meeting, but not as the only option.

If future Annual Town Meetings offered alternative ways to engage, would you use them? Yes No Maybe

What do you like about Scappoose?

What would you like to see more of in Scappoose?

What would you change about Scappoose?

What excites you about the future of Scappoose?

What concerns you about the future of Scappoose?

What are the four best things about Scappoose?

What are two new programs you would like to see the City of Scappoose implement over the next 1-3 years?

Thinking about the last year, have you or your household applied for any of the following emergency relief programs?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scappoose Emergency Small Business Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Scappoose Utility Bill Hardship Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New "Regular Unemployment" Payments | <input type="checkbox"/> CARES Act Pandemic Unemployment Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 Related Unemployment Payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Oregon COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New TANF/SNAP/Other assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> US Small Business Administration Emergency Loan (EIDL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia County Economic Team Small Business Grant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Utility Payment Relief | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Do you have any other comments you would like to share with the City?

Thank you for completing the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Survey! We appreciate your time and value your feedback. To view Mayor Burge's State of the City Address please visit the City's YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqIXU5AgJ5Q-rkw7HoJTzfQ>

For questions or concerns about this survey or the Annual Town Meeting, please contact Isaac Butman at ibutman@cityofscappoose.org or 503-543-7184.