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**SCAPPOOSE**  
*Oregon*

## MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

**ATTN: Utility Billing  
Customers**

**If your phone number  
has changed since  
you signed up for  
service, please let us  
know so we can  
update your account.**

**Please contact us at  
503-543-7146, with  
your updated  
information.**

**Thank you!**

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### POOL RELATED MONEY INFORMATION

**Total balance of pool-related money available: \$57,183.52**

*Donated Pool Funds (formerly Swim Council and Bob Casswell Pool Funds): \$48,330.63  
City Pool fund: \$8,852.89*

This article is intended to describe: 1) where the pool funds are; 2) how much there is; and 3) why the donated pool funds ended up with the City.

Fundraising for a community pool dates to the early 1970's. Fundraising efforts began shortly after the passing of Bob Casswell, who had a vision to construct a community pool. The funds that had been raised were held in a private account by the Casswell Family. In the 1990's, the Scappoose Swim Council was formed as a charitable organization. The Swim Council's stated goal was to promote the construction of a community pool in Scappoose and support a competition level swim team. The Swim Council maintained their funds separately from the donations made to the Bob Casswell Pool Fund.

In 2009, the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) investigated the Swim Council for their failure to file a financial report. The DOJ found no wrongdoing or misuse of funds from either the Swim Council's account or the Bob Casswell Pool Fund. However, the State found that the Swim Council had become inactive and suggested they either dissolve or restart their charitable activities.

In 2012, the DOJ received a complaint that the Swim Council had misused funds. Another investigation was opened, but no wrongdoing was found. The DOJ recommended that the two privately held funds be transferred to an organization that could build the pool – the DOJ decided that the City of Scappoose receive the funds. In 2012, the Swim Council dissolved and their accounts, as well as the Bob Casswell Pool Fund, were transferred to the City.

In 2020, the City purchased a 9.5-acre parcel called the "Grabhorn Property." The property was purchased for \$731,600.08. That purchase was made from the City's dedicated pool fund. After the purchase, \$8,852.59 remained in the City's dedicated pool fund. Along with the donations that have been held since 2012, a total of \$57,183.52 remains earmarked for a pool.

More information can be found on the City's website at [www.ci.scappoose.or.us](http://www.ci.scappoose.or.us).

### NEWS RELEASE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently approved a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) which affects properties in the vicinity South Scappoose Creek from approximately 955 feet upstream of NW EJ Smith Rd to approximately 2,200 feet upstream of EM Watts Rd. This LOMR will revise the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, and the revisions will become effective April 19, 2021, provided no appeals are filed within the 90-day appeal period. Any request for reconsideration of the proposed mapping must be based on scientific or technical data.

For more information related to this LOMR (Case No. 21-10-0251P), please visit [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/bfe\\_status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/bfe_status/bfe_main.asp). Additionally, interested citizens may contact the Community Development Center at 503-543-7184 or email City Planner, Laurie Oliver Joseph, at [loliver@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:loliver@cityofscappoose.org) to understand how this revision may affect your property or to request copies of the revised FIS and NFIP floodplain maps.

**A note from your Scappoose Building Department:**

Spring is typically remodel season for Oregonians. To help make your remodel/development project a success, visit our website for helpful links about permits, hiring licensed contractors and avoiding construction scams, <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/building>.



If you decide to hire a contractor for your project:

- \*Ask friends/neighbors who they recommend
- \*Be sure to check the contractor's CCB licenses on-line [CCB Contractor Search \(state.or.us\)](https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/building).
- \*Get at least 3 bids, (a higher bid might be worth the price in better materials, workmanship & reliability)
- \*Check their references
- \*Have a written contract

If you have questions about your remodel/development project(s) please contact Elizabeth Happala at the Community Development Center 503-543-7184 or via email, [ehappala@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:ehappala@cityofscappoose.org).

**City Meetings Calendar**

- \* City Council meeting ~ March 1 & 15, starting at 7:00 pm
- \* Planning Commission meeting ~ March 11 & 25, starting at 7:00 pm
- \* 100-Year Ad-hoc Committee meeting ~ March 11, starting at 2:00 pm
- \* Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ March 18, starting at 6:00 pm
- \* Economic Development Committee meeting ~ April 15, starting at 2:00 pm (meeting quarterly now)



Citizens can email comments ahead of time to [sreeves@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:sreeves@cityofscappoose.org), or attend meetings by phone, 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](http://www.xpressbillpay.com) or call 1-800-720-6847**

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**To report a streetlight out or not working properly**

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

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**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*