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APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

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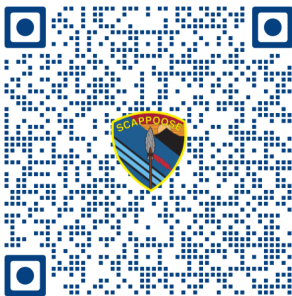
If your phone number has changed since you signed up for service, please let us know by calling us at 503-543-7146, with your updated information.

City Council approves Temporary Outdoor Seating

On March 1, 2021, City Council approved Resolution 21-02 in order to establish a Temporary Outdoor Seating/Display Permit for businesses affected by Covid-19. The permit would allow a business in Scappoose to have an outdoor tented area for either seating or display of merchandise so that proper space between patrons can be achieved, and so that when indoor seating is not allowed based on the County's risk level, businesses can still operate and sell merchandise or food and drinks. The Temporary Outdoor Dining/Display Permit is intended to be in effect as long as the City's emergency declaration related to Covid-19 is in force.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Center at 503-543-7184 or loliver@cityofscappoose.org.

Scan this QR code for more information about the pool funds.



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 is available on the City's website.

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Warmer weather is fast approaching, and the City would like to provide this friendly reminder that property owners are responsible for the following:

Sidewalks

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks that abut their property. Additionally, the abutting property owner is liable for injuries that occur due to poorly maintained sidewalks that have become hazardous for pedestrians (SMC 12.04). If you are interested in repairing your sidewalk, please consider our Sidewalk Repair Program – a program to help cover 50% or up to \$1,000 of the repair costs, whichever is less. This program is based on available funds. For more info, visit: [Sidewalk Repair Program Information | City of Scappoose Oregon](#).

Vegetation and Trees

Property owners are responsible for maintaining vegetation at or near their property line, so that vegetation does not obstruct the street, sidewalk, streetlamp or intersection (SMC 12.12.070).

Fences

Fences of any kind are not allowed within the public right-of-way. If you are considering building a new fence, please see the "Fencing Quick Guide" on our website at: [Fence info | City of Scappoose Oregon](#).

Visual Clearance Areas

Visual Clearance areas are important for corner properties where vegetation, trees, fencing or other items in violation of the visual clearance are can create safety hazards for pedestrians and vehicles (SMC 12.10).

Street Parking

Trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles (RVs) may not be parked on a city street for more than five days in a thirty-day period. No vehicles of any kind may be parked within fifteen feet of an intersection (SMC 11.04.170).

City of Scappoose Mobile App

The City of Scappoose is excited to announce the release of its new smartphone application. This app will serve as a new way for the city to connect with Scappoose residents and visitors, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.

The Scappoose Community mobile app was developed by OCV, LLC. The app offers quick access to items of public interest and is easy to use. In just a few clicks, users can access features including:

- Submit a Tip
- News & Events
- Street Closures
- Park Reservations
- Utility Billing
- City Council Directory
- COVID-19 Resources
- Instant Push Notifications
- Inmate Info
- Fire Safety Checklists
- Map of Local Fire Stations
- Sex Offender Mapping
- Social Media
- More!

OCV, LLC specializes in smartphone app development for law enforcement and public safety organizations across the country. Developing more than 500 apps, OCV designs and creates custom apps for state, county and local government agencies.

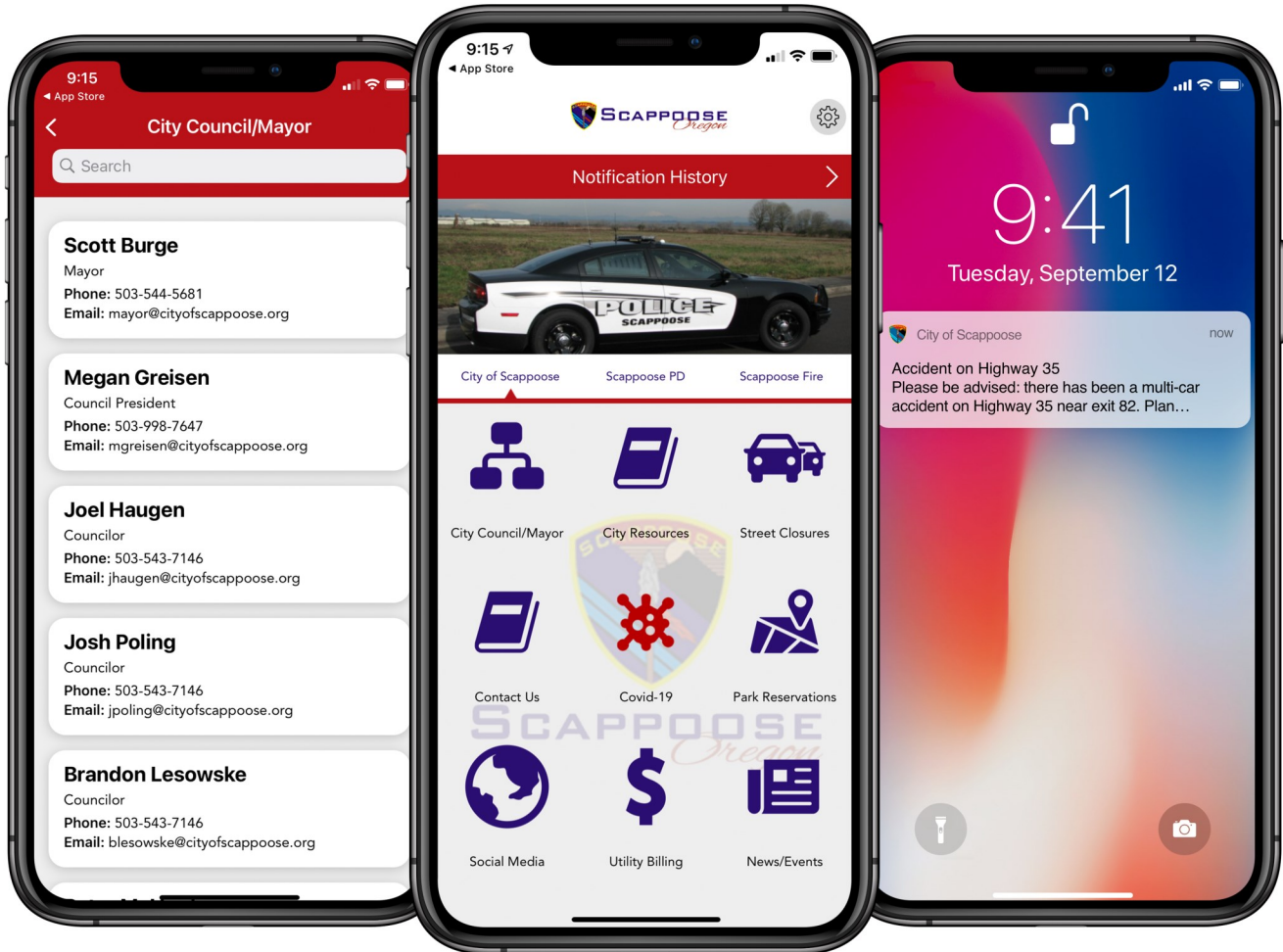
"Over 80 percent of people in the United States own and use smartphones as their primary means of communication," OCV Vice President Kevin Cummings said. "Mobile apps offer agencies a better way to alert, inform and prepare the public. Apps allow public safety agencies the ability to reach and serve their citizens where they are: their smartphones."

The Scappoose Community app is available for download for free in the App Store and Google Play. Search "Scappoose OR" or <https://apps.myocv.com/share/a53097056> to download the app.



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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently approved a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) which affects properties in the vicinity of 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. Additionally, interested citizens may contact the Community Development Center at 503-543-7184 or email City Planner, Laurie Oliver Joseph, at loliver@cityofscappoose.org to understand how this revision may affect your property or to request copies of the revised FIS and NFIP floodplain maps.



City Meetings Calendar

- * Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting ~ April 1, starting at 6:00 pm
- * City Council meeting ~ April 5 & 19, starting at 7:00 pm
- * 100-Year Ad Hoc Committee meeting ~ April 8, starting at 2:00pm
- * Planning Commission meeting ~ April 22, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting ~ April 15, starting at 12:00 pm (temporarily meeting quarterly)
- * Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ April 15, starting at 5:50 pm
- * Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting ~ April 15, starting at 6:00 pm



Citizens can email comments ahead of time to 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 or call 1-800-720-6847

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

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