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SCAPPOOSE
Oregon

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

ATTN:

Utility Billing Customers

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.

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



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During the April 5, 2021 City Council meeting, Steve Kreins (right), Executive Director of Oregon Operation Lifesaver presented Chief Miller (left) with a plaque, in recognition of his dedication and outstanding performance to Rail Safety.



The Scappoose Public Library District is developing a plan for the next five years and needs your input.

A draft of the strategic plan draft can be viewed at www.scappooselibrary.org.

On the website there also is a link to submit feedback on the plan via a short five question survey.

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: <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/community/page/sidewalk-repair-program-information>.

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: <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/building/page/fence-info>.

Visual Clearance Areas

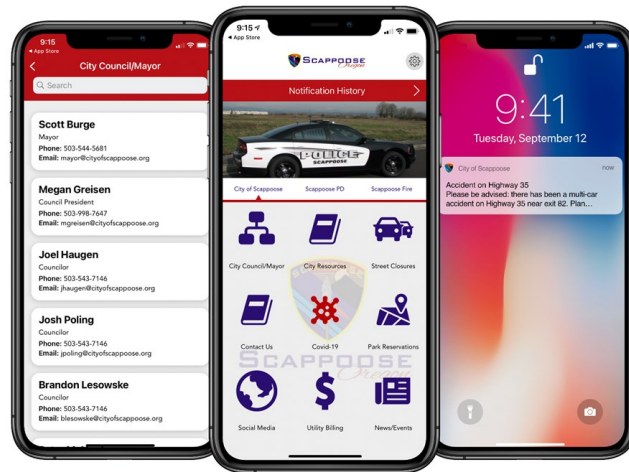
Visual Clearance areas are important for corner properties where vegetation, trees, fencing or other items in violation of the visual clearance area can create safety hazards for pedestrians and vehicles (SMC 12.10).

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).



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Scappoose Pool Cost Survey

The Scappoose City Council would like your feedback on how to fund the construction and operation of a pool in Scappoose. While all members of City Council would like to see a community pool, the reality is that the City cannot afford to build or operate such an expensive facility with current funding. Based on pools recently built in other Oregon cities, an outdoor pool is *estimated* to cost \$3,500,000. An indoor pool is *estimated* to cost \$11,000,000. Operating a public pool would cost approximately \$500,000 each year.

To build and operate a pool, the City would need voter approval for property tax increases. City staff has worked with the County Assessor to understand how much in additional property taxes Scappoose residents would need to pay to make a pool a reality. Considering the cost to build and operate a pool, City Council wants your feedback on whether or not you are comfortable paying the additional property taxes needed to fund a pool.

City Council will use this information to guide and inform possible pool funding options. **The privately funded pool donations, totaling \$48,330.63, will remain set aside for an aquatics-related amenity, regardless of any decisions made by City Council.** More information on the Pool Funds and Costs can be found at: www.ci.scappoose.or.us/community/page/pool-cost-and-pool-fund-information or use your mobile phone to scan the QR-code:



This survey does not collect your personal information. Your responses will remain anonymous.

Do you live within Scappoose city limits?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>	
What is your age range?	Under 19 <input type="checkbox"/>	20-29 <input type="checkbox"/>	30-39 <input type="checkbox"/>	40-49 <input type="checkbox"/>	
	50-59 <input type="checkbox"/>	60-69 <input type="checkbox"/>	70-79 <input type="checkbox"/>	80+ <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you have children under the age of 18?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>	
To pay for bonds for an approximately \$3,500,000 outdoor pool , you would pay additional property taxes of \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value for construction and \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operation and maintenance. For a home with an assessed value of \$300,000, the annual property tax increase would be \$327 . Would you be willing to pay the additional property taxes to build and operate an outdoor pool?				Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
To pay for bonds for an approximately \$11,00,000 indoor pool , you would pay additional property taxes of \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value for construction and \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operation and maintenance. For a home with an assessed value of \$300,000, the annual property tax increase would be \$609 . Would you be willing to pay the additional property taxes to build and operate an indoor pool?				Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there any other feedback that you would like to provide to the City Council?					

Surveys can be returned to the dropbox in the City Hall parking lot, or mailed to:

City of Scappoose - 33568 E. Columbia Avenue - Scappoose, OR 97056

For questions about this survey please contact Isaac Butman at ibutman@cityofscappoose.org or at 503-543-7184.

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City Meetings Calendar

- * Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting ~ May 6 & 20 starting at 6:00 pm
- * City Council meeting ~ May 3 & 17, starting at 7:00 pm
- * 100-Year Ad Hoc Committee meeting ~ May 5, 12, 19, & 26, starting at 6:30 pm
- * Planning Commission meeting ~ May 13 & 27, starting at 7:00 pm
- * Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ May 20, starting at 5:50 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