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Big
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City Recorder
Susan Reeves at
City Hall,
503-543-7146,
ext. 224
Thank you!



**Xpress Bill Pay has a
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1-866-775-2030

Old Portland Road Sidewalk Infill Construction Begins!



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A new City construction project – **funded by the \$0.03 Scappoose Local Fuel Tax** – on Old Portland Road will deliver a safer, more accessible, and better-connected Old Portland Road for pedestrians and motorists. Construction began in late January and will continue through April. Over the next three months, the City’s contractor will be constructing a number of improvements to the right-of-way, with completion expected by the end of Spring. The work will build new sidewalks and ADA sidewalk ramps, improve stormwater management, and establish a consistent roadway pavement width. These improvements are intended to enhance safety, accessibility, and community livability.

Please travel slowly and cautiously in and around work zones and observe directions by flaggers and temporary signage. Please expect intermittent traffic delays, dust, noise, and heavy equipment in active work zones.

We are excited to share updates with residents as the project progresses! The best way to stay up to date on this project and other City news is by following the City of Scappoose on social media or download our app on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.



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Before/After



City of Scappoose **Sidewalk Repair** **Program**

There are numerous areas of Scappoose where existing sidewalk sections that have degraded to the point where they create trip hazards for pedestrians. Sidewalks provide mobility for pedestrians, and connection to our schools, parks, and shops. Per City Code, property owners are responsible and liable for the condition of sidewalks that adjoin their property (SMC 12.04).

However, sidewalk repair can be costly. To help with the cost, the City initiated the Sidewalk Repair Program in 2020. Under the program, the City will pay for 50% or up to \$1,000 of the total cost of repairs, whichever is less, so long as a program application is submitted before the project begins and the repairs pass City inspection. This program is based on available funds and are provided on a first come, first served basis.

Before/After



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For more information, please visit:
www.ci.scappoose.or.us/community/page/sidewalk-repair-program-information

Join us on April 30, 2022, for the return of the Scappoose Annual Town Meeting and 50-Year Vision Process Open House!



Mark your calendars! The City is excited to announce the Scappoose Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for **Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 10am** at the Scappoose High School Gym. The event will be **held in-person**, following COVID-19 protocols, with live streaming and online participation available for those who wish to follow along virtually.

This year's Annual Town Meeting will focus on gathering as a community to kick off the Scappoose 50-Year Plan. The Scappoose 50-Year Plan is a multi-phase project that will span the next three years and establish a long-term community vision for how Scappoose will look and function in the future. The 50-Year Plan will include:

- A 50-Year Community Vision.
- Technical studies, including an updated Housing Needs Analysis and new Economic Opportunities Analysis.
- An update to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Development Code.
- A study of the Urban Growth Boundary and Urban Reserves.

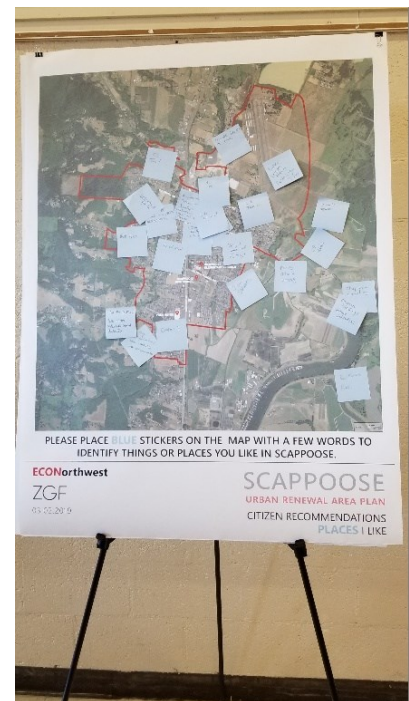
This year's Annual Town Meeting will launch the 50 Year Vision process and provide an opportunity for friends and neighbors to discuss what we love about Scappoose today and what we want to see change in the future. This will be an interactive event!

Light refreshments will be served from local favorites!

Stay tuned for more information about this event, including how you can participate online at:

<https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/community/page/annual-town-meeting>.

Have a question? Contact Isaac Butman, Assistant to the City Manager, at ibutman@cityofscappoose.org; 503-543-7146 x222.



This is a 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 resulted in hazardous conditions for pedestrians (SMC 12.04). If you are interested in repairing your sidewalk, consider participating in the Sidewalk Repair Program: <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 use of the sidewalk or street. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the abutting parking or planter strip if one exists (SMC 8.20.100).

Fences: Depending on the type and height of the fence, additional requirements may be applicable. Please see the “Fencing Quick Guide” on the City website for more information about fences at: https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/building/page/727/fencing_quick_guide.pdf.

Visual Clearance Areas: Visual Clearance areas are particularly relevant to corner properties where vegetation, trees, fencing or other items can impede visibility for pedestrians and vehicles (SMC Chapter 12.10).

Street Parking: Trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles 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 Chapter 11.04.170).

Scappoose Community Enhancement Program Open March 1!

The Scappoose Community Enhancement Program will be accepting application starting March 1, 2022! This Grant Cycle ushers in an easier to complete application, clarified guidelines, and new instructions.

Visit <https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/cityhall/page/community-enhancement-program> for more information!

Did you know there are three ways to pay your water bill without having to mail a letter or come to City Hall?!

1. Call Xpress Bill Pay, 24/7/365 at **1-866-775-2030**. There is no fee for this payment method!
2. Login to your Xpress Bill Pay account, or use auto-pay through your account! There are no fees for this either! <https://www.xpressbillpay.com/#/>
3. Make a one-time payment online through Point and Pay. There is a transaction fee assessed by the processing company. <https://client.pointandpay.net/web/CityofScappooseOR>

City Meetings Calendar

- City Council meeting - March 7 & 21 @ 7:00 pm
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting - March 17 @ 6:00 pm
- Economic Development Committee - March 24 @ 12:00 pm
- Planning Commission - March 10 @ 7:00 pm



Comments for all meetings may be emailed ahead of time to sreeves@cityofscappoose.org. You can attend meetings by calling in or joining online. Additionally you can watch recordings of Council & Planning Commission meetings online. [Visit our website for meeting details.](#)