

# Small Town, Big Community



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## June 2022

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### 2022 Annual Town Meeting Follow Up



On the morning of Saturday April 30th, residents and community members gathered at Scappoose High School for the 7th Annual Town Meeting. The primary topic of focus was the City's 50-Year Plan, the comprehensive vision for how Scappoose will look and function in the future. Attendees heard from the consultant team how the 50-Year Plan will be used to prepare for the growth we expect to experience over the decades to come. After the presentation,

attendees broke into groups and began mapping out their vision for Scappoose. Each group was then able to present their ideas to the large group. Amazingly, every group proposed unique opportunities for Scappoose to consider as we grow. This event would not have been as successful (or delicious!) without the generous support of our community sponsors. A special thank you to: Scappoose School District for the use of their Auditorium and Cafeteria space; and Dutch Bros, Grocery Outlet, Means Nursery, Brown Butter Bakery, Scappoose Bagel, Paulson's Printing, and Don's Rental for everything you do for your community.

### Long time Scappoose Resident Millie Gobel Celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> (!!!) Birthday May 3, 2022.

A party was held for this life-long gardener and well known figure of our Community. Mille was featured in multiple papers, and the City of Scappoose's Facebook Page. She received many warm Birthday wishes from across Scappoose and the area!





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## June 2022, City Manager Update

This past fiscal year has been very memorable for the Community, City Council and City Staff. First, the lingering impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic continue to influence many aspects of our personal and professional lives, although we are beginning to see some return to normalcy with the recent easing of mask restrictions in most settings. The City was the recipient of approximately \$1.6 million in COVID related emergency funds, via the American Rescue Plan Act, and, thus far, has allocated funds to cover the cost of water meters, an ambulance for the Scappoose Rural Fire District, support for the newly formed Small Business Resource Center and a new vehicle for the police department. City Council, in partnership with the citizen members of the Budget Committee, are still working diligently to determine how the remaining funds will be spent.

Second, the City Council bid farewell to Councilor Joel Haugen, who resigned in the winter of 2022, welcomed Councilor Jeannet Santiago to fill the vacant seat and set goals for FY 2022-2023. Those goals have since been incorporated into the FY 2022-2023 Budget.

Third, City Staff have remained incredibly busy and were able to address the day-to-day operations of the City while also making significant progress on many of the goals identified by Council in FY 2021-2022 including but not limited to:

- Completion of the Old Portland Rd. Sidewalk Infill Project projected for early June, 2022, funded by the local fuel tax
- Restoration of Peace Candle – anticipated completion by August, 2022?
- Scappoose 100 Year Celebration
- Police Department Events – Halloween Drive Through and Donut Day
- Annual one-on-one meetings with neighboring local leaders
- Continuation of the City's voluntary sidewalk repair program
- Staff has expanded and continued communication outreach efforts through existing methods such as the City Newsletter and Facebook. Additionally, the City launched the City App, created a Nextdoor account, and is working on establishing an Instagram account
- The Grabhorn Park Design is being updated based upon the feedback received from the Grabhorn Park Ad Hoc Committee
- Progress has been made on Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades
- Phases 1 & 2 of the Columbia Commerce Center have been platted and approximately 14 acres of park land has been transferred to the City

Looking forward to the new Fiscal Year, the proposed budget includes funding for many important projects, inclusive of both our core services and City Council's adopted goals which includes support for the first phase of the 50 Year Plan, local economic development such as the expansion of OMIC, community livability, public safety, support for the local park system and a comprehensive update of the Parks Master Plan and significant investments in aging infrastructure. Thanks to Senator Johnson, the City received approximately \$14 million dollars for water and wastewater projects and will be aggressively pursuing completion of those projects over the next 3-5 years to meet the deadlines associated with those funds. I want to end this message by thanking the City's wonderful staff for all their hard work and the City Council for providing thoughtful leadership and vision. I look forward to continuing to serve the community.

Sincerely,

*Alexandra Rains, MPA, City Manager*



**SCAPPOOSE**  
**50 YEAR PLAN**

There is still plenty of time to play a role in the development of the 50-Year Plan! The best way to be sure your ideas are heard and considered is by filling out this survey. You can either return this form to Scappoose City Hall or utilize this QR code:

## Community Visioning Survey

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/50yearvision](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/50yearvision)



1. Why did you choose to live or work in Scappoose?
2. What makes Scappoose special today? What should we strive to preserve or enhance?
3. What about Scappoose would you like to change in the future? What can improve?
4. What people, groups, or communities should we contact to make this an inclusive process?
5. Is there anything else you would like to share about the future of Scappoose?
6. If you would like to sign up for regular updates on the development of the 50-Year Plan, please write your email below.

### Peace Candle Color Survey Results

City Council received the results of the Peace Candle Color Survey on May 2, 2022. Council decided to paint the Candle red.

**Red: 720 (52%)**  
**Yellow: 82 (6%)**  
**Off-White: 592 (42%)**



### Join us September 10th at Veterans Park for Run With Neil

A distance for everyone:  
1K, 6K, 10K or a virtual 5K

All proceeds will benefit Run With Neil which promotes whole body wellness for students and athletes in the Scappoose community.



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## FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collections 2022 Schedule

**Saturdays: June 11, August 27, and October 22** 8 am – 2pm  
Columbia County Transfer Station – 1601 Railroad Avenue, St. Helens

### A note from the Scappoose Building Department

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

#### If you decide to hire a contractor for your project:

- Get at least three (3) bids from contractors
- Be sure to ask for their Oregon Construction Contractor's license (CCB#) and verify it on the State's website.
- For more tips on how to find a reliable contractor and avoid scams: <https://www.oregon.gov/ccb/homeowner/Pages/reliablecontractor.aspx>



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



### BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Building Safety Month provides education for the public about solutions that improve the safety, sustainability, affordability, and resiliency of buildings, infrastructure, and communities. Building Safety Month unites

industries, associations, academia, and government under a common goal to protect the public by creating a safe and resilient built environment.

Visit the International Code Council website for more info:

<https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/building-safety-month/2022-safety-toolkit/>

### 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 (24hrs/day) 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 - June 6 & 20 @ 7:00 pm
- 50-Year Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting - June ?? @ 6:00 pm
- Economic Development Committee - Date TBD @ 12:00 pm
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting - Date TBD @ 6:00 pm
- Planning Commission - June 9 & 23 @ 7:00 pm



Verify meetings, get virtual meeting details, and more meeting information on our website:

[https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/meetings?field\\_microsite\\_tid=27](https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/meetings?field_microsite_tid=27)