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Community*



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December 2022

December 2022 City Manager Update

Dear Scappoose Community,

This past fall has been a very productive time for the City and I am happy to share our progress and accomplishments with you as we prepare to welcome in the new year.

- The City held our first ever Adventure Fest. It was widely attended and a lot of positive feedback was received regarding the focus on family friendly activities, local bands and vendors.
- The Urban Renewal Agency has received multiple applications for its newly established grant programs. Thus far, two awards have been made, the Healthy Smiles Project received \$15,000 and Cathedral Coffee received \$7,000. There are other applications still being considered for funding and the process remains open for additional applications.
- New conceptual plans for Grabhorn Park have been completed and shared with the Parks and Recreation Committee. Additionally, they have been made available to the consultant Team, MIG, who is completing the City's Parks Master Plan update. The Committee voted to incorporate further discussion on development of this park space into the Master Plan process rather than conducting it as a parallel process. There will be ample opportunities for the community to engage in the Parks Master Plan process including a survey, in-person outreach at community events, intercept surveys at local parks during recreation events, the Annual Town Meeting, City website and the City's social media accounts.
- Completion of the Peace Candle has been delayed due to supply chain issues related to the restoration of the wick. That said, the Candle has been repainted and all electrical work has been completed to ensure proper lighting.
- The Police Department hosted a Halloween Drive-Thru Event on October 31st and handed out candy and gift bags.

These are just a few of many projects City Staff have been working on over the last few months. If you ever have questions about a specific project, please feel free to contact me and or schedule a time to meet.

With the new year we are also welcoming in a new Council. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the outgoing members and wish them well as they move on to pursue other endeavors. Additionally, I would like to congratulate and welcome all the new members of Council, I look forward to working with this group come January 2023.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and thank City Staff for all their hard work and dedication in implementing the vision of Council and addressing the City's day to day needs.

I hope you enjoy a safe and wonderful holiday season! Happy New Year!

*Alexandra Rains, MPA
City Manager*

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streetlight issue
please contact
City Hall
503-543-7146,
ext. 224
Thank you!**

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Fall Leaves &

Storm Drains

WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Storm Drains are typically covered by grates with slats located near the edge of a street, see images below. These drains collect stormwater to help prevent localized flooding in the area. The stormwater then flows to the nearest stream or lake. Although not all city streets have a storm drain. Some older parts of town have wet-wells or collection basins which just hold additional stormwater until the ground can absorb it.

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT LOCALIZED FLOODING ON YOUR STREET

- DON'T BLOW OR RAKE LEAVES ONTO THE ROADWAY

Blowing or raking your leaves onto the street is not permitted. The street sweeper is not able to sweep large piles of leaves as it causes equipment failures & your section of street could be skipped if large piles are in the street/roadway. Leaves on the street could also flow to a nearby storm drain and clog the drain.

- RAKE LEAVES AWAY OR OFF STORM DRAINS

Keeping the storm drains or catch basins free of excess debris ensures they work properly to prevent localized flooding in the area. City & County crews work to keep all the storm drains clear, but with thousands of drains within Columbia County, a little help could go a long way and could help reduce property damage caused by localized flooding.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Check storm drain grates frequently to make sure they are free of leaves & debris.
- Do not remove grates from the drain opening – this does not unclog the system & creates a hazard.
- Rake leaves & yard debris away from storm drains near your home or business.
- Help keep leaves off the street.

If you noticed severe flooding on your street; call Public Works (503-543-8404).

TIPS FOR PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL:

- Dispose leaves in a compost bin
- Mulch leaves w/ lawnmower to spread on your garden or flowerbeds for winter nutrients
- Order a Waste Management yard-waste container (1-800-808-5901)
- Take your leaves to the following locations:
 - ❖ **Columbia County Transfer Station** 503-366-2613 (call for rates. Avg. truckload = 2-3 yards)
 - ❖ **Scappoose Community and Senior Center** @ 33342 SW Meadow Dr. (off SW 4th); will take leaves for **FREE** as compost on their community garden; can **only be leaves**. --NO grass clippings-- NO garbage-- NO tree trimmings or branches. *They also accept soda cans in the appropriate bin which helps the Center raise funds.*

NEED MORE INFO CALL SCAPPOOSE PUBLIC WORKS: 503-543-8404



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Download the free City App by scanning the code with your phone!

Small Business Spotlight

Brown Butter Bakery

51320 SW Old Portland Road

Scappoose, OR 97056

(503) 987 - 1740

brownbutterbakery@yahoo.com

www.brownbutter-bakery.com

Tuesday-Saturday 8:00am - 2:00pm



Since 2010, Brown Butter Bakery has helped provide the greater Scappoose area with baked goods that are made from scratch and prepared fresh every morning. Brown Butter Bakery believes it's important to use high quality ingredients so that the community can enjoy delicious baked goods here in town. The Bakery offers a range of ready-made items such as scones, muffins, cinnamon rolls, brownies, quiche, and even dog treats, as well as custom orders for your special occasions - large or small!

Store manager Darcy McDonald says that providing food for her community is her love language and her team strives to spread that love wherever they can. Brown Butter Bakery sponsors or regularly donates to Scappoose girls' soccer, the Scappoose Senior Center, St. Helens Meals on Wheels, the Amani Center, Columbia County CASA for Children, and the Scappoose Annual Town Meeting.

Darcy and her team love remembering the names of their frequent customers just as much as they enjoy seeing new faces pop in for the first time. Whether you need tasty treats for a wedding or a delicious breakfast to start the day, consider stopping by to check out this month's Scappoose Small Business Spotlight, Brown Butter Bakery!



2022 Police Department Halloween Event





Three groups of 3rd graders from Grant Watts Elementary School visited City Hall and the Police Department. They had the chance to meet City Staff, Police Officers, see where Council holds its meetings, and learn about how local government works.

It was great to see the interest the students showed in learning about their City government. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

A special thank you to Council President Megan Greisen for getting everything setup, touring the students around City Hall, and truly caring about meaningful engagement between the community and City Administration.



Fall Street Sweeping Reminder Through December

Public Works' fall street sweeping schedule is active **through December**. During this time, Public Works will be street sweeping **curbed streets** each week.

Schedule

Mondays – West of Hwy 30 and South of EM Watts

Tuesdays – West of Hwy 30 and North of EM Watts

Wednesdays – East of Hwy 30 and South of Elm Street

Thursdays – East of Hwy 30 and North of Elm Street

Please Note

- **Raking or blowing leaves/debris from your property into the street is prohibited and can risk damaging the Street Sweeper.**
- Crews may have to respond to emergencies and may not reach your street on a scheduled day.
- Please move any vehicles, trash bins, basketball hoops, or any other items off of **curbed streets** on the day of your zone.
- This schedule is subject to change.
- Follow the City of Scappoose on Facebook, Instagram, and the City App!

News from Scappoose Fire District



Scappoose Fire District will begin fire inspections for commercial buildings starting January 2023.

Scappoose Fire District is committed to protecting lives and property against fire loss. The best way to protect against fire loss is prevention. Routine fire inspections are one of the most effective ways to prevent fires within the community.

The purpose of the fire inspections is to identify and correct violations of the fire code, and to educate business and property owners about fire safety. Routine fire inspection is scheduled ahead of time with business owners and/or their designees. In addition to prevention of fires within our community, the completion of fire inspections also benefits our communities' ISO score, which can result in savings on insurance premiums for our citizens.

An ISO fire rating is a score provided to fire departments and insurance companies by the Insurance Services Office. The score reflects how prepared a community and area is for fires. The number of fire inspections completed is factored into the risk evaluation for a community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Scappoose Fire District at 503-543-5026.

Watts House ~ Save the Dates!

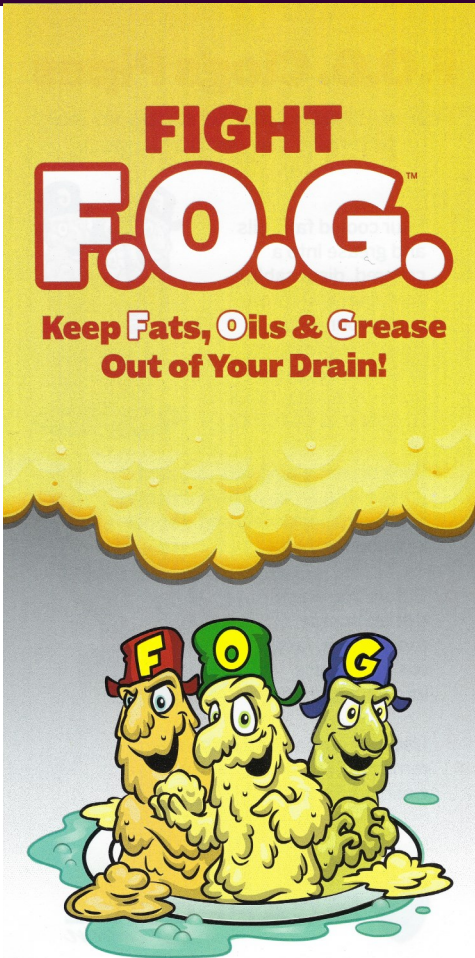
- **November 15th, 11am:** Tree decorating starts, to be completed before **November 28th**
- **Monday, Nov 28th, 6PM:** Watts House lighting and visit from Santa!
- **December 3rd, 10am:** Monthly General Meeting
- **Saturday, Dec 10th, 4-8pm:** Watts House Holiday Market
- **House tours: December 3rd-4th and 17th-18th. 3-7pm** on those dates.

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS...CURRENT AND PAST!

We would love to add you to our membership roster!
Become a member of the Scappoose Historical Society today

You don't need to live here to be a member of the Scappoose Historical Society!
You can support us from anywhere and the minimal annual membership fees of \$15 (individual) or \$20 (family or business) are so important to the work that the Historical Society does in preserving our town's history and the upkeep of the Watts House. Consider joining now!

Visit www.scappoosehistoricalsociety.org and click on the 'JOIN' tab.



F.O.G. Clogs Pipes

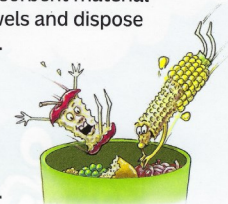
Follow these simple steps to help prevent sewer backups:

1. Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage. Never pour fats, oils or grease down sink drains or toilets. COOL IT, CAN IT & TRASH IT.



2. Soak up remaining fats, oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels and dispose into your garbage.

3. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils and grease into your garbage.



4. Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.



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F.O.G. Program
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City Meetings Calendar

- City Council Work Sessions, December 5 & 12, at 6:00 pm
- City Council Meetings - December 5 & 12, at 7:00 pm
- 50-Year Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting - No December meeting
- Economic Development Committee—December 15, at noon
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting - December 15, at 6:00 pm
- Planning Commission—December 8, at 7:00 pm

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

<https://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/meetings>

or call City Hall at 503-543-7146



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE

