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City Recorder Susan M. Reeves administers oath of office to Councilor Jeannet Santiago



March 2023 City Manager Update

Dear Scappoose Community,

This past winter has been a very busy time for the City. We have a new Mayor and new members of Council who are bringing fresh ideas and perspectives to our local legislative process. On February 4th, Council participated in a day long retreat to discuss their vision, refine the existing goal list and recommend new ideas for implementation during the upcoming fiscal year.

City Staff have also been incredibly busy implementing the existing goals of Council and balancing the day to day operations of the City. Some of our ongoing projects include:

- **Parks Master Plan Update.** This project is well underway and an extensive outreach effort for community engagement was completed. We are happy to report that we received just over 900 survey responses, more than the City has ever received during any previous outreach process. I want to acknowledge and thank the Parks and Recreation Committee and Mayor for lending a hand with these efforts.
- **Stormwater Master Plan Update.** After a very lengthy process, the City’s Stormwater Master Plan is nearing completion. Presentations to Council are scheduled for March 6th and 20th for review and formal adoption.
- **50-Year Plan.** The City’s ambitious 50-Year Plan, which is comprised of several studies, is making great progress. Thus far, the Housing Needs Analysis/Buildable Lands Inventory, Economic Opportunities Analysis and 50-Year Vision Statement have been completed. There are several more steps to come before this project will be complete and many more opportunities for public input and discussion.
- **Adventure Fest.** Council approved funding for Adventure Fest 2023 and plan to make this an annual event moving forward.

These are just some of the 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.

Looking forward to both Spring and Summer of 2023, the City continues to offer our Sidewalk Repair Program to help residents offset the cost of repairs. Information can be found on the City’s website at [Sidewalk Repair Program Information | City of Scappoose Oregon](#). Additionally, the City will be holding its Annual Town Meeting on April 8th, 2023 and we hope to see you all there to discuss next steps in the 50-Year Plan and the Parks Master Plan.

In closing, I want to acknowledge and thank both Council and City Staff for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully,
City Manager Alexandra Rains, MPA

How to Plan a successful home construction project

Do your homework...

- Get written detailed bids from at least three contractors. Compare the bids and ask questions. Don't assume that the lowest bid is the best deal.
- Verify that the contractor's license is active and check the complaint history at 503-378-4621 or <https://www.ccb.state.or.us/search/>
- Ask for (and check) their references. Look at other jobs the contractor has completed. Ask neighbors/friends.

Ask the contractor questions...

- Do they have the experience and expertise to do the work you want done?
- Who will do the actual work: the contractor, subcontractors, or other employees?
- Who will apply & pay for the permits?
- How many other jobs will the contractor be working on at the same time as yours? Their time lines.
- What written warranties are offered?
- Who can I call if I have questions or concerns?

A carefully written contract includes, at the least..

- ✓ A list of materials to be used including quality, quantity, weight, color, size, brand names, etc
- ✓ A list of allowance items and the budgeted amount. An allowance is a specific amount of money to buy items not yet selected. When these items (such as light fixtures) exceed the allowance, the homeowner pays the additional amount.
- ✓ A list of permits and who will get them.
- ✓ A payment schedule - **agree in advance to a payment schedule** that coincides with work completed. *Don't pay for everything up front.*
- ✓ An agreement that all "change orders" will be signed by the contractor and the homeowner. All change orders will be dated, and will include the nature and cost of the change. The change will include who is responsible for any additional cost.
- ✓ Workmanship warranties and specifically what they cover.
- ✓ Copies of the CCB required residential construction notices.
- ✓ Start and completion dates.
- ✓ The total price.

These and other consumer tips and publications are provided by the State of Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB).

- Risky Home Improvement Shortcuts; https://www.oregon.gov/ccb/Documents/pdf/risks_shortcuts.pdf
- Avoid Disaster Scams; <https://www.oregon.gov/ccb/Documents/pdf/Education/Disaster%20Scams%20Booklet.pdf>
- How to Select and Work with Contractors; <https://www.oregon.gov/ccb/Documents/pdf/Education/consumer-guide.pdf>
- Avoid, door to door solicitors & telemarketing calls. Verify Oregon Construction Licenses via phone or web; <https://www.ccb.state.or.us/search/>

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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).

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.

For more information, please visit the webpage listed below or contact Huell Whitehaus, Assistant to Public Works Director, at hwhitehaus@cityofscappoose.org.

Application here:

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



Scappoose Early Learning Center

Little Lilo Preschool Classroom at Grant Watts Elementary School



Through the Scappoose Early Learning Center- also known as Little Lilo's Preschool, Scappoose School District (SSD) aims to provide a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for the development of children. SSD believes that early education provides a vital foundation for all future learning. The knowledgeable and dedicated staff endeavors to instill a deep love of learning in children while preparing them for their next educational experience

Little Lilo's Preschool is funded through the Oregon Department of Education's Preschool Promise Grant; currently, there are 18 students, 10 of whom will be progressing to Kindergarten in the Fall. The preschool provides an excellent school-readiness opportunity where the preschoolers participate in lunch-times with kindergartners, walk through larger halls during passing times, interact in a multi-grade school setting, have access to school facilities, and socialize with multiple teachers and classes.

Further school readiness benefits include; a full-day program that is five days a week on a schedule aligned with the SSD calendar. Students work toward standards within the Oregon Kindergarten and Early Learning Guidelines, including progress reports on the K-12 report card cycle. Our teachers also utilize the Three Cheers for Pre-K curriculum that aligns with our K-12 Language Arts curriculum. Little Lilo's also offers monthly family engagement activities that provide families with fun social events and informative family learning opportunities.



Small Business Spotlight

Sweet & Knot

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 Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Come check out the recently opened plant store in town and this quarter's Small Business Spotlight, Sweet & Knot! In addition to a variety of beautiful house plants, Sweet & Knot offers monthly macramé making workshops open to everyone. These workshops allow people of all experiences to come together, have fun, and create something special to bring home or gift to a loved one. Given Sweet & Knot's early popularity, classes are filling up fast so keep your eye on the store's Facebook page or email Kellee for more information (both listed above).

Store owner Kellee was born and raised in Columbia County. One of her favorite things about opening and running Sweet & Knot has been the ability to make connections with her community, both the faces she's known forever and those that mark the beginning of a new friendship. So bring a friend along to visit this quarter's Small Business Spotlight for a macramé making class or to pick up your home's next potted creature.



The Scappoose Historical Society is planning a Saint Patrick's Day Murder Mystery Dinner at the Watts House on Friday, March 17th. Space is limited. Information and tickets available at www.Scappoosehistoricalsociety.org or by calling 971-645-3320. Thank you!



City Meetings Calendar

- City Council Work Session ~ March 6 & 20, at 6:00 pm
- City Council Meetings ~ March 6 & 20, at 7:00 pm
- Land Use Training with Council and Planning Commission ~ March 13, at 6pm
- Economic Development Committee ~ March 16, at noon
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ March 16, at 6:00 pm
- Planning Commission ~ March 9 & 23, at 7:00 pm
- 50-Year Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting ~ March 28, at 6:00 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