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### Mayor's Corner ~ Annual Town Hall Meeting Invitation

I hope to see as many of the residents as possible at the upcoming Scappoose Town Hall meeting on April 8, 2023 at the Scappoose High School auditorium. This presents a great opportunity for residents to get to know their elected officials and the city staff that keep our beautiful community running smoothly. Come early and speak to staff about projects ongoing in the city, progress on our parks master plan and learn how to become more engaged in the local government process.

During the Town Hall address I'll give an update on the new Council's first few months and review the goals that we have set for the year. We'll also discuss developments in the 50-Year Planning, and Parks Master Plan Processes, which will set our overall vision for the future of our community and the City's parks and recreation system. The more that residents become engaged in this process, the better our plan for the future can be aligned to meet the needs of residents.

I'll also be announcing the date of the first *Meet the Mayor* event. *Meet the Mayor* is an opportunity for me to get out into the community and meet with community members to hear their ideas and share city updates. Alternatively if you'd like to invite me to an event, or share an idea, please email me at [jbackus@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:jbackus@cityofscappoose.org). You can also follow me on Facebook at *Scappoose Mayor Joe Backus* for regular community updates. And, look for more messages from me in the Mayor's Corner of these monthly City Newsletters.

It has been an incredible first few months serving as Mayor, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Town Hall and around the community!



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## 2023 Annual Town Meeting

Join your neighbors for Scappoose's Annual Town Meeting, where you can hear about what's going on in the city and let your voice be heard!

Saturday, April 8th, 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Scappoose High School Auditorium  
33700 SE High School Way, Scappoose, OR

*Light breakfast and refreshments provided*

*Option to attend in-person or virtually via Microsoft Teams*

Learn about the Scappoose Parks Master Plan, 50-Year Plan, and Safe Routes to School

Contact [njohnson@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:njohnson@cityofscappoose.org) for questions or virtual link.



# SCAPPOOSE OREGON EARTH DAY



**GO GREEN TO SAVE GREEN  
DRAWING FOR A FREE ELECTRIC BIKE AT 2:30  
FREE PIZZA, BURGERS, & HOT DOGS 11:30-2**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 22  
7:30AM - 3PM AT HERITAGE PARK**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

**7:30 - 10:30 SCAPPOOSE CLEANUP  
11 - 3 INFO TALKS:**

**GREEN TECH - VEGETABLE GARDENING - ENERGY REBATES  
ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND BICYCLE DEMONSTRATIONS  
DEDICATION OF NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS  
LIVE MUSIC BY THE DECADES**



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## **2023 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**



**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED  
MARCH 13TH - MAY 10TH**

For more information:  
[www.ci.scappoose.or.us/cityhall/page/  
community-enhancement-program](http://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/cityhall/page/community-enhancement-program)

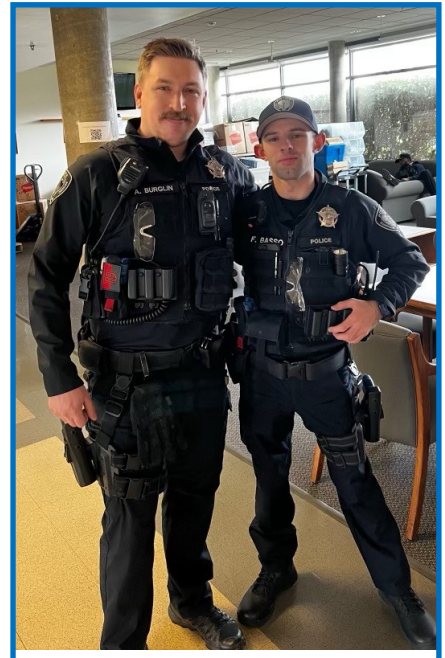
## Scappoose Police Department Looking Forward

First, the Scappoose Police Department would like to thank the community for their continued support over the past few years as we continue to improve and develop the police department to better serve our community. Police departments across the nation are facing historic challenges from maintaining sufficient staffing levels and addressing recruitment difficulties, to combating the rise in criminal behavior. Unfortunately, the Scappoose Police Department is not immune to this.

Despite this, the police department has been able to recruit two officers who are currently in the academy located in Salem, OR, and is working to fill two more positions.

Officer Burglin, (left) and Officer Basso, (right) have volunteered to serve during this challenging period for law enforcement. Every day they are getting closer to completing their journey in which they will be fully sworn, and commissioned officers dedicated to serving the people of Scappoose with compassion.

The Police Department will continue to be transparent and communicative with the community, so, look for more updates here in the Newsletter, and on the City's Facebook page in the coming months!



## Scappoose Police Department Crime tips reporting

The Scappoose Police Department has recently launched a new reporting system by which members of our community can report suspicious activity or concerns at [CrimeTips@scappoosepolice.com](mailto:CrimeTips@scappoosepolice.com). Please partner with your local police department and help us protect our community!

The City of Scappoose





**Little Peeps, it's time to Hop Hop Hop over to the Watts House and get your hugs from the Easter Bunny who will be visiting us on Sat, April 8th, from 12-2pm.**

For more information, please visit [www.scappoosehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.scappoosehistoricalsociety.org).



**Looking to volunteer with the Scappoose School District?**

Visit the SSD Website [www.scappoose.k12.or.us](http://www.scappoose.k12.or.us) for more information. Navigate to "For Parents" > "Resources" > listed under Forms.

**Outdoor School is BACK!**

On March 7th-10th, Otto Petersen Elementary 6th grade students embarked on an incredible experiential learning opportunity where it was safe to say that excitement was at an all-time high! This trip was the first traditional Outdoor School (ODS) experience since 2019. The 6th graders attended ODS, a multi-day learning experience at Camp Magruder near Rockaway Beach, where they lived in and learned about the natural world in a natural setting. The Camp has over 40 years of history in environmental education, and the students discovered a wide variety of ecosystems such as; forests, ocean views, freshwater lakes, marshes, wetlands, and ocean tide pools.



**City Meetings Calendar**

- City Council Work Session ~ April 3, at 6:00 pm
- Urban Renewal Agency meeting ~ April 17, 6:00 pm
- City Council Meetings ~ April 3 & 17, at 7:00 pm
- Economic Development Committee ~ April 20, at noon
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ April 20, at 6:00 pm
- Planning Commission ~ April 13 & 27, at 7:00 pm
- 50-Year Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting ~ April 25, 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>  
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