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**SCAPPOOSE**  
*Oregon*

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*Happy New Year!*

Scappoose City Council would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!



From left to right: Councilor Marisa Jacobs; Councilor Jeannet Santiago; Councilor Andrew Lafrenz; Mayor Joseph A. Backus; Council President Megan Greisen; Councilor Tyler Miller; and Councilor Kim Holmes.





The City of Scappoose would like to thank all those who participated in Doughnut Day on December 9, 2023. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to collect 410 pounds of nonperishable food items, along with \$1,400 to give to the Scappoose St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.





Information provided by Scappoose School District

*Thank you!*

Phil Lager  
Board Chair

Branda Jurasek  
Vice Chair

Summer Stutsman-Hoag

Patrick Kessi

Gwynn Klobes

*Thank you!*

Christine Sprenger

Alex Tardif

January is  
School Board  
Appreciation Month

Information provided by Scappoose Historical Society

There will be a History Connection talk on January 29, starting at 7pm, at the Scappoose Public Library, presented by the Scappoose Historical Society:

Diaries from the Oregon and Trails  
Patricia Oberndorf

In 1849 twenty-one-year-old Benjamin Marion Watts headed out to California to join in the Gold Rush. In 1850 his eighteen-year-old brother John William Watts followed. In a few months, John returned home to Missouri and in 1852 hit the trail again, this time with his father and family to try settling in Oregon, where Ben met them. Both young men kept trail diaries telling of their travels and events along the way. This presentation will describe their diaries and what they tell us about the makings of this important Scappoose pioneer family.



## SI YO FUERA ALCALDE...

### CONCURSO PARA ESTUDIANTES 2023-24

La Asociación de Alcaldes de Oregon y tu ciudadte invitan a participar en el concurso "SiYo FueraAlcalde..."

Comparte tus ideas creativas sobre lo que harías como alcalde.

¡Los ganadores locales que participen en el concurso estatal tendrán la oportunidad de ganar un regalo valorado en \$500!



## IF I WERE MAYOR....

### 2023-24 STUDENT CONTEST

The Oregon Mayors Association and your city invite you to enter the "If I Were Mayor..." Contest

Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor.

Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win a prize worth \$500!

Para más información visite:

[scappoose.gov/citycouncil/page/if-i-were-mayor-contest](https://scappoose.gov/citycouncil/page/if-i-were-mayor-contest)

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### 2023-2024 IF I WERE MAYOR CONTEST INFORMATION (Deadline 4:00pm on January 31, 2024)

Mayor Backus invites local students to share their ideas about what they would do if they were Mayor of Scappoose.

- What would you do if you were the Mayor?
- How would you improve life for the community?
- What ideas do you have for the future?
- How would you change the world?

#### Here is how the contest works...

The Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." Student Contest, is open to local students enrolled in school or being home-schooled for the 2023-2024 school year.

There are three categories:

- Elementary School (grade 4-5) - Posters Contest** (Photo of poster can be PNG, JPEG, or PDF files)
- Middle School (grade 6-8) - Essay Contest** (Word, PDF, PowerPoint or online essay format)
- High School (grades 9-12) - Digital Media Presentations** (Videos only, MP4 or online video format)

Local winners will receive a Fred Meyer gift card and lunch with Mayor Backus.

Completed submissions must be received at City Hall by 4:00pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

A contest flyer and entry form are available to download on the City's website at [www.scappoose.gov](http://www.scappoose.gov). Application packets are also available at Scappoose City Hall ~ 33568 East Columbia Avenue, Scappoose.

First place statewide winning students in each of the three categories will win \$500. These students will receive their prizes at the awards luncheon held during the OMA Summer Conference in Klamath Falls at the Running Y Ranch, July 18-20, 2024. Winners will be contacted in June for travel arrangements. Second and third place winning students win \$300 and \$100 respectively and will receive their prizes at local city presentations. For more information on City government, and what municipalities do, you can visit [the LOC Local Government Tool Kit](#) to learn more about local government!

All completed submissions will be reviewed at a future City Council meeting. Winners will be notified prior to the meeting.

For more information, please contact City Recorder Susan M. Reeves at 503-543-7146 or [sreeves@scappoose.gov](mailto:sreeves@scappoose.gov).

### City Meetings Calendar

- City Council Work Session ~ January 16 at 6:00pm
- City Council Meeting ~ January 16 at 7:00pm
- Planning Commission Meetings ~ January 25 at 7:00pm
- Economic Development Committee ~ January 18 at Noon
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ January 18 at 6:00pm

Verify meetings, get virtual meeting details, and get more meeting information on our website: <https://www.scappoose.gov> or call City Hall at 503-543-7146