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Let's talk about the  
local issues and projects  
of your community

Parks, 50-Year Plan, & more!

# Annual Town Meeting

AT SCAPPOOSE HIGH SCHOOL  
(AUDITORIUM)

Meet with City  
officials,  
community  
partners, and  
residents

Free to everyone  
and includes  
coffee and  
breakfast!

Saturday  
April 6 @ 9 am

State of the City Address



Joe Backus  
Scappoose Mayor

For More Information: [www.scappoose.gov/meetings](http://www.scappoose.gov/meetings)

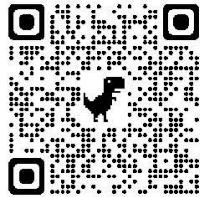
### City Council Vacancy

The City of Scappoose is currently accepting applications to serve as a member of City Council. To qualify you must reside within the city limits of Scappoose for at least 12 months prior to appointment. The term expires December 31, 2024. The City Council meetings are on the first and third Mondays of each month. Interest forms are available online at <http://www.scappoose.gov> or at Scappoose City Hall located at 33568 East Columbia Avenue. If you have any questions please contact Susan M. Reeves, City Recorder, at (503) 543-7146, ext. 224. Please mail, drop off, email ([sreeves@scappoose.gov](mailto:sreeves@scappoose.gov)) or fax (503) 543-7182 your completed interest form by 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2024. Interviews are scheduled to be held on April 1, 2024.

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## **Sheehan Memorial Chess Tourney coming on April 6th**

Online registration is now open for the Mike Sheehan Memorial Chess Tournament taking place on Saturday, April 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Scappoose Middle School GYM and cafeteria. The tournament is designed for children and adults of all ages and ability levels, even those who are just learning to play. Categories include beginners, intermediate, and advanced. Trophies for the top individuals and teams will be awarded. Check-in is from 8:00 to 9:00 and Welcome to Scappoose comments and tournament information from 9:00 to 9:20. The first of five rounds of tournament play will start at 9:30 and concludes about 3. Competitors may register on the day of the event but there's a limit on the number of entries, so early registration is encouraged. The individual registration fee is \$10 and if more than one competitor registers from the same school or family, it's only \$15 for sets of two competitors. For more information use the QR code below or this link: <http://www.biglarryproductions.com/msmct-april-6>



Mike Sheehan (1946-2018) was a former U.S. Marine and a lifelong and a highly accomplished chess player who honed his skills in California, New York and Israel against the best players available. But most will remember him as a local attorney and environmental activist. He took on the toughest problems, regardless of his clients' ability to pay. He was a difference maker and a role model. And Chess is where he shaped his skills to always be a step ahead and to think clearly under pressure.

Thank you to the Sponsors that make this event possible. They include the City of Scappoose, the Scappoose School District and the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation.

Saturday April 6 promises to be a special day for anyone who enjoys chess. All are welcome! Tournament T-shirts will be available for purchase at a nominal price.

**To report a streetlight issue please contact City Hall at 503-543-7146, ext. \*224  
Thank you!**



On Thursday March 14 at 7:00 pm the Scappoose Historical Society will present the 4th talk in our series of "History Connections". This time being held at the Scappoose Senior Center on Meadow Drive. Our speaker will be Stephanie Craig who will present a free program (donations accepted) sharing her ancestor's past history and art primarily Native American basketry.

Stephanie is of Santiam and Yoncalla Kalapuya, Takelma Rogue River, Cow Creek Umpqua, and Clackamas Chinook descent and a seventh-generation traditional basket weaver, tradition keeper, and ethnobotanist (the traditional harvesting, preparation and storage of indigenous plants) She comes from a long line of strong traditional women-weavers in her tribe. She grew up around tribal elders listening to them talk about the old ways. She will be bringing many baskets with her to show. Stephanie also runs a small business where she travels to different tribes and institutions to teach weaving.



City Council presented City Manager Alexandra Rains with a plaque to thank her for her years of service to the City and the Community and wished her the best in her new position at the City of Oregon City.

In the picture: Councilor Andrew Lafrenz; Councilor Marisa Jacobs; Councilor Jeannet Santiago; Alexandra Rains; Mayor Joseph A. Backus; Councilor Kim Holmes; Councilor Tyler Miller and Council President Greisen. Picture taken January 22, 2024.



The Scappoose Senior Center Board of Directors presented City Manager Alexandra Rains with a plaque and thanked her for all her work and dedication to the Senior Center. Pictured from Left to right is Robert Glosenger; Clara Pell; Alexandra Rains; Cindy Hoff; Judy Dughman; and Beth Glosenger.

### Senior Center receives CRPUD Funding

The Scappoose Senior Center (SSC) has been awarded an Economic Grant from the Columbia River Public Utility District (CRPUD) to replace the Bread Store roof. They applied for the suggested maximum amount of \$7,500 but once the Board saw the need and urgency for replacing the roof, they voted to increase that amount to \$12,590, which is the total cost of the new roof, unless additional plywood sheeting is needed. In their comments, the Board recognized the important function that the Bread Store provides in our community.

The winning bid was submitted by Mark Comfort Construction. Mark is a local contractor and a friend of the Scappoose Senior Center. The SSC appreciates his support and the excellent work he has done in the past. The new roof is scheduled to be installed this spring.

It was a three-step process to receive this funding. First, the SSC completed the grant application. Second, they presented their proposal to the CRPUD staff, and the final step was to be interviewed by the CRPUD Board themselves. SSC member involved in this process were President Clara Pell, Treasurer Sam Ketcham, Board Member Cindy Hoff and Pete McHugh.

The SSC appreciates and applauds all the CRPUD does to enhance the livability and economy in Columbia County. Their help with funding this much-needed project is very meaningful to the SSC membership.

### A note from your Scappoose Building Department

Spring & Summer is typically remodel-season for Pacific Northwest property owners. To help make your remodel/development project a success, visit our website for helpful links about permits;

<https://www.scappoose.gov/building>

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

- \* Ask friends/neighbors who they recommend
- \* Get at least 3 bids, (a higher bid might be worth the price in better materials, workmanship, communication & reliability)
- \* Anyone can pretend to be a contractor. Be sure to ask for their Oregon contractor's licenses and check to see if its valid on-line via link below. Also view tips on how to find a reliable contractor and how to avoid construction scams; <https://www.oregon.gov/ccb/pages/consumer-tools.aspx>
- \* Ask for references to follow up on
  - \* Have a written contract (examples are within the above link)

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



## Small Business Spotlight



### Communications

(503) 987 - 2896

[www.texcocleaning.com](http://www.texcocleaning.com)

[texcocleaningllc@gmail.com](mailto:texcocleaningllc@gmail.com)

### Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: By appointment only

### What They Do

Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Lucky for us, Scappoose has a locally owned and operated cleaning business that will come give your flooring (hard and carpet) and furniture the cleaning they deserve. The folks at TexCo Cleaning have over 15 years of residential and commercial cleaning experience and use top of the line products to maintain their “gold standard” cleaning experience. As a local business, TexCo understands the value of their reputation and with that understanding comes their commitment to high performance and building lifelong customers.

### Deals & Savings

As their way of giving back, TexCo Cleaning offers forever discounts to military personnel (including veterans), first responders, teachers, and healthcare workers. You can inquire with any of their communication channels above for more information on this.

In March only, they are also offering all customers savings on their Mix & Match March deals! This means you get 10% off when you book one service, 20% off for two services, and 30% off for three services. Book with the March Small Business Spotlight today to capitalize on these amazing deals!

### **Scappoose Fire District has an opening on its Budget Committee**

This is a 3-year term beginning 2/1/2024 and ending 1/31/2027. If you are interested in serving the District in this volunteer capacity, or have questions about what is involved, please contact Maria Heath at [mheath@srfd.us](mailto:mheath@srfd.us) or call 503-543-5026.

Thank you!



# 2024 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

Saturdays: Mar. 2, Jun. 8, Aug. 24, and Nov. 2

8 am - 2 pm

Columbia County Transfer Station - 1601 Railroad Ave., St. Helens

## BRING to HHW Events:

- ◆ Lawn / Garden Chemicals
- ◆ Herbicides / Pesticides
- ◆ Pool / Spa Chemicals
- ◆ Light Ballasts
  - ◆ remove from light fixture
- ◆ Fluorescent Tubes
- ◆ Art / Hobby Chemicals
- ◆ Solvents / Thinners
- ◆ Items Containing Mercury
- ◆ Propane Cylinders
- ◆ Compressed Gas Cylinders
- ◆ Batteries
  - ◆ all types and applications
- ◆ Cleaners / Detergents
- ◆ Poisons
- ◆ Ammunition
- ◆ Fireworks / Flares
- ◆ Gas / Diesel / Fuels

**Bring product in original container and Secure Your Load**

## DO NOT BRING to HHW Events:

- ◆ Asbestos
- ◆ Garbage / Trash
- ◆ Flammables / Corrosives
- ◆ Ethyl / Ether
- ◆ Liquids in Containers **Larger Than 5 Gallons**
- ◆ More than 25 Gallons of Liquids
  - ◆ per household (excludes paint and oil)
- ◆ Unwanted / Unused Medicines or Pharmaceuticals
  - ◆ drop off at the County Sheriff's Office

## RECYCLE these items at the Transfer Station (during business hours):

- ◆ Latex and Acrylic Paint, Oil-Based Paint, Enamels, Stains, Lacquers, Shellacs, Varnishes, and Primers
- ◆ Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze
- ◆ Electronics
  - ◆ TVs, computers, monitors, etc.

**MEDICAL SHARPS** must be in sealed, OSHA approved, puncture-proof containers (available at the Transfer Station scale house).

**For All OTHER MATERIALS** including materials from Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs, <220 lbs./mo.) and liquids in containers larger than 5 gallons, call Mark Hayes | ACT Enviro (971.303.2972) at least 2 weeks prior to an event for an appointment.

## REMOTE HHW Collection Events:

<b>Vernonia</b>	<b>Rainier</b>	<b>Clatskanie</b>
April 13, 2024	May 18, 2024	October 5, 2024

**SATURDAYS, 8 AM - NOON**



**Call Jake Anderson, Solid Waste Coordinator, at 503.397.7259 for additional information**

*This event is only for Columbia County residents. Proof of residency may be requested before any waste is accepted. Columbia County may limit the amount of waste collected. No commercial or other organizational waste will be accepted.*

# RECYCLE COMPUTERS, TVS, PAINTS, OILS, & MORE AT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

1601 Railroad Ave, St. Helens  
Open Monday - Saturday, 8a.m. - 5p.m.

The following items are accepted for recycling at no charge. Place in designated bins.

- **Commingled Recyclables Bin:** same items as your curbside cart
  - **Cartons:** milk and juice
  - **Newspaper**
  - **Paper:** brown paper bags, magazines and catalogs, scrap paper, cereal boxes, junk mail
  - **Plastic Jugs, Bottles, & Tubs:** no styrofoam, take out containers, or bags
  - **Metal:** aluminum, steel, tin cans
- **Cardboard Bin:** all corrugated cardboard - flattened
- **Glass Bin:** Only bottles and jars. **NO WINDOW GLASS, dishware, cookware, porcelain or ceramics**
- **Metal Bin**
  - **Scrap Metal**
  - **Appliances:** Metal dishwashers, water heaters, clothes dryers, clothes washers, stoves only.
    - **Appliances with refrigerant will be charged a fee for refrigerant recycling, see scale house.**
- **Electronics Recycling Area:** computers, monitors, printers, TV's - place into designated boxes
- **Motor Oil Bin by the electronics recycling area:** Leave container on the shelf by the oil bin
- **Cooking Oil Bin by the electronics recycling area:** pour cooking oil into bin
- **Architectural Paint:** go across scales, alert scale house staff, drive to paint recycling area. Staff will unload.
- **Interior and exterior architectural paint:** For more information on acceptable paint products: <http://productcare.org/Oregon-collection-sites>.

The following items are accepted for recycling for a fee during normal operations

- Antifreeze
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Appliances with Refrigerant: refrigerators, freezers, A/C units
- Car Batteries
- Tires

## FREE DISPOSAL of Medical Sharps in sealed OSHA approved container

BRING containers to the SCALE HOUSE, containers must be sealed  
Consider participating in the sharps exchange container program:

<https://www.columbiacountyor.gov/departments/SolidWaste/medical-waste-and-sharps>



The Columbia County transfer station DOES NOT ACCEPT:

- Radioactive Materials
- Vehicles
- Asbestos

### Questions?

- For garbage/recycling, contact the Transfer Station Information Line at (503) 397-9811
- For hazardous waste, contact the Columbia County Solid Waste Coordinator at (503) 397-7259



**Columbia County residents between the ages of 16-25 with a new business idea, sign up today!**

## **Calling all Young Entrepreneurs!**

**Business classes and mentorship start Spring 2024 online & in person  
\$5,000 grant & \$7,500 low interest loan grand prize  
Winner will be selected in Fall 2024  
Funding will be awarded at the end of the year  
Businesses aren't limited to physical storefronts, use your imagination!**

## **Want to get involved?**

**We're seeking sponsors, donors, mentors, & volunteers!  
Sponsors with a \$1,000 donation get a full table at the final judging event  
Mentors needed as companies or individuals for participant guidance  
Program volunteers needed for events & training  
Donors or interested parties, please email [columbiacountyhub@gmail.com](mailto:columbiacountyhub@gmail.com)  
<https://columbiacountyhub.com> for more info**



### **City Meetings Calendar**

- **City Council work session ~ March 4 & 18, at 6:00pm**
- **City Council Meetings ~ March 4 & 18, at 7:00pm**
- **Planning Commission Meetings ~ March 14 & 28, at 7:00pm**
- **Economic Development Committee ~ March 21, at Noon**
- **Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ March 21, at 6:00pm**
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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