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SCAPPOOSE *Oregon*

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

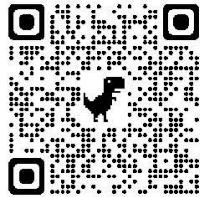
For More Information: www.scappoose.gov/meetings

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



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.

Scappoose Historical Society will hold another History Connection talk at the Scappoose Library on April 22nd at 7 pm.

The guest speaker will be Joanne Pellham from the Columbia County Museum Association and a lifelong resident of St. Helens with family connections in the Burlington area. She will be presenting a pictorial history of life Before the Bridge. Steamers, ferries, boats and their Captains helped to get the Islander to the mainland for attending school, trading, conducting business, and visiting friends and family before the Sauvie Island bridge was built.

For more information, please contact the Scappoose Historical Society at 971-645-3320. Thank you!



Mayor Backus presented a plaque to Council President Megan Greisen

In Special Recognition of
Megan Greisen
For your outstanding Service,
Dedication and Commitment to the
City of Scappoose

Councilor
January 2017 ~ September 2020

Council President
October 2020 ~ February 2024

Thank you, Megan!

2024 If I Were Mayor Contest

At the February 20, 2024 City Council meeting, Mayor Backus and City Council awarded prizes to the If I Were Mayor Contest winners. In the essay contest, Catania was awarded first place. In the poster contest Lila was awarded first place. In the essay contest Remi; Abel; and Conrad were awarded runner up. Thank you all for participating. Congratulations!



Pictured: Mayor Backus with If I Were Mayor Contest Essay Runner Up Remi and Essay Runner Up Abel. Congratulations!

Indoor-Outdoor Leaks Tips

Regularly check for water LEAKS

Even small leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water a month.

Examples of water lost to leaks from a dripping faucet		Examples of water lost to leaks from an irrigation system	
Drops per minute	= Gallons per month wasted	Hole size in inches	= Gallons per month wasted
60	= 192	1/32	= 6,300
90	= 288	1/16	= 25,000
120	= 384	1/8	= 100,000
		3/16	= 225,000
		1/4	= 400,000

Everyone can find leaks at home.

Household leaks are common. Take 20 minutes today to check your home for leaks with these simple tips:

INDOORS

Toilets: Use dye tablets/strips from your water provider or 10 drops of food coloring to see if you have a slow or silent leak. See the blue box below to get the easy steps.



Showerheads and faucets: Check these for drips. Find slower leaks by checking the sink or tub first thing in the morning. If it is wet, you may have a leak.

OUTDOORS

Service connection/irrigation: Look for soft, wet spots in your yard during the summer. The location of the spot will help you determine the source. Common culprits are sprinkler heads or sometimes it is the water service connection.



Some leaks are easy and inexpensive to fix yourself. However, call a plumber or contact your landlord for larger projects outside of your comfort zone.



Learn more about where you might find leaks at home and ways to find leaks using your water meter or utility bill at regionalH2O.org/leaks or by scanning the QR code.

The Regional Water Providers Consortium provides leadership in the planning, management, stewardship, and resiliency of drinking water in the Portland, OR metropolitan region.

Get more information and resources at www.regionalh2o.org.



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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM NOW OPEN!

<https://www.scappoose.gov/cityhall/page/community-enhancement-program>





Scappoose 50-Year Plan Project Update!

What's happened and what's coming up?

The Scappoose 50-Year Plan is a multi-phase project that has spanned nearly three years. The 50-Year Plan sets the City's long-term land use patterns based on the vision for how Scappoose will grow in the future.

What has the City completed so far?

- Developed a 50-Year Vision Statement to guide the project.
- Identified land needs for housing, jobs and community uses over the next 20 and 50 years.
- Developed recommendations for Comprehensive Plan and Development Code updates to reflect community values, implement the decisions made during the project, and meet state requirements.

What is the City currently working on?

- Analysis of where the City could grow in the future. Scappoose needs more land to support expected growth through 2043, which will require a small expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).
- The City is also considering where to plan for Urban Reserves to accommodate growth through 2073.

What are the next steps?

- Finalize areas for Urban Growth Boundary expansion and establishing Urban Reserves.
- Adopt the 50-Year Plan and supporting documents. City Council and Planning Commission will hold work sessions and hearings to consider adopting the 50-Year Plan and its various elements. **The City is anticipating adoption to take place in Fall 2024.**

WHERE IS THE CITY CONSIDERING EXPANSION?

Scappoose is looking to expand into Columbia County areas where housing or businesses are already allowed; however, the final areas for consideration are still being evaluated. The City must follow the State process for evaluating expansion areas, which prioritizes expansion of cities into areas where housing or businesses are already allowed under County zoning, before expansion into farm or forest lands.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PROPERTY OWNERS IF THEIR LAND MOVES INSIDE THE UGB?

- » Property owners maintain their rights based on what is currently allowed by County zoning. Being inside the UGB increases future opportunities but does not force owners to develop.
- » Property owners can apply for annexation once their property abuts City limits. Once annexed, property is eligible to connect to city services, like water and sewer.
- » Property brought into the UGB or Urban Reserve area does not change the property's tax rate. The tax rate would only change if the property were annexed into City limits.




Want to learn more? Visit the project website for more information.

www.scappoose.gov/vision

Have a question? Contact N.J. Johnson, Associate Planner at njohnson@scappoose.gov or 503-543-7184

YOUR TYPE IS JUST WHAT WE NEED. Schedule your blood donation today.



CITY OF SCAPPOOSE

Scappoose City Hall Parking Lot | Bloodmobile Bus
33568 E Columbia Ave.

Friday, April 5
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Scan the QR Code or visit BloodworksNW.org/GiveBlood to book your one hour appointment today!

Photo ID & appointments required. No one under the age of 16 permitted onsite.

ALL DONATIONS GO TO PATIENTS IN THE PNW

Bloodworks NW is an independent non-profit organization providing 55% of the blood used in the greater Portland area. We are the primary provider of blood products to patients at every Providence and Legacy hospital in Oregon.

Sign up today and save lives right here in our community!

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SCAPPOOSE OREGON
**EARTH
DAY**



GO GREEN TO SAVE GREEN
8 AM - 11 AM BEAUTIFYING SCAPPOOSE PARKS
12 PM - 3 PM TECH TALKS, LIVE MUSIC, & LUNCH
IN HERITAGE PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

7:30AM - 3PM AT HERITAGE PARK

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

7:30 AM VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST AT HERITAGE PARK
GREEN TECH - VEGETABLE GARDENING - ENERGY REBATES - FARM COLLECTIVE
GARDEN INSECT WORKSHOP - ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT RAFFLES
ELECTRIC BICYCLE RAFFLE
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - LIVE MUSIC BY THE DECADES

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Want a better job or career change?

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PCC: short term training

The PCC OMIC Training Center offers flexible certificates for good paying jobs, at low or no cost to you. You can get trained, get certified and job ready in 3 months.

What's next?

Take a look at our opportunities at pcc.edu/omic. Then, apply to PCC online, for free, in just a few minutes. Apply here: pcc.edu/enroll New classes are starting soon.

Application Deadline for Summer Term: June 10, 2024

Summer Term starts: June 24, 2024



Portland Community College is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Institution.

Please join the Scappoose School Board for a listening session where the Oregon School Board Association representative Kristen Miles will lead the discussion. As a group of engaged stakeholders, we plan to discuss the next steps in planning for future facility needs.

Save the date, get involved, and be a part of why Scappoose School District is an extraordinary place to grow for our students, staff, and community!

Monday, April 29, 2024- During SSD School Board Work Session
6:30 pm -8:00 pm
Scappoose Middle School

SCAPPOOSE SCHOOL DISTRICT



District Listening Session

Monday, April 29, 2024
6:30 pm- 8:00 pm

Scappoose Middle School
52265 S Columbia River Highway
Scappoose, OR 97056



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

The Grant Watts Elementary Annual Spring Auction will be on Saturday, April 20th @ 4:30pm at the Columbia County Fairground! The Grant Watts Parents Organization welcomes parents, friends, and community members to attend. Enjoy dinner, drinks, silent and live auctions, fundraising games, a photo booth and more! Pre-purchased ticket required.

This is a 21 and over, adult only event. Onsite childcare is available. Buy your ticket, register for childcare, make a donation and more at <https://gwpo.ejoinme.org/2024auction>.

GRANT WATTS PARENT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL

Spring Auction

Join us in supporting our school

Saturday, April 20th @ 4:30PM

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Pre Purchased Tickets Required

City Meetings Calendar

- City Council work sessions ~ April 1 & 15, at 6:00pm
- City Council Meetings ~ April 1 & 15, at 7:00pm
- 50-Year Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting ~ April 9, at 6:00pm
- Planning Commission Meetings ~ April 11 & 25, at 7:00pm
- Economic Development Committee ~ April 18, at Noon
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ April 18, 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