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# SCAPPOSE

### **AUGUST 2024**

Scappoose student Catania Fenstermaker took Second Place at the State level of the OMA "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest.

Congratulations, Catania!







**Mayor Backus and Catania** 

### Thank you!!



Scappoose City Council and staff would like to thank
Larry Lehman for his service while taking on the role as Interim
City Manager, again.
Larry was the Interim City Manager for Scappoose in 2014.

Thank you, Larry!

We wish you the best!

Photo of: Larry Lehman; Mayor Joseph A. Backus; Council President Tyler Miller; and Councilor Ty Bailey

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To report a streetlight issue please contact City Hall at 503-543-7146 Thank you!

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## HOW DOES THE CITY USE THE MONEY WE COLLECT? Utility Bills – Water, Sewer and Storm Water

Water, Sewer and Storm Water fees received are retained in separate funds from the General Fund dollars we have covered the last two newsletters. These funds run like separate businesses and do not receive any property tax dollars. Payments made from fees received are restricted as to what they can be used for and are listed below.

Utility Rates are increased each fiscal year in July based on the Engineering News-Record 20 city average of the Construction Cost Index. This year the increases are:

Water - 2.7%

Sewer/Wastewater – 7% (required by loan agreement)

Storm Drainage - 2.7%

Expenses paid by these funds include Utility Billing costs, meter reading, turning water off and on, software, materials and services for utility use. Payroll wages and benefits for employees that work for these departments are also paid from utility funds.

Funds are used for capital improvements including the Keys reservoir, pump stations and wastewater treatment plant improvements, repair of pipes and line replacement as well as storm drainage maintenance, improvements and street sweeping. Equipment needed to perform water, sewer and storm water functions are paid for using utility revenues.

Debt service payments for prior debt as well as future debt needed to complete the water and wastewater projects in progress are the responsibility of utility funds. Urban Renewal funds will pay 21% of new eligible capital improvements over the next 10 years to avoid the need to increase utility rates to cover loans for the reservoir and treatment plant.

### Water Conservation

It's that time of year when the sun comes out and temperatures rise. With that comes increased water use. Water is unfortunately not limitless. The City of Scappoose is asking for your help to conserve water this summer.

#### You can help by taking a few easy steps:

- · Limit car washing
- · Wash only full loads of dishes or laundry
- Avoid over watering of gardens and lawns
- Set sprinklers to not spray on concrete or asphalt
- · Water during the morning or evening
- · Reduce shower time
- · Inspect your home for pipe, faucet, and toilet leaks
- · Consider installing high-efficiency faucets





### Did You Know?

- A 10-minute shower uses 15 20 gallons of water
- · One drip per second wastes 3,000 gallons of water annually
- · Dishwashers use a fraction of the water than hand washing
- · On average, 30% of household water is flushed down the toilet
- Visit <u>www.epa.gov/watersense</u> for more about saving water



# SUMMER READII

## Track your reading and earn prizes!

free books experiences

performers

fun

friends

activities

museum presentations



June 15th - August 24th / www.scappooselibrary.org





#### Scappoose Rural Fire District

We are grateful to the community for supporting the Scappoose Volunteer Firefighter Association's pancake breakfast on July 4th. The event was a great success, raising approximately \$9,100. The funds, after covering expenses, will be used to provide scholarships for trade schools or college tuition to high school seniors. We especially want to extend our thanks to the following businesses for their contributions and services.

PCC/OMIC Scappoose Fast Lube & Oil

High School Oregon Aero, Inc.

Betsy Johnson Ichabod's Restaurant

Longfellow's Inn. Oregon Hill Farms

Kneeland Brothers LLC **Grocery Outlet** 

Hudson Garbage Scappoose Sand & Gravel Co.

**Engstrom Food Mart** 

Thank you to all the volunteers who cooked, served, cleaned, and worked to make this breakfast a success. Thank you for supporting our Scappoose Fire Association once again.







Thank you, Bill Blank
For Your Outstanding Service,
Dedication and Commitment to
the City of Scappoose, Oregon

Planning Commissioner February 1999 to June 2024

Thank you, Bill!

In Special Recognition of
JJ Duehren for Your Outstanding
Service, Dedication and
Commitment to the 2024
Scappoose Summer
Outdoor Festival

Thank you, JJ!



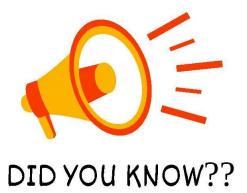
## Scappoose Historical Society will present another History Connections talk on September 18th at 7pm.

A new venue for us will be at the Historic Red Barn owned by Renee and Duane Pizzo at 53760 West Lane Road, Scappoose (intersection of West Lane and Honeymoon Road).

Plenty of seating and a treat for us all to see the barn.

Tricia Oberndorf will speak on the Pisgah Mountain Home in Scappoose. In 1911 Mrs. Hattie Lawrence first encountered the philosophy and concept of homes for derelicts presented by Rev. F. E. Yoakum of Los Angeles. She took the concept and made it her own, building a legacy in Portland and Columbia County. It culminated in the creation of an incredible "colony" on a mountaintop west of Scappoose. This talk will cover the highlights of this historic endeavor. Books will be available for purchase.





#### Property owners are responsible for:

- Maintaining the sidewalks that abut their property and may be liable for injuries that occur due to poorly maintained sidewalks (Scappoose Municipal Code 12.04)
- Maintaining the shrubs, trees and plantings at or near their property line so that vegetation does not obstruct the use of the sidewalk or street (Scappoose Municipal Code 8.20.100)

If you have a sidewalk that needs repair, consider participating in the City's **Sidewalk Repair Program**. To find more information on this program, please visit our website:

https://www.scappoose.gov/community/page/sidewalk-repair-program-information or call City of Scappoose Public Works Department at 503-543-7146.

# 2024 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

Saturdays: 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 Than5 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:

VernoniaRainierClatskanieApril 13, 2024May 18, 2024October 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.

#### **Scappoose City Council Election Information**

At the 2024 General Election on November 5, 2024, the Scappoose Mayor and three Councilor positions will appear on the ballot.

#### Mayor (2-year term)

Presently held by Joseph A. Backus

#### Councilor – 3 positions (4-year term)

Presently held by Tyler Miller; Marisa Jacobs; and Ty Bailey

If you are interested in running for City Council, there are a few requirements you should be aware of:

#### Qualifications:

- \* Must be 18 years of age or older.
- \* Must be registered to vote in Oregon.
- \* Must have resided within the city limits of Scappoose during the 12 months prior to the election.

#### **About Scappoose City Council**

- City Council is composed of a Mayor and six Councilors.
- Terms are two years for Mayor and four years for Council, unless filling an unexpired term.
- Candidates must declare the position for which they are running (Mayor or Councilor).
- Candidates may only run for one position per election.
- Councilors must take an oath of office before commencing duties.
- Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday.
- Councilors must file an annual statement of economic interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC).

Serving as an elected official certainly requires a significant time commitment but is extremely rewarding. Details on how to run for City Council are available online at www.scappoose.gov.

Candidate binders are available at Scappoose City Hall, 33568 East Columbia Avenue, Scappoose, Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Candidates have two options to file: by declaration or by petition. The filing period started on June 1, 2024.

#### Option 1 - Candidates Filing by Declaration

Per City of Scappoose Municipal Code, you have the option of filing a fee in lieu of obtaining signatures on a petition. The current Candidate Filing Fee is \$20 and may be paid in person at City Hall or online at <u>City of Scappoose OR - Online Payments</u> (pointandpay.net). Must submit Form SEL101 with payment.

#### Option 2 - Candidates Filing by Petition

Petition forms must be approved in writing by the City Elections Official before you begin to gather signatures. After your petition is approved, the City Elections Official will return the form to you to start gathering signatures. Scappoose candidates must collect 39 valid signatures to place a candidate on the ballot.

The city elections officer (city recorder) is available as a resource during your candidacy. Please contact City Recorder Susan Reeves at 503-543-7146 or sreeves@scappoose.gov if you have any questions about the election process.

All required forms must be properly completed and returned to City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, City Elections Official, **no later** than 4:00 p.m. on August 16, 2024. Completed forms can be brought to City Hall in person or mailed.

Drop-off or Mail to: City of Scappoose ~ City Recorder Susan M. Reeves 33568 East Columbia Avenue Scappoose, OR 97056

If you mail your documents, you must follow-up with City Elections Official Susan M. Reeves to confirm that your document(s) were received by 4:00 p.m. August 16, 2024. **Note: signatures must be verified by the county elections office by 5:00 p.m. on this day.** 

For more information, please visit the City's website or contact City Elections Official Susan M. Reeves at 503-543-7146 or sreeves@scappoose.gov.

#### AUGUST 2024

### VIES BY MOONLIGHT



\$1 HOT DOGS IN NOT BURGERS!
ENTERTAINMENT!
GIVEAWAYS!



LIVE MUSIC! CONTESTS! FAMILY FUN!



AUGUST 2: BILL & TED'S EXCELLENT

**ADVENTURE** 

AUGUST 9: WONKA

**AUGUST 16: INDIANA JONES & THE DIAL** 

**OF DESTINY** 

**AUGUST 23: GRAN TOURISMO** 

AUGUST 30: E.T.

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT IN AUGUST
HERITAGE PARK

52469 SE SECOND ST, SCAPPOOSE EVENTS AT 6PM MOVIES AT DUSK













PORT OF Columbia County

#### **City Meetings Calendar**

- City Council work session ~ August 5, 2024, 6:00pm
- Urban Renewal agency meeting ~ August 19, 2024, 6:00pm
- City Council Meetings ~ August 5 & 19, 2024, 7:00pm
- Planning Commission Meetings ~ August 22, at 7:00pm
- Economic Development Committee ~ August 15, at Noon
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ August 15, at 6:00pm
- 50-Year SAC ~ August 20, 2024, 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