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Calendar

#### Mayors corner

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, it's hard to believe fall is already here -my favorite time of year! With autumn comes the excitement of students returning to school. We're fortunate here in Scappoose to have so many children who can walk or bike to school, so please be extra cautious when driving, especially during the busy morning and afternoon hours.

As I near the completion of my second year as your mayor, election season is upon us once again. This November, I encourage everyone to take the time to learn about the candidates and measures on the ballot. Voting is a powerful way to make your voice heard, and your participation is key to shaping our community's future.



I'm also excited to introduce Benjamin Burgener, our new City Manager, who started on September 1. Please join me in giving Ben and his family a warm Scappoose welcome! Let's show them what makes our city such a special place to call home.

Lastly, don't forget that our City Council holds public meetings on the first and third Mondays of every month at 7 p.m. in the City Hall council chambers. We'd love for you to join us and take part in shaping the future of Scappoose.

Sincerely, Mayor Joe Backus



#### SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

As National Fire Prevention Week approaches, we invite you to join us for a special open house hosted by our local fire district. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your firefighters, tour our fire station, and learn essential fire safety tips to protect your home and loved ones. We'll have engaging demonstrations and valuable information on fire prevention strategies. Your presence not only strengthens our community ties but also helps ensure we're all better prepared in case of an emergency. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 9th at 5:30 pm and be a part of this important and informative event—together, we can make a difference in fire safety.





# <u>leaves</u> & Storm Drains

#### WHAT IS A STORM DRAIN?

Storm Drains are typically covered by grates with slats located near the edge of a street, see images below. These drains collect rain/storm water to help prevent localized flooding in the area. The stormwater pipes typically leads to the nearest stream or lake. Not all city streets have a storm drain. Some older parts of town have wet-wells or collection basins which just hold additional stormwater until the ground can absorb it, in heavy rain events these typically reach capacity quickly.

#### YOU CAN HELP PREVENT LOCALIZED FLOODING ON YOUR STREET

DON'T BLOW OR RAKE LEAVES ONTO THE ROADWAY

Blowing or raking your leaves onto the street is not permitted. The street sweeper is not able to sweep large piles of leaves as it causes equipment failures & your section of street could be skipped if large piles are in the street/roadway. Leaves on the street could also flow to a nearby storm drain and clog the drain.

RAKE LEAVES AWAY OR OFF STORM DRAINS

Keeping the storm drains or catch basins free of excess debris ensures they work properly to prevent localized flooding in the area. City & County crews work to keep all the storm drains clear, but with thousands of drains within Columbia County, a little help could go a long way and could help reduce property damage caused by localized flooding.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Check storm drain grates frequently to make sure they are free of leaves & debris.
- Do not remove grates from the drain opening this does not unclog the system & creates a hazard.
- Rake leaves & yard debris away from storm drains near your home or business.
- Help keep leaves & yard debris off the street.

If you noticed severe flooding on your street; call the city at 503-543-7146.

#### TIPS FOR PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL:

- Dispose leaves in a compost bin
- Mulch leaves w/ lawnmower to spread on your garden or flowerbeds for winter nutrients
- Order a Waste Management yard-waste container 1-800-808-5901 https://www.wmnorthwest.com/columbiacounty
- Take your leaves to the following locations:
  - Columbia County Transfer Station 503-366-2613 (call for rates. An average truckload = 2-3 yards)
  - Scappoose Community and Senior Center @ 33342 SW Meadow Dr. (off SW 4th); will take leaves for FREE as compost on their community garden; leaves only, -NO grass clippings-- NO garbage-- NO tree trimmings or branches.

#### FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE CITY'S STORMWATER VISIT:

www.scappoose.gov/cityhall/page/master-plans





www.scappoose.gov



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## Scappoose School District is excited to be Back-to-School! This also means getting back to school <a href="Sports & Activities">Sports & Activities</a>!

#### Get Ready to Cheer on Scappoose Students and Programs this Fall!

There's so much to be excited about—check out the Scappoose Middle School and High School sports schedules under "Athletics" on their websites.



#### www.scappoose.k12.org/schools-1

Don't miss out on incredible performances by viewing the Performing Arts calendars on the school web pages as well!

**Looking for another way to stay in the loop?** Email <a href="mailto:communications@scappoose.k12.or.us">communications@scappoose.k12.or.us</a> and sign-up to receive our weekly District Newsletter!

We can't wait to see you this year!

#### Information on sign placement





#### THIS

#### **NOT THIS**

Help keep our city streets clear of signs. No signs shall be place in the public right-of-way unless written permission from the City Manager is granted. Any sign located on a utility pole, street light pole or traffic-control standard poles, street tree or otherwise located in the public right-of-way or city-maintained areas adjacent to the public right-of-way without written approval of the City Manager shall be removed immediately and without notice. SMC 17.114.020

If you would like to know where the right-of-way is or have any additional questions on signs, please contact (503) 543-7184.

Thank you for helping your community adhere to the sign ordinance.

# Enter the Mike Sheehan Memorial Chess Tournament November 16, 2024 at Scappoose High School All Ages are Welcome!



Entry is simple and inexpensive, \$20 for individuals or \$25 for each set of two from a particular school.

- Option A: Use this link: <a href="https://www.oscf.org/events/scappoose-mike-sheehan-memorial">https://www.oscf.org/events/scappoose-mike-sheehan-memorial</a>;
- Option B: Use this link: <a href="http://www.biglarryproductions.com/msmct-november-16">http://www.biglarryproductions.com/msmct-november-16</a>;
- Option C: Bring \$ to pay the registration fee when you check in on November 16th. Registration on the day of the competition, November 16th, will only be on a space available basis.

If all else fails, send an email to: <a href="mailto:airhaug@gmail.com">airhaug@gmail.com</a> for help. Online registrations need to be received NLT November 1, 2024, if you would like a free tournament T-shirt. The default categories will be based on age unless your USCF (U.S. Chess Federation) rating suggests otherwise. \*\* Note that the "free" USCF ID only applies to K-12 registrations.

Location: Scappoose High School (33700 SE High School Way, Scappoose, OR 97056)

**Time**: Registration begins at 8AM; 1st Tournament Round commences at 9:30 AM; Tournament should conclude around 3:30 PM.

Food: A Free pizza lunch provided to all registered participants

Snacks: A variety of free snacks will be provided

T-shirts: Free to all who register before November 1,2024.

Medals & Trophies: Unique "Scappoose" trophies to the top 3 in each division; medals to top 15.

**USCF ID**: Free to all K-12 registrations, if desired.

• Entry Categories: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced

Contact Joel Haugen, volunteer tournament coordinator at airhaug@gmail.com for questions.

Thank you! Joel Haugen & Pete McHugh (MSMCT co-coordinators)



#### Christmas Bazaar

Where: Scappoose Senior Center 33342 SW Meadows Drive Scappoose, OR 97056

When: November 9th & 10th, 2024

Time: Saturday 10 - 5

Sunday 10 - 3

Refreshments Available











CASH PRIZES

REGISTER NOW! REGISTRATION ENDS 11/24

https://forms.gle/8eNUvggZ5ukphiLr9



#### START YOUR WELDING CAREER

FOR NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS, IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



For more information and to view all the PCC opportunities, visit pcc.edu/omic.



## Run With Neil October 12, 2024

Scappoose High School





## 1k · 3k · 5k · Virtual Run



Fun for the whole family!



Information & Registration



Run With Neil is a 501(c)3 providing youth with resources for mental and physical well-being.

For more info: www.runwithneil.org

### HOW DOES THE CITY USE THE MONEY WE COLLECT?

System Development Charges

System Development Charges (SDC's) are one-time charges on new development and certain types of redevelopment to help pay for previous and new capacity infrastructure improvements. These fees are collected by Community Development when building permits are issued for residential, industrial and commercial permits. Oregon law requires that SDC's are restricted and accounted for in a manner that assures they are spent on the projects they were collected for. All System Development Charges in Scappoose are accounted for in separate funds and are used to fund capital improvement projects or debt service (Water) to pay for prior capital projects.

With fewer new building projects in the city recently, System Development Charge receipts have been fairly low for the last five years. The city collects the following System Development Charges:

 Street SDC's – Currently the city is using SDC funds for the Maple Street sidewalk project mentioned in last month's newsletter.



Storm Drainage SDC's – No specific Storm Drainage projects are planned for the current fiscal
year but funds were utilized for the Storm Drainage Master plan available on the City website.



## HOW DOES THE CITY USE THE MONEY WE COLLECT? System Development Charges

Park SDC's – Park SDC's are only assessed on residential properties. In recent years, new home
construction has declined accounting for a reduction in the collection of funds. More
residential development is planned in upcoming years. Funds have been utilized the last two
years for the Parks Master Plan and Grabhorn park projects. In addition to SDC funds, the City
is setting aside General Fund money to help fund capacity adding park projects.



• Water SDC's – The City has the reservoir and well drilling projects moving forward this year. The Water SDC fund is also being used to help the Water fund pay for an existing loan.



• Wastewater (Sewer) SDC's – Funds have been utilized for wastewater treatment plant and other additional capacity improvements.



#### Xpress Bill Pay Account Water Usage Graph update:

There has been a change in viewing the water usage graph for residential water meters. To view the graph for the next eight months you will need to switch between the two tabs see arrows below (water usage and ¾ inch inside City or 1½ inch inside City). Sorry for the inconvenience.









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



## SCAPPOOSE Public Library

## Fall Youth Programs

**\*See library for details\*** 

## <u>Weekly</u>

Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 AM MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm **LEGO OPEN PLAY** 

Fridays 10:30 - 11:30 AM **STORYTIME** 

### Monthly

1st Saturday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm **BARBIE CLUB** (10/05, 11/02, 12/07)

1st Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 pm **POKEMON CLUB** (10/03, 11/07, 12/05

2nd Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm **TEEN ART** MEETUP (10/08, 11/12, 12/10)

2nd Thursday 3:00 - 4:00 pm HOMESCHOOL MEETUP (09/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12)

3rd Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 pm DROP-IN CHESS (09/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19)

## Special Events

October 21st - 29th PUMPKIN FASHION SHOW

November 16th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm KID MARKET

(503) 543-7123 scappooselibrary.org







Game will be held at St. Helens High School on October 11, starting at 7:00pm

#### JOIN US FOR THE 7-MILE SHOWDOWN



The St. Helens Lions are hosting the Scappoose Indians for the 7-mile showdown taking place on

Friday October 11th, 2024, with kickoff at 7:00pm



The St. Helens Police Department and Scappoose Police

Department will be there cheering on both teams!!













#### **City Meetings Calendar**

- City Council work session ~ October 7 & 21, at 6:00pm
- City Council Meetings ~ October 7 & 21, at 7:00pm
- Planning Commission Meetings ~ October 24, 7:00pm
- Economic Development Committee ~ October 17, at Noon
- Parks & Recreation Committee meeting ~ October 17, 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