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# Annual

TOWN MEETING

Saturday March 7th

9:00am

Scappoose High School Auditorium  
33700 SE High School Way

Join us for discussions with:

- City Officials
- Community Partners
- Residents



State of the City Address  
Joe Backus - Scappoose Mayor

Free to everyone  
Includes coffee & breakfast

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

## Congratulations Winners and Participants

We are excited to announce the winners of the 2025 Holiday Light Fight, chosen by our community!

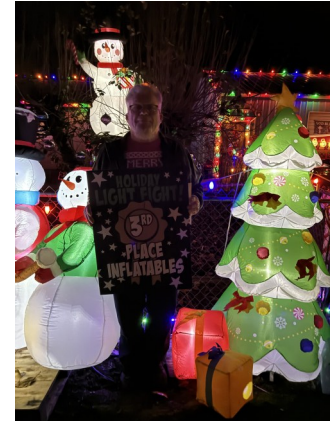
### Best Inflatables



1st: #5 52192 SE Tussing Way



2nd: #4 34293 NE Sunset Loop



3rd: #17 52368 SW 4th Street

### Best Whoville Spirit



1st: #22 52559 NW Eastview Drive



2nd: #16 33287 SW Barta Court



3rd: #10 51803 SE 8th Street

### Best Traditional Display



1st: #13 33691 SW Pickle Place



2nd: #26 32902 NW Sunset Drive



3rd: #23 52551 NW Maria Lane



This year's competition featured incredibly creative and dazzling displays.  
We applaud all participants for their incredible creativity, dedication, and holiday spirit.





## If I Were Mayor Contest information ~ Deadline 5:00pm on March 9, 2026

### 2026 If I Were Mayor Contest Information

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 2025-2026 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 (MP4 or online video format)

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

Completed submissions must be received by 5:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2026. Items can be submitted by email to [sreeves@scappoose.gov](mailto:sreeves@scappoose.gov) or in person at Scappoose City Hall located at 33568 East Columbia Avenue.

You can find all the contest materials, including, informational flyers, contest information, submission forms, and a short document about what Mayors do on the City of Scappoose website at <https://www.scappoose.gov/.../if-i-were-mayor-contest>.

Application packets are also available at Scappoose City Hall ~ 33568 East Columbia Avenue, Scappoose.

Prizes for first, second, and third-place winners of the Statewide competition are dependent on funding available. Prizes in 2025 included \$500.00 for first-place winners, \$300.00 for second-place winners and \$100.00 for third-place winners.

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/HR Susan M. Reeves at 503-543-7146 or [sreeves@scappoose.gov](mailto:sreeves@scappoose.gov).

# Help spread the love of literacy to 1,400 local early learners.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners.



Please use the links provided to help get free books to young readers in Columbia County.

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/H9DXYN23](http://tinyurl.com/H9DXYN23)



## DISCOVER



## ENGINEERS WEEK®

**FEBRUARY 22–28, 2026**

While “Engineers Week” is an annual week-long celebration of engineers, it also reflects the year-round commitment of engineers who make a difference.

It’s about keeping students excited about engineering throughout the year and recognizing industry professionals who have built their careers in this vital field.

Join us in recognizing the hard work and dedication of our very own City Engineer;

**Chris Negelspach, P.E.**

Visit the Discover Engineering website for age-appropriate Engineering Activities to help grade school and high school students discover the exciting worlds of engineering and technology;

<https://discovere.org/engineering-activities/>

### City Meetings Calendar

- City Council Retreat ~ February 7, 9:00am
- City Council work session ~ February 17, 6:00pm
- City Council Meetings ~ February 17, 7:00pm
- Economic Development Committee meeting ~ February 19, Noon
- Planning Commission meeting ~ February 26, 7:00pm



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.

Thank you!