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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

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
33568 E. COLUMBIA AVE.
SCAPPOOSE, OR 97056
503-543-7146
WWW.SCAPPOOSE.GOV

The Scappoose Historical Society invites the community to another engaging History Connections Talk on **March 19 at 7:00 PM**, hosted at the **Red Barn at Scappoose Creek**.

This evening's presenters will include **Port staff**, joined by a few guest speakers from the **Scappoose Airport** who will share their perspectives and experiences.

The presentation will explore the history of the Port with a special emphasis on the Scappoose Airport. Topics will include a brief overview of Port history, the airport's construction during World War II, and how the Port came to own the airport.

The talk will then trace the evolution of the airport through its major phases of development, highlight long-standing and notable tenants and the work they do, and share memorable stories from the airport's past. The evening will conclude with a look at the modern Scappoose Airport and its unique position as a small airport, with close proximity to Portland, Highway 30, and the Columbia River shipping channel.

This free, public talk is a great opportunity to learn more about an important local asset and the people who help make it work.

All are welcome.



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 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.

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

Budget Committee Members Needed

The City of Scappoose is seeking two (2) volunteers who live within the City Limits of the City of Scappoose to serve as members of the Budget Committee (a three-year term).

If you are interested in city government, please contact Susan Reeves, City Recorder/HR, at 543-7146, ext. *224, or stop by City Hall at 33568 East Columbia Avenue and pick up a Committee Interest Form.

For more information, please visit <https://www.scappoose.gov/bc-budget>.

Thank you!



FENCES, RETAINING WALLS AND THE SCAPPOOSE MUNICIPAL CODE – A Quick Guide

INSTALLING A FENCE?



OR RETAINING WALL?



Ensure your fence, retaining wall or an accessory structure near your property line or public Right-of-Way (ROW), complies with the Scappoose Municipal Codes and State of Oregon Building Code.

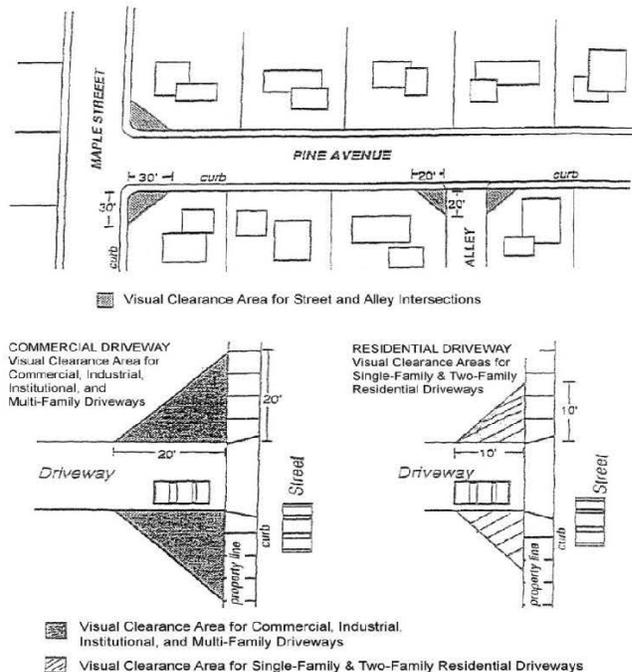
HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:

- Fence, wall, and landscaping heights, within the front yard setback (check your zone, it's usually 15' or 20' from property line), may only be up to **4' high** when located outside Visual Clearance Areas (VCA).
- Retaining walls up to 4' which do not support a structure or retain materials to protect a structure may be built without Planning or Building Department permits.
- Fences up to 7' may be built without Planning or Building Department permits, when located outside of the front yard setback and VCA.
- Please contact the City Community Development Department for permit info if you wish to build a fence higher than 7'.
- The City's Landscape, Screening, and Fencing code can be found in Ch. 17.100; <https://scappoose.municipal.codes/Code/17.100>
- Properties within the special flood hazard areas can have fences, when located out of the floodway with sufficient openings as not to impede, retard or change flow of water per Ch. 17.84. See link below for floodplain maps; <https://www.scappoose.gov/planning/page/city-maps>

VISUAL CLEARANCE AREAS (VCA):

- The Visual Clearance Areas (VCA) for corner lots and driveways require obstruction-free areas for pedestrians and vehicle traffic sight distances. No fence or retaining wall may exceed 3' in height within the VCA.
- The Municipal Code chapter for VCAs can be found within Ch. 12.10.

Figure 12.10.1: Visual Clearance Areas for Streets and Alleys





SSD COMMUNITY BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE



Scappoose School District extends our sincere thanks to the 24 members of our Community Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC) who have been meeting regularly since September to build knowledge and thoughtfully explore options for a possible capital construction bond measure in the November 2026 election.



Their time, perspective, and commitment reflect a strong investment in the future of our schools and community. The committee will continue meeting through July.

To learn more about the CBAC's work, visit the CBAC webpage at:

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Thank you!

Thank you to all members for volunteering their time and engaging in this important conversation.

Scappoose Public Library



Romance

Book Club

For adults 18+ only

Every
2nd Monday
@ 6:00pm

We'll read a different book each month and meet to discuss.



TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

18+ ONLY PLEASE

We'll read a different book each month and meet to discuss both the book and the crime.

Every
3rd Monday
@ 6:00pm



Scappoose Public Library

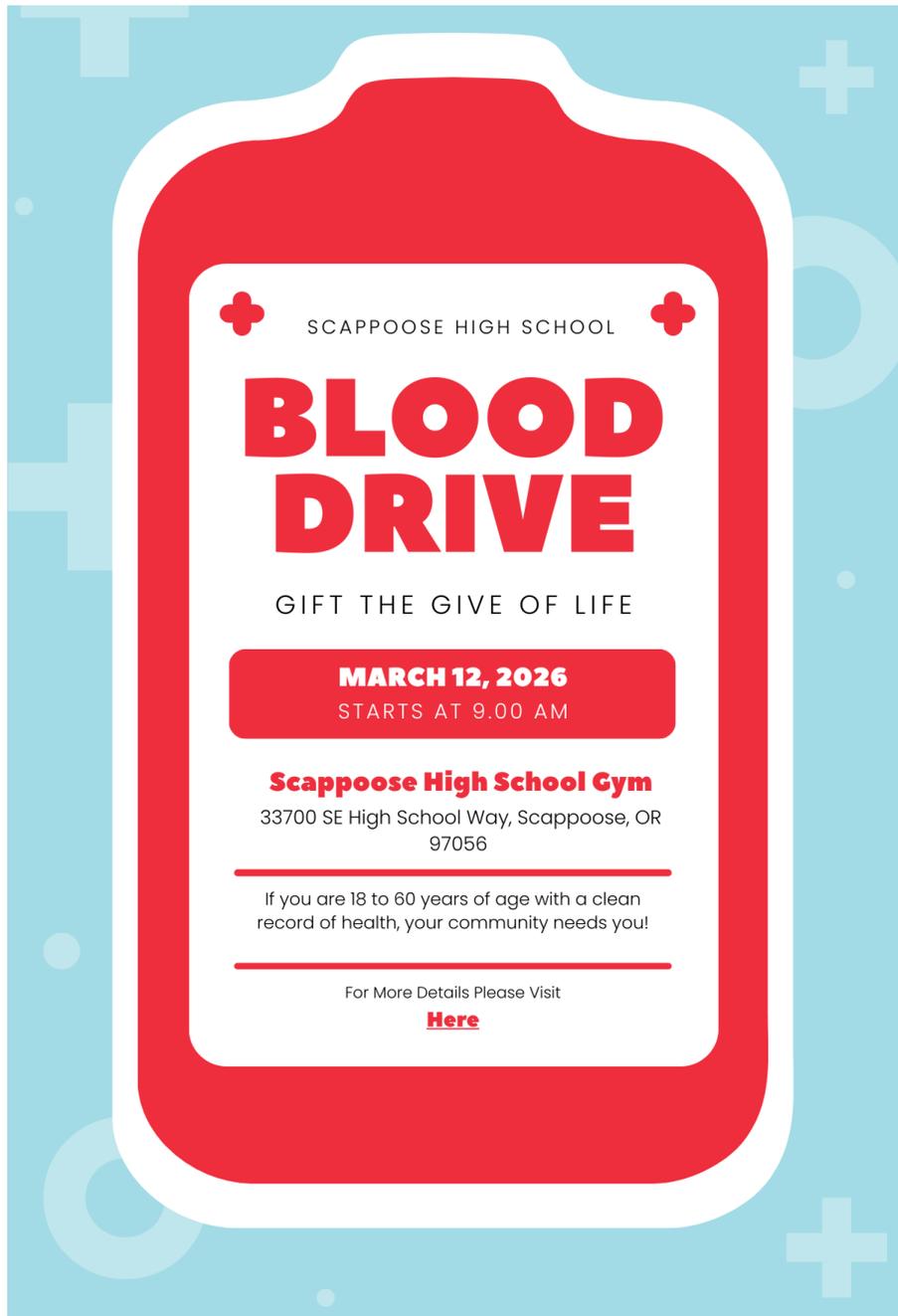
GENRE BOOK CLUB

Every 4th Monday @ 6:00pm

18+ only please

Everyone can read their own book choice in the selected genre for the month then meet to discuss.





City Meetings Calendar

- City Council work session ~ March 2 & 16, 6:00pm
- City Council Meetings ~ March 2 & 16, 7:00pm
- Planning Commission meeting ~ March 12, 7:00pm
- Economic Development Committee meeting ~ March 19, Noon



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!