

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ November 2016

Hello Scappoose Residents,

The City is pleased to announce the acquisition of two parcels of land that are intended for future park development. One is a 2.2-acre parcel that abuts Seely Lane. This property adjoins other City owned property located along Scappoose Creek that is located directly east of Veterans Park. The property is surrounded by several apartment complexes and is ideal for a community park. This park will be a wonderful addition to our park system.

The second parcel is at the end of the Crown Zellerbach Trail, east of town. This parcel borders County owned Chapman Landing (which is where the Crown Zellerbach Trail terminates at the Multnomah Channel). This property was actually donated to the City by the Bernet Family. The City really appreciates their generous donation. The City's Chapman Landing Advisory Committee (which includes County and Port representatives) has been developing a concept for future use of this property. A fishing dock, a place to launch a kayak, and covered picnic areas are just some of the ideas for improvements that are being contemplated for this area. Additionally, this site could serve as a location for a potential water source for future community water demand.

The City Parks and Recreation Committee is nearing completion of a Parks Master Plan update. Public input is welcome. One of the topics of the next Town Hall Meeting will be to review the draft Parks Master Plan, including site specific amenities at each park location. We hope you will attend to share your input. We also intend to share data gathered from the Buildable Lands Inventory and Housing Needs Analysis that will be conducted over the next several months to gain public input on housing policy concepts that will be presented by the consultants. This meeting is scheduled for February 11th, so please save the date.

Also, please take time to stop by Heritage Park next to the Library to see the improvements being made at this park. Thanks to an Oregon State Parks grant, the support of Michael Curry and the Rotary Club, we are making major improvements to this park. I think it will be a kid's favorite when it is finished next year.

Finally, the City has an updated webpage at www.ci.scappoose.or.us. Please take a look at it and give us your feedback. Don't hesitate to contact the Mayor, City Councilors, or City Staff with your feedback. Don't forget, by working together we can make a difference and make Scappoose an even better place to live. Thanks for your support.

Michael Sykes
City Manager

The Watts House Pioneer Museum will be closed from October 1 for decorating and getting ready for Christmas.

It will reopen on November 28 for the lighting event.
Santa will be waiting to greet the children.

Upcoming events at the Watts House ~

November 28 ~ Watts House/Heritage Park lighting event

December 3 ~ Wine tasting from 5pm to 9pm

Starting December 9 ~ Tours every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6pm to 9pm (closed Dec 16 for special event)

December 16 ~ Evening with Santa

For more information on events happening at the Watts House, please contact Scappoose Historical Society ~ Elaine Thompson at 503-543-2234, or elainescap1929@gmail.com.

The Watts House is located at 52432 SE 1st Street.

Mark your Calendar

- * City Council meetings on November 7 & 21, at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting, November 17, at 12:00 pm
- * November 28 ~ Annual Christmas Lighting Event ~ Heritage Park/Watts House, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- * December 17 ~ Scappoose Police Department Donut Day, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm
- * Information on Annual Town Meeting ~ coming soon

Meetings are held in the Scappoose City Council Chambers at
33568 East Columbia Avenue
Call City Hall at 503-543-7146 for more information

Utility Bills are due the 15th of each month.

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Visit our new website - www.ci.scappoose.or.us

The City of Scappoose has undertaken the project of designing a new City website focused on promoting our community, economic development, and local businesses. In order to make this project a success, City staff dedicated significant time towards the website in a multitude of ways including the Photo Contest held in July, reviewing the transfer of content from the old website for completeness, participating in training, reorganizing existing information and adding new content. The website was officially launched on Friday, September 30, 2016. The City would like to thank the Port of St. Helens for the opportunity to participate in the Intergovernmental Partnership Program which provided the funding for the new website.

The new website will have the following features and much more ~

- * News and Announcements and Upcoming Events "pop-up" tabs
- * Organization of information and photos in the Mega Menu – 4 main tabs including Our Community, Doing Business, Your Government and I Want To
- * Scappoose Business Directory
- * Useful information for starting a business in Scappoose
- * An inventory of available industrial, public use airport and urban growth boundary zoned properties
- * Information on Parks and Recreation – individual pages for Scappoose's Parks and a Park Reservation Feature
- * Individual Pages for Committees

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Please join us in welcoming our newest Americorps RARE member; Ben Tolles, as a Program Analyst for the City of Scappoose!

Ben grew up on the other side of the country in a small city about half an hour outside New York City where, much like Scappoose, most of the population commuted out of the city on a daily basis. After graduating from high school, he attended Ithaca College graduating with a degree in Environmental Science. While at Ithaca he spent most of his time working for the Office of Sustainability trying to encourage the college to be more sustainability minded in its planning and behaviors. He has also spent some time working at Finger Lakes Land Trust preserving land, and managing different permitting programs. After graduating from Ithaca College, he worked at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County managing work study students and doing community outreach relating to different energy issues.

For the next 11 months, he will be working in the Community Development Center with Laurie Oliver, City Planner, focused primarily on beginning to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. He will also be serving on the Highway 30 Beatification and Parks and Recreation Committees, and planning the next Annual Town Meeting (date TBD).

He isn't certain what he plans on doing after his time here in Scappoose, but tentatively plans on enrolling at the University of Oregon to get his master's degree in Planning. Please join us in welcoming Ben Tolles as a Program Analyst to the City of Scappoose!

FALL LEAVES & STORM DRAIN INFORMATION

Street sweeping will occur every Wednesday on all curbed streets on the Eastside of Highway 30 starting Oct. 26 until Nov. 30.

Street sweeping will occur every Friday on all curbed streets on the Westside of Highway 30 starting Oct. 28 until Dec. 2.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Scappoose Public Works office AT 503-543-7146, option #4.

PLEASE DO NOT 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. Leaves on the street could also flow to a STORM DRAIN and clog the drain.

WHY SHOULD I HELP CLEAN THE STORM DRAINS ON MY STREET?

Cleaning storm drains or catch basins 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 in Columbia County, a little help could go a long way and could help reduce property damage caused by 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 off the street.
- If you notice severe flooding on your city street; call Public Works at 503-543-7146, option #4.