

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ August 2016

As the City enters the dry month of August, we would like to ask all of you to conserve water on a voluntary basis. Please be mindful of the use of water and follow the conservation tips listed below:

Water Conservation Tips

- Don't use water to irrigate outdoor plants between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Don't allow water to run off onto streets, sidewalks, driveways or adjacent property for more than five minutes.
- Don't use water to wash sidewalks, walkways or other hard surfaces except where necessary for public health or safety.
- Don't allow water to escape from breaks within a plumbing system.
- Don't use water to wash cars, boats, trailers, aircraft or other vehicles by hose without using a shutoff nozzle.
- Don't serve drinking water in restaurants, hotels, cafes or other public places unless requested by the customer.
- Don't use water to clean, fill or maintain decorative fountains, ponds etc. unless the water is recirculated.
- Don't use water for dust control or for washing buildings.

Information on the City of Scappoose Water Conservation Plan is available at www.ci.scappoose.or.us.

For more information, contact Darryl Sykes, Water Treatment Supervisor, 503-543-5894.

Coming Soon Online Bill Pay for Utility Billing Statements

With our recent City survey, our Citizens indicated the need to have the option for an integrated user friendly utility bill. Coming this fall the City will offer an innovative web-based online bill payment system. All of our customers will have the option to take advantage of the following conveniences.

- * **Online E-Bills:** View your utility statement any time, anywhere.
- * **Online Payments:** Pay your utility statement via credit, debit or e-Check.
- * **Auto Pay:** Set up recurring automatic utility statement payments.
- * **Paperless Billing:** opt out of paper utility statements.
- * **Automatic Email Notifications:** new utility statements, processed utility payments, expiring credit cards, etc.

Thank you for your input. Your City is working for you. Stay tuned, more information to follow.

**Learn about the history of the area
visit the Watts House Pioneer Museum**

Open Saturday's from 10 am to 2 pm

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Heritage Park

The City expects to receive bids by August 1st for construction and renovation of Heritage Park. The City received a \$180,000 grant to add playground equipment, a new fountain, and other amenities to the Park. Thanks to the support of the Columbia County Rotary and an Oregon State Parks Grant, we will be able to make significant improvements to this park. Our plans are for the project to be completed late this fall. Heritage Park is located between City Hall and the Watts House.

Program Analyst Nick Sund, who was working with the City through the RARE AmeriCorps program, completed his 11-month service in July.

Nick coordinated the Annual Town Meeting, Community Visioning Process, and the Parks Plan Update. Nick has been a very valuable part of our team and we will miss him. The City is planning on hiring another RARE AmeriCorps participant this fall to assist with future projects.

Mark your Calendar

- * City Council meeting on August 1, at 7:00 pm
- * Park & Rec Committee meeting, August 18, at 6:30 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting, August 28, at noon

**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.

Last January, the City of Scappoose held our 1st Annual Town Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to receive citizen input in developing a vision statement for our community. Over 150 citizens participated in the meeting. Over the past several months, volunteers (many who attended the Annual Town Meeting) have been taking the input they received from the community and have developed a draft vision statement. Please review the vision statement below and let us know what you think. The City Council plans to consider adoption at the August 1 Council meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated in this process ~ City Manager Michael J. Sykes

Scappoose (Draft)

Scappoose is a small town nestled in the heart of a Pacific wonderland. Surrounded by lush green forests, the majestic Columbia River, and panoramic views of the snowcapped Cascade mountains. It is no secret why the Chinookan People made this unique place their home for centuries. Today, our community is blessed with a balance of rural and urban living. We are proud of our independence and small-town personality, yet we value our closeness to neighboring cities and towns. Scappoose is friendly and welcoming, and we cherish the way we know, care about, and rely upon each other. We desire to preserve the harmonious qualities of our home as we welcome change and look ahead to the future.

Smart Growth

Inspired by our responsibility to tomorrow's generations and families, we pursue forward-thinking and sustainable solutions to grow mindfully while keeping in step with our environment. We strive for high-quality development and infrastructure, and to provide equal and affordable housing opportunities for anyone to live and raise a family.

Sustainable Economy

We take pride in our locally owned businesses that add quality and character to our town, and we respect the abundant natural resources that have sustained our community for years. We can forge a path to a balanced, local economy by opening doors for entrepreneurs, clean industry, higher education and research. We seek sustainable, living-wage jobs and careers that support families and future generations.

Local Pride

Art and self-expression greatly enhance our cultural identity, and we value our local artists who cultivate pride in our community. We strive to preserve our unique cultural artifacts and to foster education and the arts by promoting city beautification, cultural heritage projects, and public art and events. We treasure our heritage as a meeting place for Native Americans ~ we hope to honor those who lived here in the past as we tell the story of Scappoose in the present.

Passionate Stewardship

Our wild and scenic landscape is an extension of our community, and we treasure our beautiful setting that makes Scappoose a serene place to live. We are committed to nurturing and preserving our open spaces, natural habitats, and diverse ecosystems, and we will champion new opportunities for conservation and peaceful engagement with our environment. As stewards of our land, air, and water, we seek to protect this special place for generations to come.

Connected Community

Safe and comfortable transportation is central to our quality of life. We value our local trails that offer world-class opportunities for walking and biking, and our scenic byways that connect us to greater Oregon. We work to ensure better connectivity, safer commuting, modern transit and equal opportunities for people to walk, bike, ride or drive. As we aspire to be a pleasant and accessible town, we encourage others to slow down, explore, and enjoy Scappoose.

Lifelong Learning

We prize our exceptional schools and teachers that instill our community with creative adaptability, pass along our knowledge to future generations, and create cultural awareness and resilience. We aim to develop educational opportunities for all ages and ability levels as we strive to be a community that never stops thinking, learning, and doing.

Caring Community

Peace and good health are essential to our growth and well-being. We value our community spaces and parks that support active living and civic engagement, and we cherish how we care for and rely upon each other. We strive to be aware and prepared, and to empower everyone to lend a hand when challenges arise. We aspire to be a neighborly community where anyone can safely and comfortably visit businesses and schools, enjoy the outdoors, and be at peace in their homes.

Park and Recreation Committee update

Last summer, the City created a Parks & Recreation Committee that has been busy planning the future of Scappoose Parks. To that end the Committee has developed a draft Park and Recreation Master Plan. The draft plan can be reviewed at www.ci.scappoose.or.us. The draft Parks Plan will be reviewed by Planning Commission on July 28th. Revisions will be made as necessary throughout August and a final draft will go to City Council in September for adoption. We would appreciate your input on this plan. With your support we hope to develop a roadmap for future parks development in our community.