

# City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ February 2016

The City wishes to extend a BIG thank you to all of the citizens who came out to participate in the first Annual Town Meeting on January 23, 2016. This meeting gave City Council and staff a chance to talk with residents about their vision for the future of the City of Scappoose. The next step in the process is to begin writing the vision statement for the City, which will be done by a committee made up of citizens and stakeholders. If you are interested in participating in this process, please contact Nick Sund with the Community Development Department at [nsund@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:nsund@cityofscappoose.org).

## City Council Retreat

The City Council will be holding a retreat in March ~ more information to follow. As part of the retreat, the City Council proposes goals for the upcoming year. If you have a suggestion or idea about a goal you believe the City should consider, please email it to City Recorder Susan Reeves at [sreeves@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:sreeves@cityofscappoose.org) and we will present it to the Council for their consideration. Thank you for your participation and support.

## Join the Scappoose Police Citizen Academy for 2016

The role of Police Officer has always been of interest to the average Citizen. The television media has capitalized upon this curiosity with shows such as "Cops", and "Alaska State Troopers". Each week, real police action is broadcasted into the living rooms of millions of Americans. Numerous Police Agencies have also benefited from the curiosity that citizens have about the police.

The Scappoose Police Department has formed a Citizen Police Academy program as an expansion of their community based outreach efforts. This program is intended to open the lines of communication between the Community and the Police Department. Generally, the relationship between the police and the citizen is misconstrued.

To the Citizen, it may frequently appear that the police are not doing their job or are exceeding their boundaries. By allowing citizens a firsthand look at what rules, regulations and policies the police follow, some of the misunderstanding may be alleviated.

The objective of the Citizen Police Academy is not to train an individual to be a "Reserve Police Officer" but to produce informed citizens. The Citizens and Police Officers meet each other face to face in a neutral, friendly setting and each becomes a person to the other. In the past, citizens have simply seen a uniform, now they have an understanding about the person behind the badge.

Fill out an application from our website or in person at the Scappoose Police Department and join us for the next Citizen Academy starting April 27, 2016. The class is every Wednesday for 10 weeks from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

We look forward to having another great class for 2016 ~ Chief of Police Norm Miller

## Storm Water Management Fee

Do you have questions about our new Storm Water Management Fee? Please visit our website to view additional information showing how the fee is calculated and examples of how the fee will be used.

## If I Were Mayor Contest ~ due by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016

For more information visit the City website at [www.ci.scappoose.or.us](http://www.ci.scappoose.or.us)

Email ~ [sreeves@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:sreeves@cityofscappoose.org) or call 503-543-7146

## To report a street light out

Email ~ [sreeves@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:sreeves@cityofscappoose.org)  
Please list the address that the street light is in front of or the nearest cross street.

**City of Scappoose**  
**33568 East Columbia Avenue**  
**Scappoose, Oregon 97056**  
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## Mark your Calendar

City Offices will be closed on February 15 in observation of Presidents' Day

City Council meeting Monday, February 1, 2016 and Tuesday, February 16, 2016

City of Scappoose Economic Development Committee meeting February 18, 2016 at noon.

City of Scappoose Park and Recreation Committee meeting February 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Scappoose City Council Chambers located at 33568 East Columbia Avenue.

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Utility Bills are due the 15th of each month.