

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ May 2015

Mayor's Message

Welcome to the City's first newsletter that you will be seeing in your utility bills on a regular basis. The City believes this will be a valuable way of keeping you informed about exciting news and events within the City.

In this issue, I want to share the City Council's top goals for our City this upcoming year. We have an exciting year ahead. Our top priority is to develop a new vision statement for the City.

The vision statement will help us determine what we want Scappoose to look like in the future. It will also allow us to identify what attributes about our community we want to maintain and preserve, along with helping us identify what improvements we would like to develop that will enhance livability. You can expect for us to be asking for your input to help us design our new vision.

In addition, I wanted to share some of the other goals that you will be hearing about:

- Develop a long-term reliable water supply.
- Update and develop Park, Storm, Sewer, Water, Wastewater and Comprehensive Master Plans.
- Develop a communications plan (this newsletter is a part of this plan).
- Address our issue of aging infrastructure.
- Develop Chapman Landing by partnering with the County.
- Promote and Market the City for Economic Development opportunities, including the airport.
- Create a City Economic Development Committee to help facilitate economic growth.
- With our Centennial coming in 2021, we will develop a Centennial project to celebrate our founding as a City.
- As a part of our outreach to the community we are committed to having an annual town meeting.
- Continue to enhance our parks systems, including Heritage Park, Veterans Park, Old JC Hall property and other park opportunities.
- Have a City day with interaction with all City Staff including tours of City facilities.
- As part of our Economic Development, we want to conduct a business summit to learn what we can do to help our local business grow and thrive.
- Develop a City Parks Committee.
- Build a welcome to Scappoose sign on the south side of town.
- Work with ODOT Rail and the Railroad to develop and maintain the strip along the railroad near NE 1st Street.

We are planning a busy year and look forward to moving our great City forward. If you have any thoughts or comments on our goals, or other issues, please feel free to email me at Mayor@cityofscappoose.org.

Sincerely,
Mayor Scott Burge

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Site Development Review is currently underway for an O'Reilly's Auto Parts store to be located next to McDonald's on SW Joe's Drive. Their Limited Land Use hearing is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on May 14, 2015.

The Stafford Land Company submitted an application for an 88 unit Planned Development Subdivision to be located on the Lynch property behind Fred Meyer. The request will be heard by the Planning Commission on June 25, with a subsequent hearing by City Council on July 6, 2015.

We recently received a Subdivision application for Dutch Canyon Estates Phase III, which proposes 35 lots and will be the final phase of Dutch Canyon project located west of Phase II.

New City land? An annexation application has been received for a 20 acre Industrial parcel off of Scappoose-Vernonia Highway.

Bi-Mart is finalizing their purchase of the property on SE 2nd street and hopes to move forward with permit approvals this summer.

Transportation System Plan Committee held an open house on May 27th from 5:30-7:30 pm. City Staff and Traffic Engineers from DKS and Associates were available take your comments and answer questions on the proposed street and intersection improvements for the next 20 year planning horizon.

Tip of the week: Don't forget to check with the building department for your spring construction projects. Stop by or call our building official and planning associate to help answer your site specific questions.

Mark your Calendar

Scappoose Farmers Market

*Open Saturdays from 9:00 to 2:00 until end of September
Visit www.scappoosefarmersmarket.com for more information*

Scappoose Boosters SummerFest

*Friday June 26th to Saturday June 27th
Visit www.scappooseboosters.org for more information*

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

*Saturday June 27th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Columbia County Transfer Station*

*Christmas in July ~ Learn how to make a beautiful Christmas wreath
Visit www.scappoose-historicalsociety.org*

*Bocce Ball Tournament ~ Saturday July 25, 2015
For more information contact Bill at 360-600-8855*

SCAPPOOSE HISTORY

Once covered by an Ice Age Ocean. Then home to the Diersinno (Keeassino) Indian tribe led by Chief Cassino. Then became the meeting grounds for all the Northwest Indians who gathered each year to hold their contests of skill, gaming, feasts, trading and tribe Pow Wows. This Tribe was a member of the Chinook Indian Tribes headed by Chief Concomley. The Indians named the area Scappoose, meaning gravelly plains.

- 1828 Thomas McKay, stepson of Dr. John McLaughlin established a home and horse ranch and married the Princess daughter of Chief Concomley.
- 1828 James Bates, an American Sailor, became the first independent white settler.
- 1829 A Mysterious plague struck down most of the Indians including Chief Concomley and Tom McKays Wife. Chief Cassino then became the Highest Ranking Chief of the Chinook Tribes.
- 1842 The First Wagon Train rolled to a stop in Scappoose.
- 1852 The Watts Family wagon train arrived.
- 1853 The first organized school was built on West Lane Road.
- 1855 The last recorded Indian uprising in the area. The Settlers hastily built a block house on West Lane Road.
- The only transportation was by river on Side-wheelers, Sternwheelers and Smaller River Craft.
- 1869 The Transcontinental Railroad was completed.
- 1883 The Last Wagon Train reached Scappoose having traveled the Oregon Trail which by now was six tracks wide and worn six feet deep by Ox teams and High Wheeled Wagons.
- 1884 The present town site was Established. A Railroad Depot, Store and Post Office were built.
- 1908 A Two story School was built on land donated by the Watts family and housed Grades One through High School. The bell from the Bell Tower was moved to the new location of the Otto Petersen School.
- 1912 The first Public School Transportation in Oregon was established using a "Wagon Bus" pulled by a team of horses driven by Gustav Lange.
- 1920 Founding Fathers voted to Incorporate into a City and Elected James Grant Watts as the First Mayor.
- 1921 City Charter was adopted and Scappoose becomes an Incorporated City in the State of Oregon.
- 1922 City Water System installed
- 1924 City Lights installed

Watts House Pioneer Museum: The Watts Family home was built by J.G. Watts in 1902 and remained a family home until 1976. The Scappoose Historical Society then established the Watts Museum in the upstairs bedroom area, and the main floor housed Scappoose City Hall, before moving to the current location. The Museum is maintained by the Scappoose Historical Society and features items of Scappoose's Heritage. Some items include a shawl worn by Elizabeth Matilda Nessley Watts, (J.G. Watts' mother) when she traveled the Oregon Trail by wagon train, wooden yokes used on oxen teams, and other early history artifacts.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Scappoose Public Works Department consist of seven full-time staff members & three full time supervisors who are all dedicated to maintaining the following areas;

- Approximately 40 miles of City streets.
- Numerous street signs
- Approximately 20 miles of storm water pipe
- Nearly 730 storm water catch basins & 180 discharge areas
- About 35 acres of park grounds
- Approximately 36 miles of sewer lines
- Five Wastewater pumping stations
- Over 685 sewer manholes
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Approximately 50 miles of water lines
- Two well sites
- Two Water Treatment Plants
- Over 2,400 water meters
- One water pumping station
- Process and maintain over 1.5 million gallons per day of sludge

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

- On Wednesday, May 6, 2015 Officers from the Scappoose Police Department hosted Pop with a Cop which gave the community the opportunity to communicate with our Officers with no agendas or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice opinions and get to know your local law enforcement officers. There was a very good turn out with the citizens of Scappoose. We also appreciate the time and donation Fultano's Pizza gave to help support community relationships.
- Scappoose Police Department has Reserve Officers who are sworn law enforcement officers who volunteer their time assisting our full time officers. Volunteering as a Reserve Officer is unlike any other volunteer program. After going through the same hiring standards as a full time Police Officer, Reserve Officers must successfully complete a Reserve Academy where they will receive hands-on training to prepare them to meet the everyday challenges of serving a community.
- The Scappoose Police Department's citizen academy offers insights into how Police Officers serve the community and perform everyday tasks. Participants have the opportunity to learn different areas of law enforcement such as criminal law, patrol procedures, firearms, traffic stops, crime scene processing and many more. Certified Police Officers and supervisors with particular expertise will teach the class.
- To learn more about these opportunities please stop by the Police Department or visit our website at www.ci.scappoose.or.us