

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ February 2017

Annual Town Meeting (ATM)

This year's Annual Town Meeting (ATM) is scheduled for February 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., and will be held at the Scappoose Middle School. The ATM is sponsored by the City of Scappoose and is aimed primarily to hear public input on key issues facing the City. This year the ATM is focusing on 2 critical topics.

The first topic is to gain input on proposed plans for future community parks. Where should they be located and what amenities should they include? At present Scappoose only has five parks, which is considered below the preferred number for a community our size. Over the past year, our Parks and Rec Committee has been working to develop a Parks Master Plan that identifies where future community parks should be located. We would appreciate your input in helping shape this long term plan.

The second topic is to discuss the Buildable Lands Inventory the City is presently conducting. This Buildable Lands Inventory will help us identify how much land is available for future residential development within the City. The meeting will also give residents an opportunity to discuss what kind of growth we want in the future.

The meeting will be on Saturday morning, and we will be offering bagels and coffee to attendees.

Please remember, that Scappoose is our community and all of us are stakeholders in helping to shape its future. We hope you will take time to share your thoughts and ideas with us.

I hope to see you there.

Mayor Scott Burge

City Motto

If someone asked you to describe the essence of Scappoose in a single sentence, what would you tell them? What makes Scappoose unique, or special?

The City plans to select a City Motto that can be used to identify the essence of Scappoose. The motto will be used on City letterhead, our webpage, along with other City communication efforts. We are offering \$100 to anyone whose City Motto is chosen.

On February 11, 2017, we will be displaying the mottos we have received to date and will be asking those who attend the Annual Town Meeting to give us their feedback. Although we have already received a number of submissions, it's not too late to offer your suggestion.

We look forward to receiving your proposed motto and hope to see you at this year's Annual Town Meeting.

Please submit your proposed motto to City Recorder Susan Reeves, at sreeves@cityofscappoose.org, or by phone at 503-543-7146, ext 224, no later than February 10, 2017, so it can be considered at the Annual Town Meeting.

Thank you!

Information from the Scappoose Police Department

IF YOU HEAR SIRENS AND/OR SEE EMERGENCY VEHICLE LIGHTS

- * **Immediately** pull over to the nearest right-hand edge or curb of the roadway.
- * Pull your car over as close as possible to the curb of the roadway and stay clear of any intersections.
- * Stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has either passed or wait for the officer to approach your car.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE PULLED OVER

IF YOU ARE BEING PULLED OVER AND AN OFFICER IS APPROACHING YOUR CAR

- * Stay in your vehicle and keep your hands visible.
- * If it is dark outside - turn on your interior vehicle light.
- * Follow the directions of the police officer.
- * Oregon law requires drivers to show their license, registration and proof of insurance upon request from a police officer.
- * Be honest with the police and ask for an explanation if something is unclear.
- * If you are issued a citation, accept it - even if you don't agree with it. Accepting the citation is not an admission of guilt and you will have the opportunity to contest the citation in court after the fact.

REASONS FOR A STOP

Police officers may stop a motorists for these reasons:

- * Traffic violations
- * Probable cause to make an arrest
- * Reasonable suspicion of criminal activity based on personal observations and information from other police officers, the police radio or a witness.
- * A police officer can also stop for minor infractions such as darkly tinted windows, inoperative equipment or failing to signal before a turn.

Mark your Calendar

- * City Council meetings on February 6 & 21, at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting, February 16, at 12:00 pm
- * Park & Rec Committee meeting, February 16, 6:00 pm
- * **Annual Town Meeting ~ February 11, 2017, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Scappoose Middle School**

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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