

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ March 2017

2017 Annual Town Meeting

On February 11, 2017 over 100 Scappoose residents got up early to attend the 2nd Annual Town Meeting held at Scappoose Middle School. The town meeting focused on two topics: the City's buildable land inventory and the future of parks in Scappoose. Thanks to a generous \$4,200 donation from Comcast, participants were able to vote electronically and see the results in real time on several questions regarding parks and housing.

Many of the questions we asked about Parks received high levels of support:

- 90% of people supported a park at the new Seely Lane property.
- 81% of people supported hiking and biking trails at Vista Park.
- 81% of people supported a trail along South Scappoose Creek.
- 89.5% of people supported a 5 year park levy.
- 88% of people supported a new park taxing district.

The City also asked several questions about housing. Such as:

- Should the city allow tiny houses in selected areas?
- Should the city allow buildings up to 60 feet (about 5 stories) in the commercial zone?
- Should the city allow multiplexes in the low density zone?

To see a full set of results for the questions we asked check out the Annual Town Meeting webpage under the "Our Community" tab on the City's website at www.ci.scappoose.or.us.



CITY MOTTO INFORMATION

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, and on other City communication efforts. We are offering \$100 to anyone whose City Motto is chosen.

A list of mottos that has already been submitted for consideration from members of the community can be found on the City's webpage. You can vote for your favorite by going to the following URL: <https://goo.gl/forms/csTVkahXuesCsoLu1>

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY AND SO IS THE SEASON FOR REMODELING AND HOME IMPROVEMENTS.

The Scappoose Building Dept. would like to remind homeowners to check your contractor's license, have a written contract, seek more than one bid, and ensure the required permits are acquired. The State of Oregon Building Codes Division offers consumer help. City zoning regulations could limit the size and/or height of your addition with required set-back regulations. Contact Liz Happala at the Scappoose Community Development Center 503-543-7184 if you have further questions about your project or via email; ehappala@cityofscappoose.org.

Building Codes Division; Help for consumers; <http://www.oregon.gov/CCB/homeowner/Pages/consumer.aspx>

Permits Protect; <http://www.permitsprotect.info/index.htm>

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Choose to make a difference.

The fight to end distracted driving starts with you.
Just like buckling up, it's a decision that saves lives.

Make the commitment
to drive distraction-free today.

Take the pledge to:

- Protect lives by never texting or talking on the phone while driving.
- Be a good passenger and speak out if the driver is distracted.
- Encourage friends and family to drive phone-free.

Save a life. Spread the word. Take the pledge to drive distraction-free and learn more about what you can do to promote safer roads for everyone at www.distraction.gov.

Mark your Calendar

- * City Council meetings on March 6 & 21, at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting, March 16, at 12:00 pm
- * Park & Rec Committee meeting, March 16, 6:00 pm

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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