

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ October 2017

How Flashing Yellow Arrows Work

City Staff is please to announce that after a year of working closely with ODOT Officials, we finally have flashing yellow turn signals that will ease traffic flow through our community. The City wants to thank ODOT for modernizing the traffic signals going through Scappoose. This was a concern that was clearly expressed at our 1st Annual Town Meeting.



Things you should know ~

When the flashing yellow arrow is displayed, left turns are allowed but drivers and bicyclists must wait behind the stop bar/crosswalk while watching for an appropriate gap in traffic. Drivers and bicyclists will then need to yield to oncoming motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians before making the left turn.

Waiting behind the stop bar/crosswalk during a flashing yellow arrow interval will also ensure that your vehicle or bicycle is detected by the signal's sensor equipment, which will provide a protected green arrow at the end of the cycle or at the start of the next cycle in case a gap in traffic never becomes available.

Motorists and bicyclists should not wait in the intersection for the traffic gap, as that is considered obstructing cross traffic which is a citable traffic offense ([ORS 811.290](#)).

Miller Park Update

Last fall, the City removed playground equipment from Miller Park because it was obsolete and dangerous. We are pleased to announce the City received a \$26,503 grant from Game Time that will help pay for the new playground equipment at Miller Park. This new equipment should be in place by later this fall.

Heritage Park

Heritage Park should be completed by early October with a dedication upon completion ~ please watch for more information on the City's website and Facebook. We hope all of you will come attend this event. With the invaluable support of the Rotary Club and Oregon State Parks, Heritage Park will become a community gem that will be very popular with the community.

Public Works Update

Summer time has been a busy time, for the City. Recently, the City purchased a new pavement roller which will help the City do more maintenance of City Streets.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau, has been with City since February, and has extensive experience paving and maintaining public facilities. Under his leadership, City crews are busy crack sealing and paving sections of City streets. These efforts will help the City develop safer streets, but, also help us protect our public investment in our City street system. The City has a very capable Public Works Crew and under Dave's leadership, good things lie ahead.

New Building Official

Don VanDomelen started July 18, as the City's new Building Official. Don is a resident of Scappoose and gained his experience from working for the City of Forest Grove. We are pleased to have Don on our team and believe he will provide excellent service to the citizens of Scappoose.

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The Oregon Mayors Association and the City of Scappoose invite you to enter the "If I Were Mayor..." contest.

Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor. Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win an **iPad Air 2!**

CONTEST DEADLINE: Thursday, April 12, 2018. For more information contact City Recorder Susan Reeves at 503-543-7146 or sreeves@cityofscappoose.org.

Local Prize ~ \$50 Apple Store Gift Card and Lunch with Mayor Burge

GENERAL RULES:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Only one submission per student will be accepted at the state level.
- Previous statewide winners may participate, but are not eligible to receive a prize in the same category (grade level) they previously won in. They are eligible to receive a prize in a new category.
- State level submissions become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish state-level entries along with the names and likenesses of each student.

West Lane Road update

Construction is underway and should be completed by late fall. This project is being funded by two State grants and contributions by adjoining property owners. Upon completion, it will help develop West Lane as a primary access for new industry that we hope locate next to the airport.

Mark your Calendar

- * City Council meetings on October 2 & 16, at 7:00 pm
- * Planning Commission meeting on October 12 & 26, at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting on October 19, at 12:00 pm
- * Park & Recreation Committee meeting on October 19, at 6:00 pm

Meetings are held in the Scappoose City Council Chambers at 33568 East Columbia Avenue

Call Scappoose City Hall at 503-543-7146 for more information

Utility Bills are due the 15th of each month

Watts House Tours

The Watts House Museum is open Tuesday's, Thursday's, and Saturday's, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.
(Please note ~ the Watts House Museum will be closed the last Saturday of each month)

If you would like to set up a tour outside the normal business hours please contact Karen Holmberg, President of the Scappoose Historical Society, at 503-970-3920.

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