

City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ May 2018

Friends of Scappoose Parks Announcement

The City has recently created the Friends of Scappoose Parks as a way to give residents, local businesses and organizations an opportunity to be more involved with the City's park system. We would like to invite you to get involved with this important group. The program will focus on four types of projects: community outreach, fundraising, adopt-a-park, and volunteer clean up events.

We are confident that the Friends of Scappoose Parks program offers a great opportunity to bring the community together to improve the park system. The best part about this program is that it allows community volunteers to work hands-on to keep Scappoose's parks clean, attractive, and safe for everyone. We are also planning on having a kick-off meeting for the Friends of Parks Program on May 17th at 7:00 pm at the City Council Chambers. We invite anyone who wants to be involved to come participate in our meeting where we will decide the first community projects to focus on for the rest of the year. This will be a great opportunity to give your feedback on the direction of the program and also become a contributing member of the Friends of Scappoose Parks.

If you would like to sign up to join the Friends, attend our first Friends meeting, or would like additional information, please contact Garrett Peterson at gpeterson@cityofscappoose.org or 503-543-7184.

Thank you!

Scappoose Farmers Market ~ Every Saturday, starting May 19 to September 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., located by Scappoose City Hall, 33568 East Columbia Avenue.

For more information please contact Bill Blank at 503-730-7429 or visit www.scappoosefarmermarket.com

Mark your Calendar

- * City Council meetings on May 7 & 21, at 7:00 pm
- * Planning Commission meeting on May 24, at 7:00 pm
- * Economic Development Committee meeting on May 17, at 12:00 pm
- * Park & Recreation Committee meeting on May 17, 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 Information ~ The Watts House is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Scappoose Historical Society invites anyone who would like to share their historic memorabilia of early families and businesses to contact Karen Holmberg, 503-970-3920. Your assistance in creating new historical displays and information available to the public will be very much appreciated.

To report a street light out/not working properly ~

Visit our website at ~ <http://www.ci.scappoose.or.us/publicworks/webform/report-street-light-out>
or call Susan at 503-543-7146, ext 224.

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Well summertime is almost here and the City is gearing up to complete a number of important projects around the community. We wanted to give you a brief overview of some of these projects so that you won't be surprised when things start changing.

One of the biggest projects that will ensue will be development of a new park next to Seely Lane. The city received a \$450,000 grant that will help us transform this 3-acre parcel into Scappoose's newest community park. Construction should begin in mid-summer and be completed by late fall.

The City will also be working with the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council to reshape the banks of South Scappoose Creek from the north end of Veterans Park to the south side of the Buxton property. This project was made possible by a BPA grant with local match coming from the City. This project will help enhance fish habitat, mitigate flooding and make the creek more accessible.

The Charles T. Parker Way road project will be constructed this summer and will connect the OMIC (Oregon Manufacturing & Innovation Center) industrial area with West Lane Road. This project will also include water and sewer service to the entire area. This project is being paid for by \$2.6 million in grant/loan funding from the State of Oregon and OIT, who owns and manages the OMIC facility. This road and access to city services should help attract new companies and new jobs to our community.

As a side note, new housing starts are projected to taper off this year, while industrial and commercial activity is expected to increase. All of the subdivisions that were under construction the past two years are nearly complete and there aren't any large projects that are scheduled for construction this summer.

Also, the city hopes to complete the new well at Dutch Canyon this summer which will expand our water supply. The long-term water masterplan should be complete this upcoming year which will help us make future strategic investments in our water system.

Finally, the City Economic Development Committee has been working with the Scappoose Community Club to try and encourage more community events. The Scappoose Community Club has historically done a significant number of events, like the Sauerkraut Festival in the past, and they need support. We would like to encourage you and your neighbors to become involved with this club to help create community capacity to sponsor community events in the future. The Community Club is planning to have a community event on June 16th. This event will take place on the same day as the Farmers Market and will also include entertainment and other fun activities at Heritage Park. The Columbia Century Challenge bike ride will also take place that same day and participants will finish at Heritage Park after pedaling 112 miles through the heart of Columbia County. We hope you take time to come down and visit the Farmers Market, enjoy the revitalized Heritage Park, listen to live entertainment, and watch the bicyclists finish this extraordinary race.

Finally, there are also discussions about creating additional community events over the course of the year. To make that happen, we would like to encourage you to get involved and make a difference for our community. If you are interested in participating and helping us create more community events, please contact Garrett Peterson or Alex Rains at 503)543-7184.

We hope you have a great summer. We will see you around. Thanks again for your support and don't forget that by working together, we can make a difference.

Michael Sykes, City Manager