

# City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ June 2018

## Scappoose Garden Club Celebrates 80 Years and Donates Park Bench to City

The Scappoose Garden Club held a dedication ceremony on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate their generous contribution of a new concrete bench located in front of the Gazebo in Heritage Park. A plaque on the bench commemorates the rich history of the Garden Club in the Scappoose community over the past eighty years.

Contributions from the Garden Club, along with other community partners, has allowed the City to truly develop a wonderful gathering place for our community. With a new park being planned for construction this summer, other opportunities for community support are available.



**In the photo** ~ back row: Mayor Burge, and City Manager Sykes. Garden Club Members: back row ~ Karen van Swearingen, Sue Hobart, Beth Kennedy, Byrd Schneider, Kelly Kessi, Pat Thomas, Mary Jane McDonald, Michelle Berg, Jessica Millerm, and front row ~ Patty Pribyl, Judy Thompson, Maureen Kessi, and Mary Kucera.

## City Purchases Street Sweeper

In September 2015, the City implemented a stormwater utility charge. The revenues generated from this fee have been used to purchase our first street sweeper. This sweeper will be of great value in keeping our streets clean of leaves, gravel and other debris. This will also help us keep storm drains clean and operable during flooding events.



## Mark your Calendar

- \* City Council meetings on June 4 & 18, at 7:00 pm
- \* Planning Commission meeting on June 28, at 7:00 pm
- \* Economic Development Committee meeting on June 21, at Noon
- \* Park & Recreation Committee meeting on June 21, 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

## 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](http://www.scappoosefarmermarket.com).

## FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collections Columbia County Transfer Station

Located at 1601 Railroad Avenue, St. Helens ~ Saturday, June 23 & Saturday & October 27.

Collection times from 8am to noon. Call Kathy at 503-397-7259 for more information.

**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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# Friends of Scappoose Parks

## Topics Discussed:

- **Adopt-a-Park**
- **Clean Up Events**
- **Fundraising**
- **And Much More!**



**May 17, 2018**

**7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**33568 E. Columbia Ave  
City Council Chambers**

**Friends of Scappoose Parks is a program that give residents, local businesses and organizations an opportunity to be more involved with the City's park system. 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!**

## Earth Day Clean Up at Crown Zellerbach Trail and Chapman Landing

First held on April 22, 1970, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated worldwide where people come together in support of environmental protection and to raise awareness on environmental issues. In observance of this special day, the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee held a clean-up event for the Crown Zellerbach Trail and Chapman Landing. The clean-up was well attended by the Parks Committee and other members of the community.



Pictured above ~ SOLV Clean UP Volunteers: Port Commissioner Paulette Lichatowich, Columbia County Commissioner Henry Heimuller, and Mikela Heimuller.

## City Updates Forest Management Plan

The City of Scappoose recently hired Trout Mountain Forestry to complete a Comprehensive Forest Stewardship Plan, which was completed in December 2017, and was recently adopted by the City Council. The Forest Stewardship Plan looked at two tracts of land under City ownership with forest management needs; the Gourlay Creek tract of approximately 310 acres (which is outside of City limits and outside the Urban Growth Boundary) and the Vista tract of 76.61 acres, located within City limits.

The Gourlay Creek tract contains the majority of the City's watershed and by managing this tract responsibly it will help us to protect and enhance water quality and quantity and will provide a diverse forest and riparian habitat for fish and wildlife.

The Vista tract, which is zoned Public Lands Recreation and is located at the western edge of City limits between NW Bella Vista Drive and Luma Vista Drive, has experienced several blowdown events in recent years and as a result, there is an increased risk of wildfire from forest fuels, and access for firefighting is restricted because several of the access trails are blocked by down trees. This tract also contains two of the City's water storage tanks.

Following the recommendations within the Forest Stewardship Plan, the City recently applied for a Public Land Tree Removal Permit to allow for a salvage logging operation on the Vista tract to recover the down trees and to clear existing roads and trails for enhanced management access. Additionally, a light thinning of dense conifer is proposed in order to promote healthy vigorous growth and reduce future fuels accumulations. Thinning will focus on removing smaller, less healthy, or leaning trees. The Planning Commission approved the permit request during their meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to the logging operation beginning, the City will post notices on their website and Facebook page to notify nearby residents of the proposed schedule.