

# City of Scappoose Newsletter ~ July 2018

## Friends of Scappoose Parks Meeting Announcement

The first meeting of Friends of Scappoose Parks (FSP) was held on May 17th, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. The meeting was well attended by members of the community and members of the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee. It was wonderful to see that so many people are interested in getting more involved with the City's park system. After introductions, there was a quick presentation on the purpose and goals of Friends of Scappoose Parks. In quick summary, the City has decided to create 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. The program will focus on four types of projects: community outreach, fundraising, adopt-a-park, and volunteer clean up events. 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. Although the City is helping to launch Friends of Scappoose Parks, the goal is that members of the community step into leadership positions and that the group transitions into a community run group.

To that point, the City feels like the members of Friends of Scappoose Parks should have input on the types of projects that the group will focus their energy on. The highlight of the first meeting for FSP was the break out session where attendees brainstormed about the type of projects they would like the group to help implement. There were many great suggestions like installing additional trash cans in the parks, planting a pollinator garden, and fundraising for horse shoe pits (to see the complete list, visit the City's website). At the next several meetings, we will vote on what projects the FSP should work on first so it is really important that if you are interested in participating in the program that you show up to the upcoming meetings. It is not too late to join! There are no commitments to joining the group, just come with a positive attitude and a passion for our parks.

The next two meetings will be held on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. If you have questions or need any additional information, please contact Garrett Peterson at [gpeterson@cityofscappoose.org](mailto:gpeterson@cityofscappoose.org) or 503-543-7184. Thank you!



## St. Helens Credit Union celebrates 80 years

St. Helens Community Credit Union is celebrating 80 years serving our members. Each month this year we are participating in a Random Act of Kindness where we give away or donate 80 items. We chose to plant 80 flowers at Heritage Park because our staff loves the park. These flowers are a way to demonstrate how much we value giving back to the community.

In the photo, from left to right: Teresa Fine, Annette Pixley, Brooke Van Vleet, Robin Balza, Ryann Weaver, Wendy Hilsinger, Meagan Tolles and Heather Parmley.

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**The City of Scappoose would like to thank SHCU for giving back and planting 80 flowers in Heritage Park.**

## Scappoose Farmers Market

Every Saturday, until Sept. 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).

**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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### Scappoose Police Citizen's Academy

The next Police Citizen's Academy class starts in September 2018. This is a tuition free, ten-week program designed to introduce members of the community to the Scappoose Police Department. The Academy is designed to teach citizens about the philosophy, policies, and guiding principles of law enforcement and ethical conduct governing police services in our community. Students will receive classroom instruction by personnel from the Scappoose Police Department. Once training is completed, students are given the opportunity to complete an eight-hour ride-along with a police officer. This ride-along is usually an eye-opening experience for many students as they get to see the real day-to-day activities of the police.

**Student Requirements:** Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applicants can not have any felony convictions. Applicants can not have any misdemeanor or D.W.I. arrests within the last three years prior to application date. Applicants must pass a background check conducted by the Scappoose Police Department.

For more information please contact Scappoose Police Department, located at 33568 E. Columbia Avenue, or by phone at (503)543-3114.

### Street Sweeping Information

As all of you might have noticed, the City has begun a Street Sweeping Program. The street cleaning program removes dirt and debris from City streets to help provide safe conditions for all modes of transportation, storm system maintenance, and a healthy and attractive environment for citizens and visitors.

Please do not place on any street any article which tends to prevent, interrupt or obstruct the travel or free passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, or street crossing so as to prevent, interrupt, or obstruct travel or free passage of the street sweeper ~ examples are: basketball hoops and lumber.

The City is currently sweeping 2-3 days per week as work load allows. This is a general City wide cleaning with no specific schedule. The City will provide a neighborhood specific schedule by late summer in preparation for the fall leaf collection.

Thank you for helping us keep our streets clean.

### Columbia County Dog Fair

Scappoose Veterans Park  
September 8, 2018  
9:00 am 5K Start & Park Opens  
10:00 am Costume Contest  
11:00 am Talent Contest  
Day-long contests, demonstrations,  
games, vendors, & food carts.  
Information & Pre-register at  
[www.scapposedog.com](http://www.scapposedog.com)  
All proceeds benefit Columbia  
Humane Society & Scappoose D.O.G

### Mark your Calendar

- \* City Council meetings on July 16, at 7:00 pm
- \* Planning Commission meeting on July 12 & 26, at 7:00 pm
- \* Economic Development Committee meeting on July 19, at Noon
- \* Park & Recreation Committee meeting on July 19, at 6:00 pm
- \* Friends of Scappoose Parks meeting on July 19, at 7:00 pm
- \* National Night Out at Heritage Park on August 7, 2018, 5pm to 8pm

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 and to confirm meetings.

Utility Bills are due the 15th of each month

### Tomee Park renamed Chief Concomly Park

Following the City Council's naming of the property located off of Seely Lane as Tomee Park on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, staff completed research on Tomee in order to draft language for an informational plaque to be featured at the Park. Karen Holmberg, of the Scappoose Historical Society and Duke Smith, of the Columbia County Historical Society generously provided time and historical materials to aid in this research. The results of this process revealed a significant amount of conflicting information; all sources, with the exception of James Loring Watts' *History of Scappoose* where she is referred to as Tomee, either spell her name Timmee, Timee or have omitted her name entirely, citing a lack of proof that her name was Tomee, Timmee, Timee or any variation thereof. City Staff presented this information to Council on May 7<sup>th</sup> for their review and discussion.

After consideration of the potential for historical inaccuracy with regards to the name Tomee Park, City Council adopted Resolution 18-09, renaming the park to Chief Concomly Park on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Chief Concomly (estimated to have lived from 1765 To 1830), was the Chief of the Chinook Tribe at the time that Thomas McKay settled in Scappoose. He was very well respected by both Native Americans and settlers along the lower Columbia River region which was home to the Chinook Indian tribe. Chief Concomly's daughter Timmee (also referred to as Timee and Tomee) was Thomas McKay's first wife and they had three children together. City Council felt that naming this park after Chief Concomly was an important way of celebrating and recognizing the rich Native American history of the Scappoose area.