

Our Town

Important February Dates

- Feb 1 Special (Rescheduled) City Council Meeting @6:30pm
- Feb 6 Personnel Committee @ 6:30pm
- Feb 10 Municipal Court @ 2:00pm
- Feb 13 City Council Business Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Feb 14 Take your sweetheart out to dinner @ a Harrisburg restaurant!
- Feb 19 Presidents Day—City Facilities are closed
- Feb 20 Planning Commission 7:00pm
- Feb 27 City Council Work Session @ 6:30pm

City Administrator's Message

It seems like January flew by so fast! The City is gearing up for another busy year. All the big events are in the planning stages and we hope that its going to be a great year, especially for our Parks! The City has applied for almost \$150,000 in Recreational Trails Program Grant Funds, and will be applying for the Safe Route to Schools Grant again this year (to improve N. 9th St. above Territorial.) In addition, we are applying for the Large Government Grant Funds Program through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in the near future. That large grant, if successful, will fund the future boat ramp, boat docks, playground, and playing fields. The letter writing campaign has begun!

- ◆ If you like the idea of sidewalks, curbs and gutters on the west side of N. 9th, please write a letter or email, asking the grant committee to provide us with a grant for that improvement. (It will likely be over \$1M for that improvement at this time.)
- ◆ Letters asking the board at OPRD for the large LGGP grant to be provided to the City can also be sent to the City at this time. A boat ramp, boat docks, playground, disc golf course, restrooms, and playing fields are all on that project list!
- ◆ Letters can be dropped off, or mailed to PO Box 378, Harrisburg, OR 97446, or send your email asking for grant approval to meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us

We are thankful that not more of the City facilities were affected by the snow and ice storm that everyone is still attempting to recover from. We are lucky to have had limited power problems, and no major damage in most of the parks. (Eagle Park is still impassable while the river is so high; we hope that only a few dozen trees were hurt.) Thank you again to Sal Fiducia, Steve Ensley, and Jeremy Larson for their hard work in keeping flooding down on January 17th. *Our PW crew rocks!*

Water Bond Project Information: The City has been working hard to come up with the additional funding we need to make up the difference between the General Obligation Water Bond funds we received, considering how much inflation, and supply shortages has increased the cost of the project itself. A new water engineer is rewriting the bid documents, which should hopefully go out in our 3rd bid attempt towards the end of March/beginning of April. The City has obtained almost \$2 million from Urban Renewal funding, and with Representative Jami Cate's help, is asking for another \$1.8 million in funding from the State of Oregon. We hope that the remaining funds are low enough for us to obtain a loan from the Oregon Special Public Works Fund. If they are fairly low, we can likely fund the project with a standard 3% rate increase. You can read more about the details by going to the City's website at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/citycouncil/page/water-system-upgrades-2024-update>.



Happy Valentines Day! Michele~

Harrisburg Public Library News

Drop by your Library to see what's New!

Game Night: Thu February 1 (FOR TEENS) 6:30pm—7:30pm in the Municipal Center. We have plenty of games for every age.

Teen Book Club: Thu February 8 @ 5pm in the Municipal Center

Crafting Club: Every Thursday @ 5pm at the Harrisburg Municipal Center. Open to everyone for any craft!

Lego Club: Every Friday from 3pm—4pm — held in the Library. All ages welcome!

Baby Story Time: Every Wed at 11am. Designed for ages 0-3yrs.

Story Time for Children: Every Friday from 10am to 11am in the Harrisburg Municipal Center.

Karaoke Club: Every Saturday at 1pm. Come sing with us!

Digital Library Consortium: A Harrisburg Library Card gets you entrance to the Library2go system. You can download your favorite e-books, and audio books through the Libby App! Call 541-995-6949 for more information.

NO DUMPING



DRAINS TO RIVER

It benefits all of us to keep waterways healthy.

Please do not dump chemicals, solvents, or oils down drains. Do not allow garbage to get into gutters, stormwater culverts, or the river. It's important to pick up and dispose of all dog waste in parks and on right-of-ways!

Always notify local law enforcement if you see someone dumping!

Residential Utility Rates (Fiscal Year 2023-24)

The utility bill is a combination of water, sewer and storm drain charges. Please contact City Hall for more information. Rates below are for July 2023-June 2024.

Water Base Rate: \$22.16	Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$22.03
Per Unit: \$1.81 (per EUU*)	Sewer User Fee: \$7.99 (per EUU*)
Storm Drain: \$3.74	*An EUU is equal to 748 gals of metered water

Code Enforcement Reminder of the Month

The City receives lots of calls from neighbors complaining about people who don't clean up their yards, or about barking dogs. Please consider being nice when you ask someone to do something better. Your neighbor may be going through some tough challenges, and may wish that they could make it better too! Please keep your dogs under control; and try to keep them from barking at all the (**squirrel!**) cats, birds, other dogs and people for hours on end. Let's all help each other have a better quality of life, and make a difference in our neighborhoods!

Xpress Bill Pay—Utility Billing

Xpress Bill Pay is our online payment provider. You can pay your utility bill by e-check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or Debit at no extra cost to you. Visit www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/utilitybilling for additional information.

To better serve you, please return any contact changes to City Hall

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Account Number: _____