# Our Town

## Important March Dates

•	Mar 5	Library Board Meeting
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• Mar 12 City Council Business Meeting @ 6:30pm

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day

• Mar 19 Planning Commission 7:00pm

Mar 26 City Council Work Session @ 6:30pm

Mar 27 Municipal Court @ 2:00pm

Mar 31 Easter Sunday



# City Administrator's Message

It seems like February came and went so fast!

We are getting a new subdivision. The Planning Commission approved a 53-lot subdivision proposal from Hayden Homes, planned for 7.44 acres on the south side of Sommerville Loop. This subdivision will extend S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., and with the new extension that was constructed last year, it will allow you to travel from Priceboro St. all the way up 9<sup>th</sup> past the high school and up to Diamond Hill Road!

The little built wood playhouse on the end of Territorial St. in Riverfront Park has finally worn itself out. We guess that it's at least 25 years old, if not more. Employees checked it recently, and found that the supports had finally worn down enough, that it would be dangerous for kids to play on. Similar units to that one are exorbitantly priced, so it's likely we won't get another unit like that unless we can get a grant for one. In the meanwhile, we will be hunting for something for the little ones to play on, like a slide, to go with the swings. The swings, of course, are still there!

The City is considering a change to an alternate schedule to better serve our community. Under consideration is to allow City Hall to be closed on a Friday, with employees working 4 10-hour days, or be open for a half day on Friday; closing at noon. This schedule would allow for better access Monday-Thursday outside of normal business hours with a possibility of a half day on Fridays. The City Council would like to know what you think! No schedule changes will occur unless citizens responding to the City are favorable to a change. If that decision is made, then the City would make sure that there is plenty of notice; likely a 3-month period before we would start the new schedule. Watch for a future survey asking for your opinion.

Water Bond Project Information: Lots of people have noticed that the State of Oregon has received an influx of funds from the EPA that can go to Clean Water Drinking Programs. The city is following up on whether any of the programs have changed, and if perhaps grants might be possible now that could apply to a City with aesthetic drinking water issues. Keep your fingers crossed. As of right now there are not any grants from the Federal Government for infrastructure, unless you have contaminated water, or problems with distribution capacity, which thankfully, Harrisburg does not have. Citizens are always welcome to our City Council meetings, so if you'd like to come and ask questions about steps we are taking, then we encourage you to join us. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month at 6:30pm, with the exception of the months of July, November and December. You can read more about details by going to the City's website at https:// www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/citycouncil/page/water-system-upgrades-2024 -update.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Michele~



## Harrisburg Public Library News

Drop by your Library to see what's New!

<u>Game Night</u>: Thu March 7 (FOR TEENS) 6:30pm—7:30pm in the Municipal Center. We have plenty of games for every age.

<u>Teen Book Club:</u> Thu March 14 @ 5pm in the Municipal Center

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

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

Baby Story Time: Every Wed at Ilam. Designed for ages 0-3vrs.

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

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

<u>Digital Library Consortium</u>: 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.

# It's Water Flushing Time Again!

Public Works will be flushing the City water lines the week of March 11-15, 2024. Please contact City Hall with any questions.

#### 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

#### Eagle Athletics Spring Sports Information

K-2nd Grade - T-Ball and Coach Pitch Baseball/Softball registration opens on Feb.22nd and closes on April 5th.

3rd-6th Grade - Baseball/Softball registration opens on Feb. 22nd and closes on Mar. 13th.

Late registration is not accepted. 3rd-6th grade spots are limited. After the team is full, athletes will be waitlisted until another team can be filled.

To register or sign up for coaching go to <a href="https://link.edgepilot.com/s/eaf0f1ba/n888FNR\_9UWK-rPJ6HN94g?u=https://eagleathletics.sportngin.com/">https://eagleathletics.sportngin.com/s/eaf0f1ba/n888FNR\_9UWK-rPJ6HN94g?u=https://eagleathletics.sportngin.com/</a>.

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