

Our Town



IMPORTANT MAY DATES

- ◇ May 8, Municipal Court 2:00pm
- ◇ May 13, Budget Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- ◇ May 14, City Council Meeting 6:30pm
- ◇ May 21-Planning Commission 7:00pm
- ◇ May 27 –Happy Memorial Day! All City Facilities are closed
- ◇ May 28-City Council Work Session 6:30pm



City Administrator's Message

Its getting closer to one of our favorite times of year! Spring and summer are when we get to hold all of our favorite events, like the 4th of July, Summer Sounds concert nights (Thursdays in July), and the Harvest Festival Tractor & Truck Pull in August! The City is finishing up all the preparation that goes with the budget process; our public meeting to discuss the budget is on the schedule above. The public is welcome, and encouraged to attend. The City Council also recently adopted the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan. If you are interested in what's most important to the City over the next five years, then please take a look at it on the City website. You can find it at www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/administration/page/citys-strategic-plan. Our most important project is, of course, the completion of the water bond!

Water Bond Project Information: The City Water Engineer is now almost done with the 3rd bid packet, and we hope that it might fall into a more affordable price range! (Perhaps the 3rd time is the charm?) We are prepared to take out a small loan, to add to the \$5 million in bond funds that have been waiting for a successful bid, plus the \$2 million set aside in urban renewal funds. Please keep your fingers crossed that this time, we can finally get construction of the reservoirs and filtration plants started! As previously discussed, the only grants available from the Federal Government for infrastructure, are for cities that have contaminated water, or problems with distribution or capacity. We are quite thankful that we don't have those problems, but we would really like to provide water that tastes, looks, and smells good! If you'd like to come and ask questions about steps we are taking, then we encourage you to join us at a future City Council meeting. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 6:30pm, with the exception of the months of July, November and December. You can read more about the details and steps we've taken by going to the City's website at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/citycouncil/page/water-system-upgrades-2024-update>

HART Community Center announces Classes and Summer Camps in 2024!

Babysitting Certification Class (Saturday May 18, 10am - 5pm & Sunday May 19 1pm - 5pm, Fee \$20) Harrisburg Fire Department will be providing FirstAid/CPR/AED training and certification for all participants **Age: 12 & up** (contact Angela Miller at amBirthDoula@gmail.com with questions or if finances are a barrier for attending)

SUMMER CAMPS

- Bead Buddies and Rock painting (June 24 - 27, 9-11:30am, \$20) Age: 6+
- Sewing 101 - Session 1 (July 15- 18, 9-11:30am, fee \$20) Age: 9 & up
- Sewing 101 - Session 2 (August 5 - 8, 9-11:30am, fee \$20) Age: 9 & up
- Cooking 101 (August 12 - 15, 9-11:30am, fee \$25) Age: 12 & up

Go to <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/hart>, or email admin@hartcommunitycenter.org for more information.

Senior Center Hours of Operation and Information! Please remember that the Senior Center is available for other events, meetings, gatherings, crafting, etc. They also have a small kitchen, restrooms, and two nice pool tables. If you are interested, contact Eldon at 541-409-0741, or come to one of their events. The Senior Center is in the Municipal Center Complex at 354 Smith St. They are the first green building right next to the Library, and the parking lot on the corner of 4th & Smith St. Potluck is on the 1st Wed of each month, Bingo on the 3rd Tues of each month - 10:00am to 12:00pm, and Cards, Pool games & Puzzles are held every Wed and Sat, 1:00pm to 5:00pm. *Stay busy, get involved, and meet new friends!*
Have a great May ahead! Michele~

Harrisburg Public Library News

Drop by your Library to see what's New!

Game Night: Thu May 2 (FOR TEENS) 6:30pm—7:30pm in the Municipal Center. We have plenty of games for every age.

Teen Book Club: Thu May 9 @ 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 @ 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!

Grief Support: Every 1st and 3rd Monday at 6pm in the Harrisburg Municipal Center

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.



Code Enforcement Reminder.

With Summer (and the REALLY NICE weather) coming up, it is very important to stay on top of yards, lawns and vegetation. Doing this helps keep your home safe from fire danger (defensible space) and your neighbors' home safe as well (fire "jumping"). Please make sure to keep your areas manageable with regular yard maintenance. This helps reduce fire danger and makes your area less inviting to invasive critters like rodents. A well-maintained yard/lawn/property not only helps keep your area safe and attractive, but also helps prevent Code Violations. If you have received a note from Code Enforcement and/or have questions, please call City Hall at 541-995-6655.

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 EEU*)	Sewer User Fee: \$7.99 (per EEU*)
Storm Drain: \$3.74	*An EEU is equal to 748 gals of metered water

School/Community Info:

May 7: High School Food Drive. Leave food at the end of your driveway, and the kids will come by between 10:00am-12:00pm.

May 7, High School FREE car wash for the Harrisburg Community, high school parking lot 10:00-12pm

May 9, Kinder Registration Open 24-25 school year - Kinder Kickoff from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Harrisburg Elementary School.

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: _____