

Our Town

Brian Latta — New City Administrator

With the current City Administrator, Bruce Cleeton, retiring on May 31st, the City Council has hired Brian Latta as the City's next City Administrator.

Brian is currently employed by the City of Corvallis as an Associate Planner. This experience will allow him to also serve as City Planner for Harrisburg.

Brian has a Master's Degree from Oregon State University.

After interviewing Brian twice and conducting a reference check, the City Council found him to be intelligent, hard working, witty, friendly, and family oriented. He was found to be a great fit for our community. He will begin his employment with the City on May 20th.

Brian is pictured with his wife, Wendy, and his two children, Navy and Bertram.

Come and meet Brian and his family at City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th.



“Drive Less Connect”

Your Transportation Solution

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A free, local online tool called Drive Less Connect (www.DriveLessConnect.com) can help you match up your transportation needs with others who are headed your way for work, school, or even one-time trips out of town. Drive Less Connect has over 2,000 users across this region. There also are over 30 commuter vanpools in the valley. You should check out www.valleyvanpool.info/vanpool_routes.htm. There also is an online calendar to track the trips you take using any transportation options (biking, bus, carpool, etc.). And you'll be eligible to win great local prizes such as gift cards to Fred Meyer or Dutch Bros coffee! Any questions? Call Cascades West Rideshare at 541-924-8480 or point2point at Lane Transit District, 541-682-6183. Sign up at www.DriveLessConnect.com today! A “Get There” campaign is coming up May 4-17 and all you need to do to be eligible to win a bike (\$600 value), an iPad, an overnight trip to the Coast, or dozens of other prizes, is track 1-5 trips by bike, bus, carpool, walking or teleworking at DriveLessConnect.com.



Fertilizer Explosion Danger?

Following the explosion that took place recently in Texas, you might wonder if there is danger in Harrisburg since we have two businesses that produce fertilizer. The substance that appears to have caused the major explosion is ammonium nitrate. There was reportedly 250 tons of it at the plant in Texas. Harrisburg Fire Chief John Goucher has checked and has determined that there is no ammonium nitrate being used at either Wilco Farmers Agronomy Center on LaSalle Street or Willamette Ag on Territorial Street. In fact, he found no hazardous chemicals involved in the manufacturing of fertilizer at these locations.

Circus Returning!

The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus is returning on Saturday, May 25th. The same circus was here in 2011 and had two sold out performances.

You will be entertained by aerial acts, animal acts, balancing acts and of course clowns. Great fun!

The circus will set up at Heritage Park, near the corner of Smith Street and 4th Streets.

It will be co-sponsored by the Harrisburg Elementary Parent Club and the Harrisburg Library Guild, with both receiving a portion of the proceeds.

Pre-sale tickets are available at a discount at Harrisburg Elementary School, Harrisburg City Hall, Harrisburg Library, and Citizens Bank in both Harrisburg and Junction City. \$6 for children; \$10 for adults.

Join the Harrisburg Library Guild for a pre-circus party with Skeeter the Clown at 11:00 on Friday, May 17th, at the Harrisburg Justice Center, 354 Smith Street. There will be games, coloring, snacks and magic tricks. Skeeter will be here to tell you about the history of the circus and what to expect when the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus comes to town on May 25th. Children will have a chance to win a free ticket to the circus. (Limit of one free ticket pre family.)



If I had a dog...

It would be a great dog.
 I would take it on walks while on a leash.
 I would have a plastic bag in my pocket in case it messes; and, I would use the pet stations in parks to clean up after my dog.
 I wouldn't let it outside without being in a fenced yard or otherwise constrained.
 I would make sure it did not bark and cause a nuisance.

...I would be a responsible pet owner.

Committee Openings

We need you. The Budget Committee and the Parks Committee both have a vacancy.

The Budget Committee only meets about three times per year. It reviews and approves the city budget.

The Parks Committee meets about six times per year. It oversees our current parks and plans the location and design of future parks.

Interested? Questions? Call City Hall at 541-995-6655.

Fence Permits

If you are going to build a fence this year, get a Fence Permit first from the City. It is free.

The Fence Permit allows the City an opportunity to assist you in making sure your fence plans are legal so you will not have to tear it back down.

Fence Permit forms are on the City's website: www.ci.harrisburg.or.us, under "land use" and "building information", and at City Hall.

Skatepark News

Our skatepark is over four years old. The City of Harrisburg would like to thank the users of the skatepark for taking good care of it. We will soon be doing some maintenance to it. We are pleased that the maintenance is because it has been well used, not abused. The skatepark will be closed up to a week during repairs.

Please continue to respect it, keep it clean and most importantly, be safe.