

OUR TOWN



City Administrator's Message

The City of Harrisburg is doing great. This summer we heard wonderful music and watched some fun movies down on the riverfront. The 4th of July festivities were fantastic and were topped off with an amazing fireworks display over the river. My hope is that you and your families enjoyed the summer and hopefully took advantage of the great things our City had to offer.

I have had the opportunity to participate in a few projects that have been scrutinized by the citizens of Harrisburg, namely the Riverbend Resort and Urban Growth Boundary projects. Each of these projects have encouraged many of our citizens to come out and participate in the public hearings. I really appreciate and value the public testimony that is provided, because I believe it makes a difference, and results in a better product. Author T.F. Hodge said, *"When individuals and communities do not govern self, they risk being ruled by external forces that care less about the well-being of the village."* I am encouraged by the public involvement, because it demonstrates to me that we have citizens who truly care about their community, and do not want it to be molded by those outside. I want to say Thank You to those of you who have participated in these meetings, or anyone who has talked with me about any issue related to our wonderful City.

Thank you all for trusting me to help guide the City in fulfilling its vision and goals. I believe that together we will continue to make Harrisburg a wonderful place to be.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Latta".

Brian Latta

What is Water System Flushing?

In late September you may have noticed a severe drop in your water pressure for about an hour. This was a result of the City flushing the water system. The purpose of flushing the system is to provide an as aesthetically pleasing public water supply to the businesses and residents of Harrisburg. The City systematically flushes the entire system twice a year. We will continue to advertise and do public outreach prior to flushing to ensure your water needs are being met.

Harrisburg Library Guild's 2013 Harvest Tea

The ever-popular annual library fundraiser is just around the corner. This year's theme is "HATS." The event is Saturday, October 12th from 2:00-4:00 pm. It will be at the First Baptist Church (28957 W. 18th Street) in Junction City. Tickets are \$20. So pull out your most amazing, goofy, or imaginary hats and come out to the Harvest Tea. For tickets contact City Hall at 541-995-6655 or the Library at 541-995-6949.



Why is the City Proposing to Expand its Urban Growth Boundary?

You have likely seen the white signs on stakes peppered throughout the City, received a letter from the City, or perhaps you have talked to your neighbors about the land use proposal to expand the City's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The UGB is a geographical boundary up to which point the City can grow. In Oregon, there is a statewide planning program which requires Cities to plan for growth. Part of the statewide planning program is a tool called periodic review.

Periodic review is administered by the State Department of Land Conservation and Development. The purpose of periodic review is to ensure a City has a sufficient land supply of all land use types (residential, commercial, etc.) to accommodate a 20-year projected demand. Harrisburg experienced a lot of growth in the late 1990's and early 2000's. The City Council and staff believed that much of the City's 20-year supply of vacant and buildable land was developed during this period of growth. To ensure the City of Harrisburg has an adequate supply of buildable land, the City initiated the periodic review process. This process is complex and can take several years to complete.

Through the analysis and studies that have been completed, the City is requesting to expand its UGB to include an additional 90 acres of land. In addition to expanding its growth boundary, the City is also proposing to re-designate and rezone several properties within the existing UGB and City limits. The Planning Commission and City Council have held public hearings on this topic, and have recommended the State approve the request to expand the City's UGB. Because periodic review is administered by DLCD, it is not yet known whether or not the City's UGB expansion proposal will be approved.

"Heart to H.A.R.T" is coming!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 9th**. H.A.R.T. Family Resource Center will be hosting their 2nd Annual huge wine raffle. This popular fundraiser gives you a chance to walk away with a cellar full of wine! There will be live music, refreshments, and much socializing!

Tickets are \$10 with a bottle of wine, or \$20 without. The event will be at the 6th St. Wine and Deli, 270 W. 6th Street, Junction City, from 4:30-6:30 pm..



Reminder

October is the last of the Summer months for the sewer charge on your utility bill.

Starting in November and continuing through April residential customers shall be billed for sewer based upon the amount of water used during the month. The sewer user fee per equivalent user unit (EUU) is \$6.76.

For example:

During November, 7 units of water was used. Sewer charges for that month would be \$47.32 (7 units X \$6.76). During December, 5 units of water was used. Sewer charges for that month would be \$33.80 (5 units X \$6.76).

New sewer averages will go into effect May 2014.



Leaves are Falling!

Fall is upon us. The weather is getting colder, and leaves are turning color and falling to the ground. As this occurs please remember that the City does not have a leaf pickup program, so do not discard your leaves onto the City streets.

Also, please be aware that leaves are notorious for getting into the City's storm drains and clogging the storm water system which can cause flooding and property damage. Lets be good stewards and rake up our leaves. Please keep them out of gutters and ditches so the City's storm water system will function properly!