

OUR TOWN



City Administrator's Message

Recently, the City Council met in work session to discuss an update to the city's 5-year strategic plan. The strategic plan is a guiding document used to meet the city's mission and vision. The city's mission is, "Providing the highest quality public services for a better hometown Harrisburg," and the vision is, "A vibrant and charming community that has high quality of life, great neighborhoods, balanced economic growth, and quality public services."

At their meeting, the Council discussed adding various objectives and actions to the 5-year plan, including restoring year round access to the Willamette River for boating, improving community crime awareness and prevention education, and updating the city's emergency response and communication plan and coordinating plans with other agencies and groups in the city. The Council also identified its top four priorities from the strategic plan. These priorities will shape the work plan for the city employees for the upcoming fiscal year. The Council priorities are: 1) Improve city's drinking water; 2) Repair/upgrade 4th Street and other streets, including solutions for short and long term funding; 3) 150th City Celebration; and, 4) Restoring year round boating access to the Willamette River. The Council will review for adoption the completed strategic plan at its February 10, 2016 regular meeting. A copy of the city's 5-year strategic plan can be found on the city's website:

www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/administration/page/citys-strategic-plan. If you have any questions about the strategic plan, please contact Brian Latta at (541) 995-6655 or by email at blatta@ci.harrisburg.or.us.



Brian Latta

Community Crime Prevention Forums

Mark your calendars for February 18th and March 3rd and join us for discussion about crime prevention in your neighborhoods. Co-sponsored by the city of Harrisburg and Linn County Sheriff's Office, these forums will give citizens a look into crime happening in their neighborhoods as well as the tools necessary to prevent it! The forums will be held in the Harrisburg Justice Center meeting room at 354 Smith Street. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity and invite your neighbors and friends!



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Know Your Code

Did you know you can keep poultry in your residential neighborhood? You can raise up to five chickens (Sorry—No Roosters!), 12 pigeons, and two of any other kind of poultry. You must keep the poultry confined to your lot and not within 25 ft. of a residence.



Did you know when walking your dog or playing with it in the park, you must keep it restrained by a leash? Also, be sure to clean up after your dog does his business are risk getting a citation.

Did you know you can be a beekeeper in the city. You must have a minimum of 5,000 sq. ft. of land per bee colony, and no more than 8 colonies regardless of the land size.



Harrisburg Fire/Rescue Banquet

Harrisburg Fire/Rescue will be holding its annual Awards Banquet on March 12, 2016. At this annual banquet, members are honored for their years of service put in protecting our community. Harrisburg Fire/Rescue is currently made up of 3 paid staff and 23 volunteers. Any time of the day or night, these volunteers are ready to answer the call for help from others, never expecting or asking for anything in return.

As a long time member and supporter of this great organization I am reaching out to the community and asking for donations to help give each member of the department a little something as a thank you for all that they do to help this community. Funded by donations we try to get all the members a night away or at the very least a nice dinner out for them and their spouse. It's a small thank you that is truly appreciated.

Donations can be brought by city hall or the fire station during normal business hours or made out to and mailed to: Harrisburg Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. PO Box 241 Harrisburg, Oregon 97446

-Mike Hurd

City Calendar - February

- 2nd - Personnel Committee, 6 pm
- 2nd - Government Committee, after PC meeting
- 4th - 100-acre Park Open House, 6:00 pm - Justice Center (354 Smith Street)
- 10th - City Council, 6:30 pm
- 16th - Planning Commission, 7 pm
- 17th - Public Works Committee, 6 pm
- 18th - Crime Prevention Forum, 6:30 pm - Justice Center (354 Smith Street)
- 23th - Parks Committee, 6 pm
- 24th - City Council Work Session, 6:30 pm

All meetings are located at City Hall, 120 Smith Street, unless noted otherwise. Agendas for all meetings are typically available one week prior to the scheduled meeting, and can be viewed electronically from the City's website:

www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/meetings.



The City of Harrisburg is acquiring 100 acres of riverfront property from the Knife River Corporation. The City is studying the feasibility of park and recreation uses on the site. The City invites you to participate in a community meeting to gather input on preliminary design concepts for the site. Please RSVP if possible to blatta@ci.harrisburg.or.us.