

Our Town

City Administrator's Message

The pandemic may still be with us, but we remain full of hope; hope that we will get through this all together, with our community, our friends, and our family. This December, we are starting out with a message of hope, light, and the warmth of the Holidays. Our regular light parade is back, with the theme of 'A Story Book Christmas' on Saturday, Dec 4 @ 7:00pm in Harrisburg! (Also on Dec 3 in Junction City.) The Tri-County Chamber of Commerce holds the light parade in both communities, and is also holding a Business Decorating Contest this year! The application to be in the parade is on-line on the City website, in the Chamber Office, and at City Hall. To participate in the Business Decoration Contest, email rhondajgiles@gmail.com your name, business name, business address, picture of decorated business, and if you are planning on doing anything special the night of the parade. The Chamber will post a picture, address, & any special events on their page and a site-seeing map within 48 hours of the event. For more information, contact the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce at 541-998-6154.

After your family is done watching the parade on Saturday, join the City at the Museum Picnic Pavilion building (behind the fire station), where Santa, Mrs. Claus and his elves will be handing out goody bags and apples for the kids, while everyone can have free cookies, and warm up with the fabulous hot apple cider from our sponsor, Detering Orchards. This is a large area that is open somewhat to the air...(and the volunteers look forward to the new heating systems that were installed in the pavilion!).

Be sure to drop by the Museum around 4:30 on December 4th, as the steam engine/tractor will be on-hand, while museum volunteers stoke the engine for rolling through town ahead of the parade. Kids can climb up into the seat, check out the tractor, and can even toot the horn! The Museum does a terrific job in showcasing our agricultural heritage; if you haven't been through it lately, it is open (and free!) on Saturdays during the winter!

Another fun and low cost way to celebrate the season is with your family, as you drive through town and look at Christmas Lights. Be sure to drive down by City Hall so you can check out the lighted gazebo, and Riverfront Park. Our thanks to our Public Works Crew, who puts up the lights in the park, the gazebo, and hangs the decorations through town. They do a terrific job, and our thanks go out to Phil Peterson, Sal Fiducia, Zach McClinton and PW Foreman Rick Nelson, who worked especially hard on the gazebo lights. We have a lot of respect for the crew when they do this job as they are required to work with a full fall harness whenever they work on the steep roof of the gazebo.

To better serve you, please return any contact changes to City Hall

Name: _____
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Are you Ready for an Emergency?

As you prepare your house for guests, and decorate away, please remember to work safe. December is a month that is always high in accidents. Not only is it cold, and icy outside, but lots of people light candles, and spend more time in the kitchen cooking and baking. Be pro-active this year, and prepare for whatever comes your way!

Do you have an Emergency Supply Kit or a Go Bag? Now is the time to think about being prepared, before an emergency hits. Drop by City Hall to pick up a free mini-booklet that is available in our lobby. Those include how to make an emergency supply kit, ways to protect your property, how to be water wise, reclaim water, and general emergency preparedness. <https://www.ready.gov/> is a terrific website that has a lot of information for citizens to review in order to prepare yourself for whatever comes your way.

Emergencies are truly a fact of life, and having an emergency supply kit at home and in your vehicle can help. Keep at least 3 days' worth of supplies for each family member. Include at least 1 gallon of water per person per day, canned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables and juice, peanut butter, crackers, cereal and granola bars, baby food or formula if needed, and food and extra water for any pets you have. Keep your supplies safe, in airtight plastic bags or containers. Rotate your emergency stock with regular household items, so supplies can be kept fresh. Don't forget medications for your self or family members.

Include a general emergency medical kit, a manual can opener, a flashlight and extra batteries, whistles and a battery-powered or hand crank radio plus a NOAA weather radio, plastic garbage bags with ties, matches in a waterproof container, a pail with cover, chlorine bleach, spare keys, fire extinguisher, plastic sheeting and duct tape, dust and protective masks.

In a true emergency, watch the City's webpage and social media for instructions, or tune in with your battery powered radio.

Residential Utility Rates FY 2021-2022

The City Council and Budget Committee voted in the new budget for FY 2021/2022 on June 22, 2021. *There is no utility rate increase for this fiscal year!* The utility bill is a combination of water, sewer and storm drain charges. Please contact City Hall for more information.

WATER: Base Rate: \$21.30	Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$21.18
Per Unit: \$1.74 (per *EUU)	Sewer User Fee: \$7.68 (per *EUU)
	Storm Drain: \$3.60

**An EUU is equal to 748 gals of metered water*

Important December Dates

- Dec 2, 2021: Law Enforcement Ad-Hoc Committee Mtg @ 6:30pm
- Dec 4, 2021: Harrisburg Light Parade @ 7pm
- Dec 8, 2021: Harrisburg Municipal Court @ 2pm
- Dec 14, 2021: City Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Dec 21, 2021: Planning Commission Meeting @ 7pm
- Dec 24-27, 2021: Christmas Holiday — City Offices Closed
- Dec 31, 2021: New Year's Holiday — City Offices Closed