# City Administrator's Message

As we end the dog days of summer, it's hard to feel enthusiastic with record heat waves, wildfires throughout the west, a drought, and all in addition to a pandemic. It's a good time to reach out to your family, neighbors, and friends, and to watch out for each other. For those that need additional help, there are many resources available. The State of Oregon has an accessible mental health website: https://www.safestrongoregon.org/ mental-and-emotional-health. Linn County also has resources, such as a mental health department and crisis intervention assistance: https://www.linncountyhealth.org/lcdhs/page/servicesoffered. The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments also has great community resources, such as Meals on Wheels, and caregiver programs: https://www.ocwcog.org/communityservices-programs/. In Harrisburg, we have our own Gods Storehouse providing food on Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 541-995-8403. The HART Community Center (541-995-7700) is also a great resource, and the Harrisburg Gleaners (541-913-3526) do a great job with food boxes as well: https://m.facebook.com/ HarrisburgHarvestersGleaners. Veterans can find additional resources and assistance by calling the Veteran hotline: 1-800-273-8255.

The City had a bid opening for water storage tanks, and water filtration systems on August 17, 2021. It wasn't a surprise to find that the costs were exorbitant, and the City Council decided to re-bid in another 5 to 6 months in order to hopefully obtain better prices on materials. In the meantime, the City will continue to be replacing water lines in town, such as those on Diamond Hill Rd. between 7th & 9th, starting this month. The City has already replaced water lines in 5th St., LaSalle from 6th to 9th, Eagles Way & 8th Place, N. 6th St. from Territorial to Dempsey. Work is also being done for the construction of Well No. 9, which will be located near the location of Well No. 8 on City property off of Peoria Rd. The City also opened bids for the Parks Master Plan Update. Watch for public outreach in the future, and help plan our future parks!

### Important September Dates

Sept 6, 2021: City Hall & Library Closed in honor of Labor Day

Sept 8, 2021: Harrisburg Municipal Court at 2pm

Sept 9, 2021: Library Board Meeting at 6pm

Sept 14, 2021: Harrisburg City Council Business Meeting at 6:30pm

Sept 23, 2021: Planning Commission Meeting at 7pm

Sept 28, 2021: Harrisburg City Council Work Session at 6:30pm

### Contact Information Change

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

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## Harrisburg Public Library News

Great news! Harrisburg Public Library Programs will once again resume starting in September. Here is a list of the current programs being offered:

<u>Caregivers Support Group</u>: When — 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:30pm-2:30pm at the Municipal Center. If you or someone you know works as a caregiver and would like to reach out to others, we have a group

for you! Please come in for open discussions, sharing ideas, or just to listen. Everyone is welcome!

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Story Time: When — Every Friday starting September 10th, from 10am-11am at the Municipal Center. This month's theme is "Apples". Story time is a great place to interact with your little ones. Please join us for singing songs, listening to a story, engaging in crafts, and in meeting new friends. We can't wait to see you!

\*\*Programs will be held in a facility that is disinfected prior to the start of the program. At this time, masks are to be worn in all indoor spaces and outdoor spaces when social distancing is not possible. If you are running a fever, have an active cough or difficulty breathing, we ask that you please not attend the program.

<u>Fine Free Trial Period!</u> Harrisburg Public Library has started a *one year fine free trial period.* This will apply to late fees generated by overdue materials. If you had outstanding late fines prior to July 1st, those fines have been forgiven. Please contact the Library for more information.

Rocket Languages: Learn a language with Rocket Languages! Its an award winning interactive online language learning system available to our Patrons at no charge. Please visit the City Website at www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/library for more information

OverDrive: We are excited about being part of the Oregon Digital Library Consortium — OverDrive. Patrons are now able to check out eBooks, Audio Books, and more via the Libby app at no charge. You must have a current Library card that begins with he prefix PHPL. If you don't, please contact the Library at (541)995-6949 and we will be happy to replace your card with an updated one.

### 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

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