City of Harrisburg

April 2021



City Administrator's Message

I love these beautiful spring days! We know that we'll still get those days of drenching rain, but (with apologies to those with allergies) flowers always seem to make everything better.

Thank you John Hitt! John served Harrisburg for only a short while. He was a very talented and dedicated professional, who fit into Harrisburg so well. We were sad to see him leave. Luckily, the City Council decided to keep the long-distance relationship going by approving an independent contractor agreement with John. He will continue to help the City by finishing the entire rewrite of the development portions of the City code. Revising the code helps make it easier for property owners and businesses to develop their property, which affects economic development.

The City was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department! This grant will allow the City to hire a consultant who will rewrite the 2004 Parks Master Plan. Included in that plan will be the framework for eventually utilizing the 132-acre park that the City now owns. Later this year, the City will annex in the upper portion of the park. This was the section that would most likely comprise the amenities that were voted on by the public during the feasibility study. Watch for announcements later this summer when we announce community engagement meetings with families and frequent users of the City's parks system.

The 2021-2026 Strategic Plan was also approved by the City Council in March. To see the goals and priorities for the City for the next fiscal year, please visit the website at https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/administration/page/citys-strategic-plan

Harrisburg Library Board

The Library Board has an opening! Please consider applying to be on the Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2025. City Volunteer Applications are available on the City website, and at City Hall. The Board generally only meets on an every other month basis. We'd also like to say *thank you* to outgoing Library Board President Cassandra Barney! Cassie has worked hard to add programs to the Library, and to revise the Library Policy to make it more applicable to current standards. She advocated for a fine-free policy in relation to overdue books for several years. The Board made a final proposal to the City Council at the work session on March 23, 2021. The City Council approved a trial basis of the program. Watch our newsletter for announcements in relation to the trial program in the future!

Contact Information Change

To better serve you, please indicate any contact changes below. Thank you.

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Account Number:

Harrisburg Public Library

The Harrisburg Public Library is open to serve you! Library hours have resumed as normal, but due to COVID-19, we are implementing the following guidelines:



- Maximum Library occupancy, including staff, will be limited to 11 at one time.
- If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, please do not enter.
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times.

• Facemasks are required and are available at no charge. Harrisburg Public Library is excited to announce the upcoming of two summer programs:

<u>Magic Tails:</u> Presented by Daniel Lusk. Is an Online Magic Show, with the theme of "tails and tales". Children will learn through magic and puppets. Guaranteed to be engaging for all ages. <u>Marty Pants Workshop</u>: Presented by Mark Parisi. A virtual experience that's engaging and funny and includes a book reading, live drawing lessons, cartoons and cartooning advice.

Stay tuned! More information available soon! Spring Has Sprung!

Spring is here and the grass is growing! City Municipal Code prohibits properties less than one acre in size from having grass or other noxious vegetation taller than 10 inches in height, or from crossing property boundaries and interfering with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. All trees must be maintained to a minimum of eight feet above walkways and 12 feet above roadways. Lets all do our part in making our town look great , our neighbors happy and from not being a fire hazard!

Residential Utility Rates FY 2020-2021

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 Per Unit: \$1.74 (per *EUU) Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$21.18 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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Important April Dates

April 1, 2021: Library Board Meeting at 6pm. April 4, 2021: Easter Sunday April 13, 2021: City Council Business Meeting at 6:30pm April 14, 2021: Harrisburg Municipal Court at 2pm April 20, 2021: Planning Commission Meeting at 7pm April 24, 2021: Drug Take Back Event, 2:30pm to 3:30pm April 27, 2021: City Council Work Session at 6:30pm

Our Mission: Providing the highest quality public services for a better hometown Harrisburg