

OUR TOWN

City Administrator's Message Hope for 2021

After a very challenging 2020, most are looking forward to the new year. As the new vaccine becomes more available, we all hope for much more normal times.

For those of us on City staff, we have to begin budget preparation in February. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have not looked at water and sewer rates for 2021-2022. We were fortunate to be able to hold rates steady this year. But it will probably not be possible two years in a row.

We nevertheless understand the financial hardships many of our citizens are having. So, every effort will be made to keep water and sewer bills as affordable as possible and yet keep our system in good repair and make the improvements desired by all.

Library Curbside Pick-up

Harrisburg Public Library is temporarily closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, but we are happy to offer curbside pick-up for our patrons. Materials can be checked out by visiting the card catalog link on our City website, by calling the Library at (541)995-6949 (please leave a message) or by emailing lross@ci.harrisburg.or.us. The Librarian, will gather your requested materials, check them out, disinfect and set up a pick up time. Materials will be placed in a storage box outside the Library door at the appropriate time. We hope to see you soon!

Amnesty Program Extended

Harrisburg Public Library is extending their Amnesty Program for patrons who have overdue Library materials; late fines and lost materials. Continuing through January 31st, patrons will be able to pay for late fines or lost materials with non-perishable food items. For each non-perishable food item donated, patrons will receive a \$1.00 credit towards any fees or lost materials. The replacement cost for lost paperbacks will be \$5.00 and \$10.00 for hardbacks / other materials. All proceeds will be donated to God's Storehouse to help feed our local community. Please contact the Library at (541)995-6949 for more information.

Contact Information Change

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Account Number: _____

Local Business Support is More Essential than Ever!

While a new year is arriving and the Covid-19 vaccine has arrived in Oregon, our local businesses still have very strong limitations and restrictions. Because of this, it is very difficult for many of our small businesses and organizations to survive. They must have strong local support.

Let all show our support and remember to shop local! "Take Out" is still available! Please go out of your way to patronize Harrisburg based businesses or organizations and limit, or avoid altogether on-line purchases when possible. Our support now, will help them survive for years to come!

Winter Utility Rates

Winter billing rates are in effect. Starting in November and continuing through April, residential customers shall be billed for sewer based upon the amount of water used during that billing cycle. Example; If a resident uses 5 units of water, they will be charged for 5 units of sewer. The sewer user fee per EEU (equivalent user unit) is \$7.68, with a minimum charge of \$21.18.

New sewer averages will go into effect May of 2021. Please remember to turn off your irrigation for the winter so this won't effect your bill. Contact City Hall at (541)995-6655 if you have any questions.

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 *EEU)

Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$21.18

Sewer User Fee: \$7.68 (per *EEU)

Storm Drain: \$3.60

*An EEU is equal to 748 gals of metered water

Xpress Bill Pay

Xpress Bill Pay is our online payment provider. You can pay your utility bill by e-check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover or Debit at no extra cost to you. Visit www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/utilitybilling for more information.

Important January Dates

January 1, 2021: City Hall closed for New Years Day

January 12, 2021: City Council Business Meeting at 6:30pm

January 13, 2021: Municipal Court at 2pm

January 14, 2021: Library Board Meeting at 6pm

January 19, 2021: Planning Commission Meeting at 7pm