City of Harrisburg

March 2021



City Administrator's Message

We are very grateful that Linn County moved out of the High Risk Category, into the Moderate Risk category effective February 26th. Our restaurants are now allowed to have indoor dining, at 50% capacity. While everyone is likely tired of being reminded to shop local, and visit our businesses, we do so because of the importance of keeping our small businesses alive. They are crucial to our city future.

Harrisburg is such a great place to live and work! The City Council has made improving our streets a priority, which is one of the reasons we have so many streets under construction right now. The City is committing an additional \$250,000 a year to improving those streets that are the worst.

The Water Bond Project also continues; detailed engineering plans are underway for the two new water reservoirs, and the two water filtration systems. A lot of citizens also noticed that test wells are being drilled for what will be Well No. 9 for the City. Over 5,150 feet of water line has been replaced in 2020, and in some places, the City has been able to combine street work with water line replacement, and other infrastructure improvements.

A Fond Farewell

My last day as City Administrator will be February 28, 2021. I came to Harrisburg in the Fall of 2019, after serving in the public sector for about 30 years. I want to thank Harrisburg Mayor, Robert Duncan, the City Council members, and the entire city staff for their support, hard work and amazing dedication. Everyone has been truly remarkable I am very happy to add that my replacement, as City Administrator, will be Michele Eldridge. She will begin her new role with the City on March 1, 2021. Michele is well known to Harrisburg, having served as the Assistant City Administrator for eight years, and Harrisburg City Recorder for over 19 years. She is thus well prepared to be the next Harrisburg City Administrator. As Harrisburg continues numerous community development projects, and adds new ones, I know Michele will be a great 'mover and shaker' toward a bright city future.

Contact Information Change

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

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Harrisburg Public Library Now Open!

We are happy to announce that the Harrisburg



Public Library is once again open to serve you! Our regular Library hours have resumed as normal. Due to COVID-19, we are implementing the following guidelines:

- Only six patrons will be allowed in the Library at one time.
- If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, please do not enter.
- For computer use, please contact the Library for an appointment. Two computers will be available at one time.
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times
- Facemasks are required and are available at no charge.
- Curbside pickup is still available and is encouraged.

Please contact the Library at (541)995-6949 for more information. At this time we have no restart date for our Library Programs.

Water Line Flushing

The City will be flushing the water lines between March 15th and 19th this spring. There will be a loss of pressure in the system when the PW crew are in your neighborhood. Please refrain from washing light colored clothing during this time. If you have discoloration, run your cold water to prevent sediment from entering your hot water tank. Flushing your hot water tank after routine flushing is recommended.

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

Xpress Bill Pay

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Important February Dates

March 9 2021: City Council Business Meeting at 6:30pm March 10, 2021: Harrisburg Municipal Court at 2pm March 11, 2021: Library Board Meeting at 6pm March 16, 2021: Planning Commission Meeting at 7pm March 17, 2021: St Patrick's Day