



City Administrator's Message

Spring officially arrived on March 20th, but it seems like it has been here for a little while longer this year. What I love about the Spring season is everything starts to come to life. Flowers and trees are blooming, birds and other animals are coming out of their shells and winter hiding places to greet us with their company. It's also a time when we start to get out of our own winter hiding places, clean out our garages, begin the summer-long task of yard work, and make our plans and preparations for summer! Here at the City we have been working hard to wrap up last year's projects and quickly move forward with our next projects. For example, we are just about to begin a sidewalk construction project on Hwy 99 in front of Gheen Irrigation. We will also construct a bathroom facility at Priceboro Park this summer. We recently had a town hall meeting to talk about our water issues and will likely be moving ahead to find out what options we have to fix the issues we identified. The city is working with a consultant to upgrade our website. Finally, we will be hiring a consultant with grant money to conduct a park feasibility study for the near 100-acre Knife River gravel mine that the City will own in a few years.

The City is also gearing up for a summer full of activities. Of course, we will have our Old Fashioned 4th of July celebration, but also look forward to our Summer Sounds concerts and movies. The bands have been booked and the movies picked! We will have our City-wide garage sale, and the Harrisburg Festival Tractor and Truck pull will complete our summer!

Brian Latta

Community Easter Egg Hunt!

You are invited to the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt being held Saturday April 4, 2015 at 10:30 am. There are prizes, puppets and lots of candy! And, again this year, the Harrisburg Volunteer Fire Department will start each age group off with a siren blast. Join us at the Harrisburg Elementary School playground for all of the fun!



"50 shades of Us"

will be held Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Riverfront Park in Harrisburg. Come celebrate our diversity. Watch

Chemewa performing arts student dancers, civil war historians, Daughters of Norway. Enjoy food, crafts, music and more. We are calling for people to come share stories, food, children's games, music, and dances from their unique personal histories. Contact the Harrisburg Library, 541-995-6949 to participate or for more information about "50 Shades of Us."

"50 Shades of Us" Harrisburg's Multi-Cultural Celebration



OUR TOWN (CONTINUED)

Time to Budget!

Like many of us do with our personal finances, the City keeps and works with an annual budget. The City's budget is the foundation and building blocks for everything that we do and every service that we provide. The budget includes personnel costs for our 13 full-time, 4 part-time and several on-call employees, as well as contracted employees costs for the municipal court, law enforcement, city attorneys, city engineers, IT services, and janitorial services. Also, the budget includes maintenance costs for infrastructure such as streets, water, sewer, storm water systems, and parks and recreation facilities, and capital improvements to these systems and facilities.



As your public agency, we strive to be transparent in not only the process but the product. We share our past and presently adopted budget documents on our website, and starting this year will also be putting our annual audit reports on the website. We share these documents, because we are here to serve you and we want to show that we are good stewards with your money. By state law, we prepare a budget annually and have that document reviewed and approved by the citizen-based Budget Committee. Your elected City Council will subsequently adopt the annual budget before the end of the current fiscal year. These meetings are open to the public, and public comments are welcomed regarding any aspect of the budget.

City Budget Meeting Schedule:

1st Budget Mtg. - 4/27/15

2nd Budget Mtg. - 5/11/15

3rd Budget Mtg. (if necessary) - 5/26/15

City Council Budget Mtg. - 6/24/15

Harrisburg Mr. Eagle Events

- April 4th 11:30-4:00 pm Golden Chopstix Fundraiser. Come eat and be entertained by the candidates!
- April 19th 3:00-6:00 pm Mr. Eagle Spring Tea. Enjoy some tea, appetizers and desserts for \$10.
- May 9th 7:00-9:00 pm Mr. Eagle Pageant. This is the culminating event where all candidates compete for the title of Mr. Eagle. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.



National Day of Prayer Event

The Harrisburg Ministerial Association invites you to gather with them to observe the National Day of Prayer at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 7th at Calvary Chapel Tri-County (255 Smith Street). ALL are invited to come and join in prayer as we lift up our prayers in behalf of our nation and community. For Questions, please contact Peggy Yeager @ 541-995-8221.

