



City Administrator's Message

Spring is here! I can find no better time than now to talk about trees. Did you know that maintenance of the vegetation and the trees adjacent to your property, in the public right-of-way is your responsibility?

Harrisburg Municipal Code 12.20.020 Street tree maintenance; 1. It shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of the adjoining property to maintain street trees or other vegetation in the public right-of-way.

We know that you already mow and keep the vegetation down in the right-of-way, but what about the tree maintenance? Most important is to recognize tree hazards and diseased trees that could become a hazard to others, as well as a financial liability to you. Trees should be inspected on a regular basis, especially before and after storms. Warning signs of potential hazardous trees can be; exposed or disturbed roots, tree with excessive lean, trees that develop multiple trunks, weakly attached branches, trees with cavities or decay pockets (like the tree pictured, which was removed last month from our Riverfront Park.) Other warning signs can be cracks or splits in the trunk or large broken branches or dead hanger limbs (street name: widow-makers) Contact the Public Works department for more information or visit Harrisburg City Hall for handout literature on tree care and home owner's responsibilities.

Brian Latta, City Administrator

Winter Billing Rates End in April

On May 1st each year, residential sewer customers are billed the lesser of 1) the amount of water used during the month, or 2) their wintertime average. The wintertime average is the average water used for the preceding months of November through April. This type of billing is done so your sewer charges do not include water used for irrigation, pools, or other recreation during the summer months.



Grease from cooking, gravy, cooking oil, and sauces may look harmless as a liquid, but when it cools it gets thick and sticky. That means if you pour grease down your drain, it sticks to pipes and eventually causes clogs and messy sewer overflows.

- Don't pour grease down sink drains
- Don't use cloth towels or rags to scrape oil or grease off plates and utensils because grease will drain to the sewer when you wash the towels
- Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers or griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain.

Library Services Survey

The City Council wants to hear from you! The Council is considering options for expanding library services in the City and would like your feedback before continuing their decision-making process. The City has prepared a short survey and ask that you please complete it. You have two options for taking the survey: 1) You can complete the paper survey; or 2) You can complete the survey online.

Copies of the paper survey are being mailed to every utility customer in the City. Additional paper copies can be found at City Hall or the Library. The online survey can be found at www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/library/page/public-library-survey.

We ask that you please complete only one survey per person. Surveys can be returned to City Hall; use the drop box for after hours. The deadline to submit your survey is April 28th.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Brian Latta, 541-995-6655.



Mayor Bobby Duncan Proclaims April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

"NOW, THEREFORE, I ROBERT DUNCAN, MAYOR, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as Child Abuse prevention Month and urge all residents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Harrisburg to engage in activities whose purpose is to strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.."

The city of Harrisburg encourages all residents to participate in the 'Pinwheel for Prevention' campaign. You may pick up a blue pinwheel for free at City Hall or the HART Family Resource Center to display at your home, business or on your person.



Celebrate Arbor Day



On March 8th, Mayor Bobby Duncan proclaimed April 7, 2017, Arbor Day in the city of Harrisburg.

The city's Tree Committee has been planning and organizing this year's Arbor Day festivities. We invite everyone to come out to Priceboro Park on Friday, April 8th from 10 am to 2 pm to help spruce up the park before the summer season. We'll be planting trees, shrubs, flowers, weeding, spreading bark mulch and wood chips. A Chinese proverb says, "the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago...the second best time is now."

Join us in the Celebration!