



City Administrator’s Message

Yes, it is that time of year again. The holiday season is here. Thanksgiving has just passed, giving us all time to reflect on what is important to us and giving thanks for such things. Other more religious-based holidays are fast approaching this month. These holidays and days of observance often allow us to focus our attention away from ourselves and towards others in our lives. The message I want to share with you this month is to *Focus on Others*. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “the purpose to life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you lived and lived well.” May I submit that when we focus ourselves on being useful and live our lives to serve and lift others, we will find that we did make a difference and lived a happy life.

-Brian Latta, City Administrator

Library Story Time

Story time’s are every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and are approximately one-half hour long and are filled with stories and songs designed for infants, wobblers, toddlers up to 5th graders. Come share in the joy of reading, promoting early literacy, and connecting with your children.

Need Money for Home Repairs?

Homeowners: You may be eligible for a no-payment 0% interest loan for home repairs. If your income is low or moderate, you have equity in your home and need home repairs, please contact Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services at 541-752-7220 ext. 300.

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. The sewer user fee per equivalent user unit (EUU) is \$7.27, with a minimum charge of \$20.05. New winter sewer averages will go into effect May 2018, and are based on the average sewer bills for the November through April billing cycle.

City Office Closures

City offices will be closed for the holidays. The following are the closure dates:

- December 25th
- December 26th
- January 1st



Senior Class Can/Bottle Drive

The Harrisburg High School Senior Class is raising funds for their class graduation trip next year. Please help them by donating your empty cans and bottles! On the following dates the Seniors will be collecting your cans:

- January 13th
- February 10th
- March 17th
- April 7th



Redevelopment Agency in Action

The Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency has been busy this past year. The Agency funded the reconstruction of Moore Street from 1st to 3rd Street in the downtown. It also provided three property improvement loans to two businesses. One of the businesses, a primary care doctor's office will be located in the formerly vacant tenant space next to the EZ Stop. Construction on the project is well underway and the business will be opening soon. The other business loans were provided to a dental practice that is in the planning stages to build a new building in Harrisburg's Historic Downtown.

Also this past summer, the Agency sold bonds to pay for additional street and infrastructure improvements in the downtown. Design and engineering work is already underway to reconstruct Smith Street from 1st to 3rd Street, Macy Street from 2nd to 3rd Street, and 2nd Street from Smith to Macy Street. These street reconstruction projects will include replacing aging water and sewer lines, burying overhead power and phone lines, installing historic light posts, and replacing the roadbed, street surface and sidewalks. The bonded indebtedness money the Agency will use to pay for this project will be repaid using existing taxes that are collected and does not require new taxes.

Water Bond is Ahead

The City Council placed measure 22-169 on the ballot last month, and the preliminary results are in. There are 420 votes in favor and 417 votes in opposition. This vote count includes all ballots that were turned in to Linn County ballot boxes. Due to recent changes in State law, ballots turned in to ballot boxes in any county in Oregon by the deadline will also be counted. The County expects to receive and count all ballots by November 22nd. If the bond is approved, the City Council will move ahead with the design phase of the overall project, with completion of the entire project expected to take place in 2022. To find more information about the water project, you can visit the City's website, or call City Hall.



Rake those Leaves

As winter approaches and leaves continue to fall from the trees, this is your reminder that the City does not have a leaf removal program. Please DO NOT rake leaves from your yards onto the sidewalks or streets. Please DO rake your leaves and place them in your yard debris bins for Republic Services to pickup. Thank You!



Light Parade, Santa, Cookies & Hot Cider!

Come to the Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Light Parade on December 9th at 7:00 pm. The theme for the parade is '**The Songs of Christmas**'. Contact the chamber of commerce at (541) 998-6154 to enter the parade!

After the parade, be sure to come by the Pavilion at the Harrisburg Area Museum where you can visit with Santa Claus, and enjoy some free cookies and hot apple cider with your family, friends and neighbors.

