

# OUR TOWN

## City Administrator's Message

**Revenue Relief Program:** The Harrisburg City Council recently approved a second, separate grant program for small Harrisburg Retail and Service Businesses. Similar to the first grant offered in early summer, the funding comes from the federal government's Coronavirus Relief Act. This direct cash grant is available to those small retail and service businesses that have suffered revenue declines due to the Coronavirus. There are several eligibility requirements to qualify for the grant, including the requirement to have a current business license through the City. Applications will be mailed out to eligible businesses on September 25, 2020. For more info about the program, please visit the City website at [www.ci.harrisburg.or.us](http://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us) or call John at (541)995- 2200 or Michele at (541)995-2239.

**Fall Construction Projects:** Fall construction projects abound in Harrisburg! 2nd St., Smith St., and Macy St. are all undergoing a complete street replacement this fall and early winter, due to funding from the Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency. LaSalle St is also undergoing a waterline replacement, and street improvements, from 6th to 9th St. (Please remember that there is no parking on LaSalle St. in this same stretch of road until the project is complete.) N. 6th St., from Territorial to Dempsey will soon be under construction, with a waterline replacement, and replacement of sidewalks, curbs and gutters. The City has also advertised a bid for waterline replacements soon to be under way on 8th Place and Eagles Way. The City Council is particularly excited about the waterline replacements getting underway! These projects are all possible due to the Harrisburg Water Bond that voters passed in 2017. Keep watching the City website for more projects being planned in the future.

## Welcome Cathy Nelson!

The City has hired a new Finance Officer/Deputy City Recorder, who started on a full-time basis as of September 1, 2020. Cathy worked for City of Waterloo previously, and recently graduated from Perdue University with honors in both Business Management and Financial Analysis. If you have any questions in relation to the City budget, or expenditure reports that are included in the Council agendas, you can contact her at [cnelson@ci.harrisburg.or.us](mailto:cnelson@ci.harrisburg.or.us), or by calling her at (541)995-2211.

## Contact Information Change

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## City Streets and Fall Leaves

The fall leaves are beautiful...until of course, they end up being a much beloved chore. The City does not provide leaf removal services for privately owned property. **Please don't put your leaves into the right-of-ways, or in the streets.** Instead, dispose of them in your yard debris containers provided by Republic Services.

Debris swept into streets has the potential to clog gutters and storm drains, making it a problem for everyone, and most of all, for those that live in your neighborhood. Please give the storm systems time to respond to downpours, and heavy rain that lasts all day. When the entire storm water system is engaged, it can take a while to be draining out of the City, especially when the river is up, and the farmlands around us are saturated too. If you have a storm drain that is backing up, and there hasn't been a torrential down-pour in the last few hours, please contact us at City Hall and let us know at (541)995-6655.

## Change in Delivery of Late Notices

Late notices are now mailed the next business day following the 10th of each month. Customers will be given seven working days to bring their account current and avoid shut-off of services and the accompanying fees. If you are mailing your payment late and the due date is approaching, please contact City Hall to inform staff that a payment is on the way to avoid late charges.

Shut-off notices will still be delivered in the form of a tag by Public Works. Please 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 \*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

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](http://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/utilitybilling) for more information.

## Important October Dates

October 8: Library Board Meeting at 6:30pm

October 13: City Council Business Meeting at 6:30pm

October 14: Harrisburg Municipal Court at 2pm

October 20: Planning Commission Meeting at 7pm

October 24: Drug Take Back at City Hall at 2:30pm -3:30pm

October 27: City Council Work Session at 6:30pm