



Interim City Administrator’s Message

I am sure most Harrisburg residents are aware that former City Administrator, Brian Latta, left this last September to take a job as City Administrator in Dallas, Oregon.

The Harrisburg City Council has hired me as a part-time, Interim City Administrator. I started in late September and have enjoyed getting to know the city staff, many Harrisburg citizens, and the City Council members. I am very glad to be working with a staff, Mayor and City Council who are very focused on working as a team to continually improve the city.

In the meantime, the city has been recruiting for a new, permanent City Administrator who hopefully will start shortly after the New Year.

There are numerous community improvement projects pending, including new sewer and water lines, that aren’t very exciting, but absolutely crucial to a growing and vital community. Others, like some downtown street and property improvements going on now (such as the former Odd Fellows Hall, Ron-D-Voo (now called The Voo), JB Woodworks and others) are more visible and represent innovative partnerships between the city, the private sector and state agencies such as the Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT).

All of these projects (and many more not mentioned here) require close coordination and cooperation between the many partners. They are all moving forward, but often at a pace that is difficult to predict. Suffice it to say here that by next summer or fall, you should see a lot of activity in the downtown and along 3rd St. (Hwy 99).

I would urge everyone to stop by and see our recently re-opened Harrisburg Library at 354 Smith Street. New facilities, new materials and new hours. Come in and meet or get reacquainted with our great library staff and volunteers.

The last two months of the year are busy but fun ones here in Harrisburg. Headed by the Annual Light Parade (Dec. 7th), there are numerous events and activities that capture the Harrisburg small town spirit. I would urge all Newsletter readers to get involved with the Harrisburg Holiday Happenings.

While my time here in Harrisburg will be limited, I welcome phone calls, office visits and emails from our citizens (contact information, below). I wish everyone a pleasant, happy and satisfying Holiday Season!

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Directly following the Parade this year, please come and see SANTA at the Harrisburg Municipal Center at 354 Smith St! This year only, we are holding an Open House so you can see all the changes to the building, and visit the Library. (More information is on the back of this flyer!)

New Library Hours!

The newly remodeled Harrisburg Public Library is now open! Please stop by and see us!

- Sun-Mon: Closed
- Tues-Wed: 1pm-5pm
- Thurs: 1pm-8pm
- Fri: 9am-5pm
- Sat: 10am-3pm

City Office Closures

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

- November 28 & 29
- December 24th
- December 25th
- January 1st

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 \$7.68, with a minimum charge of \$21.18. New winter sewer averages will go into effect May 2020.



Water Bond Projects

The City of Harrisburg and Harrisburg voters approved the issuance of \$7,500,000 in bonds in November 2017. The Public Works Director and City Engineers have been hard at work ever since, working on all of the survey and design work required for all of projects that were approved. The improvements included the following:

- * The construction of two new water reservoirs, two water filtration systems, a new City well, the removal of Well No. 5, and finally, the replacement of approximately 3.5 miles of main waterline.

Significant progress has already been made in terms of engineering and design work. The water master plan creation took substantial time, and has been preliminarily accepted by the State of Oregon, plus, the financing of the project was completed in August 2019. A preliminary schedule for the next year's remaining project milestones are as follows:

- * Summer 2019—Survey & Design work for phases 1-3 of waterline replacements
- * Fall 2019—Begin design work for water treatment facilities and water storage tanks
- * Winter 2019—Bid phase 1 of waterline distribution piping replacements
- * Spring 2020—Award waterline distribution piping replacements
- * Fall 2020—Bid and award for construction of water treatment & storage facilities



The entire schedule through Summer 2023 is on-line on the City's website, at www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/citycouncil/page/water-system-upgrades.



Library Amnesty Program

The Harrisburg Public Library is offering a "forgiveness program" for patrons who have overdue Harrisburg Library materials and late fines. The program will be offering three different opportunities.

- *If a patron has late fines prior to November 5, 2019 and have returned the materials, their late fines have been wiped away!
- *For patrons who still have overdue materials, you can still return the materials and have fines wiped away as well!
- *For patrons who have lost materials, you can pay the replacement cost with non-perishable food items during the months of November to December. For each non-perishable item, \$1.00 will go towards the replacement cost of \$5.00 for paperback books and \$10.00 for hardbacks. All proceeds will be donated to God's Storehouse to help feed our community during the Holidays. Please contact the Library at (541)995-6949 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!



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 Tri-County Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Light Parade on December 7th at 7:00 pm. The theme for the parade is '**Christmas at Our House**'. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (541) 998-6154 to enter the parade!

After the parade, be sure to come by the **Harrisburg Municipal Center and Public Library** located at 354 Smith St, where you can visit with Santa Claus, enjoy some FREE cookies and hot apple cider with your family, friends and neighbors as well as check out our newly remodeled facilities.



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