

## Our Town

**IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES**

- ◇ January 1 City Hall Closed for New Years Day
- ◇ January 8; 2:00pm Municipal Court
- ◇ January 14; 6:30pm City Council Business Meeting
- ◇ January 20, 2025 City Hall Closed in honor of MLK Day
- ◇ January 21; 7:00pm Planning Commission
- ◇ January 28; 6:30pm City Council Work Session



## City Administrator's Message

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

It's a brand new year; and even though the economy and politics seem to be in roller coaster free-fall mode, 2025 is still full of promise! Join us in reaching out to your neighbors, and focusing on what is positive in your neighborhood. Harrisburg is still a wonderful place to live, work and play! We have a great school system, terrific local businesses, like Hurds and Farmer's Helper which are both locally owned; along with many others; please see the business insert this month in your utility bill! We have wonderful parks that are being improved, and of course, we are also constructing both the north and south water tanks and filtration systems to help improve the aesthetic quality of our water.

Would you like to help lead the City in keeping Harrisburg a great place to be? We'd love to have you on the Budget Committee; or if you love Library's, we have positions open on the Library Board! The Budget Committee only meets once or twice a year, and you get to help decide how your tax dollars are spent. On the Library Board, you get to decide what kinds of programs are offered. We'd love to have you on either board; please check out the City's website on how to apply!

**Welcome Hunter Communications & Technologies!** The City Council approved a franchise agreement with Hunter Fiber a few months ago; they are now working in town as they start utilizing the existing infrastructure to lay their fiber lines. The City Council appreciates getting more services that have the potential of providing cost-saving and/or additional services & resources for our citizens. You can go to <https://hunterfiber.com> for more info.

**Water Bond Project Information:** Work is underway on both the North and South Water Plant properties! The north site is off of Peoria Rd. Excavation and Concrete work is started, and the infrastructure leading from Well No. 9 is being laid between the new water tower, and the new well. On South 2nd Street, behind the old concrete water tank, and the 1/2 million gallon steel tank, you'll find that the foundation has been started for the new steel tank planned at this location. There will be a filtration system at both locations, and telemetry that will link them together. The construction will take some time, which also includes time for the steel tank to 'cure' after construction. The Oregon Health Authority requires almost a year to pass before allowing water to be stored in the new steel tanks. We expect the final work to be done in 2026.

**Eagle Park Dog Park:** Did you know that our park is almost an acre, and is big enough that we have both a little dog, and a big dog side? Want to sponsor something in the dog park? Trees, benches, and landscaping all cost a lot of money. Contact Michele at City Hall if you are interested! Also, keep your eyes open for the contractors who are working on the cultural survey in Eagle Park. Because the latest grant includes federal money, the City is required to have a survey done in order to protect any resources that might be present from the Kalapuya Peoples who were present in the Willamette River valley before the pioneers reached Harrisburg. We will also be honoring our pioneers, and, of course, the Morse Bros, who owned the property for many years! **City Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee:** Starting in early 2025, we will begin exploring some options available to us in relation to City Facilities. The buildings housing the Senior Center & the HART Community Center need to be replaced; what's a cost effective way to do that? In addition, the City owns property, and has funds in the Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency that can pay for a conceptual design for a future Harrisburg Community Center, that will house the Library as well as new Council Chambers. More importantly, we hope to be able to inject a much needed place for people to celebrate after a wedding at the Gazebo. Please contact me at 541-995-2200 or at [meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us](mailto:meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us) if you'd like to help us with planning these! Want to be 'in the know' for everything going on in the City? Please provide me with your contact information to receive the weekly email distribution newsletter.

Wishing you and your loved ones a year of happiness, health & prosperity in 2025!

**Harrisburg Public Library News**

*Drop by your Library to see what's New!*

**Crafting Club:** Every Thursday @ 5pm at the Harrisburg Municipal Center. Open to everyone for any craft!

**Lego Club:** Every Friday from 3pm—4pm — held in the Library. All ages welcome!

**Tiny Tots Story Time:** Every Wednesday at 11am in the Harrisburg Municipal Center.

**Story Time for Children:** Every Friday from 10am to 11am in the Harrisburg Municipal Center.

**Digital Library Consortium:** A Harrisburg Library Card gets you entrance to the Library2go system. You can download your favorite e-books, and audio books through the Libby App! Call 541-995-6949 for more information.



Would you like to help make decisions in how your tax dollars are spent? How about what kind of Library Programs we provide to the public? The Budget Committee and Library Board both has an opening.. See the City website for how to apply, and terms of office. **Are you in the Know? Get News about OUR town!** The City Administrator sends a weekly newsletter to a distribution list. If you aren't on it already, please email [meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us](mailto:meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us), or drop by City Hall with your email to get added.

**Code Enforcement Reminders**

Now that the final foliage has dropped from area trees, we want to remind everyone that the City of Harrisburg does \*NOT\* offer a leaf pickup service. When large amounts of leaves are piled in the street, it blocks Public Works equipment from keeping streets and storm drains clear. Backed up/clogged storm drains can cause damaging flooding which can affect multiple locations and residences. Please help prevent this costly damage by using your yard recycling bin/service offered by Republic Services. Additionally, basketball hoops, dumpsters, RV's, and inoperable vehicles are not to be stored on the street. If you have received a note or door hanger from Code Enforcement and/or have questions, please call City Hall at 541-995-6655.

**Residential Utility Rates (Fiscal Year 2024-25)**

The utility bill is a combination of water, sewer and storm drain charges. Please contact City Hall for more information. Rates below are for July 2024-June 2025.

Water Base Rate: \$22.82	Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$22.91
Per Unit: \$1.86 (per EUU*)	Sewer User Fee: \$8.31 (per EUU*)
Storm Drain: \$3.85	*An EUU is equal to 748 gals of metered water

**Xpress Bill Pay—Utility Billing**

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 additional information.

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