

Our Town

IMPORTANT MAY DATES

- ◇ May 12; 6:30pm Budget Committee Meeting
- ◇ May 13; 6:30pm City Council Business Meeting
- ◇ May 14; 2:00pm Municipal Court
- ◇ May 20; 7:00pm Planning Commission
- ◇ May 20: 7:00am-8:00pm Election Day—City Hall Open all day
- ◇ May 26, 2025 City Hall CLOSED for Memorial Day
- ◇ May 27; 6:30pm City Council Work Session

City Administrator's Message

May Flowers, Parks Development & Water Bond Progress!

May is one of my favorite months, with all the tree's, flowers, and fields turning green. It helps us to remember what a beautiful part of the earth Harrisburg happens to be located in. On May 8, 120 kids from Harrisburg High School will be joining our Public Works crew, and staffers from City Hall, where we will all descend into Eagle Park. It's a trail party! We are finally getting the chance to spread wood chips on the .36 miles of trail located in the north Eagle Park area. Crews will be cutting back foliage trying to re-establish itself, and then laying in the new surface materials. We will be working on the ADA pathway later this summer. In the meanwhile, I would still love to know what kind of playground equipment you would like to see in Eagle Park, if we should be so lucky as to be awarded the \$250k grant. As always, if you see someone driving through trails and parking lots, ruining all the work that the City and volunteers have been doing, please call Linn County Dispatch at 1-800-884-3911!

Water Bond Project Information: The permanent sides of the steel tank are going up, and welding is commencing on the \$1.5M gallon tank located right off of Peoria Rd. We love seeing water improvements in progress! The City has also applied for a Special Public Works Fund loan from BizOregon, in the amount of \$3.5M. The City has an A+ rating in the S&P Index, which means we will likely get a 4% - 4 1/2% interest rate. This planned loan will help us to complete the work on the water filtration systems, as well as the remaining steel tank that will be added to the south water plant location. The projected rate increases for 2025-2026 are planned at 5% for water, sewer, and storm. For a household with 4 units of usage, that translates to an average increase of \$3.34 on their utility bill. That is still less than the rates that were projected when the City was advertising the 2017 bonds.

Budget Committee Opening: We need another citizen volunteer on the Budget Committee! Meeting only once or twice a year, it's a great way to help make decisions in how your tax dollars are being spent. See the City website for how to apply, and terms of office.

Hey, Harrisburg: Neighborhood Watch members still needed! Some bad guys are targeting our businesses, and citizens homes, and we need to do something about it! Our LCSO deputies drive through late at night, and have stepped up patrols, and Coburg Police watch when they are in town; but we want to send a bigger message to the crooks! It makes us really angry when we know that some folks are working hard to run businesses, and to have a roof over their heads, but there are still people out there who want to take it away from us. *So let's do something about it!* Call us at City Hall, or email, and sign up for a local neighborhood watch team. LCSO will help provide training. All we need is two people a night or day, for just a few hours, who ride together, and keep their eyes open for suspicious behavior. They call LCSO if they see something, but most importantly, are a presence that can help deter people from committing crimes. Let's make it more difficult, and uncomfortable for people to break into our businesses and homes! Please call Jamie at 541-995-6655 to join, or drop by City Hall.

Happy May ~ Michele

Harrisburg Public Library News

Drop by your Library to see what's New!

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

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

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

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

Grief Support: 1st & 3rd Monday @ 6pm at 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.

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, or drop by City Hall with your email to get added.

Kinder Registration is now open online for the 25-26 school year - Kinder Kick Off on May 15th 5:30pm-6:30pm at HES.



Code Enforcement Reminders

Greetings to all! A reminder about using RV's as an accessory dwelling: It's against Harrisburg Municipal Code to allow someone to live in an RV on your property (with a couple of exceptions and ONLY with City Council approval). RV's have limited access/exits if there is an emergency like a fire, and waste (or "blue water") from RV's has a negative impact on our local sewer systems due to the chemicals typically used to treat RV wastewater. Additionally, if there is an RV being used as an accessory dwelling, it is the **property owner/primary resident** that could be cited for violation(s) of City Code, NOT the "RV Dweller". If you have allowed someone to stay on your property in an RV and call City Hall to have them removed, Code Enforcement will NOT remove the "RV Dweller" and may cite the owner/resident that allowed the situation to occur. Code enforcement does NOT address landlord/tenant disputes.

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

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 Account Number: _____