

Our Town

IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES

◇ October 6-10	Waterline Flushing
◇ October 14; 6:30pm	City Council Business Meeting
◇ October 15; 2:00pm	Harrisburg Municipal Court
◇ October 20; 5:30pm	Deadline for Scarecrow Contest Entries!
◇ October 21; 7:00pm	Planning Commission
◇ October 26; 2:30 to 3:30pm	DEA/LCSO Drug Take Back Event @ 354 Smith St.
◇ October 28; 5-7:00pm	Skatepark After Dark Event
◇ October 28; 6:30pm	City Council Work Session

City Administrator's Message

New Parking Regulations now in effect. Please remember that while the City is stepping up code enforcement hours, that our system is still complaint driven. If your neighbor has 11 cars parked on your street, leaving no room for anyone else to park, please call and let us know. Under the new code, RV's, campers, boats, travel trailers, utility trailers, or other personal property may not be parked in a public right-of-way for more than 48 hours. *It is the intent of the City Council to prohibit long-term storage of vehicles and personal property on City streets, alleys, rights-of-way, or other public property.* Moving a vehicle from place to place on public ways or property does not constitute compliance with the new code. Call Caleb at 541-995-6655, if you have questions about the new code requirements, or to report a problem in your neighborhood.

Operable vehicles may be in a public right-of-way for 14 days if the vehicle is parked adjoining the property and address shown on the registration. Likewise, for not more than 48 hours if it isn't parked within 100' of the property and address shown on registration. The time decreases to 24 hours if the vehicle is inoperable. Violations can carry a maximum fine of \$1,000 and misdemeanors can carry a fine of up to \$2,500. In extreme cases, this could result in potential jail time of up to a year. Inoperable vehicles **MUST** be stored in an enclosed structure, or stored in a facility designed for that purpose. Vehicles you rarely drive should be kept in your garage or driveway.

Water Line Flushing: Oct 6 thru Oct 10: Why, oh why, does the City have to flush water lines? Did you know that regular flushing in a water system helps to remove built up sediment in the water pipes? Regularly flushing fire hydrants helps maintain a healthier water system! There will occasionally be reduced pressure during this process. It's a best practice to flush out your hot water heater, other water using appliances and your faucets soon after the flushing process has been completed. Its also a good idea to **refrain from using large amounts of water, washing whites or light colored clothing on all flushing days.**



Future East Pond ADA Path

Harrisburg's Eagle Park News: EAGLE PARK : WINTER ACCESS SOON TO CHANGE!

Thank you Knife River, for the donation of Eco-blocks! We've put them to good use in the park, by creating barricades. The park keeps getting damaged due to off-road vehicles. Once the road starts getting flooded out, vehicles will be blocked by the gate located next to the dog park. People will still have pedestrian access to every part of the park that the river and weather haven't blocked off; and our law enforcement officials, farmers, and HFRD will all have keys and access to the gate. The dog park will remain open and available, with lots of parking available. We hate to impact our avid fishers, but this is one of the only ways to discourage vehicles ruining the roads and trails. All trails will remain open during the winter, providing the river cooperates!

Water Bond Project Information:

The filtration systems are being focused on, with the contractor continuing to work on the mixing systems for both the north and south plant. We are quickly coming to the (dreaded) time period that will make it look like nothing is happening. Most of the electrical, fine mechanical and plumbing, are inside the tanks and the filtration buildings. Those buildings are the heart of the new system that will remove elements that make our water aesthetically poor. The new system is scheduled to be online in late 2026. The City has now spent all funding available through the HRA, and the Water Bond, and is now drawing directly from the \$3.5M loan provided by the State of Oregon Special Public Works Fund.



South Water Plant showing tank and Filtration Structure

Enjoy the Fall & your families.....make every moment count! 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.

Breal-sous-Montfort Visitors Committee: Do you want to connect with your counterparts in our Sister City, just to get acquainted and broaden your horizons? Please email meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us, and get signed up.

Planning Commission Opening: Seat open for applications, term ending 12/31/2027. Come by City Hall to get an application.

2nd Annual Scarecrow Contest: Forms are online and at City Hall. All entries must be received and scarecrows in place by Oct 20th. (Please don't block any vision clearance locations, or we might need you to move it!) Photos posted on Facebook for community voting. Winners announced Oct 30th! Businesses will get ribbons, and resident winners will get cash, and a gift certificate from a local (Harrisburg) business of your choice!



Code Enforcement Reminders

While winter isn't quite here yet, it's time to remember some very important information regarding leaves and vegetation. The City of Harrisburg does NOT offer a leaf pickup service and leaves are NOT to be pushed into the street. Our sweeper is aging and leaves are too much for it to handle. Please make sure to use your yard waste pickup can from Republic Services. And a quick reminder about RV's as additional dwelling units: RV's, travel trailers, campers and similar vehicles are NOT permitted to be used as additional dwelling units in the City of Harrisburg. You may be trying to help out a friend or family member, but doing so can result in potential citations and fines. Additionally, they must also be stored on the owner's property and not on a public street or right-of-way. If you have received a note from Code Enforcement and/or have questions, please call City Hall at 541-995-6655.

Residential Utility Rates (Fiscal Year 2025-26)

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 2025-June 2026.

Water Base Rate: 23.96	Sewer: Minimum Charge: 24.06
Per Unit: \$1.95 (per EUU*)	Sewer User Fee: \$8.73 (per EUU*)
Storm Drain: \$4.04	*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 for additional information.

To better serve you, please return any contact changes to City Hall

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Account Number: _____