

Our Town

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES

◇ September 1	City Hall Closed for Labor Day	
◇ September 9; 6:30pm	City Council Business Meeting	
◇ September 16; 7:00pm	Planning Commission	No Municipal Court in Sept!
◇ September 23; 6:30pm	City Council Work Session	

City Administrator's Message

New Parking Regulations! Parking Regulations have changed, and are effective on September 12, 2025. After having the same somewhat ineffectual parking regulations for decades, the City is finally moving forward to try to help with neighborhoods who traditionally have more vehicles, and which will help limit people who are sleeping in vehicles. There will be lots of education and warnings for residents while everyone learns the new requirements.

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. These should be stored on your property, or at a storage facility. (Perhaps a friend has more generous space on their property?) *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.

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, and in extreme cases, 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.

Harrisburg's Eagle Park News: The City continues to work on development in Eagle Park, as promised in the Parks Master Plan process. Unfortunately, funds were limited by the state, and the process was incredibly competitive. The City wasn't successful in the request for \$250,000 from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The City will be applying for other grants that are available from non-profit groups, such as the Oregon Community Foundation, and others that have funding available for these purposes. In the meanwhile, you'll find barricades (eco-blocks) being added, as we start blocking access to the areas of park that keep getting damaged. The picnic tables have also arrived, and will be added to the riparian forest opposite the dog park this fall. There were reports that people were hearing gunshots in this area. Please don't hesitate to contact dispatch at 1-800-884-3911 if you do hear that again in Eagle Park. People have hunted here for years; but now that it's City Park Property, that is no longer allowed. Fishing, on the other hand, is encouraged!

Fire Danger Volunteers: The City appreciates the Harrisburg Fire/Rescue District who continue to help so hard to protect all of Harrisburg citizens from danger. Please pay attention to high fire danger postings, and follow guidelines that help to protect all of us. Defensible space is always a good idea, even inside a City. Please help to protect all of our families!

Water Bond Project Information:

The filtration systems are being focused on, with the contractor working on the mixing systems for both the north and south plant. This includes procurement of the vertical turbine pumps and chemical feed systems. The big generator is being installed at the south water plant; you can't miss it, as it's right in front by the street. Well No. 9 is also about 32% completed. We can't wait to get that completed, as once the system is all working together, we'll be able to stop using Well No. 5. That is the culprit who puts much of the iron, manganese, and sediments into our water system. Well No. 9 has some of those too, but still has much better water than Well No. 5. The new system is scheduled to be online in late 2026.

What a great summer we've had! Lots of events going on in the City, down to the last city wide garage sale in mid-August. Hope you join in the fun with the Scarecrow Contest. (Watch Facebook!) Who couldn't use cash and a gift card to a Harrisburg business? The kids are heading back to school, so please watch out for the little ones and more congestion around the schools, especially in the first few (chaotic) weeks of school! *Happy almost fall! 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

Remember, new rules in relation to parking will take effect on 9/12/25!

Don't forget to check on ditches on your property, and to keep them cleaned out for the fall rains to start. Ditches adjacent to your property are the homeowner's responsibility to clean. The City doesn't have a street sweeper that works reliably; therefore, we don't have a leaf program. Please put leaves from your trees into your yard containers. Please don't put them in the streets, where they can block catch basins! 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: _____