

City Administrator’s Message

Happy New Year! There is always so much hope in starting a New Year. There is that feeling of a new beginning and refreshing what we do, as well as the joy, or challenge, of setting new goals. Our Mayor, Bobby Duncan, and the City Council believe that the City should be ran pro-actively, and to always have the goal of making things better than how they started. The City Council will be reviewing the Strategic Plan and will be re-booting the City’s Development Code in the near future!

The **Strategic Plan** is an important document for the City to have. It’s a tool that allows the Council to set the priorities for the City and directs staff to meet those goals. The Strategic Plan is on the City’s website; you can find last year’s copy by following this link: <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/administration/page/city-strategic-plan>. The City’s Zoning and Development Code has been reviewed by the Planning Commission for the last couple of years, and was set as a priority to complete this fiscal year. The most current rendition of the City’s zoning and development code is on the City website as well; you can find it by following this link: <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/planning/page/zoning-subdivision-code-revision-project>. This document has been reviewed and amended with an emphasis on making things easier for property owners to develop their properties.

Also a **priority** for this fiscal year is the new Master Parks Plan and Transportation System Plan (TSP). Both of these are important for the City to complete as they are tools that help the City to develop/improve both parks and city streets. They are expensive to complete, and thankfully two different grants were approved for the City to focus on completing them. The Parks Consultant, Cameron McCarthy Landscaping, will be talking with the City Council at the next meeting to inform them of the steps they are taking to review the City’s parks and to revise the Master Plan. The TSP is extensive, and mostly technical in nature. It’s main work will be done in 2022 and 2023.

We wish you a safe and happy New Year in 2022!

Law Enforcement Survey

The City Council wants to know your opinion! A Law Enforcement Survey is being sent with your utility bill. Please consider filling out this quick survey, which only takes a few minutes, and drop it off at City Hall in person or in our overnight drop box, by 5:00pm on January 12, 2022. There is also a form online on the City website, which you can find at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/community/page/law-enforcement-services-survey-form-we-want-your-opinion>

Xpress Bill Pay

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.

Residential Utility Rates FY 2021-2022

The City Council and Budget Committee voted in the new budget for FY 2021/2022 on June 22, 2021. There is no utility rate increase for this fiscal year! The utility bill is a combination of water, sewer and storm drain charges. Please contact City Hall for more information.

WATER: Base Rate: \$21.30 Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$21.18
 Per Unit: \$1.74 (per *EUU) Sewer User Fee: \$7.68 (per *EUU)
 Storm Drain: \$3.60

*An EUU is equal to 748 gals of metered water

Harrisburg Public Library News

Happy New Year from Harrisburg Public Library!

We hope 2022 brings great happiness and good health to all of our loyal patrons! We look forward to seeing you soon!



Fine Free Trial Period: Harrisburg Public Library is continuing their fine free trial period until June 30, 2022. This applies to late fees generated by overdue materials. If you had outstanding late fines prior to July 1st, those fines have been forgiven. Please contact the library for more information.

Crafting Club: Do you knit or crochet or want to learn to? Do you need help with a project? If so, come to the Crafting Club held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 5pm to 7pm at the Municipal Center.

Story Time: Join us every Friday, from 10am to 11am at the Municipal Center for Story time. It’s a great place to interact with your little ones that includes singing songs, listening to a story, engaging in crafts and meeting new friends.

Lego Club: Are you a Lego enthusiast and looking for fun while making new friends? We have a club for you! Lego Club is held the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Library from 11am to noon. Join us for a new theme each week.

E-Books: Patrons are now able to check out eBooks, Audio Books, and more via the Libby app at no charge. You must have a current Library card that begins with the prefix PHPL. If you don’t, please contact the Library at (541)995-6949 and we will be happy to replace your card with an updated one.

Water Bill Higher than Usual?

If your water usage is higher than usual, you might have a leak. Toilet issues are the number one source of increased water usage, so start there first. Also check your water softener system, if you have one. Double check your irrigation, especially with the freezing temperatures at night. You might need to consult with a plumber to find the source of the increased usage. Please let City Hall know when the issue has been resolved, so we can put a note in your account.

Important January Dates

- Jan 11, 2022: City Council & HRA Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Jan 12, 2022: Municipal Court @ 2pm
- Jan 13, 2022: Law Enforcement Ad-Hoc Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Jan 17, 2022: Offices Closed—MLK Jr. Holiday
- Jan 18, 2022: Planning Commission @ 7pm
- Jan 19, 2022: Library Board Meeting @ 6pm
- Jan 25, 2022: City Council Work Session @ 6:30pm

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

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Email: _____

Account Number: _____