

Our Town

City Administrator's Message

The City Council has been working hard on our next installment of the **Strategic Plan** that will be in effect on July 1, 2022. It takes a lot of work, and a lot of heart, to work through the plan and determine what is the highest priority over the next fiscal year. You can find the draft of the Strategic Plan in the Council Agenda on the City's website. The current version (as well as prior versions) is also on the website at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/administration/page/citys-strategic-plan>. The plan focuses on 4 different tenets that we believe are most important to the City. This includes objectives that contribute to Great Neighborhoods, Public Safety, Economic Development and Efficient Governance.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) has a program construction grant that the City is applying for this year. The project is N. 9th St., north of Territorial St., on the west side of the street, up to where the sidewalk starts/ends, almost at Diamond Hill Rd. This part of 9th St. has no sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; stormwater will also be controlled as part of this project. Currently, children walking or riding their bike to school share the road with motorists. Anyone who is a parent should be concerned about this area of town! The City has consistently applied for this grant over the last few years; I hope that this is the year in which we will be successful. The project budget is \$866,204.42. Unfortunately, the funds for this size of project would not be available for many years, especially when considering other projects in town that also need work. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please send me a letter, to the City of Harrisburg, Attn: Michele Eldridge at PO Box 378, Harrisburg, OR 97446; drop off a letter in our drop box, or email (meldridge@ci.harrisburg.or.us), stating your support for this grant, and for this project. (Use 9th St. SRTS Grant Request on the subject line, or RE in your letter). If you have a child, grandchild, nephew/niece that you worried about in the past (or will in the future), then please take a few moments now and send something that states that you support the City's request for this grant.

City of Harrisburg: Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program
Starting in the month of March, the City has signed an agreement with Community Services Consortium to use funding set aside for these purposes to help City of Harrisburg Utility Customers. To apply for this program, contact Community Services Consortium at 541-704-7632. If you meet eligibility guidelines, the agency will inform you and the City of acceptance to the program. If approved, the City will not turn off your utility services, and will process any pending payments as a credit to your account. You must give the City and the agency permission to share your account, and/or any crisis or life-threatening situation, and account information. Contact Utility Billing at 541-995-6655 for more information about this program. Watch for a flyer next month.

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
Per Unit: \$1.74 (per *EUU)
Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$21.18
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

The Harrisburg Public Library has a program for you! Here is a list of the current programs being offered. If you have any questions, please contact the Library at (541)995-6969.

Book Club: Starting March 24th and then the 4th Thursday of every month. Meet new friends, enjoy reading a good book, and share your opinion. A new book every month. Program starts at 6:30pm and is held at the Municipal Center located at 354 Smith Street.

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 and every Friday, from 10am to 11am for ages 5-10yrs, during story time. Join us for a new theme each week.



Don't Forget! 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

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 March Dates

- March 8, 2022: City Council & HRA Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
- March 9, 2022: Municipal Court @ 2pm
- March 10, 2022: Library Board Meeting @ 6pm
- March 13, 2022: Daylight Savings Begins—*Set your clocks forward!*
- March 15, 2022: Planning Commission @ 7pm
- March 22, 2022: City Council Work Session @ 6:30pm

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Account Number: _____