

City Administrator's Message

Pacific Northwest Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K Event: We are excited that this annual event now starts and ends in Harrisburg! This is one of the last USATF races of the year in which someone can qualify for the Boston Marathon. We expect around 500 people for this event. Fri, Sept 16 from 5-7pm is packet pickup, with inspirational Expo, and on Sat, the Full Marathon starts at 7:00am, the 1/2 Marathon at 8:00am, and the 5K at 9:00am from the middle school bus driveway. This is a great marathon to get involved in, as the emphasis is for people getting healthy, and participating in something that is empowering.

Water Bond Project Status: Citizens and Staff are all looking forward to getting better water! If you were wondering why you haven't seen any construction, and what the City has accomplished thus far, then please read on for more information.

- (1) Over 9,450 linear feet of water line has been replaced throughout town, including replacement of some of the oldest water lines in town.
- (2) It took about 6 months for Linn County to approve our conditional use permit for Well No. 9, water storage tank and filtration plant on city property north of the city limits. The new well will replace Well No. 5. (The biggest producing well with the highest sediment and minerals like iron and manganese.) The water rights the city has were also changed.
- (3) The City has spent close to \$1,000,000 through state and federal purchasing programs (mostly through SourceWell) for the parts, equipment, and electronics required for the filtration plants.
- (4) It's taken 2 years worth of design and engineering from 3 different specialty engineering firms, to create the bid packets for two new filtration plants, and two new storage tanks. Because of state public contracting laws, we are required to go out to bid on these projects. The first bid in early fall 2021 was almost \$1.7 million over budget, even though the budget was based on similar projects in other Oregon cities that had finished *only in the last 3 months prior to our bid*. Most of the cost overrun was due to the prices on steel, PVC, and electronics. If the City had accepted that bid, we would have been responsible for paying the difference between what was bid, and what prices were starting to increase to. The City Council determined reluctantly that it was better to wait to see if prices would come down.
- (5) In April 2022, the second bid was advertised. The five companies who returned bids were \$2,662,500 over the estimate. Again, the cost overrun was due to the high costs of steel, PVC, and electronics. The high costs of fuel and inflation are both still an issue; and let's not forget supply shortages. Again, City Council made an agonizing decision to delay the project for the time being, while we pursue other ways to fund the gap.
- (6) City Staff are now looking at ways to try to bridge the cost differences. That includes grants, although most infrastructure grants are for multi-million dollar projects. We are considering the possibilities of going out for another loan, although that's an idea at the bottom of the list. We've also purposely saved about \$400,000 of the American Rescue Program Act funds to apply to the funding gap, if grant funds can't be applied. Those funds must be used by 2024. Another idea is to use the money in the Harrisburg Redevelopment Agency, which ironically, consists of funds left over from other public projects inside HRA boundaries. That will cost about \$38,000, and will take about 6 months. When planning a water bond project, we knew that lots of things could change in the future. But nobody was prepared for a world-wide pandemic that stopped all progress and caused a recession with an inflation factor that is now higher than it's been in the last 40 years. Ultimately, we are doing everything we can to deliver on providing a better aesthetic quality of Harrisburg water, while still being good stewards of the use of the tax dollars that come from the hard working citizens of Harrisburg. Please keep your fingers and toes crossed, that prices will come down in the future, and that we can find a way to finish this project for lower costs than what we are currently seeing.

Harrisburg Public Library News

Summer Reading Programs! *Read Beyond the Beaten Path*, is this years summer reading program theme. Join us for outdoor adventures and explore beyond the beaten path! Patrons will receive, (while supplies last) a backpack full of goodies that are interactive to our program activities. Once again we will be offering up to two \$5 Barnes and Noble gift cards for submitting completed reading logs. Join us every Friday in August starting at 10am.



Book Club: August 25th at 6:30pm in the Municipal Center. This months book is *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion.

Crafting Club: August 4th, August 10, August 18th and August 25th at 5pm at the Harrisburg Municipal Center.

Dungeon & Dragons: August 1st and 15th, 4pm at the Municipal Center

Lego Club: Every Saturday at 11am and every Wednesday at 2pm held in the Library.

Important September Dates

Sept 6, 2022:	City Council Business Meeting : Cancelled
Sept 7, 2022:	Municipal Court @ 2pm
Sept 16, 2022:	Pacific NW Marathon—5pm-7pm Packet Pickup
Sept 17, 2022:	Pacific NW Marathon—7am-2pm Marathon, Half-Marathon & 5K
Sept 20, 2022:	Planning Commission @ 7:00pm
Sept 27, 2022:	City Council Work Session @ 6:30pm

If You See Something—Say Something!

If you see something suspicious in your neighborhood, don't hesitate to call it in. You can reach LCSO dispatch for any non-emergency at 1-800-884-3911.

Residential Utility Rates

The utility bill is a combination of water, sewer and storm drain charges. Please contact City Hall for more information. Rates below are for 2022-2023.

WATER: Base Rate: \$21.73	Sewer: Minimum Charge: \$21.60
Per Unit: \$1.77 (per *EUU)	Sewer User Fee: \$7.83 (per *EUU)
Storm Drain: \$3.67	

**An EUU is equal to 748 gals of metered water*

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