

Our Town

City Administrator's Message

Happy 2023! It's a New Year, full of fresh, new beginnings. A New Year always feels like it has so much potential. It's a time of year in which we can be thankful for what we have, but in which it's also traditional to set new goals. I love the promise of a New Year!

The City has a **Strategic Plan** in place, that we work on annually. It covers the next five years in a row. If you'd like to see what kinds of things the City is working on, or wonder what kinds of priorities the City has, please take a look at the current plan. You can find a copy on the City website, at <https://www.ci.harrisburg.or.us/administration/page/citys-strategic-plan>. The City Council will be considering new goals at the meetings in January and February. Citizens are always welcome to drop by and join them during a meeting, if you'd like to see what's going on.

Priorities in this current year include creating and advocating for a wide range of housing opportunities while preserving and improving existing affordable housing; developing, maintaining and improving total city park land inventory; make regular and substantive improvements to City streets; bring community awareness to crime issues in the City, creating solutions to reduce & prevent crime; enhancing outreach to existing businesses, including working with regional partnerships to promote Harrisburg businesses and economic development; and updating the Capital Improvement Program, including verification that our fees structures and SDC's are still competitive.

The **HART Community Center** has been active in our community since 1999. They are working with the Oregon West Council of Government (OCWCOG) to provide some more resources to the community. In January, the following is available:

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program is presenting a class that will cover the basics of Medicare parts A, B, C, and D. This class is designed for anyone who will be eligible for Medicare within a few months or is new to Medicare. Current beneficiaries who would like a better understanding of their Medicare benefits and options will also find this class valuable. Spouses and other relatives are welcome to attend. A SHIBA counselor will present this class, which is sponsored by the OCWCOG and part of its AmeriCorps Seniors programs. AmeriCorps is the federal agency connecting individuals and organizations through service and volunteering to tackle the nation's most pressing challenges.

Registration is required. Please call Taylor Thorn, (541) 812-0849. Thursday Jan. 19th, 10am-12am Harrisburg Municipal Center (HMC)

Stand By Me – Oregon (\$BM), a financial empowerment program that through coaching and toolkits helps provide financial stability to individuals and families. Come learn about a new financial coaching program called Stand By Me. Participants of the program receive free personal one-on-one financial coaching to help achieve financial health and wellness. Learn to budget, Pay bills on time, Manage spending, Understand debt and how to reduce debt, Improve your credit score and learn how it affects your life, Purchase your first car, Plan for college, Prepare for a career, Set goals to achieve the dream of homeownership, Invest in retirement. Alicia Lucke (541) 924-8440 Wed Feb. 1st, 6pm-7pm Harrisburg Municipal Center (HMC)

Wishing you a Peaceful and Productive New Year!

Residential Utility Rates (Fiscal Year 2022-23)

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

Harrisburg Public Library News

Drop by your Library to see what's New! We always have good things to offer at the Library. Drop by and check out digital books or sign up to learn a new language through our Rocket Languages service. All you need is a Library card!

New—Sewing Class! For teenagers (*free!*) January 2nd and 16th from 4pm-6pm at the Harrisburg Municipal Center.

New—Computer Class: Wednesdays from 6-7pm in the library. Call 541-995-6949 to get on wait list.

New—Karaoke Club: January 7th at 1pm in the Harrisburg Municipal Center.

Game Night: January 5th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Municipal Center. We have plenty of games for every age. Board games, card games and video games. Bring your family and friends!

Book Club: January 25th in the Municipal Center. This month's book is 17 Marigold Lane by R.M. Gilmore. You can check out the book from the Library, from the digital program, or purchase your own!

Crafting Club: January 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, @ 5pm at the Harrisburg Municipal Center. Open to everyone for any craft!

Dungeon & Dragons: January 4th and 18th @ 4pm at the Harrisburg Municipal Center.

Lego Club: Every Saturday at 11am — held in the Library.

Story Time: Every Friday from 10am to 11am in the Harrisburg Municipal Center

Important January Dates

Jan 2, 2023:	Offices Closed—New Year's Day Holiday
Jan 3, 2023:	Library Board Mtg @ 5:30pm
Jan 10, 2023:	City Council & HRA Board Mtg @ 6:30pm
Jan 11, 2023:	Municipal Court @ 2pm
Jan 11, 2023:	Utilities—Late Notices Issued
Jan 16, 2023:	Offices Closed—MLK Jr. Holiday
Jan 17, 2023:	Planning Commission @ 7:00pm
Jan 24, 2023:	City Council Work Session @ 6:30pm

Winter Utility Rates

Winter billing rates are in effect. Starting in November and continuing through April, residential customer's sewer rates are billed based on water usage for that billing cycle. Please contact City Hall with any questions—541-995-6655.

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.

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.

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

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Account Number: _____