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Cascade Locks' News

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY
NUMBERS:

ELECTRIC ONLY
541-392-4109

WATER LEAKS
541-392-4108

Where the Bridge of the Gods spans the Heart of the Gorge; where mountain, wind, and water create the best sailing in the Northwest; and where the "CL" on the license plate stands for Cascade Locks, the second largest city in Hood River County!

Meetings: The City Council will hold its regular meeting on May 13. No meeting scheduled for Monday, May 27, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Please submit any written comments to the City Administrator (jbennett@cascade-locks.or.us) prior to 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Council meeting minutes and packets can be viewed on-line at the City's website five days before the meeting. Public access to the meeting is available in person or via Zoom.

1. By smart device on zoom.us, meeting code **872 129 1324**, password is "citymeet".
2. By phone dial 1-253-215-8782, meeting number is 872-129-1324, passcode is 17722174. Remember *6 to mute/unmute your phone, *9 to raise your hand if you have a question or comment.
3. Please keep your device muted during the meeting when you don't have a comment or question.

Please check the City's Facebook page, website or notice boards in the Columbia Market or the US Post Office for official notices and/or agendas.

City Hall Closed: Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. To report a power outage call 541-392-4109. For water emergencies call 541-392-4108.

City Committee Vacancies: Please visit our webpage to fill out a volunteer application form if you are interested in filling one of these vacancies.

- Architectural Review Committee: 1 vacancy
- Charter Review: 3 vacancies
- Tourism Committee: 2 vacancies
- Budget Committee: 1 vacancy

Spring Clean Up Dumpster Days: Saturday, May 4, 9:00AM – 4:00PM or until dumpsters are full. Dumpsters will be located at the Sewer Treatment Plant, 105 NE Herman Creek Lane. This service is for Cascade Locks residential customers only. Please separate metal, electronics and yard debris. Items NOT accepted are hazardous materials, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or tires of any kind. Hood River Garbage at, 3440 Guignard Drive, is accepting refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners at a cost of \$10 per unit, thanks to a partnership with Tri County Recycle. For more information on dumping refrigerant appliances or other material call Hood River Garbage at, 541-386-2272.

FREE Hazardous Waste Collection Event: Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Eastgate Park (in front of the Cemetery). Get rid of unwanted dangerous and hazardous materials such as, oil and latex paint, yard and garden products, household cleaners and chemicals, automotive fluids, old gas and kerosene, pool and spa chemicals, propane bottles and tanks, all batteries, ballasts, fluorescent tubes and CFL Bulbs, fire extinguishers. E-waste, cell phones and unwanted medicines. **No refrigerants** will be accepted this year. For more information call Tri-County Recycling 541-506-2529. You may pre-register at tricountyrecycle.com.

Summer Irrigation Rates: will be in effect from May 1 – October 20. The sewer rate will remain at \$45.40 per month regardless of water consumption. The water rate is \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

Mid Columbia Community Action Summer Cooling Assistance: Begins June 1 for Senior/Disabled first and low income later if funding allows. For more information or to set up an appointment call MCCA at 541-298-5131 ext. 310, leave your name and contact phone number.

Community Secure Drug Take Back Receptible: Dispose of unwanted, expired or surplus medications easily and quickly. A secure container has been installed in the Justice Court lobby, 440 SW WaNaPa Street, next door to the Columbia Market store. Unwanted medication can be dropped off Monday – Friday, 8AM to 5PM. Please do not flush unwanted or unused medications down the toilet. Flushing means they can get in the ground water system and impact fish, wildlife or even you.

FISH Food Bank Hours: FISH Food Bank will be open on Wednesday, May 22, 2:00PM – 6:00PM, and the following Saturday, May 25, 11:00AM - noon at City Hall gym. Food Bank is accepting donations of food items or personal care items such as, soap, toothpaste and shampoo. Please do not drop off clothing or donations of clothing or household items. Should you have any questions, please contact FISH Food Bank at 541-386-3474. **Volunteers needed!** Can you help one day a month unloading the food delivery truck or at a regular Wednesday or Saturday monthly distribution? Contact Samantha Verschuren, 971-258-7348, for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Hood River County Dog License Available at City Hall Office: Bring a copy of current rabies vaccination and a spay or neuter certificate, if applicable. The license is good for 1 year from the date of purchase. Fertile Dogs are \$30, \$20 for senior citizens. Spayed or neutered dogs are \$15, \$8 for senior citizens. Dogs under 6 months of age are not required to be licensed. If you have any questions, please contact Hood River County Animal Control at 541-387-7037. For the wellbeing and safety of your dog it is important to license your pet.

Hood River County Library, Cascade Locks Branch: Hours of Operation: Cascade Locks Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 – 6:00PM and Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Meeting space is available. For more information or to speak with the Cascade Locks library directly call 541-374-9317. Cascade Locks library is located in the Community Center at the south end of the Cascade Locks School building.

Cascade Locks Historical Museum: The Museum is open March 2 – October 31. Hours of operation: Thursdays – Mondays 10:00AM – 5:00PM. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Admission is \$1 for local residents and free for students in Hood River Co. School District. **Museum Phone Number 541-203-0881.**

Billing Cycle & Payment Methods: Utility bills are due by the 15th day of the month to avoid a \$3.00 late fee. If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, the bill is due by the next working day. Accounts holding a balance after the last working day of the month will be subject to a red tag disconnect notice and a \$10.00 fee. Utility payments can be made online at the City of Cascade Locks website; www.cascade-locks.or.us. There is a 3% transaction fee on debit or credit cards, e-checks (electronic checks) will be assessed a \$1.00 fee no matter the amount of payment. For questions regarding online payment use, contact Xpress Bill Pay Customer Support at 800-766-2350. **Returned Checks and eChecks:** Customers who have a returned paper check for non sufficient funds will be assessed a \$19.00 returned check fee and a \$10.00 red tag fee. The fee for electronic returned checks is \$31.00. Should you have any questions, please contact City Hall.

City Yard Debris Collection Program: Starting in April the yard debris pile will be open once a month for residents to deposit yard debris. The new hours of operation will be the last Thursday of each month from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Below are the dates for the remainder of 2024. May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, October 31 and December 26. The yard debris burn pile is located at 105 NE Herman Creek Lane.

2024 Burn Permits: Burn Permits can be purchased at City Hall Office, Mon. – Thu., 8AM – 6PM for the calendar year of 2024. A residential permit is \$10 and is valid for the calendar year. Call the burn line prior to burning to get the most up to date information and burn times, 541-374-8510 option #3.