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Cascade Locks' News

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Mon.-Thu. 8am-6pm
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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY
NUMBERS:

ELECTRIC ONLY
541-392-4109

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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!

City Hall Closed, Monday, September 2, Labor Day

Meetings: The City Council holds its regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The Council will meet on Monday, August 12th and Monday, August 26th. 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 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
- Tourism Committee: 2 vacancies
- Budget Committee: 1 vacancy

Consider Serving Your Community On The Cascade Locks City Council:

Four Positions up for election in November: Mayor – two year term. Three Councilor positions – four year terms. Candidates must have been a resident of the City for a continuous period of 12 months immediately preceding the election and must continue residency during the term of office. Candidates must be registered to vote within the City for 12 continuous months immediately preceding the election. Candidates cannot be a candidate in a single election for more than one elective office and cannot serve simultaneously in more than one public elective office. Election packets available at City Hall or at www.cascade-locks.or.us. **Deadline to file for Mayor or City Councilor is 6:00PM, August 27, 2024.**

Public Safety, Fire Abatement: For the welfare and safety of our community, Ordinance 344 states, (a) *The owner, person in possession or the agent of the owner of any tract or parcel of land improved or unimproved shall, on and after May 1 of each year, keep, cut and remove therefrom all dead bushes, dead trees, stumps and other items likely to cause fire and to spread fire, and shall cause the grass and vegetation to be cut to a height of less than ten inches at least once each year after May 1 and before July 15.* Please keep your property free and clear of combustible material such as tall grass, brush & dead trees or bushes and free of debris. Your cooperation in this matter contributes to the safety and health of our community.

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: Sign up now for assistance with electric charges on your utility bill. 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, August 28, 2:00PM – 6:00PM, and the following Saturday, August 31, 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. No donations of clothing or household items accepted. 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: Cascade Locks Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 – 6:00PM and Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays 10:00AM - 2:00PM. Playgroup at the library! Last Friday of the month, features a librarian led story time, 8/30, 10:30-11:30AM. Come play, explore and make new friends. Sign up now for the **Summer Reading Program!** Prizes for all ages. Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month, 8/22, 5:15-7PM. For more information call 541-374-9317. Cascade Locks library is located at the Cascade Locks School building. Meeting space available.

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.**

City Yard Debris Collection Program: The City yard debris burn pile is open once a month for residents to deposit yard debris. The hours of operation is the last Thursday of each month from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The dates for the remainder of 2024 are; 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 Ban In Effect. No burning of any kind including camp fires or small warming fires. Call the burn line to get the most up to date information. 541-374-8510 option #3.

Summer Meals Free Breakfast & Lunch For Children age 1-18 years old: Pick up meals at Cascade Locks School Monday – Friday 8:00-8:10AM or Ruckel & Taylor St. 8:20-8:30AM or Clark St. 8:40-8:50AM or Forest Lane & Shahala, 9:00-9:10AM. For more information, www.hoodriverk12.or.us/nutritionservice.

City of Cascade Locks, Did you know? The City of Cascade Locks was incorporated June 1935. The first Meeting of the City Council was on September 9, 1935. Charles Nelson was the first Mayor. The Council passed 5 Ordinances, set the salary of the City Recorder, \$25.00 per month and the salary of the Treasurer at \$12.00 per month. They appointed members to the Budget Committee and chose two Council Members, Perras and Millsap to find a suitable place for the Council to meet. At the September 30th meeting, GC Powers of Portland was retained to make the preliminary survey for the new water system at a cost not to exceed \$500.