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Cascade Locks' News

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

ELECTRIC ONLY
541-374-8911

WATER LEAKS
541-386-2711

New City Hall Hours Of Operation: Beginning **October 2, 2023** City Hall Office and Utility Departments will be operating on a 10 hour, 4 day a week schedule, Monday – Thursday. City Hall Office will be open to the public from 8:00AM to 6:00PM and closed on Fridays. The new schedule adds two additional hours per day that the office will be open to receive utility payments and assist customers. After hour power outages or water/sewer emergencies that occur on Fridays as well as after hours, weekends or holidays, will follow the same procedures as before: Power Outage call 541-374-8911 leave your name, address & phone number the “on call” utility personnel will be dispatched. For water/sewer emergencies after hours call the Hood River Co. Sheriff’s Department at 541-386-2711, the “on call” Public Works personnel will be dispatched. It is staff’s hope that the additional hours of operation, Monday – Thursday, will better serve the community.

Meetings: The City Council will hold its regular meetings on September 11 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. 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.

City Committee Vacancies: Please visit our webpage to fill out a volunteer application form if you are interested in filling this vacancy.

- Architectural Review Committee: 1 vacancy
- Tourism Committee: 3 vacancies

City Hall Office Closed Monday September 4, Labor Day: City Hall will be closed on Mon., Sept. 4, for Labor Day. To report a power outage when City Hall Office is closed call the emergency power outage dispatch service, 541-374-8911, leave your name, address and contact phone number. For water/sewer emergency, call the Hood River Co. Sheriff’s dispatch at 541-386-2711.

Sign Up For Emergency Alerts: Information is your lifeline. From electricity disruptions to sudden road closures to instructions during natural disasters. Sign up to receive emergency notifications from Hood River County on your home phone, cell phone, e-mail and more. Register at hoodriversheriff.com/events/emergency-alerts, or call the Sheriff’s office at 541-386-2098.

Burn Ban In Effect: No burning of any kind is permitted at this time including campfires and private fire pits. Questions, contact Cascade Locks Fire Chief, John Logan at 541-374-8510.

Fall Clean Up & Dumpster Days: Hood River Garbage service will be mailing Dump Vouchers to their Cascade Locks residential customers allowing them to dump 3 yards of material for free at the Hood River transfer station, 3440 Guignard Drive, the week of October 13-21. For more info call 541-386-2272.

City Yard Debris Burn Pile: You can dispose of **yard debris ONLY** at the City burn pile every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30AM – 3:00PM. The burn pile is located at the City Sewer Treatment Plant, 105 NE Herman Creek Lane. No fencing or decking material allowed.

Utility Payments Made Easy with Xpress Bill Pay: Sign up now for autopay and never be late on your utility bill again! With autopay you will receive monthly reminders when payments are due. View your utility bill anytime you want online at www.cascade-locks.or.us . Under Quick Links, click on, Pay Online. You will need to enter your account number, do not use the period. Since you can review your bill online anytime, **Go Paperless!** Need assistance contact Xpress Bill Pay Support at 1-800-766-2350.

New Garbage & Recycling Collection Containers: The City Council approved at their June 12th meeting Ordinance No. 457 & Resolution No.1487 to deliver to each Hood River Garbage Service customer a rolling garbage & recycling container for use in place of residential garbage cans. The new rolling carts were delivered to active Hood River Garbage customers on August 27 & 28. Please begin using the roll carts for garbage pick up on Wednesday, August 30 & the recycle cart on September 6. The new rates for garbage service will begin on September 1, 2023 & are as follows for 32 gallon rolling container billed monthly: \$25.02 weekly pick up, \$20.52 bi-weekly pick up & \$15.32 monthly pick up. For more information contact Hood River Garbage Service at 541-386-2272 or City Hall Office at 541-374-8484. **Recycling:** Recycle pick up is **September 6th & 20th**. Use the recycle cart for mixed recycle items. Glass is separate & can be placed in the 14 gallon bin.

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 call 541-374-9317. Library is located in the Community Center at the south end of the Cascade Locks School building. **Parent lead Play Group** every Friday at 10:30AM. The last Friday of the month will feature a librarian led story time at 10:30AM. **Cascade Locks Book Club** meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m.

FISH Food Bank NEW Hours: FISH Food Bank will be open on Wednesday, September 27 2:00PM. – 6:00 PM., and the following Saturday, September 30, 11:00AM – 12:00PM at City Hall gym. For questions, please contact Samantha Verschuren, CL FISH Food Bank Coordinator at 971-258-7348. **Volunteers needed!** Can you help unload the food delivery truck one Wednesday a month from 9:00AM to Noon, or help distribute food items on the fourth Wednesday of the month or the following Saturday? Please contact Samantha for more information, 971-258-7348.

Cascade Locks Historical Museum: The Museum is open until 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. New in 2023; Cascade Locks School exhibit, and you can now walk through the upstairs bedroom exhibits! **New Museum Phone Number 541-203-0881.** Volunteer Opportunities: Become a Museum Board Member or help with fundraising and trivia night events. Please send a letter of interest to director@casadelocksmuseum.org

Welcome New City Employees: City of Cascade Locks Council and staff welcome the following new hires. Angela Geyman has been hired to fill the vacant position of Accounting Clerk. Angela is from Carson, Washington where she lives with her husband Randy. They have four grown children and two grandchildren. Bob Camillucci has been hired to fill the newly created part time position of Community Liaison. Bob has been a resident of Hood River Co. for 15 years. He is an experienced community advocate, serving the Gorge as a volunteer in many capacities with numerous organizations. As Community Liaison he will be providing information to community members, code enforcement, communications and outreach. He & his wife Sandy live in Hood River along with two rescue cats, Dani and Junebug. Cascade Locks Fire/EMS was able to hire two full time firefighters/EMT's, Kalvi Sokka and Abby Oswald, thanks to a grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal to upstaff for wildland season. Their positions began in July and will continue through October. Kalvi and Abby have been busy servicing hydrants, station maintenance and helping to shorten response times. Cascade Locks Fire/EMS is appreciative for the award of the grant funds from the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office. It has helped in keeping all the fires in our area small due to the additional emergency personnel available to assist.