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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 October 9 and 23 at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. Please submit any written comments to the City Deputy Recorder (mplace@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: 4 vacancies

Current Rates for Delivery of Electrical Services: The City must from time to time adjust electrical rates to ensure adequate revenues to meet the cost of continued system operation. The City buys all of its electric power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) & BPA has & will continue imposing increases in the City’s cost of power. The City Council has approved the following electric service increase for residential customers beginning October 1 which will be reflected on the utility bills due 11/15/2023. Residential Customers inside the Urban Growth Boundary, Electric Meter Base Charge \$13.00, cost of energy, \$0.07795/kwh. Residential Customer outside the Urban Growth Boundary, Electric Meter Base Charge \$23.00, cost of energy, \$0.10465/kwh. The adjustment to electrical rates includes Commercial and Public Agency customers of the City of Cascade Locks. Resolution No. 1491 can be viewed in its entirety at the city website www.cascade-locks.or.us

Regular Residential Sewer Rate Resumes: The regular sewer rate will begin October 20 – April 20. The regular sewer rate will be reflected on the November utility bill due December 15. The regular sewer rate is determined by the water use as follows: \$45.40 up to 10,000 gallons of water used per month. Water use over 10,000 gallons will be charged \$8.77 per 1,000 gallons of water used. For example, 11,000 gallons of water used times \$8.77 equals \$96.47 sewer charge.

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

Fall Clean Up & Dumpster Days: Do to lack of space at the Wastewater Treatment Plant because the grounds around the treatment plant are being used to store supplies and equipment for the plant upgrade, 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. **Wondering what to do with your old trash can?** A trailer will be set up at the southeast corner of City Hall on Thursday, October 5 – Monday October 9, to drop off your old trash cans. Cans can be full of trash or empty.

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. Cascade Locks utility account holders can view their utility bill online at www.cascade-locks.or.us. To access the on line payment portal go to the City website, scroll down to 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.

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, October 25, 2:00PM – 6:00 PM, and the following Saturday, October 28, 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@cascadelocksmuseum.org

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.

Hood River County Dog License Available at City Hall Office: Purchase a Hood River County Dog License at the City Hall. 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. The owner of a licensed dog will be contacted if the animal is picked up.