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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:** 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. City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 9, for Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 23, for Thanksgiving.

**Meetings:** The City Council will hold its regular meetings on November 13 and 27 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](mailto: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: 3 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](http://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.

**Burning Allowed:** You may burn from dawn to dusk in a barrel or pile or campfire with a valid 2023 Burn Permit. Permits can be purchased at City Hall Office for \$10 and are good for the calendar year. Questions, contact Cascade Locks Fire Chief, John Logan at 541-374-8510.

**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. **Recycle Pick Up: November 1, 15, 29.**

**Mid Columbia Community Action, Winter Heating Assistance 2023-2024:** If you are a City of Cascade Locks electric utility account holder you may be eligible for heating assistance. MCCA will begin taking appointments for the Winter Heating Assistance program starting December 1, 2023. For more information contact MCCA at 541-298-5131.

**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](http://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.

**FISH Food Bank Hours:** FISH Food Bank will be open earlier in the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Wednesday, **November 15**, 2:00PM – 6:00 PM, and the following Saturday, **November 18**, 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.

**City Staff Giving Tree Program:** Cascade Locks has experienced growth and change since the first Christmas Giving Tree program was started in 1993. The idea was born out of economic depression the City was experiencing and the effect it had on the children in the community. City Staff decided to sponsor a program that would provide a Christmas present for children who registered with the Giving Tree. Residents in the community would purchase the gift and city staff would wrap and deliver the presents to the children. The support from the community was tremendous! The last several years has seen a decline in children registered for the Giving Tree, although the support was still strong. City staff came to the conclusion that this program seemed to have run its course and the need that had birthed the idea was not as great an issue. At a recent staff meeting it was decided to end the program and to donate the remaining funds in the account, \$1633.13, to the Cascade Locks Elementary School P.T.O. The P.T.O. (Parent Teacher Organization) supports children who attend school at Cascade Locks Elementary in a variety of ways. City Staff would like to thank the many residents, clubs, churches and businesses of our community who have donated to the Giving Tree over the past 29 years! This program would not have been so successful without your help! If you wish to continue to give to those folks experiencing hardship within Hood River County consider supporting the Hood River County Christmas Project. This program buys food, grocery cards and gifts for children in need within the county. The website is [info@hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com](mailto:info@hoodrivercountychristmasproject.com) or call 541-329-0901 to donate.

**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](http://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. If you have any questions, please contact Hood River County Animal Control at 541-387-7037.