

December 1, 2023  
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# Cascade Locks' News

## City Council:

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Mayor
- Denise  
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Baker
- Pete Happy
- Eric Keller
- Butch Miller
- Sean  
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- Tamara  
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## City Staff:

- Jordon Bennett,  
City Administrator
- Kathy Woosley,  
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- Sheldon Price,  
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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY  
NUMBERS:

ELECTRIC ONLY  
541-392-4109

WATER LEAKS  
541-392-4108

**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, 8:00AM-6:00PM, closed Fridays.** **ATTENTION:** New phone numbers for after-hours power/water emergencies,: Power Outage call 541-392-4109 leave your name, address & phone number the “on call” utility personnel will be dispatched. For water/sewer emergencies after hours call 541-392-4108. City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Monday January 1, 2024, for Christmas and New Years Day.

**Meetings:** The City Council will hold its regular meeting on December 11 at 7:00 p.m. 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
- Charter Review Committee: 7 vacancies

**Current Rates for Delivery of Electrical Services:** The City Council 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.

**Annual Hood River Co. Fire Dept. Christmas Lighted Truck Parade:** Thursday, December 14, beginning at 6PM, leaving the CL Fire Station heading east on Frontage Rd, past Oxbow Fish Hatchery to Shahala Dr., Windsong Dr. Forest Lane, Riverview Drive, Lakeside & Harvest Queen to WaNaPa St., Cascade Ave., Ruckel St. to Adams, Regulator, Moody and Wasco St. to WaNaPa back to station.

**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. A representative from MCCA will be at City Hall on 12/13/2023. For more information contact MCCA at 541-298-5131 X310.

**Burning Allowed:** You may burn from dawn to dusk in a barrel or pile or campfire with a valid Burn Permit. 2024 Permits can now 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: December 13 & 27**

**Utility Payments Made Easy with Xpress Bill Pay:** Sign up now for 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. 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. Book Club meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thur. of the month, 5:15-7PM. For more information call 541-374-9317. The library is located in the Community Center at the south end of the school building.

**FISH Food Bank Hours:** FISH Food Bank will be open earlier in the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Wednesday, **December 20<sup>th</sup>**, 2:00PM – 6:00 PM, and the following Saturday, **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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.