

▪ Tuesday, February 27, 2024

• Police Department (TPD):

- The Tillamook High School Charity Drive wrapped up this week. Several officers and our professional staff attended charity drive events. This is always an enjoyable time for our community. Thank you THS students, parents, staff, and community. Good work.
- Officer Fitzgerald and Lt. Troxel attended Morning's On Main hosted by the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce. The attendance was great, and both enjoyed seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones.
- Coffee with a Cop was hosted by the Tillamook Starbucks Coffee Company this week. This event is designed to have casual conversations with community members while enjoying a relaxing environment over a cup of coffee. There were many officers from the Tillamook Police Department in attendance, as well as City Manager Gero. There was a great turn out and excellent conversations and coffee. Thank you to our community and our local Starbucks Coffee Company located on the north end of the City for their hospitality.
- Lt. Troxel gave a presentation to our local Rotary Club and provided an update from the Police Department. Lt. Troxel has been a Rotarian for over 15 years. This avenue of service and connection with the community is invaluable to our City and Police Department.
- City Manager George and Lt. Troxel attended the Houseless Action Networks monthly meeting. This meeting was hosted by the County and well attended both in person and online. The conversation and action this group is taking to work with our community in addressing homelessness is extremely important. Thank you to all who are working on this together, the City greatly appreciates the partnership.

• Public Works (PW):

- On February 26th City staff met with Willamette Partnership (Willamette.Partnership is a nonprofit bringing collaborative conservation to infrastructure, working lands, and public health across the West, source: <https://willamettepartnership.org/>) and RCAC (Rural. Community.Assistance.Corporation?a.nonprofit.provides.training?technical.and.financial.resources.and.advocacy.so.rural.communities.can.achieve.their.goals.and.visions-.source._https://www.rcac.org-), two nonprofit organizations that will be providing the City with free technical assistance. RCAC will undertake a comprehensive water rate study and

asset inventory, while Willamette Partnership will play a pivotal role in strategizing for future infrastructure projects and identifying funding opportunities. City staff are thrilled to collaborate with Willamette Partnership and RCAC to improve our community's infrastructure. This partnership would not have been possible without the support of the Governor's Office and the Regional Solutions Team, and we want to thank them.

- As previously announced several times, the City Council adopted an ordinance updating the 1970's City Code regarding private sewer lateral lines. Since the 1970's residents have been responsible for maintaining their private sewer laterals lines and to fix them when problems occur; however, property owners only had 60 days to test and fix their sewer lateral lines if there was a problem. The new ordinance now gives residents 180 days (or 6 months) to test and inspect, 180 days to correct any issues, and potentially up to an additional 180 days if they file for a hardship and are granted additional time.
- Currently, the City has severe rainwater issues coming into the City's treatment system. Fifty to seventy percent of this issue is on the private side of the City's system. Ordinance violation notices will slowly start going out to residents very soon who have failed sewer laterals. The City will be working on this a little at a time.
- Additionally, the City would like to encourage and remind citizens of the Service Line Warranties of America (SLWOFA) warranty policy available through HomeServe. This very low-cost insurance can help provide financial assistance when fixing sewer laterals, and even your waterline going to your home. More information about this policy is available at City Hall or line at: <https://www.slwofa.com/>.
- We have several positions available at the City of Tillamook. Please visit our website or stop by City Hall for an application.
- A reminder that if you see something, say something by calling 911 for emergencies or Dispatch for non-emergencies.
- The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, at 6 PM. Rather than a Regular Meeting, the City will be holding a Work Session with presentations from (1) the Police Department focused on the goals, strategies, State and Local Laws, and work of our Police Department in our community and (2) from the Public Works Department to discuss private sewer lateral lines. We encourage everyone interested in your local government to attend virtually or in person.

- Also, on Saturday, April 13 at 9 AM, the City Council will hold a Council Planning and Goal Setting Work Session, which will be held at the Tillamook Main location of the Tillamook County Library.