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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

August 2020

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Council

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City Administrator

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City Hall

Monday-Friday
8:30 am-4:00 pm

Public Works

Monday-Friday
8:30 am-4:00 pm
After Hours Dispatch
(emergencies only)
541-776-7206

Police

Office 541-899-7100
Dispatch 541-776-7206

Fire

Office 541-899-7246
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Planning

541-899-6873
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday
8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or
800-358-8034

Radio Read Meter Upgrade Project

This past month or so, the City of Jacksonville Public Works Department has had a contractor working throughout the City upgrading meters around town and starting in August the water meters will now be read electronically. In the process of doing this the meter read dates for many accounts will be changing as we move to one specific read date for all meters in town. Because of this change in the read date for the water meters, some customers may experience a slightly higher than normal water bill this month. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and please let us know if there is anything we can do to help out during this transition period. In August your account will be back to the standard 30-day billing cycle.



Saving Water in the Summer

The hottest months of the year are upon us—the time of year when our community’s demand for water is highest and water is scarcest. Making minor changes to the way that you water your plants can make a big difference.

Watering Tips

Check your irrigation system for leaks and repair any leaks you find, even if they seem minor.

Irrigate in the early morning or late evening. Less water is lost to evaporation when you water when it’s cooler.

Keep sprinklers aimed low to the ground to minimize water loss to wind and evaporation, and running your system in high winds.

Don’t water pavement. Adjust your sprinkler heads to save water for your plants!



Useful Irrigation Tools

Smart irrigation controllers turn your irrigation system on and off based on local conditions so that your plants get water only when they need it.

Soil moisture sensors measure the water content in your soil and provide real-time information about how much you need to water.

High-efficiency sprinkler heads minimize evaporation and are more efficient than high-pressure sprinkler heads.

Drip irrigation or soaker hoses are inexpensive, efficient alternatives to a built-in irrigation system and work well in smaller gardens where plants are clustered together. For more information you can visit the Saving Water Partnership website at: <https://bit.ly/2TKNU0e>

Are you looking for something fun to do to get outside and explore your neighborhood? Are you interested in learning more about unique features in Jacksonville? Do you like scavenger hunts? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then geocaching might be for you!

Geocaching is the world's largest scavenger hunt. Participants hide and seek "geocaches" or "caches" at locations all over the world or even out of this world (there is one located in space on the International Space Station). Geocaches can be of varying sizes and containers, and may contain prizes, trackers, and logbooks. In addition, geocaches can lead you to points of interest or have puzzles for you to solve. Participants follow a series of clues to locate the caches and document finding a cache in the logbooks (usually in the geocache and online).



Can you find any of the numerous geocaches located in and around Jacksonville, including one of the newest ones established at Forest Park near the Jacksonville Dam (GC8MCZT)? Visit www.geocaching.com to learn more about this cache, the history of the dam, and other unique sites around the City.

City Council Meetings At-A-Glance

A synopsis of the previous month's City Council agenda items and discussions so you, the citizens of Jacksonville, know what is going on in your local government. **If you would like more detail on any of the discussion items, please review the summaries for each item in the Council packet on the City website.**

July 7, 2020—City Council

- **Event Packet—2020 Oregon Wine Experience.** This item was removed from the Agenda by the Asante Foundation.
- **Extend Engineering Services for Seismic Retrofit of Fire Hall.** The City has been awarded a Seismic Rehabilitation Grant through Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority in the amount of \$1,346,620. Council approved extending the engineering services with ZCS Engineering, who was awarded the original contract to do the seismic evaluation and assist the City with the grant application.
- **Resolution No. R2020-012—A Resolution of the City of Jacksonville Ratifying the Mayor's Administrative Order Dated July 1, 2020 Extending a Local State of Emergency in the City of Jacksonville caused by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic to September 4, 2020.** Council approved Resolution No. R2020-012.
- **First Reading of Ordinance No. O2020-003—An Ordinance Amending Jacksonville Municipal Code 4.07.020 Regarding Historical and Architectural Review Commission Membership.** Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. O2020-003 with the second reading by title only. The second reading and adoption of the Ordinance will be on the July 21, 2020 Council agenda.

July 21, 2020—City Council

- **Second Floor Tenant Improvement Bid Cancellation.** We received two bids on June 30th for the City Hall Second Floor Tenant Improvements. The lowest bid was close to 20% above our budget; and the second bid was substantially more than the lowest bid at over 40% above our budget. ZCS Engineering has recommended that we cancel the solicitation for construction bids. We are in the process of re-evaluating the project with ZCS Engineering. Council cancelled this solicitation for construction bids.
- **Acceptance of Seismic Rehabilitation Grant.** The City has been awarded a Seismic Rehabilitation Grant through Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority in the amount of \$1,346,620. Council accepted the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant.
- **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. O2020-003—An Ordinance Amending Jacksonville Municipal Code 4.07.020 Regarding Historical and Architectural Review Commission Membership.** Council approved the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. O2020-003.

Audio and Approved Minutes from each of the City Council Meetings is located on the City website.

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| Public Meeting Schedule | Date | Time | Place |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|----------------|
| City Council | Tuesday, August 4, 2020 | 6:00 PM | Old City Hall |
| City Council | Tuesday, August 18, 2020 | 6:00 PM | Old City Hall |
| H.A.R.C. | Wednesday, August 19, 2020 | 6:00 PM | Old City Hall |
| Planning Commission Meeting | Wednesday August 26, 2020 | 6:00 PM | Britt Pavilion |