

COVID-19 Impacts City Operations

As the COVID-19 coronavirus continues to dominate our world and national news, the impacts locally are being felt by nearly every member of the Philomath community in one way or another. Citizens may be working from home, eating take-out from their favorite local eatery or hibernating with active children.

The State mandates for Stay Home, Stay Safe have also affected services provided by the City. On March 19th, the City Council declared a state of emergency until such time as the Council revokes it. In addition to authorizing decisions to be made as circumstances change, the declaration also provides the community with access to regional, state and federal assistance as it becomes available.

As we've recently discovered, circumstances and status changes are occurring every day. In an effort to provide citizens with the most accurate City operations status changes, the City's website Home page provides a link to the most current conditions.

Following is a list of service impacts expected to last through the duration of the emergency:

City office lobbies closed to the public: Staff is available by phone and the City Hall drop box located in the parking lot may be used for transmitting documents and payments.

Philomath Connection rides are fare free: Riders should enter the bus using the back door unless you are physically unable to do so. See additional information on the City's website regarding riding the bus.

Water service shutoffs and fees for non-payment are temporarily suspended: Payment arrangements should still be made through the Utility Department at 541-929-3501.

Municipal Court appearances have been cancelled through May 31: Contact the Court Clerk at 541-929-5111 to reschedule appearances.

Spring Recycling/Cleanup Event Postponed: The event previously announced for April 18 has been postponed. Staff will work with Republic Services to attempt to reschedule this popular event for later this year.

Keep checking the City's website for updates:
www.ci.philomath.or.us



Coming This Summer!
Philomath Farmers' Market
Sundays: 2 to 5 PM
June 28th
through
August 2nd
In the
Philomath Library Parking Lot

*Interested in being a vendor?
 More information available at
bountifulbackyard.org/market*



CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Apr 13	City Council	7:00 PM
Apr 15	Urban Renewal Agency & City Budget Committees	6:00 PM
Apr 27	City Council (if needed)	7:00 PM
Apr 29	City Budget Committee	6:00 PM

The City Council has declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, only essential meetings are being scheduled. The City has taken steps to utilize current technology to make meetings available to the public without increasing the risk of exposure. City officials strongly encourage all citizens that are able to use the video link or phone number provided for each meeting to listen to the meeting from home. Links will be made available on the City's website calendar at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Audio recordings of meetings will be posted to the City website the day after the meeting. This calendar is subject to change. Refer to the City's website calendar for up-to-date schedules.

Sign Up Now For Emergency Alerts

There has never been a better time to sign up for the Linn-Benton Emergency Notification System than during the current COVID-19 emergency.

Linn-Benton Alert is an emergency notification system that calls or messages residents to warn of impending or occurring emergencies and provides critical safety instructions when they are needed most. The system is address-based. It will send alerts to landline telephones (or the device of your choosing) in the zip code or neighborhood of areas affected by the emergency. If you receive a call, you will hear a computer-generated message, but please do not hang up. Instead, listen to the message in its entirety for important information.

By signing up for Linn-Benton Alert, you can choose to have alerts sent to your cell phone, other phones or TTY devices, or receive text messages or emails. Sign up at: <https://www.co.benton.or.us/preparedness/page/emergency-alert>



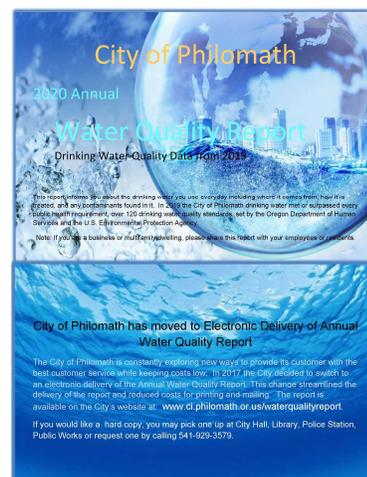
Annual Water Quality Report Now Available

You will be pleased to know that in 2019, Philomath drinking water met all federal and state drinking water standards. Providing our customers with a safe and reliable supply of high-quality drinking water is a primary goal of the Philomath Public Works Department. Our commitment to water quality excellence has in many cases carried us beyond state and federal requirements. This annual report is intended to provide current information about your drinking water and some of the programs and technologies that make it among the safest in the world.

During 2019, 169.0 million gallons of drinking water were produced by the three facilities, up from 159.0 million gallons in 2018. Approximately 97% came from the treatment plant. The plant produced an annual average of nearly 0.5 million gallons each day, while the well's production accounted for about .4% and use of the Inter-tie was about 3%. Usage from the well and the Intertie depends on the time of year, customer demand, and maintenance requirements.

If after reading this report, you have questions or would like more information, please call the Public Works Department at 541-929-3579. The employees of the Public Works Department are

dedicated to excellent customer service and value your input.



ELECTRONIC DELIVERY: The City of Philomath is constantly exploring new ways to provide its customers with the best customer service while keeping costs low. In 2017, the City decided to switch to an electronic delivery of the Annual Water Quality Report. This change streamlined the delivery of the report and reduced costs for printing and mailing. The report is available at: www.ci.philomath.or.us/waterqualityreport. If you would like a hard copy, you may pick one up at City Hall, Library, Police Station, Public Works or request one by calling 541-929-3579.