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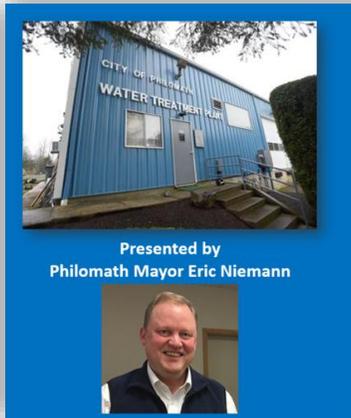
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The History and Future of Philomath Water

At the March 11, 2019 City Council meeting, before the City Council and an audience of about 50 citizens,

Mayor Eric Niemann gave a 24 minute presentation on the history and future of water in Philomath. The slide presentation and audio recording were made into an infomative video which is now available on YouTube or through the City's website.



City of Philomath



Water History
&
New Water Treatment Plant
Overview
March 11, 2019

During the presentation, Mayor Niemann acknowledged the concern some residents have expressed about the City's water availability. He stated that water is, "likely the most talked about, most debated topic in this city in the last hundred years." From the original franchise agreement between the City of Corvallis and

Philomath in 1905 to the construction of the current treatment plant in 1985 and the need for a new plant today, the mayor reviewed a timeline explaining the City's water sources. He also discussed the water rate increases from \$2 per month to \$10 per month that were adopted in order to pay for the current treatment plant. In 1985, the base rate for water was \$10.12. Today, residents pay a base rate of \$14.00, a \$3.88 increase from 34 years ago.

Mayor Niemann and the rest of the City Council are planning a special town hall meeting about the topic of water for sometime in early May (the exact date has yet to be determined). They intent to invite the regional water master, city engineer, professors from OSU and other water experts to form a panel and answer questions from residents about the City's water rights, sources of water, the effect of climate change on the region's water, the proposed treatment plant, and all things related to municipal water. Additional information about the upcoming town hall meeting will be included in next month's newsletter, and on the City website and Facebook page.

For up-to-date information on what's happening in Philomath, visit the City's website or follow the City on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/cityofphilomath/>

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 1	Planning Commission	6:00 PM
April 8	City Council	7:00 PM
April 10	Budget Committee training	6:00 PM
April 11	Park Advisory Board	5:00 PM
April 15	Planning Commission	6:00 PM
April 17	City & Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committees	6:00 PM
April 22	City Council (if needed)	7:00 PM
April 24	Budget Committee	6:00 PM
May 1	Finance/Admin. Committee	TBD
May 8	Budget Committee (if needed)	6:00 PM
May 13	City Council	7:00 PM
May 14	Police Committee at Police Building	4:00 PM
May 15	City & Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committees	6:00 PM
May 20	Planning Commission (if needed)	6:00 PM
May 23	Music in the Park at City Park Gazebo	
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday – Offices closed	

All meetings are held at City Hall, 980 Applegate St., unless otherwise noted. Schedule subject to change. Please refer to the City website calendar for up-to-date schedule.

Expanded Spring Cleanup Details Provided by Republic Service

Republic Services has provided more descriptive examples of the types of items that should go into each of the available recycling dumpsters for Spring Cleanup on April 20th.

If you're looking forward to the annual Spring Cleanup Event, be prepared for it to look a bit different. This is your annual opportunity to clear space in your garage; get rid of broken, unwanted recyclable junk; and have it whisked away for free.

The most important change this year is that the cleanup date is Saturday, April 20th. Industrial dumpsters will be available in the Public Works yard. The entrance for the event will be located on the end of South 16th Street. There will be City staff there to verify residency and that you have recyclable items. Republic Services will assist with unloading your vehicle. Gates will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTED MATERIALS:

Scrap Metal: Swing sets, BBQ's, lawn mowers, bicycles, stoves/ovens, washers/dryers, various scrap metal (T-posts, metal siding/roofing, metal car parts that don't have fluids, etc.)

Electronics: Televisions, computers, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers.

Yard debris & wood: Tree trimmings/shrubbery, leaves, grass clippings, brush, branches, weeds.

Appliances and items containing Freon: Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners.

Cardboard: Flattened

Furniture/Bulky Items: Mattresses/box springs, couches, chairs, futons, pools, lawn furniture, large toys.

Any other materials not specifically listed below as not acceptable.

Sign up for City Meeting Notices:

Sign up for the City's weekly meeting email notice. You'll receive an email with the next week's public meeting schedule, including agenda items. Email:

ruth.post@philomathoregon.gov



NOT ACCEPTED:

- Car batteries, tires, motor oil
- Dirt, rocks, bricks
- Concrete, asphalt
- Hazardous waste: Chemicals, insecticides, used paint, Fluorescent tubes, cleaning agents
- Sharps (needles)
- Drugs (prescription, nonprescription, illegal)
- Ammunition/Fireworks
- Propane bottles with Propane still present (if empty can go into Scrap Metal)
- Gas cans
- Household Trash (*no trailers filled with trash bags will be accepted*)
- Painted or Treated Wood
- Wood with Laminates, Glues, or Resin (OSB, Particle Board, Plywood)
- **HOUSEHOLD TRASH:**

Republic Services provides Spring Cleanup at no charge to city residents as part of their franchise agreement with the City. Please bring proof of residency with you, such as a driver's license or utility bill.

If you have material to get rid of but no truck or trailer, volunteers have offered to pick up and dispose of your stuff for you. To get on the list, please email your name, address, phone and a detailed list of material to be picked up to garry.black@philomathoregon.gov.

"Phabulous" Philomath Photo Contest: Enter Now!



The Park Advisory Board is hosting a photo contest open to all skill levels and ages. See the city's website for full details and start capturing those "phabulous" shots today!

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