

## New Park Dedication Scheduled

***Flossie Overman Discovery Park ribbon cutting August 19 at 7 p.m.***

Join friends, neighbors and the community in celebrating the newest park addition in the City at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Flossie Overman Park on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Located at 524 N 11<sup>th</sup> Street, the new park is ready for action.

The need for a new neighborhood park on the north side of town was identified in the 2012 Parks Master Plan and the City already owned a 0.42 acre lot on North 11<sup>th</sup> Street with only a well building on it. Three grant applications later, the Oregon State Parks awarded a \$201,756 grant towards construction of the new park.

In addition to the OSP grant, generous contributions and efforts from several local organizations and businesses helped make the project a success. Special thanks to:

- Anita Van Aspert, LandCurrent Architecture
- Knife River Corp.
- Pacific Power
- RG Smith Electric & Plumbing
- Westech Engineering
- JD McGee Inc.
- Starker Forests
- Thompson Timber
- Miller Timber Services
- OSU Master Gardeners
- Philomath Public Works
- Philomath Park Advisory Board

Amenities in the park include a basketball court, swings, slide, sand pump and plenty of boulders and logs to climb on. Described as a natural playscapes park, kids young and old can let their imaginations fly as they discover the hands-on opportunities to play and learn.



### CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Aug 2	Farmers' Market at Library parking lot	2-5:00PM
Aug 9	Farmers' Market at Library parking lot	2-5:00 PM
Aug 10	Joint Planning Commission & City Council	6:00 PM
Aug 10	City Council	7:00 PM
Aug 13	Parks Advisory Board	5:00 PM
Aug 16	Farmers' Market at Library parking lot	2-5:00 PM
Aug 17	Planning Commission (if needed)	6:00 PM
Aug 18	Inclusivity Ad Hoc Committee (tentative)	6:00 PM
Aug 19	Flossie Overman Park Ribbon Cutting	7:00 PM
Aug 23	Farmers' Market at Library parking lot	2-5:00 PM
Aug 24	City Council (if needed)	7:00 PM
Aug 26	Finance & Administration Committee	4:00 PM
Aug 30	Farmers' Market at Library parking lot	2-5:00 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.

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### Who was Flossie Overman?

Flossie Overman was a long-time teacher and resident of Philomath who was instrumental in helping save the old Philomath College building in the 1970's. She attended grade school in Philomath and graduated from Philomath College in 1912 with a degree in philosophy.

Flossie died in 1986 at 98 years of age. She is still remembered by many long-time residents, including former Mayor Dale Collins, Chair of the Parks Advisory Board that recommended the park naming to the City Council last year.



# ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVED

## Fiscal Year 2020-2021

After two months of review, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the City Council approved the City's operating budget for the coming year. The budget uses the City Council's Strategic Plan and the Capital Improvement Schedule as roadmaps each year to determine priorities for the coming year. Major highlights in the 2020-2021 budget include:

- A healthy General Fund ending cash balance to carry the fund into the next year.
- All current city services maintained at current levels.
- Transfers restored to save money towards future capital improvement projects.
- Moving forward with new water treatment plant construction project in Spring 2021.
- Street projects that continue to replace outdated and failing sewer lines.
- Planning for new Veterans and War Memorial Park on College Street.
- Early planning for a possible expansion to the Library.

Throughout the Committee's discussions, the unknown effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions were heavily considered. The Council will be paying particular attention as the year unfolds to determine if adjustments are needed to keep the budget on track.

Every year, seven citizens join the City Council as members of the City's Budget Committee. Many thanks go to these volunteers who devote time and energy to the review process and to monitoring the ongoing budget health reports that are issued throughout the year. Thank you to: Robert Glathar, Catherine Biscoe, Margie Brown, Julie Conner, Brian Noakes, Christine Kastella and 2020-2021 Budget Committee Chair Noelle Cummings.

The approved budget is available on the City's website on the Finance Department's page.

# PHILOMATH FARMERS' MARKET



**Dates:** Sundays, June 28<sup>th</sup> - August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**ADDITIONAL DATES ADDED!!**

- \* 8/2/2020
- \* 8/9/2020
- \* 8/16/2020
- \* 8/23/2020
- \* 8/30/2020

**Time:** 2:00 - 5:00 PM

**Location:** Philomath Community Library (1050 Applegate St.)

**Details:** [bountifulbackyard.org/market](https://bountifulbackyard.org/market)



## MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL ELECTION FILING PERIOD CLOSES AUGUST 14

At the November 3, 2020 General Election, the positions of Philomath Mayor and all six City Council positions will appear on the ballot. The filing process, including signature verification, must be completed by August 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

All positions on the Philomath City Council are for two years and begin on January 1, 2021. Council positions are elected at large, meaning candidates may reside in any area within the city limits. The six Council candidates receiving the most votes are elected.

To qualify as a candidate for Mayor or a City Councilor, you must be:

- A qualified elector within the meaning of the state constitution of the state of Oregon; and
- A resident of the city of Philomath during the six months immediately preceding the election.

Interested citizens should make an appointment with City Elections Official, Ruth Post, to determine if they meet the qualifications and residency requirements and to learn more about the expectations of serving on the City Council. Additional information is also available on the City's website at

<https://tinyurl.com/PhilomathElections> .