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See calendar on page 2 for upcoming meetings/workshops and city events.

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- Floyd Billings — Council President
- Cindy Canter
- Jeanni Cuthbertson
- Frank Thayer
- Lonnie Koroush
- Brian Greene

Planning Commission Members:

- Kathy Smith – Chair
- Dan Sheets—Vice Chair
- Tim Eastridge
- David Mills
- Fred Cuthbertson
- Linda Fredricks
- John Greydanus

City Planning Associate:
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 Steve Wyman
 Fred Hilburger
 Steve Martinenko

Finance Officer:
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MONROE MONTHLY

JUNE 2020 EDITION

What's happened, happening, and will happen in the wonderful City of Monroe.



What's new at City Hall?

In order to keep social distancing guidelines, we are asking residents to use the City Hall door drop box, online Xpress Bill pay, or mail utility payments. A protective shield at the counter inside City Hall has been installed and we are limiting just one person at a time inside the lobby area. The room attached to City Hall is now being used for meetings to comply with social distancing recommendations. New playground equipment was installed at the Toddler Park and the City Park improvements continue with the restroom project and picnic area.

Toddler Park



City Park



June 2020

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Scheduled Events

All meetings are **open to the public** and are held in the City Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise noted on our website www.ci.monroe.or.us.

June 2020

June 1	6:00 pm	Planning Commission
June 5		Recycling Picked Up—Republic Services
June 8-12		Flushing Water Lines
June 13		Spring Recycling Day—Republic Services
June 18	6:00 pm	BAM! Business Association of Monroe
June 24	3:00 pm	Municipal Court
June 24	6:00 pm	City Council

For the most up-to-date event information, visit the city's website: ci.monroe.or.us

Senior Lunch

South Benton Food Pantry Introduces:

New Program to Help Feed Seniors in our Community

The South Benton Food Pantry will have Meals available for Seniors starting Tuesday, June 2nd. Seniors, if you are missing the two weekly meals from the Senior Nutrition Luncheon Program that were served at the American Legion Hall, this program is for you. Luncheon Meals can be picked up at the Food Pantry from 10:00 to noon every Tuesday. If needed, delivery is available. Senior Food Boxes will also soon be available. Fifty-five or older qualifies as a senior.

650 Orchard St, in Monroe

10:00 AM to Noon, each Tuesday.

For more information call 541-745-8759.



Copies of the meeting agenda and council packet can be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours or on our website ci.monroe.or.us.

City Council Meeting: May 18, 2020. The use of the meeting room beside City Hall was a solution to keeping up with social distancing guidelines. All Council members and 14 citizens were present. Lorrie O'Hare representing the Scare & Share Productions brought before the council the insurance renewal application. Because of Covid-19, the Haunted House will not happen this year.

Resolution 2020-07 was approved to proceed with the annual municipal audit, scheduled for July 20, 2020.

The Personnel & Finance Committee recommended to hire Steve Martinenko for the Water Treatment Plant Operator under the license jurisdiction of Chuck Scholz, Harrisburg Public Works Director.

Chuck Scholz gave council a recap of problems and violations that need to be corrected at the Water Treatment Plant.

Councilor Brian Greene will work with Public Works to establish a City Park Host RV area, near the old water plant. This is essential to have security and upkeep for the City Park.

Planning Commissioner Dan Sheets gave update on the Monroe Festival cancellation for this year.

Todd Nystrom shared progress on the Art Gallery project.

****Next meeting scheduled for**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020.**



Saturday, June 13 is the Annual Spring Recycling Day. For more information call 541-754-0444



Now offering delivery service within our service district!

<http://cbcpubliclibrary.net/delivery/>



One of our first priorities after we closed was to figure out how we could keep getting you your books, DVDs, and other materials, and we are delighted to announce that we are delivering holds to patrons with current library cards who live within the library service district.

If you are interested in having materials delivered to you, call us at **541-766-6448** or **541-766-6793**.

Please note: once you sign up, we will do our best to get materials to you within 7 days and then weekly after that, but we ask for your patience as we all adjust to the new service.

We know this is a new service and you might have some questions — please see FAQ on the above link for some answers.

If you already have library materials checked out, we will not bring those back to the library at this time, but we will let you know when you can return them. We are still not charging fees or fines for overdue items.

We are waiting to see a change in the Governor's Stay Home, Save Lives executive order that aligns with us offering in-person services. We know we can check out items out to you in a safe way and hope to have curbside service for holds up and running as soon as we are able to. Once curbside service is up and running, we will likely be making changes to this delivery service.

Virtual Book Clubs.....

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library wants to talk books with you! Adults and teens are invited to join a book discussion, and kids are invited to read aloud to one of the READ Dogs. Meetings are held via GoToMeeting and are open to anyone.

Details about each book club including meeting dates, times, and upcoming selections may be found www.cbcpubliclibrary.net

Corvallis Community Center Book Club

No Pressure Book Club

Corvallis Book Club

Graphic Novel Club

Teen Bring Your Own Book Club

Walking Book Club



READ to a Dog Session

Stage 2 DBPR TTHM MCL Violation Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Contaminate, Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation at The City of Monroe

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. While testing results from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020 show our system did not exceed the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM, the total level averaged over the previous twelve months has exceeded the standard. The standard for TTHM is .080. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of TTHM averaged at one of our system's locations for April 2019 through March 2020 was .089.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

TTHM are four volatile organic chemical compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

People who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

The City is adjusting its operations to move more water throughout its distribution system. This includes both monitoring the storage tank levels and instituting a quarterly fire hydrant flushing program to ensure water is moved around the City on a more frequent basis. We anticipate resolving the current issue within 180 days.

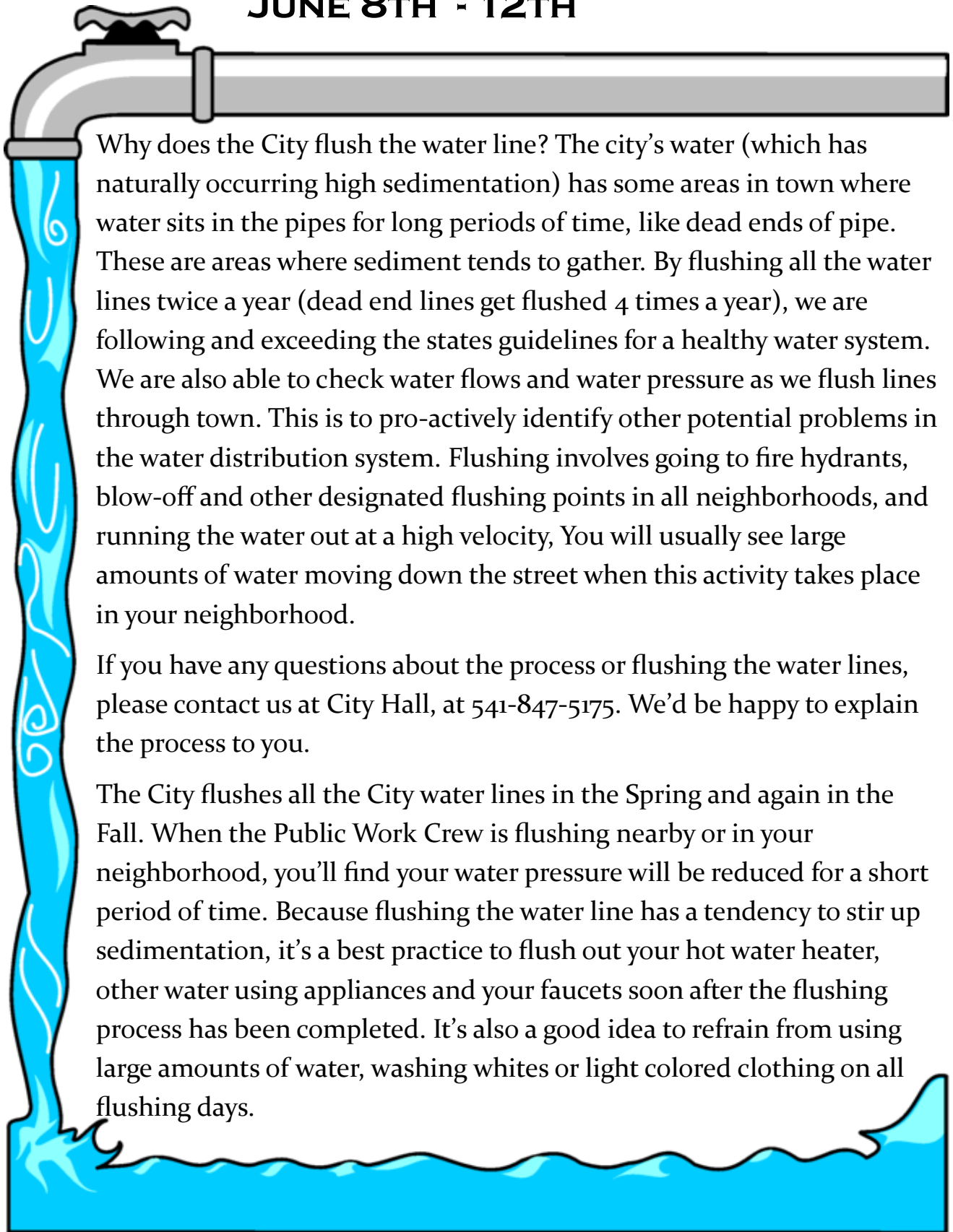
For more information, please contact Monroe City Hall at 541-847-5175 or by mail at PO Box 486, Monroe, OR 97456.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by The City of Monroe. State Water System ID#: 41-00540.
Date distributed: 05-27-2020.

FLUSHING WATER LINES ON

JUNE 8TH - 12TH



Why does the City flush the water line? The city's water (which has naturally occurring high sedimentation) has some areas in town where water sits in the pipes for long periods of time, like dead ends of pipe. These are areas where sediment tends to gather. By flushing all the water lines twice a year (dead end lines get flushed 4 times a year), we are following and exceeding the states guidelines for a healthy water system. We are also able to check water flows and water pressure as we flush lines through town. This is to pro-actively identify other potential problems in the water distribution system. Flushing involves going to fire hydrants, blow-off and other designated flushing points in all neighborhoods, and running the water out at a high velocity, You will usually see large amounts of water moving down the street when this activity takes place in your neighborhood.

If you have any questions about the process or flushing the water lines, please contact us at City Hall, at 541-847-5175. We'd be happy to explain the process to you.

The City flushes all the City water lines in the Spring and again in the Fall. When the Public Work Crew is flushing nearby or in your neighborhood, you'll find your water pressure will be reduced for a short period of time. Because flushing the water line has a tendency to stir up sedimentation, it's a best practice to flush out your hot water heater, other water using appliances and your faucets soon after the flushing process has been completed. It's also a good idea to refrain from using large amounts of water, washing whites or light colored clothing on all flushing days.