

City of Scio - SPEAKS

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WELCOME SPRING!!

Daylight savings time is here, and it's almost time to start planting your gardens.

This quarter's newsletter contains several articles about programs and events taking place at the Scio Public Library. In addition, there is information regarding the reporting of Pollution issues.

The quarterly newsletter is just another way in which to communicate with the citizens of Scio and the surrounding area. If you have questions about city service please call Scio City Hall at 503-394-3342 or dropping by City Hall at 38957 NW 1st Avenue, Scio, Oregon.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it informative.

Sincerely,

*Ginger Allen
Scio City Manager*



Up Coming Meetings

City Council

May 13th @ 6 pm
June 10th @ 6 pm

Planning Commission

May 29th @ 7 pm
June 26th @ 7 pm

Library Board

May 20th @ 7 pm

2018-2019 Budget Hearings

May 20th @ 6 pm
May 22nd @ 6 pm

Holiday Closures

Memorial Day - May 27th

JUST AROUND THE CORNER – SCIO CLEAN-UP DAYS!!

The City will be dedicating the weeks of May 6th and May 13th to Scio "Clean-up Days". We will be working in conjunction with the S.C.I.O. Beautification Committee and the Scio High School to "clean-up Scio before guests arrive for the Lamb and Wool Festival and before summer visitors arrive to enjoy Scio's Covered Bridges. The City will be responsible for the following materials and tasks:

- Power Wash Thomas Creek Bridge and Scio Memorial Park
- Street Sweep entire Main Street Corridor
- Provided garbage bag and dumpster(s) to S.C.I.O. Clean-up crews throughout the four days scheduled for clean-up.
- Provide advertisement of Clean-up Days through City Newsletter, City Website, and City Water Bills

REPORTING ILLICIT DISCHARGE(S)

The City of Scio is committed to maintaining a clean and efficient Waste Water and Storm Drain system for all users attached to the City's waste water system.

Should anyone have a concern or wish to report an illicit discharge please call the City of Scio by dialing 503-394-3342.

If you have an emergency and it is after regular business hours please dial one of the numbers below.

- 541-619-8152
- 503-509-9807
- 541-401-3526

Regular Business Hours

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday's 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

DEFINITIONS:

What is an illicit discharge?

An **illicit discharge** is defined as any **discharge** to the municipal separate storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of storm water, except for **discharges** allowed under a NPDES permit or waters used for firefighting operations.

What does illicit discharge mean?

Illicit discharges are defined as a storm drain that has measurable flow during dry weather containing pollutants and/or pathogens. A storm drain with measurable flow but containing no pollutants **is** simply considered a **discharge**.



A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

2019 SUMMER PROGRAM

Readers of all ages will explore space this summer as the Scio Public Library presents "A Universe of Stories" during its summer library program.

This theme was chosen to help inspire children of all ages to dream big, believe in themselves, and create their own story. It also coincides with NASA's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing.



SOLUTIONS TO KEEP YOUR WATER FLOWING

#1 - CLOGGED DRAIN

- Pour 1/2 cup of salt down the drain followed by boiling water.
- Flush with very hot water until clog is clear.

#2 - LITTLE/NO WATER FROM SINK FAUCET

- Make sure shut-off valve (under the sink) is open.
- Plug the sink.
- Unscrew aerator from end of faucet.
- Scrub and rinse the aerator parts.
- Reassemble aerator and put back on faucet.

#3 - PIPES EXPOSED TO COLD TEMPTS

- Wrap pipes in insulation to avoid freezing, this will also shorten wait for hot water.

EARLY CHILDHOOD STORYTIME AT SCIO PUBLIC LIBRARY



Early Childhood Storytime is offered at the Scio Public Library from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Our early literacy-rich stories prepare children for entrance into elementary school through stories, songs, finger-plays, and movement. The 30-minute story time is followed by a craft or other activity.

The goal of Storytime is to promote the joy of shared reading and the benefits of early literacy. Come join in the fun!

April - June Storytime Schedule:

Wednesday, April 24th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Theme: TBA with Parachute Play

Wednesday, May 8th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Theme: TBA with a Craft

The Scio Public Library's summer program is fun and entertaining. The program encourages families to enjoy the public library and to read for pleasure.

There are two aspects of the program:

The Summer Reading Club: Children, teens and adults participate by reading through the summer. Incentive prizes are given to readers as they reach reading milestones. Readers may sign-up for the club beginning on **June 3rd**. The focus is to help children maintain and strengthen their reading skills while on summer break from school.

Summer Program Activities: These activities will be focused on space and astronomy. Children ages 2-14 are encouraged to attend. All children may participate in these program events, regardless if they have or have not signed up for the "Summer Reading Club". The kick-off date for summer activities is **June 28th**.

Summer Program Calendar of Events

- **Jugglemania** - Friday, June 28th @ 10:00 a.m. @ the Centennial School Gymnasium
- **Red Yarn Productions - Folkmusic & Puppetry** - Thursday, July 11th @ 2:00 p.m. @ the Scio Public Library
- **Museum of Natural and Cultural History - "Our Place in Space"** - Wednesday, July 17th @ 12:00 p.m. @ the Centennial School Gymnasium
- **Science Tellers - "Aliens: Escape from Earth"** - Wednesday, July 24th @ 12:00 p.m. @ the Centennial School Gymnasium
- **Leepin'Louie** - Tuesday, July 30th @ 12:00 p.m. @ the Centennial School Gymnasium
- **Willamette Valley Astronomy Club - Solar Viewing** - Monday, August 5th @ 12:00 p.m. @ the Centennial School Playground
- **Life-Size Candy Land Game - End of Summer Party!** - Wednesday, August 14th @ 12:00 p.m. @ the Scio Public Library



*PLEASE NOTE: These events will be happening throughout the summer on various days, times and locations.

For more information, please call the Library (503)394-3342.

This program is funded in part by the Oregon State Library's Ready-to-Read Grant and the Linn County Cultural Coalition.



Wednesday, May 22nd, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Theme: TBA with Parachute Play

Wednesday, June 12th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Theme: TBA with a Craft

Wednesday, June 27th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Theme: TBA with Parachute Play

There will be no Storytime held during the months of July and August. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to the Library's Summer Program Events. Toddler and preschool age children can also participate in the Summer Reading Club by listening to a parent or caregiver read to them.

Storytime will start up again on September 18th.

For more information, please call the Library at (503)394-3342.



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS CITY OF SCIO, OREGON 97374

A public meeting of the City of Scio Budget Committee, Linn County, State of Oregon, to discuss the 2019-20 fiscal budget. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019 and if needed a second meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. Both meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Scio City Hall, 38957 NW First Avenue, Scio, Oregon 97374. These meetings are intended to share publically the annual budget of the City of Scio and State Shared Revenues. All citizens are invited to attend and offer public comment with the Scio Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be reviewed at <http://ci.scio.or.us>, or a copy obtained, on or after May 15, 2019 at 38957 NW First Avenue, Scio, OR 97374.

Let's Work Together to Control Pollution

Reporting possible pollution issues is everyone's responsibility. Your local government wants to educate as many citizens as possible about how to report anything that you think is polluting land, air, or water. When in doubt contact DEQ - Department of Environmental Quality by either:

1. Filling out an "Online Complaint Format

<https://www.deq.state.or.us/complaints>

OR

2. Calling in a report by dialing: 1-888-997-7888

Report pollution problems by telephone to DEQ anything, day or night. Please leave a detailed message, including your name and phone number. DEQ staff will return your call during regular complaint intake hours within two hours of receiving your call. DEQ's complaint intake hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You may request that your personal information be kept confidential. If you can't leave a message, please call DEQ's Main Reception during business hours at 503-229-5696.

Oil Spills and Other Emergencies:

Please report oil spills and releases of other hazardous materials to the Oregon Emergency Response System at 1-800-452-0311. If you need immediate medical attention, call 911.

When making your complaint

To ensure a prompt response to your complaint, please be ready with as much of the following information at possible:

- *What is the problem?*
- *Where is the problem?*
- *What kind of material is involved?*
- *How much is there?*
- *Who is responsible for the material?*

We realize that some situations are ongoing and may change quickly. If you have additional information to report after you have filed a complaint, please hold it to provide to the inspector when you are contacted. DEQ can only log one complaint per day per person for an ongoing situation. Emergencies should be directed to the Oregon Emergency Response System, listed above.

Noise Complaints

DEQ does not handle noise complaints. Please contact the Linn County Sheriff's Department at 541-967-3950 or **911 if you have an emergency.**

Odor Complaints

State laws prohibit businesses from emitting odors which cause a nuisance. DEQ is responsible for implementing those laws. To help us in that effort, DEQ has developed a strategy for responding to odor complaints.

To file a complaint about odor, please use DEQ's online complaint system:

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Get-Involved/Pages/File-Pollution-Complaint.aspx>

For more information about the Nuisance Odor Program, contact Bryan Smith 503-229-5376.

CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY ARTWORK EXHIBIT

The City of Scio and the Scio Public Library will be hosting an exhibit of artwork by students of Centennial Elementary during the month of May. The artwork will be designed around this year's theme for the Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair "Shear Fun For the Whole Flock". The artwork will arrive sometime prior to the annual Lamb & Wool Fair and remain up until the end of May.

Be sure to stop in during the Friends of the Scio Public Library's annual booksale which is held during the Lamb & Wool Fair to vote for the "People's Choice" award.



CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY LIBRARY VISITS - A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The Scio Public Library and Centennial Elementary school are partnering in an educational experience for Kindergarten and 1st grade students. Students from the four classrooms at the Elementary School have been taking a weekly trip to the Scio Public Library. The students engage in stories read to them by Librarian LaVonne Murray. Each class gets to take a special trip to the Library once a month.

This partnership is designed to enhance the learning experience of the students. The focus is to make reading fun and to learn about the public library as a resource. The kids will be encouraged to continue reading for pleasure during the summer months.

This program will continue through the month of May and start back up again in October once the kids have settled back into school.

