

# Halsey Happenings



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## City Council Vacancy

Halsey City Council is now accepting applications for an upcoming open position.

Councilor Ken Lorensen will be vacating his seat in the upcoming months and City Council has decided to start collecting applications to fill this vacancy to prevent any lapse in coverage. His term ends December 31, 2027.

If you are interested in applying please pick up an application at City Hall or on our website at [www.halseyor.gov](http://www.halseyor.gov).

Questions? Please contact City Hall.



## Letter From the City Administrator

Friends and neighbors – We will be leaving Halsey in mid September. I have accepted a job with the City of Astoria as their next Finance Director. Halsey is my home – my husband and I have lived here for almost twelve years. I have had the privilege of working for the city for ten of those years. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve you. I have learned so much in these ten years and it has been a transformative experience for me. I am proud of the work we have done together – of our library and our veterans memorial park, of streets that have been paved, and of work community members have done over years to make Halsey better. It is amazing to see the Highway 99 project happening! I am especially grateful to the Council for their trust, support, and sincere service to the community, and to my staff, who are amazing people – skilled, industrious, and kind. There are so many great people here. Thank you for welcoming us into your community.

-Hilary & Jason Norton

## Xpress Bill Pay

We heard your requests, and we are excited to announce that we have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay to offer an online portal for utility customers to view and manage their bill! Make a payment, sign up for auto pay (for the date of your choosing), sign up for paperless billing, opt in for email or text notifications, view prior statements and usage, and more! You will need your utility account number (see monthly statement) to get started. Can't find your bill? Please give us a call or send us an email at [contact@halseyor.gov](mailto:contact@halseyor.gov), and we will be happy to provide your account number.

Already have auto pay set up with us? Customers previously on our Direct Pay Program have been automatically transitioned to the Xpress Bill Pay System.

To access the new system, visit [www.halseyor.gov](http://www.halseyor.gov) and click on "Online Payments."

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## Mayor's Corner

Welcome to September!

How are you all liking the progress of our road project? It has been a long time coming and the progress has been amazing to me. The many subprojects are all coming together nicely for a finished product.

Have you noticed the cooler weather starting to come in? Hopefully, the cooler weather and abundant moonlight helps the firefighters get all of the fires under control. If you'd like to keep an eye on all the fires in our area, download the "Watch Duty" app for your phone. It has been interesting getting updates on the progress of the firefighting efforts.

I hope everyone had a great time at the BBQ and Movie Night. We had a great turn out. Thanks to HSFD

Firefighters and EMTs for manning the BBQ.

Your City Council has noticed that few people have been coming to our Third Thursday events. I am very interested in what you all are wanting to do for community events instead of Third Thursday. Please shoot me an email with your ideas. I would like to see more community events but I need your input.

As always, please send me an email at [mayor@halseyor.gov](mailto:mayor@halseyor.gov), or leave messages for me at City Hall with your comments and concerns, and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

And with that, I remain YOUR Mayor, I work for you.

-Mayor Jerry



## Upcoming Events

- 9/4- Labor Day**  
*City Hall Closed*
- 9/5- First Day of School for Central Linn School District**
- 9/12- City Council Meeting**  
*Community Center, 7pm*
- 9/19- Shut-Offs for Past Due Utility Accounts**
- 9/22- Red Cross Blood Drive**  
*Community Center, 10 am to 3:00 pm*
- 9/25- Utility Payments Due**
- 10/7- Hazardous Waste Event**  
*Sweet Home Sanitation Transfer Station, 1325 W 18th Ave.*
- 10/14- Fall Clean-Up Day**  
*Curbside, Halsey*

## School Starts This Month

The 2023-2024 school year starts this month. With kids walking around to and from school, remember that stop signs are not a suggestion.

### Stop means STOP!

Keep an extra eye out for little kids who may be walking alone. They are shorter than your average adult crossing the street, and you are less likely to see them, especially on cold and foggy Fall mornings.

Please also remember to be mindful of speed zones and exercise extra patience with school bus routes beginning again.

The Linn County Sheriff's Office is keeping an extra close watch on stop signs, school speed zones, and crosswalks this month. Let's keep our kids safe!



## Grease Goblin

There may be something lurking in the sewer pipes in your home and beneath your yard and street. What is this dastardly creature? The Grease Goblin. It is made from fats, oils, and grease from food preparation and disposal and it likes nothing better than to build up and cause sewage back-ups....yuck! When a back-up occurs in your home, this raw sewage backs up in your tubs and toilets and can even spill out onto the

floor  
in  
your



home. When spills occur outside the home, raw sewage can effect surface water points such as streams, creeks, and ponds and cause considerable environmental damage.

-Scrape off all food residues from plates, utensils, pots, and pans before you wash them.

-Instead of pouring used liquid fats and oils from cooking down the drain, pour the fats into a glass jar, coffee can, or tin foil lined bowl. After it has cooled, throw the fat in the trash.

## Loose Dogs in Halsey

The City has recently received multiple complaints regarding loose dogs in town. The City of Halsey does have an ordinance in the City Code that pertains to loose dogs.

City Ordinance 10.05.030 - Dogs as public nuisances states that loose dogs in Halsey are considered a nuisance. If you observe a loose dog in town please call the Linn County Sheriff Animal Control

at 541-967-3925.

For more information about City ordinance regarding loose dogs, visit our Website at [www.halseyor.gov](http://www.halseyor.gov) and click on "government" then select "municipal code" and search dogs.



## SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

*[One conversation can change a life.]*



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## City Alerts & Notifications

Did you know that we now have the ability to send out text and/or email notifications for urgent alerts (i.e.: service interruptions, construction, emergencies, etc.), News, Job Opportunities, Library News, and more? This is the fastest way to get information out to our residents and keep you up to date on what's happening in Halsey.

To sign up, visit our website at [www.halseyor.gov](http://www.halseyor.gov) and scroll down the home page to the "Stay Up to Date" Section. Enter your email address and click "Join." On the next screen you can choose which types of alerts you would like to receive, and whether you would like text or email notifications. Change your preferences anytime by logging in again with your email.





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