

Rates: Panel approves increases

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Water rates also will increase 4 percent beginning July 1. For Warrenton residents, it's about \$1.30 for the first 2,000 gallons, with additional increases for the more water is used.

The increase is expected to add \$157,000 into the water budget annually.

Recycling costs are increasing 8.5 percent, from \$7.80 per month to \$8.46. This charge is a pass-through from Recology, which handles the city's recycling services.

Business owners will pay more for business license fees. Costs will rise from a base fee of \$60 to \$75, plus an increase from \$5 to \$7 per employee.

Want to run for office? It will cost slightly more.

The candidate filing fee, which has been \$10 since 1976, will be \$25 beginning Sept. 1.

"We're the only city in the county that has a filing fee opportunity; you can still do the signatures," which doesn't cost anything, Engbretson said. "We just felt like this was a reasonable amount."

Those hoping to hold a meeting or a wedding in the community center will spend a bit more, too.

Renting the center and kitchen goes from \$48 to \$50 and renting the meeting room without the kitchen goes from \$38 to \$40. The last increase was in 2019.

Most of the increases require a second hearing on June 28 before being finalized.

That gives residents one more opportunity to express their opinions to commissioners, who approved the first hearings unanimously.

Portions of Cullaby Lake closed for event

Columbia Outboard Racing Association will hold races from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19, at Cullaby Lake.

The Cullaby Lake boat ramp and waters will be closed, but the park will remain open with a \$5 day-use entry fee per vehicle.

For more information, contact the Clatsop County Parks office at 503-325-6452.

Weather is expected to be drizzly at times with breezes, and temperatures in the high 50s.

2022 Fourth of July activities a blast from the past

The Columbia Press

Old-fashioned fun is on the ticket for this year's Fourth of July activities.

Parade entries are available with the theme "Blast from the Past."

"Fourth of July plans are going great," Parade Director Mike Moha said. "Spruce Up Warrenton is expecting another big crowd this year, as usual. Entries of all kinds are coming in from dance groups, bands, horse and animal groups, local business, and, of course, local dignitaries."

The parade kicks off at 3 p.m. Monday, July 4, and runs from the post office on



Cindy Yingst

Employees from Arnie's Cafe dressed up as breakfast favorites in last year's parade.

Main Avenue to Ninth Street, ending at Warrenton Grade School.

Trophies will go to the top

five entries.

"The barbecue is back at the fire station this year, so we are very excited about that," Moha said. "The car show will go on at the park again. It cannot be the Fourth of July in Warrenton without a parade."

Activities are sponsored by Spruce Up Warrenton and the city of Warrenton.

It's not too late to enter. Applications are available at form.jotform.com/221320935876055. A link is also available on the group's Facebook page.




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PARADE ON MAIN**

**10 P.M. IN ASTORIA
FIREWORKS OVER THE RIVER**



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