

City of Sandy At Your Service

A Monthly Bulletin of Community News



Poetry Slam

You are invited to participate in the fourth annual Sandy Library Poetry SLAM

Thursday, April 14th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Library's main room

Hosted by special guest Scott Poole "house poet" of Live Wire Radio Program

Entry forms will be available at the Sandy & Hoodland Libraries, or on-line at www.cityofsandy.com/library starting in March 2016



"Flushable Wipes"

Just because these products may disappear when you flush the toilet doesn't mean they dissolve into nothing. Flushables can clog the smaller sewage pipes that serve

your home leading to expensive (and messy) backups. Flushable wipes also create problems in sewage collection and treatment systems across the country, including here in Sandy. During the big storm events and heavy rainfall last December a critical piece of screening equipment was damaged at our sewage treatment plant. New parts have been ordered but the screen will not be repaired for a few more weeks. The volume of unscreened rags and grit that pass through the treatment process has increased which affects the efficiency of our plant. During the next few months we ask that you stop or reduce using these products or find other ways to dispose of them. Over the long term you may want to consider using a more sustainable product or dispose of wipes in your household garbage.

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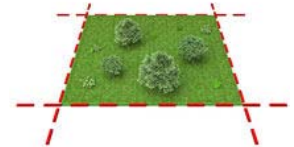
Sandy Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Public Workshops
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 and Tuesday, March 8, 2016

The City of Sandy Planning Department will hold two public workshops to present preliminary findings on the Sandy Urban Growth Boundary Expansion project. These workshops will be held on two separate dates: Wednesday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Sandy Public Library Community Room. City staff will make a short presentation about the project at the beginning of the meeting and then the public will be able to view prepared maps and offer comments about the study.

In February, 2015 the Sandy City Council adopted an updated Urbanization Study. The purpose of this study was to provide the technical analysis necessary to determine if sufficient land exists in the current Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to accommodate projected growth to the year 2034. This study concluded that the UGB is deficient in low density residential, medium density residential, and commercial lands to meet projected needs. The purpose of the current study is to determine what properties to include in a UGB expansion in order to satisfy this need.

The public is encouraged to attend these public workshops. Each workshop will present the same information, so due to space limitations, we ask the public to attend only one of the two workshops. Entrance to the Library Community Room is available until 7:00 p.m. from the main library entrance and after 7:00 p.m. from the Community Room door on the parking lot side of the building.

For more information contact Tracy Brown at 503-668-4886 or tbrown@cityofsandy.com



Stage 2 DBPR HAA5 MCL Violation Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Our water system recently exceeded 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 have done and are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from the 4th quarter of 2015 show that our system exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL), for HAA5. The standard for HAA5 is 0.06 mg/l (or 6.0 parts per hundred million). This is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location over a 12 month period. The levels of HAA5 averaged at two locations in the system for 2015 were 0.071 mg/l (or 7.1 parts per hundred million) and 0.064 (or 6.4 parts per hundred million).

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.

HAA5 are five haloacetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants (chlorine) react with natural organic matter in the water. With the recent connection (April, 2014) to the City of Portland water system a portion of the City's water supply is composed of water from an unfiltered source (Bull Run) from which more natural organic matter may be expected. The point at which Sandy connects to the City of Portland system is also near to where Portland adds chlorine to their water and as a result we experience higher than usual disinfectant (chlorine) levels in the water.

People who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

We are looking into reducing the amount of chlorine in the water at the connection to the City of Portland source and adjusting the pH of the water to reduce formation of these compounds. We expect to be able to lower the level of these compounds in the water below the MCL during 2016.

For more information, please contact Mike Walker at 503-489-2162 or mwalker@ci.sandy.or.us . Also check the City's website at www.cityofsandy.com under Activities and Events for more information on the health effects of these compounds and steps you can take to reduce exposure.

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.

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