

August Election: Your Vote Needed!

Pasco voters, along with those in Kennewick and Richland, will have a number of issues and candidates for office to consider for the primary election to be held on August 6 (the County Auditor plans to have ballots in the mail on July 16). One ballot issue headlining the election is a proposition by the Tri-Cities Regional Public Facilities District (Regional PFD), asking voters if they approve of a 1/10 of one percent sales tax increase (1¢ for every \$10 in taxable sales) for the development and operation of a regional family aquatics facility and water park.

Approval of the sales tax funding would clear the way for the construction of an estimated \$35 million facility including: an indoor (year round availability) 25m x 25 yard competition swimming pool with diving capacity and warm up/training pool; an indoor, 24,000 sq ft water park with zero depth entry leisure pool, water slides, surf simulator/wave rider, and lazy river; and an outdoor (seasonal availability) water park including wave pool, river channel, multiple water slides and other water play features.

Bonds, backed by the new sales tax, would be issued to construct the facility which is tentatively planned to occupy

a 13-acre parcel located just west of the outlet mall and north of I-182 at Road 100 in Pasco. Leaders of the Regional PFD expect that the aquatics facility and water park could be completed in time for summer 2015 use.

Officials of the three cities have worked for several years to identify community interest in large regional projects of a size and scope which are typically beyond the capacity of a single city. Organized in 2010 under new state law allowing the three cities to form the Regional PFD, the District has worked diligently to review an original list of 18 projects; narrowing to four in 2011; following extensive review, the Board voted in January to select the aquatic facility as the preferred project to present to voters. For additional information on the Regional PFD proposal, voters can go to TCPFD.org.



ONLINE VOTER'S GUIDE

"Pro" and "Con" statements on the Aquatic Center proposal, as well as local candidates' statements, will be published online in Franklin County's "Online Voter's Guide" on the County website at www.co.franklin.wa.us/elections. Please be sure to send in your ballot by August 6!

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Yard Sale Permit Changes

The City Council recently enacted some important changes to the regulations regarding yard sales. As before, yard sale permits are still required; however, the \$5 fee has been eliminated and residents can now obtain a free permit online or at the Customer Service counter in City Hall. Visit www.pasco-wa.gov/yardsale to view the regulations and obtain the free permit. Some of the notable standards:

- Yard sales shall be limited to two per year and may not be longer than three consecutive days. Permits must be obtained at least 24 hours before the start of the sale.
- Yard sale signs are allowed only for permitted yard sales and must not exceed 4 in number; cannot exceed 2 square feet in size; and must contain legible (at least 2" in size) lettering including the address.
- Yard sale signs are not to be attached to utility poles, traffic signs, or subdivision fences.
- It is unlawful for any person to place, attach, or maintain any sign, banner, card, sticker, handbill, or other advertising device upon or within any property without securing the consent of the owner or their tenant.
- Any signs used to advertise a yard sale cannot be placed more than 24 hours before the start of the permitted sale and must be removed no later than 24 hours after the end of permit expiration.
- Sales must be conducted on private residential property and shall not be permitted on sidewalks, alleys, streets, or any other public way. The sale location shall be limited to property occupied by the person signing the application for the permit.

Abuse of the yard sale rules are some of the top complaints to the City – so these regulations are in place to maintain the enjoyment of peaceful residential neighborhoods for all. For more information on the Yard Sale regulations, call 545-3441.



Pasco Crime Rate Stays Low

Crime statistics for Pasco in 2012 showed a very small increase in the overall rate but violent crime was down for the year. The overall rate rose slightly from 30 crimes per 1,000 of population in 2011 to 30.5 per 1,000 in 2012. The majority of the increase was due to an increase in property crimes, however, violent crimes (homicide, rape, and assaults) were down 16% for 2012. Pasco's crime rate of 30.5 remains well below the Washington State average of 38 and the national average of 34. Even more notable is the fact that the 30.5 rate reflects a reduction in crime of about 70% in the last twenty years.



The Police Department hopes to make a positive impact on the crime rate through the work of the newly formed Street Crimes Unit (SCU), which can target property crimes, among others. The SCU has already made several dozen arrests in its first few months of operation, including apprehension of several suspects with outstanding warrants. The SCU is funded through the 2011 voter-approved public safety sales tax, which is also funding the expansion of the City's Municipal Court and the Franklin County Jail.

For more information on these statistics, contact the Pasco Police Department at 545-3421.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

City Offices will be closed:
Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day

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GRAND OLD 4TH

PARADE AND CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD, 2013
DUST DEVILS BASEBALL GAME 7:15PM GESA STADIUM

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 2013
KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7:00AM MEMORIAL PARK
CAMP PATRIOT FUN RUN 8:00AM PASCO SPORTING COMPLEX
PRE-PARADE KIDS STREET DANCE 9:15AM MEMORIAL PARK (ON 14TH AVE)

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10:00AM MEMORIAL PARK

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10:00PM GESA STADIUM
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New Pasco Library Open

The new west side Pasco branch of Mid-Columbia Libraries was opened to the public on April 20. The new facility, located at the corner of Road 76 and Wrigley Drive, boasts the latest in library service and design and features the first full-service drive-thru window in Eastern Washington. Both pick-up and returns can be processed at the drive-thru.

This new facility was made possible as part of a new ten-year agreement between the Mid-Columbia Library District and the City which was approved effective in January 2011. The agreement provides that Mid-Columbia Library will construct and operate the new facility within the annual fee that Pasco pays Mid-Columbia Library for library services.



Both the new library and the main Pasco branch will be open 49 hours per week: Monday – Friday 11:00am – 7:00pm; Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm; and Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm.