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Downtown Revitalization

Downtown Pasco could witness over \$40 million of transformational investment over the next five years that will create a Market Place atmosphere that attracts residents, area workers and tourists to new businesses and a revamped Farmers Market. That was the message delivered to city council by staff and consultants at a July 24 Workshop.

Over the past three years, city staff has been working on several projects that have a connection to, and will impact the Central Business District. The largest project, Lewis Street Overpass, will be catalytic to leveraging other investments on Oregon Avenue, and the downtown can certainly follow and benefit from these investments. Projects include:

- Lewis Street Overpass
- Farmers Market Renovation
- Peanuts Park Renovation
- Downtown Streetscape Renovation
- Facade Improvement Program

The city has engaged KPG Consulting to assist with concept development, tie in the downtown area, and facilitate a robust community engagement strategy. That engagement strategy has already included contacts with hundreds of citizens at downtown festivals and stakeholder meetings with the

Downtown Pasco Development Authority (DPDA). In addition, a downtown workforce survey conducted in 2016 demonstrated a high level of disposable income and strong desire for a broader range of dining and entertainment options.

Downtown Pasco is on the precipice of greatness: A young population is bringing a hip perspective to what downtown can be; the business community's engagement and organization continues to improve; vacant storefronts are filling in; three new and different restaurants have opened in the past six months (TokioMex, Karla's, and The Flavorful Dish); attendance and sales at the Farmers Market and festivals are growing; and pride in ownership for both the business and residential areas is showing. All of these elements are contributing to the formation of a new marketplace for the Columbia Basin, and can transform this area to a Market Plaza, or Plaza Mercado, where authenticity is at the heart of the synergy between inviting and exciting public amenities, and retail or dining options that draw people for an experience.

The presentation was positively received by the city council, and staff has been directed to proceed with design of the first phase for construction in 2018, and to pursue a variety of new funding options for construction of future improvements. Expect to hear and see more about these projects in the coming months.

Pasco Parks Events

Pasco Recreation Services offers many special events throughout the year; here are some of the events slated for late summer and early fall:

- **Doggie Paddle Dog Swim at Memorial Pool, Wednesday, August 30:** This annual event (after the pool is closed for the year) is for your pooch to get some swim time! There will be a separate area for both large and small dogs.
- **Tons of Trucks, Saturday, September 9:** Join us for this educational and family friendly event that triggers the imagination and gives children the opportunity to discover and explore possible future careers. The event will be held on the streets of downtown Pasco in conjunction with the Pasco Farmers Market and the Fiery Foods Festival.



- **Costume Hayride, Saturday, October 21:** Cool breezes, orange pumpkins, and costumes all mean fall is in the air! Join us for a visit to the farm on a hayride with music, apple cider, and hot chocolate. All participants are encouraged to dress up - however, costumes are not required. (Pumpkins may be purchased by participants. Pre-registration required.)
- **Sweetest Daddy/Daughter Prom, Saturday, October 21:** Dads, Step-Dads, Grandpas or Uncles. You are invited to bring your favorite girl (or girls) out for an evening of dancing, fun, and memories to last a lifetime! Girls will receive a friendship bracelet, professional Photo and goody bag. Space is limited so register early! Sorry, no registrations will be taken at the door!

For more information on these and other events, visit www.pascoparksandrec.com or call 545-3456.

20th Avenue Project Winding Up

The 20th Avenue Project will be finished in early fall after several months of construction. The project, started in April, involves many safety and access improvements to the 20th Avenue corridor between the airport and Lewis Street, including:

- Accessible curb ramps to meet ADA requirements
- Underground conduit and foundations for traffic and pedestrian signals
- Widening of the roadway between Pearl Street and I-182, including new curb, gutter, sidewalk, and fence near Robert Frost Elementary
- Access management curbing near Lewis Street and Court Street
- New traffic signal controllers with pedestrian push buttons
- Pedestrian hybrid beacons (pedestrian-only crossings)

80% of the \$2.6 million dollar project is being funded by grant dollars with the rest coming from local impact fees and the street fund.



Pasco Wastewater Treatment Plant Wins State Award

The Pasco Wastewater Treatment Plant has received the 2016 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award from the Washington State Department of Ecology. Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, Pasco is one that achieved full compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in 2016. State Ecology staff evaluates wastewater treatment plants in Washington for compliance with the effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment, and overall operational demands of the NPDES permit.

Heather Bartlett, Water Quality Program Manager for the Department of Ecology, said “It takes diligent operators and a strong management team, working effectively together, to achieve this high level of compliance. It is not easy to operate a wastewater treatment plant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without violations. Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant operators demonstrated throughout 2016... [Pasco’s] excellent record is a credit to the dedicated operators who are responsible for running this award-winning plant.”

This is the third consecutive year the Pasco Wastewater Treatment Plant received this award.



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September 4 in observance of
LABOR DAY.

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