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Common Concerns

For the first time in more than 15 years, your City Council and County Commission are conducting joint meetings to discuss issues of common concern. Although it is normal for the staff of both agencies to work on common matters, the joint meetings of the two legislative bodies represent a commitment “at the top” of both organizations to seek mutually acceptable solutions. Because the Pasco urban area contains three-quarters of the total county population, it is increasingly important that the two agencies have mutual understanding of the urban issues.

The primary issues of discussion relate to the “growing pains” in the southern portion of the County and the opportunities to jointly resolve them. In particular, the county’s need for more jail beds is important for the city to sustain its low crime rate and is a benefit to all citizens, regardless of city boundaries. Though the county is solely responsible for housing felons (rape, murder, etc.), the city needs jail beds available to house those incarcerated for lesser crimes, like domestic violence, DUI, theft, assault, and so on. And the city needs space to continue operating its municipal court, as its 40-year lease at the courthouse will expire in 2012; if the county is to add jail space in the next few years, it should be more cost effective for the city to pay for municipal court space at the courthouse, rather than build a separate building blocks away from the jail.

Another issue of common concern is the development rules required by the county for new development in that portion of West Pasco that is

not yet in the city. If the county requires the same standards used by the city, then the city (and its taxpayers) will not have to spend scarce public dollars to upgrade the streets, utilities and parks after future annexation.

How to address an aging emergency communication system continues to be a common concern of both the county sheriff and city’s police and fire departments. Any long-term solution will require associated funding and identifying the most cost-effective solution is paramount for both the city and county, keeping in mind the county system must provide service from Pasco to Connell and Kahlottus and everywhere in between. And the ability to have a meaningful role in those decisions is of growing importance to the city, because it shoulders the largest share of the county-wide emergency communications budget each year.

These and other issues of common concern will be discussed by the City Council and County Commission this year. It is an important and very positive effort by both agencies to identify the best solutions to some thorny problems, ultimately benefiting citizens of Pasco - all of whom are citizens of Franklin County.



Proud to be your home!



See a Beautiful yard?

The City's Yard of the Month program recognizes folks who take pride in their yard, both residential and business. Winners are recognized at a City Council meeting receiving a certificate of recognition presented by Mayor Olson. Photographs of the winning yards with owners' names are published in the Tri-City Herald, showcased at City Hall, and on our website.

To nominate a yard or business submit entry via:

- * Website at: <http://www.pasco-wa.gov/Yards>
- * E-mail your entry: acsadmin@Pasco-Wa.gov
- * Regular mail:

City of Pasco - Attn.: D. Buell/YOM,
525 N. Third Ave., Pasco, WA 99301



Library Remodel

The Pasco library has been closed since December 31, 2008 for remodeling, and was re-opened March 21st. The project doubles the library's number of public internet access computers, from 17 to a total of 34. The library will also receive new décor, paint, furnishings, energy-efficient windows, library materials (\$70,000 worth), and a server room. The library is owned by the City of Pasco and has been operated by Mid-Columbia Libraries since 1973. The 1962 facility last upgraded in 1999.



Here Comes the Boom!

With warmer weather, spring cleaning, spring break and summer fun around the corner, the City of Pasco Police Department would like to remind you the fine for a noise ordinance violation is \$250. In a citizen's survey, noise was cited as one of the top five concerns of Pasco residents.

The Pasco Police Department will partner with local businesses throughout the community posting "Noise Reduction Zone" signs in high traffic areas. Brochures will be distributed to local stereo retailers and installers to provide information to citizens about the Pasco Municipal Code noise ordinance and the fines involved for noise violations.

Household Hazardous Waste Free Disposal!

1721 Dietrich Road
(Between Basin Recycling & BDI Transfer)
Open: Monday—Friday; 10 AM—3 PM

Paint	Pesticides
Batteries	Propane cylinders
Aerosols	Pool chemicals
Gasoline	Motor oil
Adhesives	Brake fluid
Transmission fluid	

(Limit 5 gallons per household)



Adopt-A-Park

Enhancing community involvement, pride and ownership by protecting our natural resources through general care, maintenance and beautification of Pasco parks and trails. The Adopt-A-Park program provides opportunities for individuals and groups to help improve and maintain the Pasco parks and trails. As volunteer stewards, you will have a unique opportunity to enjoy the results of your hard work. You can help enhance and maintain our public parks and trails by picking up litter, pulling weeds and raking leaves, sweeping courts and walkways, planting trees, reporting park hazards and other projects. Your volunteer efforts in our parks and on our trails increases public awareness of the importance of protecting our resources; generates pride in our park system, and demonstrates a commitment to your community. As a group or business, you can create a better environment for yourself and the next generation. For information contact Dan Dotta at acsadmin@pasco-wa.gov.

Earth Month - Volunteer!

Earth Month was created to foster environmental education, and understanding issues affecting the health and well-being of our community and the world! To promote the need to protect, preserve and conserve through educational activities and events. In addition, environmental stewardship is encouraged by promoting the care of the earth and the identification and adoption of needed clean up projects. Help save the environment!! Contact Dan Dotta/Debbie Clark at asadmin@pasco-wa.gov to pitch-in & get involved!
April 18 - Community Clean-Up Day
April 22 - Official Earth Day

Register for Summer Activities

It's never too early to start making plans for the summer and the city's Recreation Services Division has some fun options you may want to consider.

Summer registration begins Monday, May 26. Look for the summer recreation brochure with activities including swim programs, sports leagues and special interest classes. Registration for swim classes will be held Friday, June 12. The city's three pools open on



June 5 and offer open swim time, swimming lessons and lifeguard instruction.

A number of sports leagues are also forming for the summer. Sports include basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer and T-ball visit our website!

Spring Cleaning!

Basin Disposal Inc., has Pasco residential coupons for a one-day usage for up to 500 pounds of eligible waste per coupon (limit 2 coupons or 1,000 pounds of waste).

Bring to the BDI transfer station your...

Coupon

Picture ID

Current garbage bill (no late fees)

Pitch In and Keep Pasco Clean!

For more information contact:
BDI at 547-2476.

Holiday Observance:

City Hall will be closed:

Monday, May 25, 2009

In observance of Memorial Day

For information regarding the
City Council Meetings visit our website at
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