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Invest in Public Safety

Your ballot for the November 3 General Election will arrive in the mail soon – please remember to vote.



The November ballot includes a proposed increase in the local sales tax county-wide for public safety uses.

What will it cost?

- 3/10ths of 1% on all taxable retail purchases; this means three cents on a \$10 purchase or 30 cents on a \$100 purchase. The additional tax does not apply to groceries, prescriptions or vehicles.

How long will it last?

- The additional tax will expire in 30 years, when construction debt is paid off.



What will it do?

- Franklin County will pay off construction bonds for:
 - * 30-year jail capacity expansion
 - * Repair of old jail
 - * Expanded sheriff's office
 - * Expanded emergency dispatch center
- City will pay off construction bonds for:
 - * Expanded police station
 - * Municipal court facility
- A portion will be used to pay for additional public safety operating costs, including law enforcement, jail operations, emergency dispatch and fire protection.

Remember
to vote.
It's about
Public Safety.



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Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4th - 10th!

Halloween Safety Tips

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective.
- Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic and hypo-allergenic makeup or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- Flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway.
- Do not permit children to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard.
- Agree on a specific time when revelers must return home.

Halloween Safety Tips - For Pets

No tricks or (people) treats for Scruffy and Fluffy.

- Too many strangers can be scary & stressful for pets, keep them in a room away from the front door.
- IDs, please! Make sure your pet has proper identification. If they become lost, tags and/or a microchip increase their chances for a safe return.
- Chocolate can be very dangerous for dogs & cats. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, increased thirst, urination, heart rate and seizures.
- Ingesting tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can pose a choking hazard or cause intestinal blockage.

Fall Fun!

Enjoy a Hayride, or enter a pumpkin carving contest!

Join us for a visit to the farm on a hayride with music, apple cider, and hot chocolate. Everyone will go home with a pumpkin. Saturday, October 10. Two trips to choose from 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 Noon, meet at Douglas Fruit off Road 68, Pasco. \$5 per person (pre-registration required).

For Ages: 3-12 there will be a Pumpkin Carving/Drawing Contest at Yokes Fresh Market. Entrants must bring their own carving knife and/or colored markers with an adult to help supervise. Prizes will be awarded according to age groups. This free event will take place at Yokes Fresh Market, 4905 Rd. 68, Pasco. For more information call 545-3456.



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Is there a regulation for how late a minor can be out unsupervised at night?

Do I need a building permit to add a storage shed?

My neighbors dog won't stop barking, is there anything I can do?

Where can I find out about a business license?

I want to volunteer, what is available?

What senior activities are available?

Answers to these questions and more are available online at our web site. You can view the Pasco Municipal Code, read an electronic copy of the Good Neighbor Handbook, or submit a comment/complaint and track the progress of your submittal! Visit us online at www.Pasco-WA.gov.



Survey Leads to Goals!

The city has contracted with the National Research Center (NRC) to conduct its community survey this winter. This will be the third such survey performed by NRC for Pasco; the prior two were in 2005 and 2007.

The survey will be sent randomly to more than 1,200 residents in November (if you get invited to participate, please do so!!). The survey is to get your opinion about the quality of city services, from police & fire to garbage pickup & water delivery - and everything in between! Individual survey responses are sent directly to NRC and are kept confidential; the city only receives a report of numbers resulting from the total survey. The report is expected in January and will be used by the city council in its biennial goal-setting retreat in the spring.

Domestic Violence is Everybody's Business

The city provides several resources through the police department to help stop domestic violence. Police officers receive special training to identify abuse, and work to gather evidence for prosecutors to build strong cases. For victims of abuse the city has an advocate who works to assist in finding safe havens for victims and educating victims of their rights. Help spread the word... violence is not acceptable or deserved. Domestic violence affects people of all ages, race, income levels, and religious belief. Working together we can end the violence, and build a safer community. For help or volunteer call: 544-3068 or email: keltchk@pasco-wa.gov.

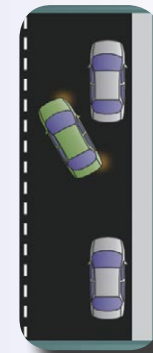


Reminder!
November 1st
Set your clock back! Change your smoke detector battery.



Parallel Parking? Be Safe, Follow the Rules

Just to review proper parallel parking is not an option and creates not doing so creates several safety hazards. Park in the direction of the flow of traffic. The passenger side of the vehicle should be closest to the curb. Park as close to the curb as possible, at least within one-foot of the curb for safety.



Parking the wrong way on a city street may seem like a trivial violation, but it presents serious safety issues to the public and violates a state law. In order to park the wrong way, drivers must first leave their designated traffic lane, cross into the opposing traffic lane, and travel against the flow of traffic. Drivers then repeat those same actions when pulling away from the curb and back into traffic. By doing this, drivers are creating a hazardous situation and placing other motorists in danger. Even the most attentive motorist does not anticipate a car coming straight at them, traveling the wrong way and in the wrong traffic lane.

The penalty for parking the wrong way is \$66. Please avoid the fine and the traffic hazard - park the right way on public streets.

Holiday Observance:

City Hall will be closed:

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

In observance of Veteran's Day

Thursday & Friday, November 26-27, 2009

In observance of Thanksgiving

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