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## New Council Goals Set

Every two years, the City Council establishes specific goals designed to guide the work of the city. Following four community forums held early in the year, the Council held a goal-setting retreat in April. The 15 goals which grew out of the retreat were adopted by the Council on April 19.

Two areas the Council focused on were related to industrial/economic development and transportation.

Pasco relies on one of the lower “per capita” assessed values (total taxable property value divided by total population) in the state. The city’s new goals focus on the need to foster additional industrial investment to increase the non-residential tax base and, in turn, improve the ability of local public agencies to deliver needed services. An example of a recent project which reflects this goal is the development of the Syngenta Seed Plant at the Pasco Processing Center. Syngenta added \$40 million to the tax base of the community without putting stress on the services of the community.

The goals associated with industrial and economic development direct the city to partner with other organizations to actively market development opportunities in the city’s industrial areas, to explore expansion opportunities associated with the Process Water Reuse Facility, and to market the Broadmoor area for commercial development.

When looking at transportation issues, the

Council focused on the Lewis Street Overpass, congestion issues associated with Road 68 growth, and the anticipated effects of the proposed interchange near east “A” Street and SR 12.

A replacement overpass has been planned for the 73-year old Lewis Street underpass, representing not only a solution to the public safety and railroad integrity concerns, but a significant positive influence for downtown revitalization; however, the projected cost (\$30 million) is beyond the city’s financial capacity. Nearly \$4 million of state and federal funds have been obtained for right-of-way acquisition and preliminary design of the project. The new goal states the city will work diligently to obtain state and federal funding commitments for at least 85 percent of the Lewis Street Overpass construction cost.

Other new goals include: securing adequate water rights; improving the city’s emergency communication system; adopting a new sewer plan; encouraging revitalization of downtown; combating gang problems; enhancement of the city’s rivershore and collaborating with neighboring cities on the development of regional centers.



## Proud to be your home!

## Save Water This Summer!

### Soak, don't spray.

Install drip-irrigation or soaker hoses for more efficient water in planting beds and beneath shrubs and trees.



### Do it the hard way.

Use a broom or rake (not the hose) to remove debris from driveways and walkways. It saves water and its good exercise.

### Sing in the rain.

A full bathtub requires about 70 gallons of water, while taking a five-minute shower under a low-flow showerhead uses 10 to 25 gallons.

### Fill'er up.

Running the dishwasher or washing machine when they are only half-full uses just as much water as full loads.

## Controlling Weeds = Reduced Fire Hazard

The hot and dry summer weather is fast approaching! Spring is a great time to admire the lush, green growth of plants, but keep in mind that this growth turns into a powerful fuel and fire hazard once summer arrives.

Please take time to remove grass, weeds, dead or dying shrubs and other combustibles from around your home or garage and from your property. Doing so will help minimize the chance for accidental fires. This is very important for vacant lots.

Help keep Pasco free of fire hazards. You can report weedy lots and properties in your neighborhood to the Inspection Services Division at 543-5743. Thank you!



## Council Goals (cont.)

The Council recognizes projects of importance do not happen overnight. They take planning, lobbying, gathering funds and more. The process of goal setting is valuable, as it helps create a "Big Picture" approach to the various workings of the city while fostering leadership, financial stability and community cohesion.

If you would like a complete copy of the 2010-2011 goals, visit the city's website [www.pasco-Wa.gov](http://www.pasco-Wa.gov).

## Memorial Pool Celebration

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m., for the celebration of the re-opening of Memorial Pool. Don't miss the free admission and other special activities planned as part of the festivities. It's your chance to experience all that this new facility has to offer!

The pool will actually open for the season on Saturday, June 12 and close for the season on Sunday, August 29. For more details on pool hours and activities, look for our Summer Recreation Guide or visit our website at [www.pasco-Wa.gov](http://www.pasco-Wa.gov).



## Congratulations Officer Zack Fairley

Pasco Police Officer Zack Fairley was recognized earlier this year by the Benton-Franklin Chapter of the American Red Cross as one of its Real Heroes.

In August 2009, Pasco Police Officer Zack Fairley responded to a 911 call and found 13-year-old Katelyn Kinne providing emergency first aid to her father, Jeffrey, who had collapsed due to bee stings.

Katelyn was performing CPR and Officer Fairley assessed that Jeffrey did not have a pulse and was not breathing. He and Katelyn continued CPR until paramedics arrived.

Officer Fairley has been a Pasco Police Officer since 2007. He also served his country as a Combat Medic/EMT in the United States Army, 2001-2005.

Both Officer Fairley and Katelyn were honored.

## Water & Sewer Rate Adjustments

The City Council has approved water and sewer rate adjustments following a review of utility operation and capital funding needs and anticipating the issuance of approximately \$10 million in revenue bonds to finance major projects (including the new west Pasco water treatment plant) and refund some existing debt for interest savings.

Beginning July 1, Pasco water and sewer customers will see changes in their monthly utility bills. Water base rates will increase from \$10.50 to \$12.50 per month for a typical 3/4" meter service [other meter sizes will increase by a corresponding 19 percent.

The water consumption rate will also increase from 54¢ to 65¢ per 100 cubic feet (approximately 750 gallons). Water rates have remained constant since January 2004. At the same time, sewer rates will decrease (for a single family residence) from \$27.53/month to \$26.00/month. For use classes other than single family residential, rates will decrease by 5%. Sewer rates were also decreased by 10% in 2007.

Taken together, a typical single family homeowner will experience a net increase of about \$1.57/month from the rate adjustments. The average homeowner will pay about \$45.00 per month for water and sewer service. This compares with an average of \$46.90 for the same service in 2004.

## Summer Safety Tips!

Everyone is at risk when temperatures exceed 90 degrees but the elderly and the very young are most susceptible to heat and heat related illnesses. Signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses:

**Dehydration:** Dizziness, Pale, Nausea and vomiting.

**Heat cramps:** Muscular pain & spasms.

**Heat exhaustion:** Cool, moist, pale flushed or red skin.

**Heat stroke (sun stroke):** Is life-threatening. A person stops sweating, hot red dry skin, decreased level of consciousness. Rapid, weak pulse, shallow breathing & an elevated body temperature as high as 105 degrees.

**General care for dehydration, heat cramps or heat exhaustion:** Get person to a cooler place. Apply cool, wet cloth, loosen tight clothing, lay person down flat. For heat stroke: move to cooler place and call 911.

## Grand Old July 4th Celebration

The Grand Old 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration is a weekend filled with fun activities for the whole family. Take in the parade. Enjoy the pancake breakfast. Attend a baseball game. And, most of all, don't miss the fireworks!

### July 3 (Saturday)

- \* 7 a.m. – 12 noon  
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast (Memorial Park)
- \* 10 – 11:30 a.m.  
Grand Old 4th Parade (Starts on Sylvester at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, proceeds south on 14<sup>th</sup>, turns east on Clark St., and the Parade ends at Clark and 12<sup>th</sup>.)
- \* 7:15 p.m.  
Dust Devils Baseball Game (GESA Stadium)

### July 4 (Sunday)

- \* 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Pre-Fireworks Entertainment (GESA Stadium) featuring "That 80s Show"
- \* 10 p.m.  
Pasco's Famous Fireworks Show!



Visit our website for more information.

## Holiday Observance:

City Hall will be closed:

Monday, July 5, 2010  
In observance of Independence Day

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