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Energy-Efficient Streetlights Coming to Pasco



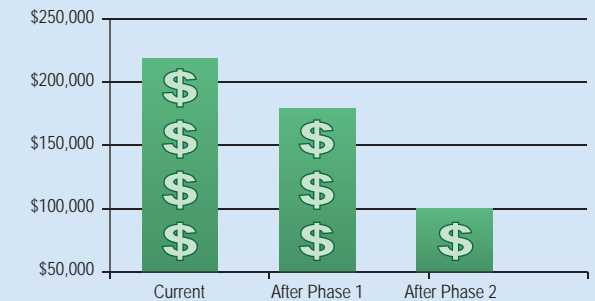
Approximately one-third of the streetlights throughout Pasco will soon be changed from the traditional high pressure sodium lights to induction streetlights, which will provide significant cost savings in both energy use and fixture longevity.

In late 2009, Pasco received a \$495,000 federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the U.S. Department of Energy. To be eligible to spend the grant money, the City completed an Energy Conservation Inventory and Strategy, which identified the replacement of streetlights for potential energy savings. On average, induction lights would save an estimated 52 percent of streetlight energy use and are expected to last three to four times longer than the lights currently in place.

There are some 3,700 streetlights throughout the city. Franklin PUD maintains the lights and charges the city a monthly fee calculated

to include both energy and re-lamping/replacement costs. It is estimated that if all of the streetlights were replaced, annual savings could be approximately \$120,000 of the current \$223,000 annual streetlight expense (a savings of nearly 54%).

Annual Streetlight Costs



The federal funding, combined with rebates from the Bonneville Power Administration for energy efficient upgrades, will allow for a first phase replacement project of approximately 1400 (38%) of the existing streetlights in the city. First phase electrical savings are expected to be 550,000 kilowatt hours per year with cost savings estimated at \$40,000 annually. A second replacement phase is planned, adding an additional \$80,000 estimated annual savings as all lights are upgraded.

The streetlights slated for replacement in the first phase are primarily in residential areas. Replacement work is expected to begin this summer with completion estimated for September.

PROUD TO BE YOUR HOME!

Beautiful Yards Recognition Continues

Since 1990, the City of Pasco has recognized Pasco citizens for outstanding contributions to the overall appearance of our community. This recognition is accomplished through the Yard of the Month program, which is held during the months of May through September.

The City is divided into four geographic regions with a residential Yard of the Month award given in each region every month. In 2006, the City also initiated the Business Appearance Award which recognizes one business in the community per month.

Judging for the awards is accomplished by volunteers in the community. The judging criterion, as applicable, includes mowed and trimmed grass, pruned trees and shrubbery, weed-free flower beds, and overall appearance of the property.

Visit the City's website at www.pasco-wa.gov (point at 'Residents' then click 'Yard of the Month') to view information, winner photos, or to nominate a yard or business, or call 543-5757.



New Equipment Helps with Graffiti Removal

A new hot water pressure washer is helping the City remove graffiti more efficiently.

The equipment has its own trailer, its own generator and longer hoses. In the past, the City had a cold water pressure washer, but the use of hot water improves effectiveness and reduces the need to use expensive chemicals in graffiti removal. The equipment was paid for through the City's Nuisance Abatement Fund which receives penalties assessed by the City's Code Enforcement Board for property maintenance violations.

In 2010, the City had over 3,000 known graffiti locations. When information is received about graffiti, before it can be removed, City officials must receive permission to remove it if it is on private property. This is often delayed as the owner awaits insurance information. Removal can also be delayed by inclement weather or difficult, inaccessible graffiti locations.

To report graffiti, citizens can call the Graffiti Hotline at 544-3090. Please leave specific information as to the location of the graffiti and a call-back number.



Planning a Project? Get a Building Permit

With the arrival of spring, many people are thinking about starting projects around the house from fixing that fence to putting in a hot tub, or even re-roofing or adding a new shed.

One of your first steps when considering such a project should be to contact the City of Pasco Building Permits and Inspection Services. They will help you determine if you need a permit for your project, and if so, how to proceed.

Getting a permit helps ensure your project complies with City codes, meets minimum safety and other standards and provides an important record of improvements for insurance and other purposes.

For questions about building permits, call 543-5726.

Holiday Observance:

City Hall will be closed: Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day

For information regarding City Council meetings, visit our web site at www.Pasco-WA.gov

City Council Elections 2011

Pasco's City Council is composed of seven members: five elected by district and two "at large".

In 2011, four Council seats will be up for election: Districts 1, 4 and 5, plus one at large position.



District boundaries were recently adjusted by the City Council. Citizens can view 2011 district boundaries on the City's web page (www.pasco-wa.gov) or at the City Manager's office in city hall.

The filing period for elective offices runs from June 6-June 10 (in person, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Citizens interested in filing a statement of candidacy are encouraged to contact the Franklin County Auditor's Office for complete information.

Dispose of that Household Hazardous Waste for Free

Franklin County residents can dispose of household hazardous waste at the HHW Collection Facility, 1721 Dietrich Road, Pasco. (Located just off the Kahlottus Highway).

Mon – Fri, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Limited to 5 gallons of liquid hazardous waste per household.

Residential-generated waste only.



HHW accepts:

- Paint
- Wood preservatives & stain
- Adhesives & glues
- Cleaning agents
- Batteries
- Transmission & brake fluid
- Pesticides
- Motor oil
- Aerosols
- Pool chemicals

For special arrangements, call 547-2088.

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