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REVITALIZING Downtown

Revitalizing Pasco's downtown area has been a Council priority for a number of years and when outlining its 2010-2011 goals, revitalization became a major priority. Now, a new public development authority (PDA) has been created to lead that effort.

Officially titled the Downtown Pasco Development Authority, its purpose is to develop and implement a multi-year plan for the downtown area. It is patterned after "main street" programs across the country.

THE NEW PDA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- marketing and promoting the downtown area, including special events.
- facilitating and increasing private investment in the downtown area.
- increasing economic vitality of the area.
- eliminating blight and creating jobs.
- participating in the City's Façade Improvement Program.

- entering into agreements with cultural, public, other not-for-profit entities and/or private firms for programs or projects consistent with this purpose.

The PDA will also provide the structure for downtown merchants, property owners and other organizations to become involved in all revitalization efforts.

The public corporation is governed by an appointed board and will have a full-time executive director. Together the board and executive director will create a strategic plan to help identify and prioritize specific needs within the downtown area.

The Pasco Downtown Development Authority will help launch Pasco's downtown area into a thriving focal point of the community.

For more information, contact Pasco Community and Economic Development at 545-3441.

PROUD TO BE YOUR HOME!

Space Available at Pasco Farmers Market & Specialty Kitchen

Do you know someone who would like to sell their produce at the farmers market or who would like to start a business with a special food product? Consider the Pasco Farmers Market or Pasco's Specialty Kitchen.



The Pasco Farmers Market is one of the largest outdoor community farmers' markets in the state selling a variety of locally-grown produce and other products. And, there is still room at the market for new vendors. To learn more, call (509) 531-7274.

The Pasco Specialty Kitchen is a small food business incubator offering a certified commercial specialty kitchen, designed to help create jobs and accelerate growth and success of small businesses with support, resources and services. For more information, call (509) 545-1172.

The Farmers Market and Specialty Kitchen are both conveniently located in downtown Pasco.



Grand Old 4th of July Celebration

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

July 3 (Sunday)

7:15 p.m.	Dust Devils Baseball Game (Gesa Stadium)
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July 4 (Monday)

7 a.m. – 12 noon	Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast (Memorial Park)
8 a.m.	Camp Patriot Fun Run (Pasco Sporting Complex)
9:30 a.m.	Pre-parade Kids Street Dance (Memorial Park)
10 a.m.	Parade (Memorial Park)
10 p.m.	Pasco's Famous Fireworks Show! (Gesa Stadium)

Tumbleweed

Tumbling, bouncing, rolling along,
Not a need in the world,
But winds blowing strong.
The tumbleweeds journey,
While great fun for the weed,
Leaves a trail of misery,
Stickers and seed.
If a tumbleweed finds you
Borne on the wind,
Make sure that its journey
Comes to an end.
Don't free it to obstruct sidewalks;
blight another's yard or your street;
Or fuel a fire in summer's high heat.
Break it up and bag it and send it post haste,
To your local landfill, which deals with such waste.

A Poem by Mitch Nickolds, Inspection Services Manager

Please take time to remove grass, tumbleweeds, dead or dying plants and 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 especially 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!*

Holiday Observance:

*City Hall will be closed: Monday, July 4, 2011
in observance of Independence Day*

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

Pasco Reports Significant Growth

In the past 10 years, Pasco has grown by 86 percent, according to numbers recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau. During the 2000 census, Pasco's population was 32,066; for 2010, that number jumped to 59,781. The city's 2011 population is expected to exceed 61,000.

The growth can be attributed to continued strength of employment related to the Hanford area, food production and industrial development.

Significant growth has taken place both on the west and east sides of the community.

To meet the challenges posed by the rapid pace of growth, the city has added 21 new police officers over the last decade, opened a third fire station, constructed eight new neighborhood parks while also assuming maintenance responsibility for 82 miles of new streets, 92 miles of new water lines and 83 miles of new sewer lines. And, the city's property tax rate has declined by 35% over the same time period.

Pasco Population
1980 - 2010

