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Port of Walla Walla Sewer Agreement is a plus for Pasco

The City Council recently voted to approve an agreement to allow the Port of Walla Walla to purchase excess capacity in the City's wastewater treatment plant. Under the agreement, the Port will be able to purchase up to a total of 300,000 gallons per day (gpd) treatment capacity allowing it to offer sewer services in Burbank (located east of the city across the Snake River). The Port will be able to purchase three separate blocks of 100,000 gpd capacity for \$900,000 per block (adjusted for inflation) over a 50-year period.

In addition to purchasing some of the excess capacity in the treatment plant, the Port will also pay for actual metered use of the system, based on charges which equal 200% of the cost paid by City customers for sewage treatment. One half of the charges will offset the costs associated with the City's operation of the sewer utility (100% of the sewer rate), the other half will be available for the City's general use.

In order to access the City's existing sewer system, the Port of Walla Walla must first secure permits and construct a "pressure line" from Burbank, under the Snake River, to a point of connection with Pasco's sewer north of Sacajawea State Park. The Port will be responsible for all sewage collection costs and the pumping required to convey wastewater to the City's system.

The treatment capacity (300,000 gpd) that is reserved under the agreement represents about 7% of the unused capacity of the City's current treatment plant. Because the City's primary residential growth area has been toward the northwest, the need for a new treatment plant in closer proximity to that part of the City has increased. Selling a small part of the unused capacity of the current plant will help pay for part of the future plant – thus reducing the cost to Pasco sewer ratepayers.



PROUD TO BE YOUR HOME!



2011 Citizen's Survey

In February, the City released the results of the 2011 “National Citizen Survey”, a biennial survey the City has done since 2005. The City contracted with the National Research Center in Colorado to conduct the survey in Pasco. Previous survey information has been used in developing City Council goals. Some notable positive results of the survey included above average results for ease of car/bus travel (with the possible exception of Road 68), further declines in crime, and viewing of public meetings via TV or internet. Areas of concern included lower satisfaction with Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and Library service than previous years. The survey will be used by City staff in preparing proposals for City Council consideration at its upcoming retreat. The entire survey document is posted on the City’s website, www.pasco-wa.gov/survey.

Spring Cleaning & Code Enforcement

Spring began on March 20, and it’s time to start thinking about cleaning up your yard for the dry season. Here are some pointers from the City’s Code Enforcement Division that will help you keep your property “ship-shape” and safe:

- Properly dispose of all yard waste, including leaves and debris from tree trimming, by bagging or bundling the debris and placing it at the curb on trash pick-up day, instead of storing on your property. Pick-up is free by BDI for City residents.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they are not in contact with houses or fences.
- Store all combustible material (including lumber, firewood, paint, chemicals) away from houses and fences.
- While cleaning up the landscape don’t forget to tend to planting strips located between your house and the street and the area between the yard and any alleys that run by the property.

Taking these simple steps will keep your property looking better and will keep our neighborhoods attractive. If you see a code violation, you can report it to the City’s Code Enforcement office online at www.pasco-wa.gov or call 543-5743.



Basin Disposal provides for extra residential pickup

One of the many benefits City residents enjoy is up to 1000 pounds per year of garbage drop-off at no extra cost. The City’s solid waste contractor, Basin Disposal, provides a free voucher program to Pasco residential customers bringing garbage to the BDI transfer station on Dietrich Road. Customers may bring in up to 500 pounds of debris for each of the two coupons issued. Up to four tires and/or two appliances, which count towards the 500 pound coupon limit, may also be disposed. Account holders with photo ID must be present when dropping off garbage. BDI account holders may pick up the coupons at BDI offices at 2021 N. Commercial or call 547-2476 for more information.



Holiday Observance - City Offices will be closed:

Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day

For information regarding City Council meetings, visit our website at www.pasco-wa.gov

City looks to improve Road 68

The City recently completed the Road 68 Corridor Study, which looked at current traffic conditions and what conditions may look like in 20 years. Based on those projections and public input at three open houses, the study provides a number of recommendations for improvements grouped by projects to be done within 0-5 years and 5-20 years. The goal of all recommended projects is to improve mobility for the entire Road 68 corridor from Argent Road to Powerline Road and along Burden Boulevard from Road 68 to Road 60. The study recommendations can be viewed on the City’s website, www.pasco-wa.gov/road68study.



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