

**City of Prosser**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA**  
Council Chambers, 601 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Prosser WA 99350  
Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**
  - a) **Joslyn Felicijan Presentation**
  - b) **Boys and Girls Club Quarterly Report** (*Dena Lodahl, Executive Director*).....**Page 2**
  - c) **Mid-Columbia Library Quarterly Report** (*Katy McLaughlin, Branch Manager*)...**Page 4**
- 5. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**
  - a) **Quite Zone** (*Mayor Warden*).....**Page 7**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
**OF BENTON & FRANKLIN**  
**COUNTIES**  
**PROSSER - PARK BRANCH**

*Summer Programs—2015*

Michael Phelps—IM Swimming Program

94 Youth enrolled; 89 Youth completed

PGA Golf Camp—

21 Youth enrolled w PGA Pro

Brooks Running Club—

26 Youth enrolled; 15 Received shoes from Brooks

Athletic Skills Camps—

20 Camps; 283 Unique individuals

Additional programs offered—

Gardening, Cooking, Photography, Art,



*College Tours—2015*

Spokane Area—Gonzaga, Whitworth, Spokane CC (7 students)

Portland Area—Linfield, Portland University, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland CC (7 students)

Tri-Cities—WSU, Charter, Columbia Basin (10 students)

21 Unique students in all attended these tours



**GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**



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### Field Trips—2015

Naches Loop Hike (July & August)

Swim Retreat @ Rinehart Riverfront Park

JA World



### Summer Partners—2015

Mid-Columbia Library—30+ members participated in and 29 completed the summer reading program at the library

Prosser School District—A pilot program, Imagine Learning, was shared with 40 members of our Club. This program is a prevention program targeting summer slide. It was highly successful

Princess Theatre—We were given the opportunity to attend a special matinee preview of Snow white allowing many of our members to experience live theatre for the first time.



### Community Involvement—2015

Water Plants for Historic Downtown Prosser Association

Litter Patrol—every two weeks through downtown and EJ Miller Park

Maintain cleanliness of Club and trim surrounding vegetation



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### 3rd Quarter progress:\*

Year-to-date foot traffic for Prosser Library:	62,262	<i>(through July 31)</i>
Items checked out from Prosser branch:	65,575	
Current cardholders for the Prosser branch:	8,019	<i>(including 51 non-residents)</i>
YTD eBook checkouts to Prosser cardholders:	8,418	<i>(through July 31)</i>
Computer use:	11,525	<i>plus 2,463 wireless sessions</i>
Program attendance:	4,766	

### GOAL 1 – Residents will enjoy new and popular materials to stimulate their imaginations. (Collection Focus – Fiction)

- Total checkouts of children’s, teen and adult fiction: 23,843; or 67% of strategic plan goals. [This total does not include eBook checkouts.]
- We visited Keene-Riverview summer school classes, the free lunch program, and the Boys and Girls Club to promote the Summer Reading Challenge. Local author Amy Sonnichsen, the Pacific Science Center, Seattle magician Xakary, and Stuart the Minion all visited the branch to entertain hundreds of kids over the summer.
- The Summer Reading Challenge ended August 22. Two hundred and eighty kids and adults read, explored, and created for over ten hours to earn a free book or book bag. Our finisher party on August 13 brought 70 people to the City Park to celebrate the end of the program, play games, and win prizes courtesy of the Prosser Friends of the Library.



- Prosser resident Jessica Hofer won the library a collection of Young Adult books, buttons and other giveaways for her thoughtful response to an online contest, saying, “Prosser is a small town, but the community works hard to keep kids engaged in positive activities. The Prosser library is located across the street from the high school, and libraries are always interacting with students to help young people find books that will keep their interest—and help them find meaningful ways to fill their time. The staff know you when you come in and work hard to make reading ‘cool’ for folks of every age!”

*\*Statistics current to August 21, 2015, except where noted*

## **GOAL 2 – Residents will enjoy a variety of collections & services for their personal enrichment and growth. (Collection Focus – Non-Fiction)**

- Total checkouts of children’s and adult non-fiction: 10,437, or 59% of our strategic plan goals.
- Local parents have been volunteering at our weekly LEGO Club and will continue to two Thursdays a month through the fall.
- We’re very pleased to be partnering with the Princess Theater, PMH Medical Center and the Prosser Friends of the Library to offer a free monthly community program called “Reel Books”: pairing a book club discussion and dinner with a showing of the movie adaptation. See attached for details.

## **GOAL 3 – Families with young children (ages 0-5) will have the collections, services and opportunities they need to prepare their children for success in school.**

- Total checkouts of children’s picture books: 18,676, or 78% of our strategic plan goal.
- Our preschool and baby storytimes this summer featured special guests from the Benton County Sherriff’s department and Prosser Police Explorers, the Prosser Fire District, and Ronald McDonald. Kolleen also performed at the Reading Foundation’s weekly program in the Prosser McDonald’s, in addition to her other six off-site storytimes.
- We took a two-week break at the end of August, and storytimes will resume on September 2.



### **Prosser Branch Facility**

We continue to receive many compliments from community members and visitors! LJ DaCorsi and his team are also following up with HVAC and parking updates, and the Friends of the Library are investigating landscaping issues such as tree pruning, removal and replacement.

### **Prosser Staff update**

Two on-call substitutes were hired in August: Patrick McCullough Sr. and Lisa Veloz, both long-time Prosser residents. We’re very happy to have these two available to assist in the library when staffing issues arise.

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Mid-Columbia Libraries  
& The Princess Theatre  
PRESENT

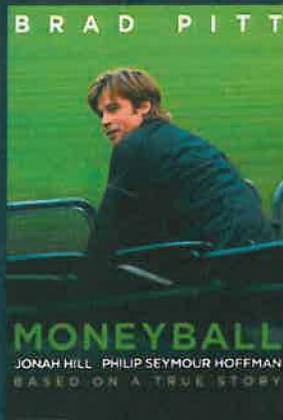
# REEL BOOKS

BOOK AND MOVIE CLUB

**Free Admission! First Wednesday of the Month  
at the Princess Theatre**

1228 Meade Ave, Prosser

**September**



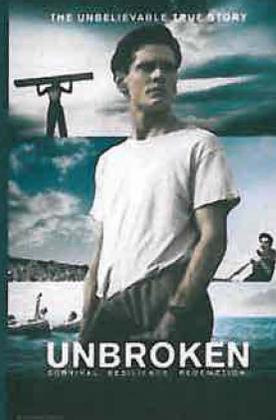
**Moneyball** by  
Michael Lewis

**October**



**Frankenstein** by  
Mary Shelley

**November**



**Unbroken** by  
Lauren Hillebrand

**December**



**A Christmas Carol** by  
Charles Dickens

Book discussion and meal begins at 6 pm (first come, first served)

Movie begins at 7 pm

Contact 786-2533 or 786-2180 for more information

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON

## AGENDA BILL

<b>Agenda Title:</b> Discussion - potential Quiet Zone for BNSF Train Horns at the 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Street crossings.		<b>Meeting Date:</b> September 1, 2015 Work Session	
<b>Department:</b> Admin, Planning, Public Works	<b>Director:</b> Paul Warden	<b>Contact Person:</b> Paul Warden	<b>Phone Number:</b> (509) 786-2332
<b>Cost of Proposal:</b> \$15,000.00			<b>Account Number:</b>
<b>Amount Budgeted:</b>			<b>Name and Fund#</b> Streets
<b>Reviewed by Finance Department:</b> 			
<b>Attachments to Agenda Packet Item:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. QZ Calculator Results</li> <li>2. City of Connell QZ Documents</li> <li>3. Photos of SSM Non-mountable Curbs &amp; Signs</li> <li>4. Email from BNSF on Prosser Train Traffic</li> </ol>			
<b>Summary Statement:</b> <p>There has been discussion in years past by the City and by business, property owners, and residents, especially in the downtown area about the establishment of Quiet Zones-QZ for the two downtown BNSF crossings on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> street. As downtown develops into more mixed use with retail street level and residential above, the train horns will become more of a quality of life issue.</p> <p>In 2012, BNSF was asked about the a QZ for Prosser they said they would want 4 additional signalized crossing arms systems @ up to \$170,000 a piece and discussion ceased at that point.</p> <p>Turns out that BNSF is not the last word on creating QZs. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) along with the WA State Utilities &amp; Trade Commission have the final say as to what Supplemental Safety Measures (SSMs) are required for a given configuration. The City of Connell implemented a QZ this last spring for a cost of \$12,000 for two very similar crossings. The process is pretty simple and straight forward.</p> <p>Using the QZ calculator on the Federal Railroad Administration website, the current Risk Index for 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> respectively are 17550.09 and 13638.48 using existing gates and horns. The Quiet Zone Risk Index for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively are 5854.71 and 4549.8.</p>			

Consistent with or Comparison to: Past traffic, planning and quality of life discussions.

Recommended City Council Action/Suggested Motion: Discussion only to determine Council's interest. Include as a discussion item for 2016 Budget process.

<u>Reviewed by Department Director:</u>  Date: 8-28-15	<u>Reviewed by City Attorney:</u> NOT Available Date:	<u>Approved by Mayor:</u>  Date: 8-28-15
<u>Today's Date:</u> August 27, 2015	<u>Revision Number/Date:</u>	<u>File Name and Path:</u>

6th

Cancel | Change Scenario: 6TH ST\_43699 | Continue

- Create New Zone
- Manage Existing Zones
- Log Off

Crossing	Street	Traffic	Warning Device	Pre-SSM	SSM	Risk	
104547H	SIXTH ST	4000	Gates	0	13	5,854.71	MODIFY

\* Only Public At Grade Crossings are listed.

**ALERT:** Quiet Zone qualifies because SSM has been applied in each crossing.

Click for Supplementary Safety Measures [SSM]

Click for ASM spreadsheet: ASM \* Note: The use of ASMs requires an application to and approval from the FRA.

**Step by Step Instructions:**

**Step 1:** To specify New Warning Device (For Pre-Rule Quiet Zone Only) and/or SSM, click the MODIFY Button

**Step 2:** Select proposed warning device or SSM. Then click the UPDATE button. To generate a spreadsheet of the values on this page, click on ASM button—This spreadsheet can then be used for ASM calculations.

**Step 3:** Repeat Step (2) until the SELECT button is shown at the bottom right side of this page. Note that the SELECT button is shown ONLY when the Quiet Zone Risk Index falls below the NSRT or the Risk Index with Horn.

**Step 4:** To save the scenario and continue, click the SELECT button

Summary	
<b>Proposed Quiet Zone:</b>	6TH ST
<b>Type:</b>	New 24-hour QZ
<b>Scenario:</b>	6TH ST_43699
<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	\$15,000.00
<b>Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold:</b>	14347 .00
<b>Risk Index with Horns:</b>	17550.09
<b>Quiet Zone Risk Index:</b>	5854.71
<u>Select</u>	

Federal Railroad Administration  
**QUIET ZONE CALCULATOR**

7th St

Print This Page

Home | Help | Contact | logoff bblackwell@connellwa.org

Cancel

Change Scenario: 7TH ST\_43700

Continue

Crossing	Street	Traffic Warning Device	Pre-SSM	SSM	Risk	
104548P	SEVENTH STREET	3000 Gates	0	13	4,549.80	MODIFY

Create New Zone

Manage Existing Zones

Log Off

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Summary	
<b>Proposed Quiet Zone:</b>	7TH ST
<b>Type:</b>	New 24-hour QZ
<b>Scenario:</b>	7TH ST_43700
<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	\$15,000.00
<b>Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold:</b>	14347 .00
<b>Risk Index with Horns:</b>	13638.48
<b>Quiet Zone Risk Index:</b>	4549.8
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Google earth

feet 500  
meters 100



4- 100' non-mountable curbs from RR Gates are all the physical barriers that you need + a 4' reflective lane delineator at the ends of each curb.

We are doing our 400' of curbing for \$16,000 by a contractor using a curb machine.



## Connell Public Works

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(509) 234-6431 ♦ Fax: (509) 234-2704

E-Mail: [LTurner@connellwa.org](mailto:LTurner@connellwa.org)



### Quiet Zone Cost

1. 4- 100' Concrete Extruded Curbs	\$8471.52
2. 4- large No Horn Signs	\$ 281.91
3. 4- Small No Horn Signs	\$ 104.82
4. 10- Channelize Posts	\$ 596.97
5. 2- Forestry Gates & Posts	\$1291.70
6. Reflectors	\$ 153.62
7. Yellow paint (8 Gals)	\$ 644.46
Total	<b>\$11,545.00</b>







**From:** Melonas, Gus S [mailto:Gus.Melonas@bnsf.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 11:36 AM  
**To:** Paul Warden  
**Subject:** Re: Prosser Trains

### 20-23 trains in a 24 hour period

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**From:** Paul Warden <[PWarden@ci.prosser.wa.us](mailto:PWarden@ci.prosser.wa.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:51:58 AM  
**To:** Melonas, BNSF Gus S  
**Subject:** Prosser Trains

Hi Gus,

One of our community members asked how many trains a day are coming through BNSF's crossings in Prosser? I sent him this past email but he wants current numbers. Can you provide those please. Maybe a daily high, low and average. It's interesting to note that every train is eastbound presumably with empty grain, coal and oil cars.

Regards, Paul

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### Email from BNSF in Sept. 2013

**From:** Melonas, Gus S [<mailto:Gus.Melonas@bnsf.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2013 3:56 PM  
**To:** Steve Zetz  
**Subject:** Re: bnsf.com E-mail - Please Contact Me

We are currently operating approximately 9 trains in a 24 hours period. Since the line opened in 1996, we have never reached 30 trains daily.

Gus Melonas  
Regional Director Public Affairs  
BNSF Railway  
Seattle, Wa  
(206 625 6220)

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