



The City of Prosser's

7TH STREET NOTICES

~ A Pleasant Place with Pleasant People ~

~Our Mission~

To provide dependable service to a safe, sustainable community of businesses, families, and neighbors with integrity, accountability and stewardship.

Did You Conserve Water This Winter?

In the last few newsletters, City staff has been reminding our customers that by conserving water from November 19th to February 18th they could pay less on their winter averaging for residential sewer accounts. Just like water charges, there is a base rate for sewer accounts on the first 400 cubic feet (1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons). For sewer, the base rate is \$40.30. Any usage over the base of 400 cubic feet is charged at \$2.44 per 100 cubic feet. These new winter averages will go into effect on your bill due April 10, 2016.

If you notice that your sewer charge on that billing is more or less than the last month's charges, it is more than likely a result of calculating the new winter averages based on meter readings taken in December, January and February. Below you will find an example of how we calculate your winter average. If your water consumption is as follows, December 2015 = 800; January 2016 = 1,320; February 2016 = 2,080, then we would use the following calculations to figure out your monthly sewer charge:

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NOW HIRING AN AQUATICS MANAGER

The City of Prosser is looking for a motivated and enthusiastic leader to serve as the Aquatics Manager at the Prosser Aquatic Center (PAC). The Aquatics Manager will help ensure guests have a pleasant, safe experience at the PAC.

They must have a team-oriented approach, working in tandem with Administration and Public Works staff to maintain proper staffing, equipment maintenance, customer service, and safe facility operations. Interested applicants

may obtain an employment application on the City's website at www.cityorprosser.com. Also, be on the lookout for more seasonal job opportunities with the City of Prosser that will be made available in the coming months.

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FAQ's About Garbage Services

Garbage service is a service that the City provides through a contractor, Basin Disposal, Inc. Do you have questions about your garbage service? For example, do they pick up garbage on holidays or when the weather is bad? Or where can I recycle? Well, below you will find a few of those answers. For answers to more questions about city services or to review the ones regarding garbage services, please visit our Frequently Asked Questions page on the City's website. Also, when services are interrupted for any reason you can look on our social media pages for up-to-date notices.

Q: Will my garbage still get picked up if the weather is bad?

A: Depending on the weather conditions there could be some delay in your garbage service. For example, if roads are icy and you live on a hill the garbage truck can have problems getting up the incline. In this instance, they will return the next day to pick up your garbage, if the weather allows. You can check the City's social media pages (Twitter and Facebook) for routes that will be missed due to weather.

Q: My garbage pickup day falls on a holiday, will it still get picked up?

A: Yes. Although extras services, dumpsters, and the offices are closed on holidays, regular residential garbage pickups still occur as scheduled.

Q: Where can I recycle?

A: Recycle stations are located at the City Yard, located at 10th St. and Sherman Ave., and off of Bennett Ave., near the intersection of Bennett Ave. and 8th St.

Meter Lid Access

We read the meters between the 18th and the 20th of each month. In order to insure accurate readings and billings, please be sure to not cover your meter lid. Your meter lid should always be easy to access for the Public Works Department crew who often need to access your meter for readings, maintenance, and repairs. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!!

Yard Sale Permits

The arrival of spring is usually accompanied by a yard sale or two in our neighborhoods. If you are having a yard sale within the city limits you need a yard sale permit. Yard Sale permits are available at City Hall and cost \$2.00. You are allowed two yard sales (each no more than 3 days) at an address per year. For more information regarding yard sale permits, please call City Hall at (509) 786-2332.

Reminder from the Prosser Police Dept.

The Prosser Police Department is experiencing an increasing number of vehicle prowl thefts. These thefts have occurred mostly during dark hours, where suspects are entering into vehicles and taking items left inside. All of the vehicle prowls have been crimes of opportunity, as the vehicles have been left unlocked, which is inviting to criminals. As a reminder, lock your vehicles when not in use and PLEASE DO NOT leave wallets or purses in your vehicles unattended as these items will always entice a criminal. By reporting any suspicious persons walking around your neighborhood and giving a detailed description of them at the time this can assist the Department in preventing these types of thefts. *Thank you!*

A Message From Our Mayor

We are only two months into this great journey and already we have had many accomplishments. One of those accomplishments was the hiring of a new City Administrator. The process we followed in recruitment included using an outside agency that advertised and accepted applications on our behalf. We received 50 applications, which then were narrowed down to the top ten. After a thorough review, we selected the collective top three for interviews.

The candidates had their work cut out for them in their short visit to Prosser. The first day they were interviewed by the Department Heads at City Hall, they also got to meet and ask questions of the rest of our staff, then in the evening we had a public reception. The following day they were interviewed by the City Council and additional staff members. The feedback we received from those who sat on the interview panels and attended the reception was invaluable in the selection process.

"We would like to offer a warm welcome to Dave Stockdale, our new City Administrator. We look forward to the days ahead." *-City of Prosser Staff*

Mr. Stockdale has a Bachelor Degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University, Hawaii, a Graduate Certificate in Not-For-Profit Management, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Oregon. For the past eight years, he was employed with Lane County, Oregon.

When asked about the opportunity to be the next top leader for Prosser, Stockdale stated, "I was so moved and impressed as I briefly experienced the love and passion the Mayor, Council Members, staff, and citizens have for Prosser. I am very excited for the opportunity to work with such great people and for a citizenry that cares so deeply for their community. I look forward to working together to carry out the goals and programs that will continue to make Prosser a great place to live, work, volunteer, play, and visit."

Making a selection was by no means an easy task, we had three excellent candidates but a selection needed to be made to move forward. At the end of this process, Dave Stockdale was selected and confirmed by the City Council. Dave's first day on the job was February 22nd, and he will be starting his first full week on March 7th. Please come by and say hello.

We had some good participation at "Coffee Time with the Mayor" in January. Some of the items discussed were irrigation water availability, road safety, tree trimming and holiday decorations for the downtown area. I am trying to set aside the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for this activity. Locations will change, but you will be able to find information about the scheduled Coffee Times on the City's website. I really enjoy visiting and hearing your questions and concerns. I hope you will join us at the next Coffee Time.

Sincerely,

Randy Taylor

Needed: Coaches & Sponsors for Prosser Little League Program

Here at City Hall we are already gearing up for our recreation programs to be held this summer. One of Prosser's most valued past times is the Summer Little League program. To make this upcoming season a success, we need the help of volunteer coaches and sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring this year's program or would like to find out more about coaching opportunities, please contact the City of Prosser at (509)786-2332. We will also need volunteers to umpire Summer Little League games. For more information please visit City Hall at 601 7th Street.



City of Prosser

601 7th Street
Prosser, WA 99350

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(except holidays)

NEED INFORMATION?

www.cityofprosser.com

Contact Us:

Main Office	786-2332
Administrator	786-8217
Building	786-8210
Clerk	786-8218
Finance	786-8215
Fire Station	786-3873
Library	786-2533
Mayor	786-8216
PAC (Pool)	786-0097
Police*	786-1500
Public Works*	786-7300
*After Hours	786-2112

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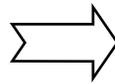


Meet Your Mayor and Council



Randy Taylor Mayor Don Aubrey Position No. 1 Morgan Everett Position No. 2 Rob Siemens Position No. 3 Bob Elder Position No. 4 Mary Ruth Edwards Position No. 5 Steve Becken Position No. 6 Humberto Rodriguez Position No. 7

Email the Mayor and City Council: citycouncil@cityofprosser.com



UTILITY BILLING

Dates

- Mar. 10 BILLS DUE
- Mar. 14 24HR Door Hangers & \$25 Penalty Assessed
- Mar. 16 Water Shut Off & \$50 Penalty Assessed
- Mar. 21 Balances Assessed 5% Late Fee

No Additional Fee to Use Credit/Debit Card

Reminders:



• Don't forget to Spring Forward! Daylight Savings ends Sunday, March 13, 2016.

- The application deadline for the Elderly/Disabled Low Income rate is March 18, 2016.
- Request a FREE extra garbage pick up online at www.cityofprosser.com or by calling (509) 786-2332.
- Are you missing a bicycle?? The Prosser Police Department has recovered many bikes the last few months. Contact the Prosser PD at (509)786-1500 to see if your missing bike is one they have in storage.
- Sign up for Open Gym Basketball and/or Pickleball. A session is \$10 and there is one session (Jan-May) left for this season. Registration forms are available online or at City Hall.
- The annual FREE Residential Spring Clean Up is being scheduled. Check our website for more information!

Meetings in March 2016

Work Session	3/1	7pm
Board of Adjustment	3/3	6pm
Budget & Finance Committee	3/8	6pm
Regular City Council	3/8	7pm
Planning Commission	3/17	6pm
Budget & Finance Committee	3/22	6pm
Regular City Council	3/22	7pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



Participants

The Prosser City Council would like to extend a Big Thanks to Prosser Heights Elementary "Kid that Cares" Margaret Galbraith for leading the Pledge of Allegiance at a recent Prosser City Council meeting.

Thank you!

Water Conservation Tip



Slow the flow. Install a slow-flow faucet in your home. By doing this, you can reduce water consumption up to 50%.

Look for more Water Conservation Tips in next month's newsletter and stop by City Hall to see our display of water saving products and ideas!