



The City of Prosser's

7TH STREET NOTICES

~ A Pleasant Place with Pleasant People ~

Special Invite from Ben Franklin Transit to YOU!



YOU are invited to attend one of the upcoming transit workshops being held May 18 - 21. This is your opportunity to see and hear exactly what is being considered by Ben Franklin Transit for improving its public transit program. Be among the first to see the future of public transit in Benton and Franklin counties. YOU do NOT want to miss this experience! There will be seven open houses where you can provide Ben Franklin Transit with feedback on ideas for improving public transportation in Franklin and Benton counties. Open houses scheduled in/near our community are on:

Thursday, May 19

Benton PUD (Prosser)
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
250 N. Gap Rd., Prosser

For more information contact BFT at (509) 735-5100 or learn more online at <https://bftplan.org/>.

Wednesday, May 18

Benton City Community Center
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
806 Dale Ave., Benton City

FAQ

Q: Does the City of Prosser offer summer programming for youth?

A: Yes. Each summer the City of Prosser offers the opportunity for youth to participate in t-ball, mini ball, baseball, or softball through our Prosser Little League program. During the summer season, the City of Prosser also offers swim lessons through the Prosser Aquatic Center. For more information on swim lessons or season passes to the Prosser Aquatic Center see page 2.

~Our Mission~

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

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CITY OF PROSSER



Paperless Billing Request

REQUESTOR: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

By checking this box I acknowledge that I have created an account with Xpress Bill Pay to view my utility statements online and understand I will not receive a paper statement or the additional inserts (ex. monthly newsletter) in the mail.

Swim into Swim Lessons, Registration Now Open

With our warm summers, one of the most enjoyable ways to beat the heat is in the water. Do your children know how to swim? This summer the City of Prosser is offering another round of swimming lessons to help your children with these basic water skills. The schedule for summer swim lessons is listed below.

COST: \$30 for each session

Session I: 6/20 thru 6/30 (Mon - Thu)

9:15am, 9:55am, or 10:35am (30 minute sessions)

Session II: 7/11 thru 7/21 (Mon - Thu)

9:15am, 9:55am, or 10:35am (30 minute sessions)

Session III: 7/9 thru 7/24 (SAT & SUN)

10:00am or 10:50am (40 minute sessions)

Session IV: 7/25 thru 8/4 (Mon - Thu)

9:15am, 9:55am, or 10:35am (30 minute sessions)

Session V: 8/8 thru 8/18 (Mon - Thu)

9:15am, 9:55am, or 10:35am (30 minute sessions)

**Please Note: All levels may not be available during each time.*

Minnows (*Ages 3-6)

- Fully submerge for 3 seconds
- Bubble blowing
- Jump into shallow water
- Self enter/exit pool
- Basic water safety skills
- Ten (10) bobs
- Front float to recovery

Guppies (*Ages 5-7)

- Streamline kicking (front and back)
- Rhythmic breathing
- Glides and flutter kick
- Swim 5 yards
- Deep water orientation
- Safety skills

Otters (*Ages 6-7)

- Recover objects from bottom
- Introduction to a variety of strokes and turns
- Diving and deep water bobbing
- Rotary breathing

Barracudas (*Ages 6-8)

- Alternate breathing
- Stroke work (crawl, back, side)
- Open turns (front and back)
- Stride jump
- Shallow dive

Dolphins (*Ages 7-14)

- Front and back with turns
- Stroke refinement
- Stroke turns and sidestroke - two (2) widths
- Survival float
- Treading water

Sharks (*Advanced Ages 7-14+)

- Stroke perfection (racing stroke)
- Endurance swimming
- Turn perfection
- Racing starts
- Beginning lifesaving skills



Participants may advance through levels based on ability to demonstrate skills from prerequisite levels listed. An initial swim test will be given and youth will be monitored and advanced accordingly. Registration forms can be found on the Swim Lessons informational page online at www.cityofprosser.com/pac. Late registration is one (1) week before each session begins and a fee of \$10 will be assessed for late registrations.

**General age recommendations.*

Ready for Summer? Get a Season Pass or Punch Card Now!



Are you a resident of Prosser and a frequent visitor to the Prosser Aquatic Center (PAC)? Do you like discounts? Pick up a pool pass or punch card today and save \$\$ on daily admission. Remember season passes/punch cards make perfect gifts! For non-resident prices see the PAC's website at www.cityofprosser.com/pac.

Season Pass:

Youth (4-17) \$85
 Adult (18+) \$110
 Senior (55+) \$70
 Family (5 people) \$195

Additional Family (limit 3) \$30 each
 Swim Team Member \$40 each member

Punch Card (10 Visits):

Youth (4-17) \$25
 Adult (18+) \$40
 Senior (55+) \$20

Wellness (Lap Swim Only):

Monthly Pass (unlimited) \$20
 Punch Card
 Youth (14-17) \$20
 Adult (18+) \$25
 Senior (55+) \$15

Bring in your season pass card from last year to receive a \$5/card discount. Pictures are required for all season pass holders. Remaining punches from last year's punch cards are valid for the 2016 season. Pass forms can be found online.

From the Desk of the Building Official -

Do you need a permit for that home improvement project? Most of us have a long list of items to complete around the house. Some projects are as straightforward as painting and cleaning, while some are more ambitious and involve some alteration to the structure, electrical, and/or plumbing systems. The question then arises of whether or not you need a permit? The City of Prosser uses the International Building Code (IBC)/International Residential Code (IRC) for issuing permits. Here is the part of the code that governs whether a permit needs to be obtained: *R105.1 Required*. Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

Listed below are the projects that are exempt and do not need a permit: *R105.2 Work exempt from permit*. Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

1. One-story detached accessory structures, provided the floor does not exceed 120 sq. ft. and is not on a permanent foundation. Retaining walls that are not over 4' in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top height measured from the bottom of the footings to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.

2. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio

of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.

3. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30" above adjacent grade and not over any basement space below.

4. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.

5. Prefabricated swimming pools less than 24" deep.

6. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one or two-family dwelling.

7. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54" from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

Here are some examples of projects we have seen that required a permit but one was not obtained from the City. Most had to be dismantled or re-done so the inspection for code and safety standards could be verified. An added expense in most cases.

- Fences require a permit. The Prosser Municipal Code (PMC) varies from the IBC to control height. Fence heights are as follows: 4' in the front of house and 6' on the sides and back of house.

- Re-roofing your home requires a permit.

- Window replacement requires a permit (if the opening is being altered or type of window from existing).

- All interior walls, even if non-load bearing, that get moved or added need a permit. In this case, it is not only about structural integrity but about egress requirements that allow for safe passage in case of a fire or other emergency.

Thank you for getting the necessary permits for your home projects. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (509)786-8210.

Sincerely,
Barry Morrow, Building Official

From the Code Enforcement Officer - Weed Advisory Notice

Summer is quickly approaching and the City of Prosser would like to remind its residents that during this time weeds tend to grow fast and can quickly get out of control. Residents are required to maintain them in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code (seen below) for the City of Prosser.

"302.4 Weeds. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of twelve (12) inches. All noxious weeds, including but not limited to such weeds identified by the Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board, shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetables, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens."

By keeping a close watch on your property and eradicating weeds as they appear you will meet the requirements of the code. Your efforts will help to keep the City looking its best. Thank you!



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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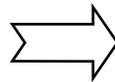


Meet Your Mayor and Council



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

- May 10 BILLS DUE
- May 16 24HR Door Hangers & \$25 Penalty Assessed
- May 18 Water Shut Off & \$50 Penalty Assessed
- May 23 Balances Assessed 5% Late Fee

No Additional Fee to Use Credit/Debit Card

Reminders:

- City Hall will be CLOSED for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, 2016.
- There will be no changes to garbage services due to the holiday.
- Deadline to sign up for the 2016 Little League season is May 6th. No late registrations will be accepted.
- Little League coaches are needed for upcoming season. Coaches meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 6pm.
- Challenger Sports British Soccer camps scheduled for 7/18-7/22 and 8/1-8/5. Register your child at www.challengersports.com.
- Yard Sale permits are required for any yard sale within City limits and are available at City Hall for a cost of \$2.00.
- Park reservations can be made online at www.cityofprosser.com/reserve. There is a rental fee of \$30 (\$100 for Concession building).
- Be mindful of irrigation water and do not allow the water to run down roadways/surrounding properties.

Meetings in May 2016

Transportation Benefit District	5/3	6:30pm
Work Session	5/3	7pm
Board of Adjustment	5/5	6pm
Budget & Finance Committee	5/10	6pm
Regular City Council	5/10	7pm
Planning Commission	5/19	6pm
Budget & Finance Committee	5/24	6pm
Regular City Council	5/24	7pm



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Participants

The Prosser City Council would like to extend a Big Thanks to Prosser Heights Elementary "Kids that Care" award recipients, Miah Calderon and Sydora Moon, for leading the Pledge of Allegiance at a recent Prosser City Council meeting.

Thank you!

Water Conservation Tip

Outfit your hose with a shut-off nozzle which can be adjusted down to fine spray so that water flows only as needed. When finished, "Turn it Off" at the faucet instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks.

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!