



The City of Prosser's

7TH STREET NOTICES

~ A Pleasant Place with Pleasant People ~

Additional Tips for Prepping Home for Winter

Last month's newsletter provided some maintenance tips in preparation for fall and winter, however we wanted to expand on that article a little more by focusing on some additional winter preparation tips for your residence. By implementing some of the tips now, you could save yourself from some stressful times later on in the season.

In preparing your home, give it a thorough once over inside and out. Outside, clean out your gutters and check for proper fastening. Repair roof leaks and replace any missing shingles. Disconnect and drain outside hoses, and if possible shut off water valves that are outside. Add weather-stripping and/or caulking to doors and windows to keep out the cold winter air. Have a bag of salt or sand on hand to melt ice and provide extra traction on driveways and sidewalks. Store patio furniture out of the elements.

Inside, make sure fans are switched to the reverse or clockwise position, allowing the warm air to blow down to the floor. Examine any attic, basement, or

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~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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FREE Residential Fall Clean-Up
Two Days Only
November 18th & 19th
City Yard Transfer Station **9:00am - 5:00pm**
1605 Sherman Avenue (off 10th Street)

Vegetative Waste Only.
 Leaves, shrubs, brush, woody plants, and small limbs will be accepted.
 No tree trunks or stumps.
NO HOUSEHOLD WASTE OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED.
Residential Only!
 No Commercial, Industrial, Contractor, or Agricultural Waste Will Be Accepted.
 Need More Information? Call Public Works @ (509) 786-7300.

Three Steps to Fight the Flu During This Flu Season

The flu is a serious contagious disease that can lead to hospitalization and even death. You have the power to protect yourself and your family this season with these three actions to fight flu.

1. *Get a flu vaccine.* Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. A yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against the flu.

2. *Take everyday actions to stop the spread of germs.* Wash your hands often with soap and water. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you become sick, limit your contact with others to keep from infecting them.

3. *Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.* If you get the

flu, medicine, called antiviral drugs, can be used to treat flu illness. Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications. Learn more about how you can fight the flu this season at www.cdc.gov/fightflu.

The National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is a national awareness week focused on highlighting the importance of influenza vaccination. NIVW 2016 will be observed December 4th-10th.

(A message from the Center for Disease Control.)

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If you're looking for an additional way to prevent colds/flu, regular exercise may be the ticket. Moderate activity is all you need, an example is 20-30 minutes of walking, no marathons required. Exercise improves your overall fitness, boosting your immune system and helping ward off those pesky cold and flu viruses. Regular exercise helps us all to feel better. As we move into the winter/holiday season, it may be harder to maintain a regular exercise routine. However, any effort we put forth will help us to remain healthy during the months ahead.

FAQ Public Works

Q: Who do I contact when I notice a problem, like a broken tree limb, pot hole, or a burnt out street light?

A: If you notice a problem, like a broken tree limb, pot hole, or a burnt out street light, you can contact Public Works at (509) 786-7300 and leave a detailed message with the Public Works Assistant. You can fill out the [Report a Problem to Public Works Form](#) and submit the information online. When you complete and submit an online report, the issue will be reviewed by Public Works staff as soon as possible and will be sent to the appropriate personnel for action. Please be specific in your reports, as this will increase the effectiveness of the response to your request. *Please do not use the online report form for emergencies.* For after hours emergencies, please call (509) 786-2112.

Who needs a
flu
vaccine?



Even healthy people can get the flu. Protect yourself and your loved ones.

Get vaccinated.

www.cdc.gov/flu



A Message From Our Mayor—

On Friday, November 11, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a parade to honor our local veterans in the historic downtown. The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs describes Veteran's Day as "a celebration to honor American veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good." Please come downtown and show your support for our local veterans! Veterans, if you would like to participate in the parade please meet at the beginning of the parade route (Keene-Riverview Elementary) around 10:30 a.m.

I would like to recognize and thank the following City of Prosser Employees and Officials, all veterans who have selflessly served in our armed forces: Council Member Don Aubrey (U.S. Army), John Beck, Public Works (U.S. Army), L.J. DaCorsi, Public Works Director (U.S. Coast Guard), Council Member Mary Ruth Edwards (USMC), Council Member Bob Elder (U.S. Army), John Markus, Police Sergeant (U.S. Coast Guard), Scott Orate, Police Officer (U.S. Coast Guard), Raul Sabalza, Police Officer (USMC), Matt Shanafelt, Police Officer (USMC/Army National Guard), Council Member Rob Siemens (U.S. Navy) Will Spurgeon, Police Officer (U.S. Army), and Steve Zetz, City Planner (U.S. Army). Thank you!

Thank you to ALL Veterans for their brave and honorable service.

Annual Survey for Prosser CIA Coalition

The Prosser CIA Coalition, Prosser's Community Substance Abuse Coalition is excited to offer their annual Community Survey to all Prosser residents over the age of 18. They are looking for your feedback to help plan the next two years of strategies. All adults in the home are welcome to take the survey. You can also share the survey with anyone who lives and/or works in the Prosser community and would like to provide feedback about their experiences.

Why does Prosser CIA conduct an annual community survey? To help determine local norms, to identify areas to work on, to see if people are utilizing community environmental strategies (like the local prescription drop box), to get conversations started and to target different areas of improvement on current strategies.

This is a big year for the Coalition. Over the next couple months they will begin to update the community strategic plan. Data from the survey, along with the Prosser School District's healthy youth survey data, will be used to help plan for the next 2 years of programs and community outreach. What our community thinks is important to Prosser CIA planning!! Make sure the voice of Prosser is heard by taking and sharing the community survey! Survey closes November 15, 2016. ***(Links to survey seen above.)***

The Prosser CIA Coalition meets the 3rd Thursday of each month and meetings are open to those that live and/or work in the community. Meetings start at 8:15 a.m., ending by 9:30 a.m., and are located at Prosser Bethel Church. If you have questions about the Prosser CIA Coalition, you can visit their webpage at www.prossercia.com or you can email the Coalition Director, Jennifer Dorsett at jennifer.dorsett.sac@gmail.com.



*Sincerely,
Mayor Randy Taylor*

Community Survey Link (English):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BEPRON2016>

Community Survey Link (Spanish):

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/BEPRSP2016>

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crawlspaces and seal up areas that may leak cold air inside. Check fireplaces for drafts and make sure they are clean of any soot. Service heating systems to be sure they are in proper working order. Make sure smoke/carbon monoxide alarms work (this should be done on a yearly basis at minimum).

While these tips are nothing new, we hope they help serve as a reminder to get you and your home winter season ready.



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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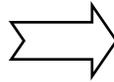


Meet Your Mayor and Council



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	Stephanie Groom Position No. 7
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Email the Mayor and City Council: citycouncil@cityofprosser.com



UTILITY BILLING

Dates

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

No Additional Fee to Use Credit/Debit Card

Reminders:

♦ City Hall will be CLOSED on the following holidays:

VETERANS DAY
November 11, 2016

THANKSGIVING
November 24-25, 2016

- ♦ There will be no changes to garbage service through the holiday season.
- ♦ Please do not rake your leaves into the streets. If you rake and bag the leaves you can either have BDI pick them up for free on Tuesdays or you can take advantage of our FREE Fall Clean-Up (see Page 1 for more information).
- ♦ Winter Averaging for sewer rates begins on 11/19 and lasts through 2/18/17. The less water you use during this time the less you will pay in 2017.
- ♦ Final Budget Hearing for the 2017 Budget is scheduled for 12/6/2016.*
**Date subject to change.*
- ♦ Election day is Tuesday, 11/8/2016. Don't forget to turn in your ballot!
- ♦ Don't forget to sign up for adult open gym basketball or pickleball. The current sessions end December and are \$10.

Meetings in November 2016

Transportation Benefit District	11/1 6:30pm
Work Session	11/1 7pm
Board of Adjustment	11/3 6pm
Budget & Finance Committee	11/8 6pm
Regular City Council	11/8 7pm
Planning Commission	11/17 6pm
Budget & Finance Committee	11/22 6pm
Regular City Council	11/22 7pm



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Participants

The Prosser City Council would like to extend a Big Thanks to the Scouts of Troop 641 for leading the Pledge of Allegiance at a recent Prosser City Council meeting.

Thank you!

Water Conservation Tip

Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave.



Look for more Water Conservation Tips in next month's newsletter!