



The City of Prosser's

7TH STREET NOTICES

~ A Pleasant Place with Pleasant People ~

Maintenance Tips in Preparation of Fall/Winter

Fall is here, leaving us with just a few weeks to prepare our lawns and irrigation systems for the upcoming winter season and cold temperatures. Now is the time to take advantage of the remaining weeks of fall to get some needed lawn maintenance finished.

The Better Homes and Gardens website (www.bhg.com) provided some helpful tips on fall maintenance, starting with adjusting your mowing height. By cutting grass shorter (about 2 inches tall) during the autumn season this will help prevent grass from matting down under leaves and snow. Fall is also a good time to rid your yard of weeds like dandelions, clover and other broadleaf weeds. Repair any dead patches by reseeding or laying sod. Many also choose to aerate their lawns, which helps reduce thatch, improves drainage, and loosens soil.

It is important to remove fallen leaves before they mat down your grass and possibly kill it. If raking leaves, bag or box them and Basin Disposal, Inc. (BDI) can pick them up during their Tuesdays FREE extra pick up service. Just call City Hall and request that your address be added to the list each week. Please DO NOT rake your leaves into the streets, as the street sweepers are not designed to handle the large quantity of leaves that drop each autumn. There is no limit on the amount of bags you can put out for collection. A "green" option for leaf disposal is mulching and composting the leaves. This reduces the volume of

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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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leaves that would normally go to a landfill. Composting material is rich in nutrients and is beneficial when added to gardens and landscaped areas.

Continue to water your lawn during the irrigation season. Irrigation season usually comes to a close about the middle of October, when Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District begins to shut down delivery points and canals are drained. While we have not received the official shut off date from SVID, we will post it online at www.cityofprosser.com as soon as we are told when delivery will stop. Another tip for irrigation systems is to make sure to completely drain your lawn's irrigation system before freezing weather arrives. This will help prevent pipes breaking and the need to spend extra time replacing them in the spring.

Thank you in advance for all you do to keep our City looking it's best. Please feel free to call the Public Works Department at (509)786-7300 with any questions about these fall tips.

FAQ

Regarding BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

Q: How do I get a business registration? A: The City of Prosser contracts with the Washington State Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Service (BLS) for the City's business registration services. Businesses are able to apply for a City of Prosser business registration endorsement at any time. The registration fee for a business is \$50.00, however please note, that the State may charge additional processing fees. For more information, please visit the BLS website at www.bls.dor.wa.gov.

Q: Do I already have a City of Prosser business registration? A: An online tool provided by BLS (www.bls.dor.wa.gov) allows you to search for your business using your UBI, business name, etc. Upon finding your business, you will be able to see the registration(s) you currently hold and the status of those registrations.

Q: When do I need a business registration for the City of Prosser? A: Prosser Municipal Code 5.04 outlines the business types which are required to obtain a business registration for the City of Prosser. Generally, if you are conducting business within the City limits, are not part of a charitable organization, not a vendor in a community fair or bazaar, and not a lessor of property then you are required to register your business. If you expect to be conducting business for less than 30 days in Prosser you may qualify to be an itinerant merchant. If you believe you fall into this category, please contact us at (509) 786-2332, and we can help to answer any of your questions.

THANK YOU FOR DONATING



Some of the 800+ school supplies donated during the City's 3rd annual school supply drive.

During the month of August, the City hosted a school supplies drive to benefit our local elementary schools. The City is very grateful for your contributions to the school supplies drive. Supplies were delivered to the schools at the beginning of September and will be well used throughout the year. We cannot wait for next year's event. School supplies can be donated to the local school district throughout the school year.

From the Desk of the Finance Director-

Community Involvement in Budget Development

We are excited to announce that the 2017 Proposed Budget has been presented to Council and is available for inspection on the City's website. As part of this budget process, Departments used the recently adopted City Goals to focus funding on items that would address those goals. Do you have an idea, question or concern? Please let us know. Questions about the budget can be shared with us by sending a message to the City Council, City Administrator, or myself! Additionally, we have scheduled several public hearings which are listed below. During these hearings residents can learn more about the budget and ask their budget questions. Your invaluable ideas and thoughts are always appreciated! So please take the opportunity to share those with us.

BUDGET HEARINGS: The following is a list of scheduled budget hearings for the development of the 2016 Budget. The public is invited to attend these hearings to offer input/suggestions on the proposed budget that is available for review at City Hall or online at www.cityofprosser.com.

- ✦ 10/04/2016 at 7:00pm
- ✦ 10/11/2016 at 7:00pm
- ✦ 11/01/2016 at 7:00pm
- ✦ Final Budget Hearing, TBD

Thank you, Toni Yost

Finance Director

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The Prosser Police

Department wants every child to have a fun and safe Halloween. The PD is offering free reflective trick-or-treat bags for all children. Each bag has Halloween safety tips printed on them and include a Halloween fun sheet inside.

Come down to the Police Department, 1227 Bennett Avenue, during normal business hours, 8:00am-5:00pm, through the month of October to pick up your free trick-or-treat bag, while supplies last.

DRIVERS, please keep in mind the following tips on Halloween.

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and their movements may be unpredictable.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Be extra alert during popular trick-or-treating hours.
- Take extra time at intersections to look for kids who may be on medians and curbs getting ready to cross the street.

Election Information

General Election is November 8, 2016. In Prosser, voters have a 24 hour secure ballot drop box located at the Benton County Courthouse. October 10th is the deadline for mail and online voter registration. New voters can register in-person at the Auditor's office until 10/31.

The Benton County Auditor's Office would like to remind voters that the 2016 General Election includes offices of, President/Vice President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, State Legislators, County, and Judicial Offices. For more information on the election and the candidates that appear on your ballot, log on to www.bentonelections.com.



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601 7th Street
Prosser, WA 99350

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

NEED INFORMATION?

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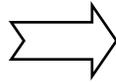
Bob Elder
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Email the Mayor and City Council: citycouncil@cityofprosser.com



UTILITY BILLING

Dates

- Oct 10 BILLS DUE
- Oct 14 24HR Door Hangers & \$25 Penalty Assessed
- Oct 18 Water Shut Off & \$50 Penalty Assessed
- Oct 21 Balances Assessed 5% Late Fee

No Additional Fee to Use Credit/Debit Card

Reminders:

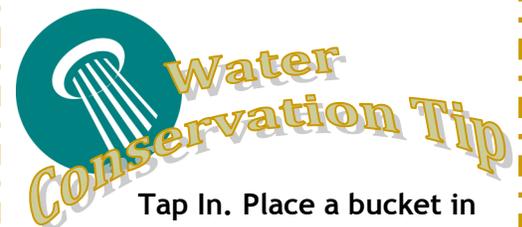
- Don't forget to sign up for adult open gym basketball, Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm at Housel Middle School gym. The current session runs until December and is \$10.
- Sign up for Adult Pickleball, Monday evenings from 7-9pm at the Heights Elementary MPR. Sessions are \$10.
- Please check the Historic Downtown Prosser Association's website www.historicprosser.com, for more information on the annual Trick-or-Treat on Main Street event.
- Xpress Bill Pay mobile app for Apple devices is available in the app store. App can be used to pay your City bill in real-time. For more information about the app, go online at www.XpressBillPay.com.
- Yard Sale permits are required for any yard sale within City limits and are available at City Hall for a cost of \$2.
- Park reservations can be made online at www.cityofprosser.com/

Meetings in October 2016

Transportation Benefit District	10/4 6:30pm
Work Session	10/4 7pm
Board of Adjustment	10/6 6pm
Budget & Finance Committee	10/11 6pm
Regular City Council	10/11 7pm
Planning Commission	10/20 6pm
Budget & Finance Committee	10/25 6pm
Regular City Council	10/25 7pm

reserve. There is a rental fee of \$30 (\$100 for Concession building).

- Have extra garbage? BDI picks up extra bags and boxes for FREE on Tuesdays. You can request a FREE extra pick up online at www.cityofprosser.com under the tab I want to...Request...Extra Garbage Pickup.
- Do you have Box Tops for Education? City Hall is collecting them for the School District.



Tap In. Place a bucket in your shower to capture the water that runs while you're waiting for it to get hot. Use the water for your plants.

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!