

May 31, 2024

To: City Council
From: Mayor Gary Vegar
Re: Weekly Report



Upcoming Events approved by the City:

- Farmer’s Market Opening Day | Saturday, June 1st | City Park | 8am – Noon
- First day of the Prosser Aquatic Center | Friday, June 7th | PAC | 4 – 7:30pm
- Prosser High School Graduation | Saturday, June 8th | Prosser Art Fiker Stadium | 10am
- Prosser Scottish Fest & Highland Games | Saturday, June 15th | Port of Benton | 9am – 6pm
- City Wide Yard Sale | Saturday, June 22nd | Train Depot | 8am – 2pm
- Prosser Wine Musical Festival | Saturday, June 22nd | Vintners Village | 5pm – 10pm

Waste Collection and Recycling Survey:

Reminder! The community-wide Waste Collection and Recycling Survey aimed at gathering information from residents regarding their waste and recycling practices and areas of improvement is available through June 7th. For more information, please visit the City’s website at: www.cityofprosser.com or scan the QR Code.



Recreation:

- Prosser Aquatic Center (PAC) Operations: We had a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend at the PAC’s soft opening. We would like to thank everyone that came and enjoyed swimming while assisting with staff training and donating non-perishable food items for Jubilee Ministries of Prosser. We collected approximately 800lbs! Also, a huge thanks to our Silver Sponsor MILNE for helping us make this event possible. Over 1,029 people visited the PAC this past weekend! The regular season will start June 7th at 4pm (last day of school for Prosser School District). Please note, the Aquatic will be closed on Saturday, June 8th for the Prosser High School Graduation. Regular schedule will resume on Sunday, June 9th.
- Swim Lessons: Registration for the final 4 sessions of swim lessons will start Monday, June 3rd at 8am. There are currently 237 kids registered and 73 kids on the waitlist. Sessions will begin on June 17 – July 18.
- Sports: All spring sports are officially over for the season. Summer Youth Baseball has now begun. There are 158 participants in the league with 18 volunteer coaches.

Building Department:

- As summer approaches, Building Department staff would like to remind homeowners that above ground pools over 24” in depth require a permit and inspection. A guide to residential above ground pools will be available soon for homeowners to assist in the design and installation of their above ground pools.
- Underground Storage Tank Decommissioning permit applications are now available on the City of Prosser’s [Permitting & Inspection Portal](#).

Community Development:

- The City of Prosser is beginning the process of planning for Climate Change as directed under HB1181. The City of Prosser has secured a Grant to cover the expenses of this project and has

hired Nexus Planning as the City's consulting firm. A Climate Advisory Team (CAT) is being assembled and the first meeting is scheduled for June 18th at 6pm. No action will be taken at this meeting and the purpose will be to familiarize the members with the scope and process of this planning project. It is expected to take approximately 2 years to complete with the first phase focusing on data collection. A project webpage will be created and hosted on the City of Prosser website to provide the public information. More details and information will be shared in the coming months.

City Hall/PD Facility Replacement Project:

- A meeting with Benton County Commissioner Alvarez and County Administrators has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th at 10 am following the Commissioners meeting to discuss the possibility of shared services.
- A presentation to City Council has been scheduled for the June 4th City Council Work Session
- Please visit the City's website for more information:
 - [05/31/2024 Press Release](#)
 - [Background, Site and Criteria Model](#)
 - [Estimated Expense by Location](#)

Public Works:

- Streets/Parks: Mowing, curb repair, PAC opening for Memorial Day weekend, janitorial at all facilities, City Park prep for Farmers Market
- Water: City meter replacements, development meter installs, irrigation repairs, hydrant maintenance and flushing
- Wastewater: WWTP maintenance, pump maintenance
- Chardonnay/Merlot Sidewalk Improvements Project: Construction underway
- PAC Heater Replacement Project: Punch list items
- Prosser Entrance Sign Project: construction underway
- Almanza Heights Development: Sewer system install and inspections
- Other: Wastewater employee, Ashlynn Brown, received her Operator 2 certification



Miss Prosser Court Community Service Project:

Miss Prosser Piper Cole and Princesses Soleil Hoefler and Josylyn Estrada will be planting a total of 10 trees at City, Crawford and Farrand Park as part of the Queen's platform project. The project named "Piper's Trees" will be completed tomorrow, June 1st, with the help of community volunteers. In preparation, city maintenance workers excavated the tree planting basins at various locations today. The City of Prosser would like to extend our thanks to Miss Prosser Piper Cole and the entire Court for this very thoughtful and generous project that will benefit the entire community! For more information, please contact the Miss Prosser Advisor Kathy Aubrey at (509) 781-1781.