

Meet Ward 2 Councilmember Fritz Hughes

Fritz Hughes was appointed on February 28 by Pullman City Council to the Ward 2 position vacated by C.B. "Barney" Waldrop.

What motivated you to run for office?

I would like to answer that question in part by quoting Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

The Pullman community and the Palouse region have provided my family and me many positive and influential experiences. Because of this, I wanted to continue to give back to the community. I have always been interested in city government. Because of my professional background as a public school administrator and Director of the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, I have an understanding of council activities. The ability to work with people and see the "big picture" is the contribution I will bring to the council.

In your background, what do you believe has prepared you to serve in municipal government?

Most of my adult and professional life has been spent in Pullman. Of my thirty-one years in public education as a teacher and administrator, twenty-six of those years were in Pullman. Upon my retirement from education, I was selected to be the Executive Director of the Pullman Chamber of Commerce, a position I held for nine years before retiring in 2008. This job works very closely with the city to make Pullman a bet-

ter place to work and do business. I also have been very active and continue to be involved in many different organizations within Pullman. I am on the Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation Board, YMCA Board, Pullman Education Foundation, Young Life Adult Committee, and I am an active church member. Being involved with the Pullman community through these different organizations has proven beneficial in my preparation for the city council position.

What is your vision for Pullman 20 years from now?

I hope I will be here to fulfill the vision! I feel that Pullman continues to be in a very positive position during these difficult economic times. With partnerships among the community, Washington State University, occupants of the industrial park, and city government, I feel we are in a positive position to move forward to meet future challenges. I would like to see continued expansion of the Pullman-Moscow Airport; our community to be good stewards of our natural resources: water and farm lands, and to support the research to sustain these resources; a vibrant retail base; affordable housing; planned city growth with strong infrastructure; the expansion of parks and paths for beauty and recreation as the city grows; and continued positive growth of our public school system, city government, police, fire, hospital and health services to provide a community that is safe, and productive for all citizens.



Fritz Hughes

How do you plan to be available and responsive to the Public?

It is important to be visible in the community. I am an open listener and will take constituents' comments and suggestions in a serious manner. I can also be reached by e-mail fritz.hughes@pullman-wa.gov.

Other I am married to Mary Margaret Hughes, a retired Pullman public school educator of over 26 years. We have two sons, Christopher, who lives in Seattle, Wash., and Peter and his wife, Molly, and our two grandchildren, Oliver and Gabriel, who live in Lancaster, Pa. I love the game of golf!

Next month, meet Councilmember **Derrick Skaug**, who was appointed on April 10 by Pullman City Council to the at-large position vacated by **Keith Bloom**.

Danger in Your Backyard?

The Pullman Fire Department responds to several cottonwood fluff fires on College Hill every year. From mid-May to mid-June, cottonwood trees produce an extremely light fluff that floats on the slightest breeze. This fluff accumulates, like snow drifts, up to six inches or more in sheltered areas, under bushes and in tall grass. The fluff is dangerous because it collects in the same areas as dead organic matter, such as dried leaves and twigs, increasing the chances of a fire. Pullman firefighters warn that once cottonwood fluff is ignited, it burns rapidly or "flashes." It can spread so quickly that you do not have time to grab the garden hose because the fire is already several yards away. The situation can quickly get out of control, igniting other fluff accumulations, dead leaves and twigs. The fire is so intense that larger bushes, trees or even your house can easily catch fire. Fire Prevention Officer **Rich Drago** warns "even a dropped cigarette butt can ignite the fluff. It is very easy to catch fire. The best way to prevent fluff fires is to keep the stuff cleaned up."

To keep fluff from accumulating, water it down and then rake up the fluff for disposal. Be careful of all types of heat sources—particularly matches, cigarettes or even cigarette ashes. This time of the year, fire danger is extremely high because of the cottonwood fluff. Pullman Fire Department is asking residents to help "snuff out" fluff fires.

ACTIVE ADULTS

Iris Farm

You have the opportunity to see blooming iris, some 400 varieties, right here in the Pullman area. Senior center member, **Janet Mount**, has offered to host our group and explain what it takes to grow such beautiful flowers. Afterward, we will have lunch at the South Fork Public House. Home pickup begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 7. We leave city hall at 10 a.m. and return about 1:30 p.m. Call immediately to see if they are any slots left for this trip. Our date may change, depending on blooming season. Fee: \$6 which includes tour, escort and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

Hutterite Colony Tour

This is such an interesting cultural experience. See how the Hutterite Brethren colony near Odessa, Wash. lives, with both the old and the new ways. We will join colony members for a great family-style lunch and buildings tour. You will hear about their farming operation and can purchase some special crafts. Don't miss this trip! Home pickup begins at 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 13. We leave city hall at 8 a.m. and return about 4:30 p.m. Register by June

4. Fee: \$37 which includes lunch, a loaf of homemade bread, escort and transportation.

Best of Broadway Presents 'Mary Poppins' at INB

Bringing its own brand of Broadway magic, this rare touring production over delivers on every level. The stage show features the irresistible story and unforgettable songs from one of the most popular Disney films of all time. Lunch will be at the Safari Room in the Davenport Towers Hotel. Home pickup begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 16. We leave city hall at 10 a.m. and return about 6:30 p.m. Register by June 8. Fee: \$84 which includes admission, escort and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

Spokane Culinary Arts Brunch at Orlando's

Join your friends for this very popular trip to Orlando's for a delicious brunch prepared by student chefs at the Spokane Community College culinary arts program. You will have various choices for this brunch-style meal. Afterward, we will visit the beautiful Finch Arboretum. Home pickup be-

gins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 19. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Register by June 11. Fee: \$26 which includes meal, tour, escort and transportation.

Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre Presents 'Hello Dolly'

This show transports you to turn-of-the-twentieth-century New York for a whirlwind race following the adventures of America's most beloved matchmaker. The performance stars **Ellen Travolta** and **Jack Bannon**. We will lunch at the Dockside in Coeur d'Alene Resort. Home pickup begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 23. We leave city hall at 9:30 a.m. and return about 6:30 p.m. Register by June 8. Fee: \$46 which includes admission, escort, and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

Summer Overnight Trips for the Active Adults:

Historic Olympia, Lakevold Gardens

Call immediately to see if there are any slots left for this three-day, two-night trip (Tuesday-Thursday, June 26-

28) which offers a tremendous variety of sights, beginning with the 100-year old Thornewood Castle in Tacoma, Wash. Built with 500-year-old brick from a 15th-century castle in Wales, this structure has 17 chimneys, 22 bedrooms, 22 bathrooms and even a secret, sunken English garden! Next, we'll take an historic city tour of Olympia, beginning with the old capitol building and ending with the current state capitol campus. We also see the 10-acre Lakevold Gardens with a Georgian-style mansion, more than 900 rhododendrons, and state champion trees surrounded by rare and native plants. We will dine at several unique restaurants and stay at a 3-star hotel. Fee: \$285/double occupancy or \$335/single occupancy which includes lodging, admission, tour, escort and transportation. Cost of meals is not included.

NOTE: Many of these trips are listed in the 2012-Summer Parks and Recreation brochure and may fill up due to pre-registration. Call for info at 338-3307 or 338-3227.

What's Your Next Read?

Wondering What to Read Next? Sign Up for NextReads!

To start off this year's adult summer reading program with a bang, Neill Public Library is offering you a truly personalized reader's advisory service with "What's Your Next Read?" Stop by the library June 1-7 to fill out a form with the last five books you've read. Drop the entry into our box. We'll get back to you with a book that might be your new favorite.

Don't forget our adult summer reading drawings. Every time you finish reading a book, magazine, au-

diobook, or downloadable checked out from Neill, fill out a drawing slip with your name and contact info. You'll instantly be entered to win: book prizes for two winners each week, and fabulous prize packs for monthly winners. The rules are simple. Books you check out between June 1 and July 31 are fair game. Finish reading or listening and enter. No drawing entries will be accepted after July 31. If you have questions, stop by the Information Desk or e-mail reference@neill-lib.org.

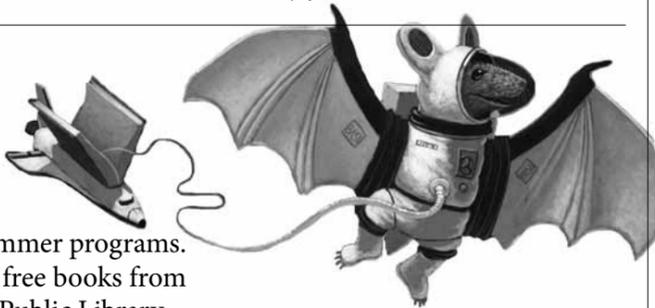


Grand Avenue Book Club

Thursday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the library

Book: *Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell: Adventurer, Adviser to Kings, Ally of Lawrence* by Janet Wallach

Youth Summer Reading Program



Dream Big @ Your Library

Get ready for fun at NPL. Kids, newborns through teens, are invited to participate. There will be free, fun activities each week. For more information, contact Children's Librarian **Kathleen Ahern** at 338-3258 or visit our Web site.

Registration starts at Neill on Tuesday, June 12 and continues through July. Register June 12-15 to be eligible to win \$300 in prizes. Be one of the first 500 to register and get a coupon for a free mini pizza. Pick up a free pencil and brochure list-

ing all of the free summer programs. Find out how to get free books from the Friends of Neill Public Library.

Don't miss these fabulous, free Friday programs: a wild show with comedic juggler and yo-yo expert **Curtis Carlyle** on June 15, and an amazing show with the **Reptile Man** and his many critters on June 22.

Calling all teens, ages 12-17

Join the library teen volunteer group. Help with summer reading. Enjoy the fun. Prior to volunteering, you must attend either of the following training sessions at Neill Public

Library. For more information, visit our Web site www.neill-lib.org.

- June 5, Thursday, 4-6 p.m.
- June 24, Sunday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Neill Public Library
210 N. Grand Ave. • 334-3595
www.neill-lib.org
Blog: neill-lib.blogspot.com

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday 1-6 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Directory of City Officials

Elected Officials

Glenn A. Johnson Mayor
Francis Benjamin Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker Councilmember
Fritz Hughes Councilmember
Bill Paul Councilmember
Derric Skaug Councilmember
Nathan Weller Councilmember
Pat Wright Councilmember

Administration

John Sherman City Supervisor
Joanna Bailey Library Services Dir.
Mark Bailey IS Manager
Kurt Dahmen Recreation Supt.
Alan Davis Parks Superintendent
Pete Dickinson Planning Director
Gary Jenkins Chief of Police
Scott LaVielle Fire Chief
Laura McAloon City Attorney
Bill Mulholland Finance Director
Karen Sires Human Res. Mgr.
Mark Workman Public Works Dir.

Phone: 338-3208 • Fax: 334-2751
Police Nonemergency Services: 334-0802
Web address: www.pullman-wa.gov

Water Conservation Makes Cents

Reminder: To promote water conservation, summer consumption water billing rates occur between June 1 and Oct. 31.

UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Thank You!

A special thank you goes to the following sponsors of the 2012 Pullman Parks and Recreation Egg Hunt: Pullman Kiwanis Club, Pullman Senior Center, Dairy Queen, Denny's, Hit Radio 104.3, Licks Unlimited, Village Centre Cinemas, Women of the Moose, Rite-Aid and Pullman Fire Department.

Summer Adventure Camps: Super Heroes

Become a "Super Hero" this summer, strengthening your mind and body, as we enjoy eight fun, fact-filled weeks! These weeklong, half-day, camps—with a different theme each week—are designed for campers, ages 3-11 who would like to have group fun. Every day various age-appropriate activities are planned including art, music, science, movement and indoor/outdoor play time. There will be weekly visitors and/or field trips based on the weekly theme. Campers must arrive wearing

sunscreen and weather-appropriate clothing and bring a name-labeled water bottle. Camp meets from 8 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday, June 18-Aug. 17. Fee: \$69 for each weekly camp, which includes a daily snack.

Pee Wee Sports Camp

This camp is an instructional sports program for young children emphasizing beginning skill instruction, teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. Five different activities will be focused on during these two fun-filled weeks. Camp will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from June 18-29. Youth ages 3 - 4 ½ years old will meet from 3-3:55 p.m. and youth ages 4 ½ -7 years old will meet from 4:05-5 p.m. Fee: \$28 which includes a camp T-shirt.

Pee Wee Tennis

Introduce a lifetime sport to your kids at a young age. Come learn the basic fundamentals of tennis in a fun environment. Participants should

have their own racquets. Balls are provided. Youth ages 4-6 are welcome to participate. Lessons will be held from 9-9:30 a.m. or 9:30-10 a.m. Monday-Thursday. Session dates are July 9-19; and July 23-Aug. 2. Fee: \$29 per session.

Youth Tennis Lessons

These tennis lessons are for beginner and intermediate players. Participants should have their own racquets. Balls are provided. Youth ages 7-12 are welcome to participate. Lessons will be held Monday-Thursday, July 9-19; and July 23-Aug. 2. Beginners will meet from 10-11 a.m. and intermediate players will meet from 11 a.m.-noon. Fee: \$49 per session.

Advanced/Teen Tennis Lessons

Teen tennis lessons are offered for all player skill levels. Participants must have their own racquets. Balls are provided. Youth ages 12-18 are welcome to participate. Lessons will be held from noon-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 9-19 and July 23-Aug. 2. Fee: \$49 per session.

Youth Golf Lessons

Junior golf lessons will be held at the award-winning Palouse Ridge Golf Club practice facility and taught

by the course professionals. Your child is sure to have fun and learn all aspects of the game from putting through driving, course rules and etiquette. As needed, the Palouse Ridge Golf Club will provide golf clubs. Lessons will be from noon-1:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. June 13-15 and June 26-28. Fee: \$40 per session which includes three days of instruction, snacks each day, and prizes for each participant.

Reaney Pool: Summer Fun Starts Here!

Reaney Pool will be open daily from 1-6 p.m. June 15-Aug. 19. No admission to, or program discounts for Pullman Aquatic and Fitness Center apply with this pass. Reaney Pool is an all-pay facility. Individuals not wanting to pay the admission fee may observe from outside the fence. Card holders from other fitness clubs may access Reaney or PAFC for \$2 per visit.

2012 Season Rates

Age	Daily Fee	Season Pass
0-3	Free w/ paying adult	
4-17	\$2	\$35
18-61	\$3	\$55
62+	\$2	\$35
Family	\$8	\$115



For more information or to register, call Pullman Parks and Recreation at

338-3227.