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Children's Programming

Preregistration is not required for these free literacy programs designed for little ones and their parents or caregivers.

For language enrichment programs that feature songs, rhymes, movement activities and great books, newborns-24 months will enjoy **Mother Goose Time** from 9:30-10 a.m. on Wednesdays and **Books and Babies** from 11:30 a.m.-noon on Thursdays.

Children ages 2-3 will enjoy fun books, songs, rhymes, flannel board stories, movement activities and more at **Time for Twos Story Time** from 10:30-11 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Enjoy wonderful books, stories, puppets, songs, rhymes, flannel board stories, movement activities and more with your children ages 3-5 at **Preschool Story Time** from 10:30-11 a.m. on Thursdays.

Adult Programming

Grand Avenue Book Club

6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 at Neill Public Library

Book: Radioactive: Marie and Pierre Curie by Lauren Redniss

Good Yarns Group

Knit and Crochet Group for all skill levels.

Noon-1:30 p.m. on Fridays

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

Pullman noxious weeds

After a lot of spring rain, Pullman has a higher than normal amount of weeds. More than just a nuisance, many weeds have been identified as noxious and are detrimental to agriculture, livestock, pets and sometimes humans. Several deaths are reported nationally each year from accidental ingestion of poison hemlock. The state of Washington and the city of Pullman require that property owners control or eradicate noxious weeds.

To find out more about noxious weeds, refer to the directory of Selected Noxious Weeds that are common to the Palouse. The directory, published by the Whitman County Weed Board, has pictures of noxious weeds for identification, lists prevalent areas in Whitman County and describes the best control methods. To get a copy, stop by Pullman Parks and Recreation at 240 SE Dexter, or call the Whitman County Weed Board at 509-397-6261.

Fall changes for Pullman Transit

Effective Thursday, Aug. 16, Pullman Transit will be making several route and schedule changes. The A, E, I, J, H, PM/Sat North, and PM/Sat South Routes will change from 30 minutes to 45 minutes with expanded service hours. To ensure we get our riders to and from work on time on the E, I, and J-Routes, these routes will start at 6:30 a.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. For those riders who use the A-Route, operating times will be 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The LOOP Route, serving Community Action Center, Walmart, Bishop Boulevard, downtown, Dissmore's, Stadium Way and South Grand Avenue will run on a 35-minute schedule from 6:30 a.m. To 9 p.m.

Express routes are unchanged. The Express 2 bus will operate from 5:30 p.m. To 9 p.m. The PM South Route service will not start until 9 p.m.

Pullman Transit will be expanding service to several areas.

- The I-Route will travel Wawawai Road to Big Sky Court, turn around and come back to Main Street.
- The E-Route will serve Hopkins Court (SEL) and Palouse Trace Apartments.
- The A-Route will serve Stadium Way south of Colorado to Spokane Street, and to Campus and Thatuna.
- The PM/Sat North Route will serve Terreview Drive west of Merman (WSU Research Park), to Hopkins Court (SEL) and Palouse Trace Apartments until midnight.

Council to consider proposed budget cuts

The city of Pullman is conducting public meetings at the Pullman city hall council chambers, SE 325 Paradise Street, on July 31 and Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. to consider and receive public comment on proposed General Fund budget cuts. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Quality Preschool Education for Your Child

Pullman Parks and Recreation is accepting registration in our preschool program designed for the prekindergarten student. Our program provides opportunities for young children to select, explore and practice various skills in a secure, creative and stimulating environment. Teachers plan developmentally appropriate activities that promote social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. Our curriculum includes language, art, music, math, science and movement activities implemented into monthly theme-based units. Children gain self-esteem and independence as they are treated with respect and encouraged individually. Our preschool is open to children ages 3-5. For more information, call 338-3227.

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

338-3227.

Three-on-Three Lentil Festival Hoop Classic

The Pullman Parks and Recreation Three-on-Three Lentil Festival Hoop Classic basketball tournament for boys and girls entering grades 3-8 will be held in Reaney Park on Saturday, Aug. 18. Entry forms are available at the Pioneer Center, 240 SE Dexter St., or online at **www.pullman-wa.gov** or **www.lentilfest.com**. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 10.

Splash Down Water Park at Spokane Valley

Summer is right around the corner. Are you ready? Blast down a four-story zoomin' flume with the Cannon Bowl or ride down the Spokane Falls' four, 400-foot long body slides. Try out the Fast Ball, the Big Squirt, the all-new Splashketball and Water Wars attractions! Bring dry clothes, a water bottle, your own lunch and snacks and money for any other attractions or snacks and meals at the Barefoot Grill and Petey's Surf and Sweet Shop. We will leave Pullman at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 and return about 7 p.m. What a great way to end your summer vacation! Fee: $40, which includes transportation, escort, supervision and water park admission. Youth entering grades 6-8 are welcome to register for this exciting day of fun.

Wednesday Concerts at Reaney Park

Food vendors begin serving at 5:30 p.m. Performances run from 6-7:30 p.m.

- **Aug.1 – Lukenbill-Faller (Classic Rock)**
  Sponsored by: *Coldwell Banker Tomlinson & Toyota of Pullman*
  Food Served by: *Domino's Pizza*
- **Aug. 8 – The Senders (Classic Rock)**
  Sponsored by: *Jess Ford*
  Food Served by: *Porky's Pit BBQ*
- **Aug. 15 – Snake River Six (Dixie Land Jazz)**
  Sponsored by: *Avista Corp and Chipman & Taylor Chevrolet*
  Food *Served by: Heros 'n' Sports*

Directory of City Officials

Elected Officials

Glenn A. Johnson .... Mayor
Francis Benjamin ..... Councilmember
Jeff Hawbaker ..... Councilmember
Fritz Hughes ..... Councilmember
Bill Paul ..... Councilmember
Derrick 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.

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Pullman students go with the flow

The city of Pullman partners with Pullman School District #267 to educate students about their community's water systems. In addition to water supply and the sanitary system, the students also learn about stormwater runoff and the importance of preventing pollution from entering storm drains and our local waterways. Thanks to the partnership between the city of Pullman and the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI), 590 students in seven schools have participated in this education program in the past eight months.

Environmental educators at PCEI worked with the 5th, 8th and 10th grade students in Pullman to teach them specifically about stormwater runoff which, according to the Washington State Department of Ecology, is the number one urban water pollution problem. Through hands-on experiments, students learned how rain and snowmelt from roads, parking lots and yards collects harmful contaminants and carries them to our local streams.

The lessons, designed to meet Washington State Science Standards, require students to use the scientific method. To understand the effects of stormwater pollution and be able to conceptualize practical solutions, students engaged in discussions and group activities. The 5th graders tested the varying levels of turbidity (cloudiness) of three local water samples and then brainstormed what characteristics of the sample locations could be attributed to the corresponding results. The 8th graders learned about the laboratory process used to measure fecal coliform bacteria and discussed possible contamination sources such as pet waste. The 10th graders performed tests to understand what factors can affect dissolved oxygen levels and how low levels can impact aquatic species. Each of the lessons concluded with a discussion on what actions the students can take to prevent further pollution and help improve our local streams.

Both students and teachers were delighted with the lessons. A Lincoln Middle School teacher commented, "the different ways the information was delivered (visuals, PowerPoint, hands-on components, and experiments) reached many different learners". A 5th grade teacher wrote, "the hands-on visual really captures interest and attention!"

Students and teachers were among the 140 volunteers and 12 PCEI staff members and interns to participate in the 8th annual Pullman stream clean-up that was held on April 7. The group removed over 8 cubic yards of trash and 2 cubic yards of recyclables from Missouri Flat Creek, Paradise Creek and the South Fork of the Palouse River. To help visualize the quantity, a hollow washing machine without the drum is about 1 cubic yard. Now imagine 10 of these full of trash! Thanks to the volunteers, Pullman's waterways are now more beautiful and critter friendly.

For more information on how you can get involved, please visit the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute at **www.pcei.org** or the city of Pullman at **www.pullman-wa.gov**.

To beautify Grand Avenue

The Grand Avenue Greenway Committee was formed in 1998 by former Mayor **Karen Kiessling** and **Rosemary Waldrop** with a vision to "beautify Grand Avenue and create a more pleasing environment for our community." Though the Greenway Committee and Pullman Civic Trust often work together on beautification projects and in many ways share common goals, the fund-raising activities of these two wonderful community entities are totally separate.

Did you know?

- All Greenway funding has been by generous private donations.
- Pullman Parks Superintendent **Alan Davis** and the parks staff actively guide and assist the Greenway Committee with its mission.
- The Mayors' Grove of trees, dedicated in October 2000 just south of UPS, was the first Grand Avenue beautification project. This initial effort also had the unexpected, but delightful benefit, of uniting two former Pullman mayors **Pete Butkus** and **Carole Helm**, in marriage.
- The next major project was the park by the library, which was beautifully restored by the Boy Scouts and named the Scout Park.
- Following this was the Well #7 pump site at Ritchie and North Grand that included trees, flowers and a meandering sidewalk.
- The WSU Presidents' Grove was established on the east side of North Grand Avenue along Missouri Flat Creek in March 22, 2006.
- The next project was the Chamber of Commerce Presidents' Grove, which is also on the east side of North Grand Avenue along Missouri Flat Creek, along the new path south of the pedestrian near the Richie Street-Grand Avenue intersection.
- The lovely sidewalk, benches and lights on the east side of Missouri Flat Creek near UPS, was a joint project with the Civic Trust, completed in 2011.
- The delightful SEL Plaza at North Grand and Terre View Drive anchors the North Grand beautifications. It was created through the labor and donations of SEL employees.
- The extension of beautification efforts southward on Grand Avenue initially included the lovely fencing and landscaping at Bill's Welding.
- Currently anchoring South Grand beautification is the Jess Ford garden, funded by **Jim and Shirley Jess** and their corporation at the intersection of South Grand Avenue and Bishop Boulevard.
- The Grand Avenue Greenway committee continues its beautification efforts with great enthusiasm and includes co-chairs, **Rosalie Harms** and **Rosemary Waldrop**, and members, **Alan Davis**, **Char Fluster**, **Fritz Hughes**, **Bruce McFadden**, **Debbie Sherman**, **Helen Stiller**, and **Sharon Walbridge**.

ACTIVE ADULTS

St. Gertrude's Raspberry Festival

Register now for this annual Cottonwood, Idaho festival. It's filled with lots of fun activities—an arts and crafts fair with lots of booths, handcrafting demos, a quilt show, car show, live entertainment, raspberry everything, museum tours, and more. It is one of the best festivals in our area. Home pickup begins at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5. We leave city hall at 8:30 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Fee: $13, which includes admission, escort and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

Steve's Summer Barbecue

Come on out to the senior coordinator's home in Colton for an old-fashioned summer barbecue. There will be fun games, lots of bells and clowns, a mouth-watering meal, and more. Chef **Steve Bell** will prepare the meal of barbecued chicken, sausage, potato salad, baked beans, fruit salad and a yummy dessert. Home pickup begins at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11. We leave city hall at 4:30 p.m. and return about 7 p.m. Register by Aug. 3. Fee: $8, which includes meal, escort and transportation.

Northern Quest Casino

This is our most popular casino trip. As the largest in our area, this Airway Heights, Wash. casino has 14 different restaurants and food vendors. After recent remodeling and the addition of a new hotel, it is a glitzy place. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Register by Aug. 10. Fee: $12, which includes escort and transportation. Meal cost not included. We are not responsible for any losses incurred!

National Lentil Festival: Senior Booth and Parade

During this annual downtown Pullman event, we will be staffing our booth from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17. Come to watch our Kitchen Band on our float in the parade from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18. To get involved in this great community event, please contact the senior coordinator at 338-3307.

Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre 'Ragtime—The Musical'

This show illustrates the poignant issues of the beginning of the 20th century—from immigration, racism and politics to industrialization and social upheaval. Historical figures intermingle with fictional characters whose lives are influenced by the ragtime era's social challenges. We will have lunch before the show at the Beachhouse Bar and Grill. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 7 p.m. Register by Aug. 10. Fee: $46 which includes admission, escort and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

Peach Festival at Greenbluff

Travel with us to Greenbluff, Wash., the fruit mecca of the Inland Northwest. You can buy your favorite fruits and vegetables, fresh from the fields, or enjoy a hot, yummy peach cobbler for lunch. We will stop at several farms and a gift shop. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Register by Aug. 17. Fee: $12, which includes escort and transportation. Meal cost and other purchases are 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.