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

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

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Winter heating safety tips

With cold weather, most Pullman residents have heating costs on the brain. Whether primarily heating their homes with oil, gas, electricity or an alternate heating source such as wood local families could be facing a more devastating effect on the already serious home heating fire problem.

As a leading cause of home fires, heating is a concern for every community every winter. With the cold weather, families need to be especially vigilant to use all heating appliances properly.

Alternative heating sources are not inherently a greater fire risk; with caution they can be used safely. That's why Pullman Fire Department is encouraging residents using pellet stoves, wood stoves, space heaters or any other supplemental home heating equipment this winter to follow this advice:

Portable electric space heaters

- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Use and purchase portable space heaters with an auto shut off so if they're tipped over they will shut off.
- Place space heaters on solid, flat surface at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.

Fuel-burning space heaters

- Always use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer.
- When refueling, allow the appliance to cool and refuel outside or in a well-ventilated area.
- If the pilot light of your gas heater goes out, allow 5 minutes or more for the gas to go away before trying again, do not allow gas to accumulate, and light the match before you turn on the gas to the pilot to avoid risk of flashback.

Wood and pellet-burning stoves

- Wood stoves should bear the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- In wood stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- Keep the doors of your wood stove closed unless loading or stoking the live fire.

At best, not heeding this advice could result in superficial property damage. At worst, you could lose loved ones who may be unable to escape the rapid course of a preventable fire, as well as the comfort and safety you've always felt in your home. Make sure your home has smoke alarms on every level, outside each sleeping area and inside every bedroom and test them monthly to be sure they are working. Be sure your home has both photoelectric and ionization smoke alarms or combination alarms that include both technologies. Plan and practice your home fire escape drill. And, please install carbon monoxide alarms in your home to protect your family from this silent killer. Please join Pullman Fire Department in ensuring that our community is safe from heating fires this winter.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Register Online!

You can now register for your favorite activities online at **www.pullmanparksandrec.com**. After creating an account, you'll be able register for programs or make facility reservations any time of the day that is convenient for you. If you have any questions, feel free to call 338-3227.

Fitness Classes

Various fitness classes are starting this month to help you achieve that New Year's resolution. Detailed class descriptions along with times, dates and fees can be found in the Pullman Parks and Recreation 2013 Winter/Spring brochure or online at **www.pullmanparksandrec.com**.

Winter Youth Basketball Grades 2-5

Girls and boys in grades 2-5 receive skill instruction in dribbling, shooting, lay-ins, offense and defense skills and play organized games. Players learn the rules of the game, while working on team play and positive sportsmanship. Practices begin the week of Jan. 14. Girls' teams practice Mondays and Wednesdays and boys' teams on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games are Saturday mornings at Sunnyside Elementary or Lincoln Middle School gym. Please call 338-3227 or register online at **www.pullmanparksandrec.com**. Fee: $40.

It's Back! Jump Rope for Kids

Grab your jump rope and get ready for an exciting class suited to all skill levels, from beginners to advanced. You will learn various jump rope skills including single rope, double Dutch, and group routines. Instructor **Stephanie Meece** has been jumping rope for over 15 years and has taught classes all over the world to all different ages and skill levels. She has 10 national titles, four world titles, and six Junior Olympic titles. Meece has been trained by the United States Amateur Jump Rope Federation. Classes will be offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 15-Feb. 19 and March 5-April 23. Fee: $39 per session. Ropes are included.

Youth Dance

Welcome our new Ballet and Creative Music and Movement Instructor **TyAnne Roberts**. Roberts has been dancing for more than 25 years and has been teaching various dance styles for more than 15 years including coaching the WSU Crimson Girls dance team from 2005-2007. Roberts will be offering classes for youth ages 2-11. For a complete description of classes and fees, refer to the Pullman Parks and Recreation Winter/Spring brochure or online at **www.pullmanparksandrec.com**.

Pullman Hornets Youth Wrestling

Boys and girls, ages 5-14, are encouraged to register for this exciting youth sport. The program offers instruction in basic and advanced wrestling techniques and an opportunity to compete for medals in organized tournaments. Tournaments are from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays starting in March at sites such as Pomeroy, Clarkston, Pullman, Spangle, Mead, and Cheney (EWU). Parents are responsible for providing transportation. Wrestling shoes are strongly recommended. Participants must be at least 5 years old as of Feb. 1. Middle school students must register by Feb. 1. The wrestling program will be held from 5:15-7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 7-April 4. Youth ages 5-8 will practice from 5:15-6:15 p.m. and ages 9-14 from 5:15-7 p.m. Fee: $60. A wrestling singlet and headgear are provided with a $35 uniform deposit, required at registration, payable in a separate check or cash. Fee includes insurance card. Registration fee does not include tournament entry fees—typically $5. Fee will be prorated for joining late. Last day to register is Feb. 1.

Adult Dance Classes

- Ballroom. Classes as focused on social dance based on ballroom dance style dancing and emphasize dance as movement. Both beginners and those with dance experience will be able to learn the basics of these dances and build confidence quickly.
  - ◊ Session #1: foxtrot, waltz and basic swing will be held from 7-8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 15-March 5. Fee: $37single/$60 couple.
  - ◊ Session #2: cha cha, salsa, and Argentine tango will be held from 7-8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 19-May 7. Fee: $37single/$60 couple.
- Western Swing. Country western swing dancing is relaxed, partner-style dancing that can be done by people of all ages and experience levels. In this class you will learn various techniques while moving smoothly on the dance floor. Two-stepping and line dancing also are included. Classes will be held on from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 18-March 25. Fee: $37 single/$60 couple.

Please note: All registrants who do not live within Pullman city limits will be charged an additional $2.

For more information or to register, call Pullman Parks and Recreation at 338-3227.

Pullman Officers receive awards

Did you know that there are more deaths in Washington state due to impaired driving than from weapons? This is why we believe that every time law enforcement removes an impaired driver from our roadways they are potentially saving a life.

The Spokane County Target Zero Task Force is one of 24 traffic safety task forces in the state of Washington working toward the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries by the year 2030. The Pullman Police Department is partnering with other area law enforcement agencies to conduct impaired driving emphasis patrols.

The local Night of 1,000 Stars event was held Dec. 15 at the Whitman County Public Safety Building in Colfax, dedicated to the memory of law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The 1,000 stars represent officers across the state working together to stop impaired driving. There are 178 law enforcement agencies across the state that are participating in impaired driving emphasis patrols.

Pullman Police Officers **Alex Gordon** and **Carl Bell** received the 1,000 Stars 2012 Award of Excellence for their traffic safety efforts. Gordon was recognized for his efforts to arrest impaired drivers, and Bell was recognized for his efforts to enforce speeding violations. Congratulations to these officers for a job well done!

City requests suggestions for 2013 goals

As the city of Pullman begins another year, it's time for citizens and organizations to submit their ideas and goals for the city council's consideration in 2013.

Suggestions should be received by the Mayor's office no later than Thursday, Jan. 31. If you would like to submit your goal suggestions by mail, please address them to Mayor **Glenn Johnson**, City of Pullman, 325 SE Paradise Street, Pullman, WA 99163. If you would prefer to use email, please address your messages to **admin@pullman-wa.gov** with City Council Goals as the subject line, or fax them to 334-2751.

Johnson said that if an organization or individual made suggestions in the past that did not make it to the final list, feel free to offer those suggestions again. He said all suggestions are appreciated.

After receiving goal suggestions from citizens, organizations, department heads, and city employees, the City Council and the mayor hold a retreat to go over those goals. The council then meets with department heads to go through a tentative list for the year. The final refined list of goals is then brought back before the City Council for formal adoption. The final list of goals will be published in the Pullman Community Update. Numerous citizen-generated goals were incorporated into the list adopted in June 2012 by the council.

Things happen @ your library

Adult Programming

- **Grand Avenue Book Club**
  6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 book: *Return to the Willows* by Jacqueline Kelly .
  Thursday, Feb. 7 book: Autobiography/biography theme (member's choice).
  For more information contact **Rezina Emmons** at 338-3295.
- **Good Yarns Group**
  Knit and Crochet Group for all skill levels . 1-2:30 p.m. on Fridays . For more information contact **Randi Adams** at 338-3176.

Children's Programming

Wednesdays

◊ 9:30-10 a.m. Mother Goose Time (newborns-24 months)

◊ 10:30-11 a.m. Time for Twos Story Time (2-3 years)

Thursdays

◊ 10:30-11 a.m. Preschool Story Time (3-5 years)
For information contact **Kathleen Ahern** at 338-3258.

Hours

Mondays .....1-7 p.m.
Tuesdays.....10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Wednesdays.....9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursdays.....9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fridays.....1-5 p.m.
Saturdays.....1-5 p.m.

Neill Public Library
210 N. Grand Avenue
www.neill-lib.org
334-3595

Residents responsible for sidewalk clearance

Just a reminder: Keep sidewalks clear so everyone can walk safely in Pullman. By city ordinance, property owners, managers or residents are responsible for keeping sidewalks free of snow, ice and debris. Within eight hours of a snowfall, your sidewalk must be shoveled or deiced.

To report a sidewalk covered with snow, ice, debris or overhanging vegetation, contact the community improvement representative at 338-3300.

Adopt a hydrant in snowy conditions

There is no city ordinance or regulation that requires property owners to shovel snow from around fire hydrants on their property; it's simply a courtesy to the neighborhood to clear it three feet around and to the ground. If you live or work in the area, help out and pick up a shovel because if there is a fire in the neighborhood, it can take firefighters longer to put the fire out if they have to dig out the hydrant themselves. "Just be a good neighbor, be a good resident, be a good citizen, keep your hydrant clear of snow," said Pullman Fire Prevention Officer **Rich Dragoo**, "and then if there's an emergency in that area it makes our response time quicker for getting the fire put out."

ACTIVE ADULTS

New Member Potluck

Meet the new 2012 members from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Pullman Senior Center in city hall. Any seniors can come, but we will be recognizing those who have joined our center last year. The Senior Association will be providing the main entrée and members can sign a list with what they will be bringing. The new members do not need to bring food; just a smile. Sign up by Jan. 4. Free.

Whitman Senior Living—Dessert Social and Bingo

We will join our friends at Whitman Senior Living for their fun winter event from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Enjoy bingo and a tasty dessert social with a variety of your favorites afterwards. Signup by Jan. 14. Free.

Antique Shopping

It's all warm inside for this trip. We found some great deals on our last trip and now you can learn how to find the good antique stores too. Bring your friends and family along as we shop both the Clarkston and Lewiston areas. Lunch will be at Matt's Bavarian Restaurant. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Register by Jan. 18. Fee: $10 resident/$12 non-resident which includes escort and transportation. The cost of the meal is yours.

Famous Spokane Churches

Check out the unique architecture and beauty of churches in the Spokane area. We will visit three churches: St John's Cathedral, the Cathedral of our Lady of the Lourdes and Westminster Congregational Church. Lunch will be at the Italian Kitchen. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Register by Jan. 28. Fee: $15 resident/$17 non-resident which includes escort and transportation. The cost of the meal is yours.

NOTE: Many of these trips are listed in the 2013-Winter Parks and Recreation brochure and may fill up due to pre-registration. Call for info at 338-3307 or 338-3227

Icy streets?

In the event of snow and ice on Pullman streets, a link to the Snow and Ice Control Plan is posted on the homepage **www.pullman-wa.gov** under Announcements.