

Something for all ages @ your library

Children's Programming

Wednesdays

- 9:30-10 a.m. Mother Goose Time (newborn-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

Adult Programming

Grand Avenue Book Club

- 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7

For more information contact **Rezina Emmons** at 338-3295

Good Yarns Group

- 1 - 2:30 p.m. on Fridays
- Knit and Crochet Group for all skill levels.

For more information contact **Randi Adams** at 338-3176

The library will be closed Monday, Feb. 18 for Presidents Day.

Library 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
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Gift and Donation Guide

Gifts enhance Pullman's quality of life, and we thank you for your ongoing support. The city motto is HIGH tech, HIGHER education, HIGHEST quality of life. We continually strive to make the community as attractive as possible.

Although federal and state dollars for local funding are shrinking, we can continue to work to make our quality of life even higher. Your donations are one way of achieving this goal. Your support will make Pullman an outstanding community for years to come.

Individuals and groups can invest in our community's future by making contributions to the city of Pullman. The entire citizenry benefits from the thoughtful foresight of those who have given generously to making Pullman a better place.

It is our hope that the information provided here will create a greater awareness of these contributions. We challenge others to participate in this worthwhile civic cause.

What are the benefits of giving?

1. From a community perspective, donations contribute to the overall enhancement of the community. For example, from its 1988 inception to completion in 2006, the Pullman Downtown

Riverwalk, spearheaded by the Pullman Civic Trust, inspired \$400,147 in donations from 273 individuals, couples, families, businesses and funds from state and local government for a total of \$1.05 million. Some other

laws, you should check with a tax consultant with respect to this possibility.

How to give

According to RCW 35.21.100, cities have the authority to accept and use donated money or property. By Pullman City Code 4.05, donations of \$5,000 or more are accepted by ordinance by the city council.

To facilitate giving in any amount, various budget categories have been established. You may donate undesignated monies to the general fund for any government need, designate your gift for a specific department, or specify a restricted use.

Prior to offering a non-cash donation, you may want to discuss your intentions with the mayor or city supervisor.

You may also contribute through the Inland Northwest Community Foundation and indicate that you would like your donation to be used for city of Pullman projects.

What to give

You may wish to consider various aspects of the city's operations in your gifting decisions. In most cases, cash contributions are probably the most appropriate. If you want to make a non-cash contribution, please check with the city in advance to ensure that your gift can be used in a meaningful way.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

—Winston Churchill

examples of the kinds of gifts the city has received from individuals, groups and businesses are posted on the city website at www.pullman-wa.gov/departments/finance/gifts-and-donations/examples-of-gifts.

2. Donations of all kinds, including volunteer service, help to keep taxes low. Police, fire, library, recreation and parks volunteers help to reduce overtime costs and the need for increased staffing. Dollar donations hold down expenditures for park expansions, library book acquisitions, etc.
3. Contributors may be able to reduce their federal income taxes. To ensure that you are in compliance with the most recent tax

ACTIVE ADULTS

Chinese New Year Celebration Mega Shopping Trip

Students from WSU Chi-Sig group will be planning this unique cultural event. Experience traditions such lion dancing as you learn how the Chinese celebrate this holiday in their country. Asian foods and refreshments will be served. Home pickup begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10. The event in Pullman Senior Center in city hall runs from 2-3:30 p.m. Register by Feb. 8. Fee: \$8*.

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Join your friends for this annual dressy affair! Enjoy a delicious meal, live music from a local group and lots of fun. You can dance or just listen to your favorite songs. For the catered dinner menu, see the February Senior Association Newsletter or call Steve. Home pickup begins at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The scheduled event at Pullman Senior Center in city hall is from 5:30-8 p.m. Register by Feb. 8. Fee: \$15*, which includes transportation and meal.

How about a day of shopping in Spokane? First we will stop at Trader Joe's in the Lincoln Heights Shopping Center on the South Hill for great buys on healthy foods! Then we'll travel to the Spokane Valley Mall and have lunch at Outback Steakhouse, followed by time to shop at the mall. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Register by Feb. 15. Fee: \$12*, which includes escort and transportation. The meal cost is not included.

Uniontown Sausage Feed and Church Tour

Don't miss the ultimate, old-fashioned, German-style food event held in the Palouse for over 50 years—an all-you-can-eat meal of homemade sausage, sauerkraut, apple sauce, potatoes, corn, and your choice of pie for dessert. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 3. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about noon. Register by Feb. 22. Fee: \$12*, which includes meal, escort and transportation.

Overnight Trips

Oregon's Splendor There is so much to see on this exciting 5-day, 4-night trip scheduled Tuesday through Saturday, June 25-29! Sights include Maryhill Museum, Portland Zoo, Oregon Gardens, Oregon Coast Aquarium, a whale watching cruise, Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, Chinook Winds Casino, time to stroll the beaches, shopping and more. Staying at AAA-rated lodgings—most with complimentary breakfast—we'll spend two nights on the beach, enjoying the beautiful Oregon coast at Lincoln City and Newport, and one night each in Portland and Salem. Fee: \$744/double occupancy or \$839/single occupancy*, which includes tour, admissions, lodging, escort and transportation. The cost of meals is not included. Register by May 24.

Grand Coulee Dam Join us for a great historical and educational 2-day, 1-night trip scheduled Wednesday-Thursday, July 24-25. On the first day, in our own van, you will

watch the *Great Ice Age Floods* video on drop-down screens. As we drive the back roads, you can see the actual effects of the flood and how the land has evolved over hundreds of years. In Grand Coulee we will tour the dam and visitor center, visit Crown Point Vista, and see the new laser light show. Our lodging will be at the AAA-rated Columbia River Inn. On the second day, our stops include Dry Falls, Winthrop Canyon, Steamboat Rock, Grant County Historical Museum, and more. Fee: \$149/double occupancy or \$199/single occupancy*, which includes tour, admissions, lodging, escort and transportation. The cost of meals is not included. Register by June 14.

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

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.

Pullman Fire Department and NFPA Team Up to Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

While a warm home and a hot meal on a cold winter's day may conjure up thoughts of safety and security, the unfortunate reality is that the winter months of December, January and February are the leading time of year for home fires in the United States. That's why Pullman Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) have teamed up to help prevent home fires in the winter months.

Through a jointly sponsored initiative – Put a Freeze on Winter Fires—Pullman Fire Department and NFPA are working collaboratively to tell the public about ways to stay fire-safe this winter. The effort targets home heating and cooking, which represent the two leading causes of U.S. home fires. Both types of fires peak in the winter months. "As temperatures drop, the public's risk to fire increases, so we want to make sure we're doing all we can to minimize that risk," said Pullman Fire Prevention Officer **Rich Dragoo**. "Fortunately, home heating and cooking fires are largely preventable with some basic guidelines in mind."

According to a recent NFPA report, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 57,100 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated losses of 490 civilian deaths, 1,530 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage in 2010. As in previous years, space heaters account for about one third of home heating fires and approximately 80 percent of associated fire deaths. "Most of these winter fires occur in the early evening hours," said Dragoo "from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. "It is important to know about the risks of fires from cooking, heating, holiday decorations, and using the fireplace." Pullman Fire Department, NFPA and city citizens together need to combine efforts to learn and practice fire safety during the

winter months and "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires." The Pullman Fire Department and NFPA recommend these safety tips to prevent winter home fires:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period, turn off the stove.
- Space heaters need space; keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from each heater.
- Check electrical cords often and replace cracked or damaged electrical or extension cords. Do not try to repair them.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. They are not designed for this purpose and can be a fire hazard. In addition, carbon monoxide (CO) gas might kill people and pets.
- Do not put your live Christmas tree up too early and take it down before it dries out. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times and place the tree at least 3 feet from any heating source.
- Select the new "flameless" candles that operate by battery to bring the look and scent of real candles to your home. If you must use burning candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won't burn.
- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.

The Pullman Fire Department wants you to stay warm and safe this year. For additional information and tips for staying safe all winter long, call the Pullman Fire Department or visit www.nfpa.org.

Winter Driving Safety

Pullman Police Department reminds you to plan ahead for safe winter driving. If the snow is still falling, here are some tips you can use to help you while navigating the streets and hills of Pullman in winter weather.

Remember to warm your vehicle and remove all frost, ice or snow from your windows and lights to make sure you can see clearly out of the vehicle and people can see your vehicle's turn signals and brake lights. Also remember that once your vehicle warms up, the snow on top the roof will become loose and may slide down onto your windshield when you stop. Often this snow is too much for your vehicle's wipers to remove and could keep you from seeing clearly until you stop to remove it.

Plan your route. During times when the snowplows and sanders may not have had a chance to get to your usual route, use alternate routes which may not be as steep, for going to and from your common destinations. To help you to decide which route to take, the Snow and Ice Control plan for city streets is posted on the city website at www.pullman-wa.gov under Announcements.

Remember that just because the road is clear where you are now doesn't mean it will be clear around the corner. Tree cover and infrequent road use can cause some roads to be covered with snow and ice when others are clear. In areas with shade and high wind, freezing temperatures can create black ice which is not readily noticeable.

Decrease speed and increase following distances. When roads are covered with snow and ice, the last thing you want to do is give your vehicle sudden input. Slamming on brakes and turning suddenly can often cause you to lose control of your vehicle on slick roads. This can

be avoided by slowing down and increasing following distance so you can have time to make gradual adjustments to your vehicle. This is also true when the roads appear to be clear during winter driving. Gravel often placed on the road to improve traction during periods of snow and ice, can have the opposite effect on bare roads. The gravel tends to build up on the shoulder, centerline, at stop signs and at the bottoms of hills. This buildup of gravel can cause your vehicle to slide when it gets between your tires and the road surface. So remember to slow down when approaching stop signs on bare roads so that your vehicle doesn't slide into the intersection on the loose gravel.

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.

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

PARKS & RECREATION

Home Safety for Youth

What do I need to know when I am home? This three-hour program will help youth ages 6-8 to increase their safety awareness. Upon completion of this course, children will be able to identify at least three important points regarding home safety: appropriate telephone protocols, knowledge of first aid procedures, and the appropriate response to strangers. Join instructor **Judi Dunn Gray** from 1-5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28. Fee: \$25*.

Beginning Bird Identification

Did you know that there are well over 200 species of birds in our area? Would you like to be able to identify the most common ones and learn how to distinguish birds from each other based on general characteristics? Former WSU zoology instructor **Kevin Pullen** provides a wide variety of information in the classroom and on a couple of field trips. Classes will be held Feb. 5-16 from 7:30-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. Fee: \$45*.

Home Winemaking

Let master winemaker **Stuart Scott** take the mystery out of home winemaking. Upon signup, you will receive a 16-page outline, "Home Winemaking on a Shoestring," a simple, clear explanation of wine-making. The class emphasizes how to adapt common household items to meet your equipment needs. In-class samples and displays of all the equipment and chemicals mentioned supplement the text. Ask questions about the text, equipment or winemaking in general, and get answers that really work for you. Scott converted his hobby into Camas Prairie Winery in 1983. Before retiring after 29 years of commercial wine making in 2011, his venture was Wine Press Northwest Magazine's Idaho Winery of the Year for 2007. He also won more than 50 national commercial awards for his wines. This class will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21. Fee: \$33*.

Country Western Swing Dancing

Country western swing dancing is a relaxed, partner-style dance that can be done by people of all ages and experience levels. In this class you will learn to be smooth with various moves on the dance floor. Two-stepping and line dancing will also be included. Classes meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays, Feb. 18-March 25. Fee: \$37/singles and \$60/couples*.

WSECU Financial Wellness Workshop

"Scams, Shams and Your Money Matters" will provide you with tools to protect yourself against various types of fraud. Prepare to be educated on ways to protect your accounts, money, debit card, and credit cards from

scammers and schemers! This workshop will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26. There is no charge, but registration is required. Please register by Feb. 22.

Adult Volleyball League

Bump! Set! Spike! Get your team together to join this exciting coed league designed for all levels of play. Participants register as a team. Team manager packets will be available beginning Jan. 17. Registration will be accepted at the Pioneer Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 11 through 15. All games will be played at Sunnyside Elementary School Gym on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Team fee: \$250.

*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.