



TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE

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“PRAIRIE DAYS” COMMUNITY PICNIC



The Town Council has approved a 2021 Prairie Days community picnic on Saturday, August 28 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with various games and events (face painting, sack race, water balloon toss, corn hole, etc.). Community members and businesses that wish to support the event by donation can do so by contacting Terri at Town Hall via email at clerk@townofsp.com or phone at 360-897-8878. Cash donations are happily accepted and we encourage Town businesses to find creative ways to get involved.

Maybe by donating goods or services that can be game prizes and give-away items for the event.

We are super excited to spend time with our neighbors, enjoy some afternoon music (there will be a band), play some games, recognize outgoing Town officials, dedicate the new playground and simply enjoy this wonderful little community together. **More details will be provided in a separate mailing in August so watch your mail!**



LET’S BE GOOD NEIGHBORS AND MAINTAIN GRASS, VEGETATION & BLACKBERRIES

It’s that time of year again. The sun is shining and the grass, vegetation and blackberries are growing. In some cases, taking over properties in Town. To avoid a code enforcement action; in consideration of your neighbors; to keep down the rodent population; and reduce fire hazards, please maintain your property and keep grass and vegetation trimmed. Those properties that are not properly maintained will receive notice(s) of violation and the matter will be turned over to the Town’s Code Enforcement Officer for action.



UNINTENTIONAL PET POISONINGS



There have been reports of rat poison is killing neighborhood pets. What an awful way to lose a beloved pet. Please use people, pet, livestock and wildlife safe alternatives. There are many options and we all want the security of knowing our pets are safe and the rodents are not.

WHEN IS IT OK TO HAVE AN OUTDOOR FIRE?

Outdoor burning is allowed only when there is not a burn ban in place. A ban can be imposed by either Pierce County Fire Marshall or Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA). Please visit the East Pierce Fire and Rescue website (eastpiercefirerescue.org) and the PSCAA website (psccleanair.gov/168/Air-Quality-Burn-Ban-Status) prior to burning.



CARTS FOR KIDS IS LIVE IN SOUTH PRAIRIE & OTHER OUR SERVICE AREAS!



A new community partnership benefitting Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital is available. Any customer within the Murrey’s service areas may donate to receive a purple cart to replace their current recycling cart. Customers/Donors donate \$200 to receive a purple Multicare/WC recycling cart. Murrey’s will service this cart in place of their normal recycling cart. **100% of the proceeds go to the children and families served by Mary Bridge.** The program will last as long as supply and demand is there. There is no end date at this point and Murrey’s will commit to at least one year of servicing the purple carts. As the program grows, we will communicate any updates. Murrey’s is proud to partner with Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital to raise funds and awareness for the many Pierce County families that benefit from their care.

Visit the link below if you are interested in donating and signing up for your Purple Cart. All donation money is handled via the link below by Multicare. <https://support.multicare.org/site/SPageNavigator/CartsForKids.html>



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GARBAGE SERVICES ****Please have carts put out by 7 a.m. and remove them from the right-of-way after pickup****

Solid waste (garbage) collection is mandatory in South Prairie, in accordance with Title 8 of the South Prairie Municipal Code. It is the duty of the property owner of any commercial establishment or residence to ensure that all solid waste is deposited into an approved container and is collected at least weekly. This helps prevent attracting rodents and other animals. It is also unlawful for any person to bury, dump, collect, or in any other manner dispose of solid waste on any property within the town. Failure to comply is a civil infraction and monetary penalties can be imposed each and every week of non-compliance. The Health Department may also impose penalties. Burning of garbage is also unlawful and is a civil infraction which can result in monetary penalties, enforcement and sanctions by the Town and other agencies including the fire department and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. If you need to schedule garbage service, contact Waste Connections at (253) 414-0345.

TOWN PARKING/TRAVEL TRAILERS & RV PROHIBITED AS RESIDENCES

The South Prairie Municipal Code prohibits parking or equipment to stand or to be parked upon any public street, avenue, park, alley, right-of-way or any other public place within the corporate limits of the town for more than 72 consecutive hours, or to cause or allow the equipment to be used for living and/or sleeping quarters upon any private property within the town for more than 15 days per year except if in a permitted RV park. The Code also does not allow any vehicle or other items (i.e. garbage cans, dumpsters, etc.) to remain in Town rights-of-way. Reported junk/abandoned vehicles will be towed. Garbage cans, dumpsters and other items that are reported to remain in the rights-of-way will be removed at the owner's expense. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER LAWN.**

UTILITY BILLING INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

*****Watch out for scammers pretending to be your utility company. If someone calls you and threatens to shut off your service without an immediate payment, hang up and call the number on your bill. *****

There are numerous resources to assist with paying utility bills. The Community Action Program at 253-798-6266; Human Services division at 253-798-4500; and Washington 2-1-1 which provides services including food, transportation, health care and more. Dial 211 to find help. Most churches also offer assistance.

Please only use **black** or **blue ink** on your checks, **include your account number** and **do not staple checks**. Please make sure the payment amount in full. Submitting a payment, even a few cents shy of the total amount due, can **trigger a late fee**. Please use the Town's correct mailing address of **PO Box 870**. Those sent PO Box F will may not be forwarded.

WATER/SEWER/SEPTIC SYSTEM

The Town's system has seen an increase in non-flushable items. Only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed. Even items that say **flushable**, like hygiene/disinfecting wipes, should **not** be flushed. Other unsafe items include:

- Disposable diapers
- Sanitary napkins or tampons
- Paper towels or bandages
- Dental floss
- Condoms
- Hair
- Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Kitty litter

Let's all do our part to keep our system the best it can be. It is also very important that you not park vehicles on top of water meters or block them in any way. **As always, with water, sewer and septic utility emergencies, contact Mayor Tony Caldwell at (360) 947-4734. We hope this finds you and your family safe and well!**