



TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE

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2nd ANNUAL PRAIRIE DAYS IS COMING IN AUGUST

The Town Council has again approved a Prairie Days community picnic on Saturday, August 27 from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. This year's event is shaking out to be even better than last year! The Daffodil Princesses will be there, we have amazing prizes from places like the Tacoma Art Museum, King County Fair, the Puyallup Fair, Maris Farms, Wild Waves, Museum of flight, just to name a few.



We are in the planning stages and wanted to put the word out. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with various games and activities. If you are interested in volunteering, you can access the survey regarding the event by using the scan code provided or find it at (<https://forms.office.com/r/JwjWK6Tu1g>). It will ask you what you want to do as a volunteer and other questions to aid us in finding a few volunteers.

Cash donations are happily accepted and we encourage Town businesses to find creative ways to get involved. Last year, businesses and community members donated goods and services that can be game prizes and give-away items for the event or even items we can add to the kids' goodie bag. Some also donated cash, which paid for things like the balloon twister and band. If you wish to support this awesome event, we'd love to hear from you **sooner than later**. Knowing how you plan to support the event will help us get our ducks in a row. A big thank you Murrey's Disposal, Honey Bucket, Coast Exteriors and Carports of Washington for already donating to this year's event!!



If you are interested in supporting our 2nd Annual Prairie Days, please contact Meag at Town Hall via email at clerk2@townofsp.com or phone at 360-897-8878. We are excited to spend time with our neighbors, enjoy some music, grab a bite and/or a beer from a local food vendor/truck, play some games, meet your Town officials and just enjoy this wonderful little community together. This year we will have a DJ early in the day followed by the band for the last few hours. More details will be provided in your newsletters each month. STAY TUNED!!



UTILITY BILL ISSUE

You may have noticed that your water bill was unusually low last month. This was due to a glitch in our billing system and you were not billed for water consumption, only the base fee. This month's billing has corrected the issue and reflects the consumption for a two-month period and base fees for one month. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri at 360-897-8878 or clerk@townofsp.com.

OPEN TOWN COUNCIL POSITIONS



The Town Council has a vacancy to fill. This is a great opportunity to serve your community and learn the ropes of small government. You must be at 18 years old, a registered voter and a resident of the Town for at least one year. If you are interested or know someone in the community who is, please contact Town Hall or submit your letter of interest to clerk@townofsp.com or US mail to Town of South Prairie at PO Box 870, South Prairie, WA 98385.

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IMPORTANT UTILITY BILLING INFORMATION



*****If someone calls you and threatens to shut off your service without an immediate payment, hang up and call the number on your bill. This applies to all of your utility providers. *****

MAKE SURE YOUR PAYMENT IS PROCESSED CORRECTLY: Payment is always due by the 19th of the month. If not paid by the 19th, a \$25 late fee will be assessed. If not paid by the 27th, the water will be shut off and you will incur a \$50 shut off fee and a \$50 turn on fee which must be paid with the full balance before water service will be restored.

Please only use **black** or **blue ink** on your checks. It is also important to **include your account number** on your check/money order and **do not staple checks**. To make sure your payment is applied to YOUR account correctly, make sure the account number is clearly and correctly displayed on the check/money order. Please make sure the payment amount in full, including **dollars and cents**, is correct on your check. 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**. Payments sent to Box F need to be updated to PO Box 870. The post office will discontinue forwarding mail sent to the old PO box at some point and your payments may not be received.

NEED ASSISTANCE: There are numerous resources to assist South Prairie residents in paying utility and other bills and expenses. Pierce County has several resources including the Community Action Program at 253-798-6266 and the Human Services division at 253-798-4500. Plateau Ministries is also an option at 360-825-8961. Washington 2-1-1 is your free connection to vital services including access to food, transportation, health care and much more. Just dial 211 to find help. Most churches also offer assistance.

TOWN PARKING



There have been a number of parking complaints and violations occurring in Town. This issue is being addressed by our code enforcement officer. We have started marking vehicles in violation. If the violation is not addressed in compliance with our municipal code, vehicles will be towed at the owners' expense. We've also had some near misses due to people parking in areas that create blind spots for drivers. Please do not park in red zones (curbs are painted). The curbs are marked red to let drivers know where it is safe to park in order to avoid creating blind spots and other dangerous conditions for traffic and pedestrians.

At the post office, the no parking sign on the road is there to make sure the fire hydrant remains accessible. Please observe all of the no parking signage and regulations as well as curb paintings to avoid being towed and creating safety issues. Illegal parking falls under the purview of the code enforcement officer and will be enforced. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

WATER/SEWER/SEPTIC SYSTEM EMERGENCIES

The Town's sewer system has seen an increase in non-flushable items. Only toilet paper and waste from the human body should be flushed down the toilet. 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

Please do your 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.** For water, sewer and septic emergencies, contact Tony Caldwell at (360) 947-4734.

We hope this finds you and your family safe and well!