



## “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 in the planning stages and wanted to put the word out. We are looking for volunteers to assist with various games and events (face painting, sack race, water balloon toss, etc.) and also for your ideas for what you would like to see at the picnic. Keep in mind we are on a tight budget this year so we are looking for inexpensive, fun and creative ideas. 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](mailto: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), grab a bite from a local food vendor/truck, play some games, recognize outgoing Town officials, dedicate the new playground and simply enjoy this wonderful little community together. More details will be provided on the Town website under the “What’s Happening” tab as they come available. We will also put out more solid details in your August newsletter.

## STATE FOR BUSINESS LICENSING PARTNERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that the Town of South Prairie has partnered with the Department of Revenue’s Business Licensing Service (BLS). BLS will begin processing the Town of South Prairie’s business licenses and renewals effective July 22, 2021. More details about the process are on the Town website at [www.townofsp.com/business-licensing](http://www.townofsp.com/business-licensing). If you have additional questions, visit [dor.wa.gov](http://dor.wa.gov) or call BLS at 360-705-6741.

## 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>

## 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.

## 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](http://eastpiercefirerescue.org)) and the PSCAA website ([psccleanair.gov/168/Air-Quality-Burn-Ban-Status](http://psccleanair.gov/168/Air-Quality-Burn-Ban-Status)) prior to burning.





## **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!**



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## **2021 ANNUAL WASTE CONNECTIONS BIKE BUILD FOR LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHARITIES**



The Bike Build got its start in SW Washington in 2009 when over 700 new bikes were built and given out to local children. We are pleased to be a part of this program here in Pierce County and with the support of our local community partners like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, our suppliers, and our employees; we built and distributed 290 new bikes in 2020 even amidst a pandemic. Our goal this year is to build on our local partnership's to help children in need. To accomplish this, we are committed to raising enough money to build 600 new bikes for children at Christmas. Along with a new bike, each child receives a bicycle safety helmet.

### **How can you help?**

With your donation we will be able to buy and build new bikes for local children. What could be a better gift to yourself this year than to know you helped make a child's Christmas so special?

### **How does the Build a Bike program work?**

We raise money through donations from our community partners, our vendors, our employees and our company. We use this money to buy new bikes at a discounted price, from distributors and stores like Huffy and Walmart. Our employees and their family members then assemble the bikes as a team building experience and give them back to our community partners for distribution to needy children at Christmas time.

### **How can you donate to support the 2019 Bike Build program?**

#### Via Check

You may send your check payable to:

Waste Connections  
c/o Bike Build Team  
4111 192<sup>nd</sup> Street East  
Tacoma, WA 98446

#### Via Credit or Debit Card

Contact Marie Most to process your donation. We can process Visa, MasterCard or American Express cards.

Email: [mariem@wasteconnections.com](mailto:mariem@wasteconnections.com)

Cell: 253-878-3596



**\*\*Please send all donations by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>\*\***

Additional questions?

Please call Lysie at 253-896-3282.

***Thank you for considering a donation!***