



## TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE

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### Veterans Day Wreath Laying

We would like to invite our veterans and those who would like to honor them to a wreath laying ceremony at Veterans Park, November 11 at 10 a.m. We will be laying a wreath in memory of those lost and accepting donations for the Veterans Memorial Fund. This fund is used to maintain the memorial and support veteran's events. You may also bring flags you want to retire. The

VFW will be respectfully disposing of them.

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### Rodent Complaints/Control



We have had several complaints about rodents in Town of late. Rats are common in our communities and we will never eliminate them totally but we can reduce the opportunity they have to invade your home and property following a few simple rules.

✓ Remove all food sources! Keep control of all sanitation in and outside your home by using tight fitting garbage cans and never leave garbage or food waste lying around. **Did you also know that trash service is mandatory in the Town of South Prairie?** Having your garbage removed frequently is one of the easiest ways to do your part in keeping rats and other rodents away.

- ✓ Keep your vegetation maintained to eliminate harborage opportunities, blackberries, and other vine fruit or fruit producing trees.
- ✓ Bird and other animal feeders, chicken coops, livestock pens and domestic animal feces are all common food sources for rats.
- ✓ Vehicles that have not been moved in a long time or in a state of disrepair are also places for rodents to harborage.

**What can you do if you have a rodent problem?** Develop a plan.

- ✓ Find all food sources and eliminate them.
- ✓ Remove any other attractants.
- ✓ Check with your neighbors as they may have a food source in their yard that they are unaware of.
- ✓ Inspect your property for any holes or places the rodents may be living or using as a travel path. You can try bait boxes where there is poison inside but ensure the holes are not large enough for any pets to access.

Be consistent with your plan and if one thing doesn't work, try another. You may also want to contact a pest/rodent control professional for consultation.

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### Late Fees/Shut Offs

Several accounts were hit with a late fee this month. Make sure your payment is received **no later than the 19<sup>th</sup>** of the month and that it is for the **full amount** shown on the bill. Submitting a payment even a few cents shy of the total amount due can trigger a late fee. If you pay after the 19<sup>th</sup>, make sure to include the \$25 late fee. **If not paid in full, including late fees, by the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month will result in your water being shut off. Shut off and turn on fees will also be assessed.** Please be mindful of the due dates provided to avoid additional fees.

**For help paying your utility bill, dial 211 for resources. These processes take time so call early!**

Please only use **black** ink on your checks. Other colors do not work in the check scanner. Please always **include your account number** and **do not staple or tape checks**. Stapled/taped checks sometimes tear and jam up in the check scanner.

\*\* The Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center is hosting an event on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 p.m. to assist with past due rent or utilities. This is a drop in service being held outdoors at the Center located at Sumner Middle School at 1508 Willow Street, Sumner. You are encouraged to register ahead of time at [piercecounitylibrary.org](http://piercecounitylibrary.org) to help them assess the number of folks who may participate. \*\*



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### Open Council Position



The Town will have an open Council position, beginning January 2022. This position is open for appointment by the Council in January. 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](mailto:clerk@townofsp.com) or US mail to Town of South Prairie at PO Box 870, South Prairie, WA 98385.

### Parking Violations



There have been a number of parking complaints and violations occurring in Town. This issue will begin to be addressed in the very near future. We will be marking vehicles in violation and, if the violation is not addressed in a timely manner, vehicles will be towed and stored at the owners' expense.

Our parking regulations are in place for the safety and consideration of all citizens. Please refrain from parking near fire hydrants, along painted curbs (no parking zones), driveways, corners and near stop signs. For safety reason, parking close to a corner or stop sign creates sight issues and can cause accidents. Blocking or impeding access to a fire hydrant has obvious safety concerns. Blocking access to another property, driveway or access easement is also not allowed and will be subject to towing and storage. Please be considerate of your neighbors and their access to their properties as well as safety conscious when you decide where to park.

### WATER/SEWER/SEPTIC SYSTEM

#### **\*SAVE THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE\***

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
- Food waste or grease from cooking

Let's all do our part to keep our system as healthy as 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. He is the Town contact for these issues.**