

Celebrate August at your library

It's August—and that means Pullman is in the spotlight with its National Lentil Festival! When the festivities are over, make plans to head to Neill Public Library to find some great lentil cookbooks and find out about the history of our amazing local area. This month and every month, stop by and see us often!

Children's programs

The library offers weekly story times for children and families. It's never too early to help instill the love of books and language with your child. Make plans to join us whenever you can. Pre-registration is NOT required. All programs are open to the public and are offered free of charge. For information contact Children's Librarian **Kathleen Ahern** at kathleen@neill-lib.org or 338-3258.

- **Mother Goose Time** (newborns-24 months) meets from 9:30-10 a.m. on Wednesdays or Thursdays.
- **Time For Twos Story Time** (2-3 years) from 10:30-11 a.m. on Wednesdays.
- **Preschool Story Time** (3-5 years) from 10:30-11 a.m. on Thursdays.

Adult programs

- **English Conversation Club.** Join other adults to practice your English language skills through basic conversation from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday in the Hecht meeting room. For more information Contact **Louise Davison** (208) 310-0962 or imdavison66@gmail.com.
- **The Grand Avenue Book Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4 in the Hecht meeting room to discuss *The Egg and I* by **Betty MacDonald**. For more information about the book club, contact **Rezina** at 334-3595.
- **Good Yarns** knit and crochet group meets from 1-2:30 p.m. every Friday in the Hecht meeting room. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, call 334-3595.

Library Hours

Mon • 1-7 p.m.
Tue • 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Wed & Thu • 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri & Sat • 1-5 p.m.

Neill Public Library • 210 N. Grand Ave
www.neill-lib.org • 334-3595

New pedestrian crossing

The construction activity you're seeing on N. Grand Avenue at Ritchie Street is the installation of a pedestrian signal to warn and control traffic so that pedestrians can safely cross Grand. This location is the junction of pedestrian and bicycle traffic between Military Hill and College Hill where the Grand Avenue sidewalk system and the Grand Avenue Greenway Trail intersect. The project has been in the works since city council identified the need for a safe crossing at this location as one of their 2013 goals. The pedestrian hybrid beacon, or HAWK signal is new to Pullman and operates differently than others in the city. To watch a video that explains how the signal operates, go to <http://bit.ly/295woKu>. Other improvements at this location include ADA ramp upgrades, signing, striping, and illumination. The project will be complete sometime in early October.

Help Keep Pullman Water Aware

Every year seems to get hotter and hotter. With your help, we can keep Pullman cool with the changing times.

To help conserve water this irrigation season, it is important to consider a variety of factors and to take a multi-faceted approach to conservation. Collectively, the use of water increases significantly in the summer months, stressing our already declining aquifer. The most effective way to reduce our community's water use in these dryer, hotter months is to irrigate our lawns and businesses efficiently and less often.

With a few tips and a conservation perspective we can decrease water use in Pullman and collaborate in creating and maintaining a water resilient community.

The first question this season to ask is, "Do I need to continue watering my lawn at the rate in which I currently water?" If the answer is no, and you adjust your watering schedule, you will immediately support our conservation movement during the hottest times of the year. If the answer is, "in certain areas I need to continue watering" or "yes" then there are a few additional details to consider.

Aeration can help your lawn absorb more water, while keeping soil compaction down. Reducing fertilizer use will decrease rapid growth, which will cut back on water use. For flower, shrub and tree areas, adding a layer of mulch will hold moisture in and decrease the abundance of weeds. Also, when determining the location of new plants, consider water-wise plants and areas that are shady and protected from wind.



The equipment you use to water your yard will have a great effect on your water savings. Whether you choose a soaker hose, sprinklers on a timer (optimally with a rain sensor attached), drip irrigation or a hose with a hand nozzle, you can control the flow, direction and time that you water. The city is asking that we each voluntarily make an effort to decrease evaporation, and increase conservation by watering between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. This is when temperatures are cooler and less evaporation occurs. Additionally, hundreds of gallons of water will be saved if it is landing on your plants (not concrete) and during these ideal times.

Water rates increased on June 1 and will remain through the end of October. This is in an effort to additionally conserve our precious resource. Make sure to check for leaks, install water-saving devices and set a watering schedule to prevent unnecessary evaporation and runoff. You can request free water conservation devices at city hall in the finance office.

By assessing your actual water needs this summer, current irrigation system efficiency, and implementing a few tips, you will help us really make a difference this year. As one homeowner in Pullman proposes, "water awareness has really peaked my curiosity about native plants and designing a water conservation yard so that we can use less and not think about watering grass."

For questions, please call **Cristin Reisenauer**, Maintenance and Operation administrative specialist, at 338-3238 or visit PullmanConserves.com. Take care and thank you for being water aware.

ACTIVE ADULTS

Pataha Flour Mill Tour

Built in the 1800s, this three-story flour mill used water power from a nearby creek to run its granite millstones. The mill now features a gift shop, historic camera collection, music and a small café where we will have lunch. We will see other historic homes in Pomeroy, Wash. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Register by Aug. 12. *Fee: \$15, which includes admission, escort and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre presents 'The Little Mermaid'

Based on the Disney-animated film, this musical is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. It's all about a magical kingdom beneath the sea with a young mermaid called, Ariel. This fishy fable will capture your heart with its dynamic music and a story that only love can remedy. We will stop before the show at the Breakfast Nook for lunch. Home pickup begins at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21. We leave city hall at 9:30 a.m. and return about 7 p.m. Register by Aug. 12. There are no refunds, as tickets are pre-purchased. *Fee: \$55, which includes admission, escort, and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

Peach Festival at Greenbluff

Travel with us to Greenbluff, the fruit mecca of the Inland Northwest. You can buy your favorite fruits and vegetables, fresh from the fields, or enjoy hot, yummy

peach cobbler with ice cream at lunch. We will also stop at various farms, places to eat and a gift shop. Home pickup begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25. We leave city hall at 9 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Register by Aug. 19. *Fee: \$13, which includes admission, escort and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

Keller Heritage Center, Museum and Historical Park

You don't want to miss this extremely interesting trip to Colville to tour the Keller House, built in 1910 and furnished with beautiful, original furniture from this era. The park houses a packed museum with over 5,000 artifacts depicting early pioneer life and Indian history. Other historical items include a lookout tower, a trapper's cabin, mining equipment, farm machinery, and old cars. After the tour we'll lunch in Colville at the Maverick Restaurant. Home pickup begins at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31. We leave city hall at 8 a.m. and return about 6:30 p.m. Register by Aug. 19. *Fee: \$28, which includes admission, escort and transportation. Meal cost is not included.

*All registrants who live outside Pullman city limits will be charged an additional \$2.

NOTE: Many of these trips are listed in the 2016 Winter/Spring/Summer Parks & Recreation brochures and may fill up due to pre-registration. Call for info at 338-3307 or 338-3227.

Pool fun

Reaney Park Pool is open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, Aug. 3-19, for Concert in the Park and Movie in the Park nights.

Also, mark your calendars:

- M-Th Swim Lessons: Morning Session 4 starts Aug. 1
- M-Th Swim Lessons: Morning Session 5 starts Aug. 15
- M-Th Swim Lessons: Evening Session 5 starts Aug. 15
- Closed for annual maintenance Friday-Sunday, Aug. 26-28

Remember that we have a Family Fun Membership! For those who are too busy during the week to go to the pool, the Family Fun Membership allows access to the pool on Fridays after 5:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. It runs \$300 per year, and will grant you access to both Reaney Park Pool and the Aquatic Center.

Pullman Aquatic and Fitness Center
500 NW Larry Street
338-3290
www.pullmanparksandrec.com

Back-to-School Safety Tips

As the new school year begins, the Pullman Police Department offers a few reminders for keeping you and yours safe while you travel to and from school and throughout our neighborhoods.

- **Crosswalks:** Pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks. Students should only cross the street at crosswalks and always look both ways before stepping off of a curb. Drivers should not block the crosswalk, as it is dangerous for pedestrians to walk around a blocking vehicle. Children are unpredictable pedestrians, and the most difficult to see. Take extra care to watch for children crossing roadways near school zones, playgrounds, parks, and residential areas.
- **Crossing Guards:** Keeping students safe as they cross roads near schools is a crossing guard's primary responsibility. It is not necessarily their responsibility to facilitate the flow of cars. Help them to do their jobs by obeying their instructions.
- **School Buses:** It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload passengers and the bus' red lights are flashing. Traffic in both directions must stop for children to enter or exit the school bus. Be alert. Fines for passing a school bus with its red lights flashing are significant. Children are unpredictable and should be given plenty of space and time near roadways.
- **Yield to Transit Buses:** To ensure the safety of all passengers in vehicles on the roadway, Pullman Transit reminds drivers in the city to yield to busses as they move from bus stops back into the lanes of traffic.
- **Use of Cell Phones While Driving:** Drivers are prohibited from talking on cell phones and reading, writing or sending text messages while driving. Put your phone down and keep your eyes up.
- **Speeding:** The speed limit on most residential streets in Pullman is 25 mph and 20 mph school zones when children are present. Fines for speeding are increased in speed and construction zones.

• **Bicycle Safety:** Bicyclists are subject to the same laws as motorists. Regardless of what the law requires, the Pullman Police Department recommends that all operators and passengers wear bicycle helmets. Children should be taught to be defensive when riding and never assume that a driver sees them. Bicyclists should carefully look in all directions for vehicles, other bicyclists and pedestrians. Extra care should be taken when nearing intersections or driveways where vehicles may be turning.

Kids, always cross the street at corners or crosswalks and obey the crossing guard's instructions. Put down your cell phone or other device and keep your eyes up. Make eye contact with drivers before entering roadways or exiting sidewalks. When possible, walk with friends as there is strength in numbers and a group is more visible than a single pedestrian. Stay on sidewalks and do not cut through yards or alleys. NEVER accept rides or get into a car with a stranger!

Parents, walk the approved route to school with your child before school starts. You can ensure the route is safe, assess potential hazards, and pick a route with the fewest number of street crossings. Also, you'll know where to start looking for your child if there is a problem to or from school. Discuss with your child safe places to go for help, like the homes of trusted adults, school, or businesses. Discuss what to do if an unknown adult tries to get your child to come to a car or house, or tries to grab your child. Your child should say, "No!" and scream for help, fight back if grabbed, get to a safe place, and tell a trusted adult and call 9-1-1! Know who your kid's friends are and where they live and keep a list of addresses and phone numbers handy. Keep older kids active and reduce the risk of delinquent behaviors by getting them involved in activities in the after-school hours.

The start of a new school year is an exciting and busy time for families. It is up to all of us to be safe and watch out for kids!

PARKS & RECREATION

3-on-3 Lentil Festival Hoop Classic

The Pullman Parks and Recreation 3-on-3 Lentil Festival Hoop Classic basketball tournament for boys and girls entering grades 3-8 will be held in Reaney Park on Saturday, Aug. 20. Entry forms are available at the Pioneer Center, 240 SE Dexter St. or online at pullmanparksandrec.com. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 12.

Silverwood and Boulder Beach Water Park

Whether you are lying on the beach at Big Moose Bay, zipping down Pioneer Plunge, or cruising down Timber Terror, you are guaranteed to have fun at Silverwood Theme Park and Boulder Beach Water Park near Athol, Ida. Silverwood has more than 65 rides and attractions, ranging from roller coasters with insane 65 mph drops to rides built just for the little ones. Don't forget your great attitude! Bring a great attitude, a change of clothes, lots of sunscreen, money for lunch and dinner, games and souvenirs. We will leave Pioneer Center at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 9 and return to Pullman about 8 p.m. Youth entering grades 6-8 are welcome to register. *Fee: \$65 which includes admission, escort, supervision and transportation.

Summer Co-Ed Softball League

Get your team together to play in the Co-ed Softball League starting late this summer. This

league will be combined with Moscow Parks and Recreation and will play from mid-August through September. Team packets are available online at pullmanparksandrec.com or at the Pioneer Center at 240 SE Dexter St. Registration will be accepted Aug. 1-5, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Aug. 18. Team fee: \$475.

The Essentials of Advance Care Planning: Who will speak for you if you can't?

Learn why advance care planning (ACP) is important for all adults. Reflect on your health care-related goals and values and understand the process of choosing a decision maker and put your wishes in writing. Facilitators will guide you through the advance care planning process and help develop the next steps to be taken. This is a free class but please pre-register so information can be provided in advance of the session. Sponsored by Friends of Hospice, contact@friendsofhospice.net, 332-4414. Class will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25.

**All registrants who live outside Pullman city limits will be charged an additional \$2.*

For more information or to register, go to www.pullmanparksandrec.com or call 338-3227.

Directory of City Officials

Elected Officials

- Glenn A. Johnson..... Mayor
- Jeff Hawbaker..... Councilmember
- Fritz Hughes..... Councilmember
- Eileen Macoll..... Councilmember
- Ann Parks..... Councilmember
- Al Sorensen..... Councilmember
- Nathan Weller..... Councilmember
- Pat Wright..... Councilmember

Administration

- Mark Workman City Supervisor
- Joanna Bailey Library Services Dir.
- Wayne Brannock IS Manager
- Kurt Dahmen Recreation Mgr.
- Alan Davis Parks Manager
- Pete Dickinson Planning Director
- Kevin Gardes Public Works Dir.
- Mike Heston Fire Chief
- Leann Hubbard Finance Director
- Gary Jenkins Chief of Police
- Laura McAloon City Attorney
- Karen Sires Human Res. Mgr.

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

MyPD Mobile App

Pullman PD launched their new My Police Department (MyPD) app for iPhone and Android. The free app allows citizens to connect with their local law enforcement agency from any mobile device. MyPD allows public users to obtain push notifications, follow social media updates, submit tips, and access crime and safety resources instantly, without requiring user accounts or personal information.

Citizens interested in connecting with the Pullman Police Department should search "MyPD" in their app store, selecting Pullman as their default agency. Visit www.mypdapp.com to learn more.

NextDoor

Pullman PD joins hundreds of public agencies in using Nextdoor to promote public safety. The free, private social network allows users to communicate with verified members of their own communities and neighborhoods. Nextdoor users are able to share ideas, collaborate, and discuss important issues, including public safety.

The department looks forward to empowering neighborhoods and engaging residents through the use of this powerful communication tool. Look to Nextdoor for relevant, important information including public safety warnings, safety tips, road closure announcements, active threats, community events, incident updates, and more.

Pullman residents are encouraged to join by visiting www.nextdoor.com to create a free account, or to learn more.

Wednesday Concerts in the Park

Come to Reaney Park for food, fun and great music. Food vendors begin serving at 5:30 p.m. and performances run from 6-7:30 p.m.

- Aug. 3 – *Soulstice* (rock/blues/country)
Food Vendor: Porky's Pit BBQ
- Aug. 10 – *Ian McFeron Band* (rock/pop/blues)
Food Vendor: WSU Catering
- Aug. 17 – *Bare Wires* (rock/blues/country)
Food Vendor: Taco Del Mar

Special thanks to 2016 concert series sponsors: WSECU, RE/MAX Home & Land, Pullman Heating & Electric, Pickard Orthodontics, PIFCU, Coldwell Banker Tomlinson, Edwards Jones Investment – Greg Bloom, and Pullman Chamber of Commerce.