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City of Yelm Newsletter

From the Desk of Michael Grayum, City Administrator

Yelm Hosts First 'Friday 5K for the Fallen'

We are bringing community partners together to create a community event honoring those who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Everyone in the community, including employees, are encouraged to join us this Friday, May 25 from 3-4:30PM at the Community Center for FREE self-paced 5K run, walk, bike along the Yelm-Tenino trail in remembrance of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Just coordinate with your manager about communicating to the public if you temporarily close operations.

All participants are encouraged to register on the website below so we can plan accordingly and you can receive the name and brief story of a fallen soldier to honor along the trail. You can also provide the name of a fallen service member you'd like to honor on the website. To register, please go to:

www.wearblueruntoremember.org/memorial-day and in the drop down box for "Location to Walk or Run" select "Washington, Yelm."

By setting aside a small portion of our day together, we show our gratitude and remembrance for the courage, heroism and sacrifice of the men and women who have given all.

Employee Appreciation Lunch, Wednesday, May 23 at Noon

This month Mayor Foster proposed and the Yelm City Council unanimously approved several proclamations appreciating Public Works, Police, and all other public employees. To show our gratitude for all employees, we are surprising you with a hosted BBQ luncheon at the Community Center on Wednesday, May 23 at noon. Lunch will feature smoked ribs, brats, beverages, sides and ice cream sandwiches. Feel free to bring a favorite side dish or desert to share with others if you'd like... or just come hungry and let us say thank you for all you do to make Yelm awesome!

SPC NATHANIEL A. AGUIRRE KIA 22 October 2006

SGT ALEXANDER J. BENNETT KIA 6 August 2011

CPT SARA KNUTSON CULLEN KIA 11 March 2013

**Honor the fallen.
Support their families.
Run in blue.**

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wear blue:
run to remember

CPT KIMBERLY N. HAMPTON KIA 2 January 2004

SCPO DAVID R. MCLENDON KIA 21 September 2010

Friday, May 25
3:00 p.m.
Yelm Community Center
301 2nd Street
Yelm, WA 98597
FREE 5K

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 20 – Rob Carlson's birthday
- May 25 – 'Friday 5K for the Fallen'
- May 26 – Opening Day of the Yelm Farmer's Market at the Community Center.
- May 28 – Memorial Day. All city offices will be closed. Please post notifications to your customers.

Supporting our Work Family

Our Public Works Director, Chad Bedlington, is on medical leave to take care of some health issues. Please join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. The date of his return is unknown at this time. Michael Grayum will be acting as interim Public Works Director and is coordinating with Bill, Tobie, Pat, and Jennifer on a regular basis. They have a standing weekly meeting every Wednesday, so please communicate any issues or opportunities with Michael before then so we can coordinate with the rest of the Public Works team.

New Security Fence and Gate Access

The back parking lot of the Public Safety Building is now secure with a fence and gate thanks to a generous grant from the Nisqually Tribe. The area was designed to allow for Officers, Deputies, and Public Safety Building Employees to park within the secure area. Parking spaces were left outside the secure area for other employees or elected officials to use if they so wish. Again, because there are a limited number of parking spaces within the secured area, we ask that only Officers and PSB Employees park within this area. All employees are welcome to use the back walk-through gate and can request the access code from Chief Stancil.

Welcome New Team Members

We are excited to welcome several new employees to our team: Congratulations to Karen Bennett, who is currently our permit Coordinator and was recently hired to be our Human Resource Specialist. This is an important position who will be working with Lori to provide essential resources and support for all City employees. We did an extensive search for this position and are lucky Lori found this gem in our own backyard.

We are also excited to welcome Eric Kolb as our new custodian, Jennifer Beauchamp as our Administrative Assistant in Public Works, Don Moody as our new patrol officer. Additionally, we are excited to welcome Robert Towle and Quinn Moriarty who will serve as our newest reserve Police Officers. They are currently attending training at the academy and will be patrolling the streets soon.

Interviews continue to hire an additional patrol officer with the Police Department. Waste Water Treatment Plan Operator interviews are wrapping up and we hope to make an announcement soon. We will also start interviewing for the Permit Coordinator position to fill the big shoes Karen leaves behind as she transitions from our Community Development Department to our Human Resources Department.

Please join me in welcoming these folks to our team. We have accomplished so much this past year and will continue doing great things with the additional resources these new team members bring. Thank you all for your hard work, collaboration, and commitment to continuous improvement!



Meet Patrick Hughes

We're excited to highlight Patrick Hughes as our new Program and Project Manager in our Public Works Department. He joins our team with extensive experience that will continue to enhance our operations and improve service to our customers.

Favorite joke: The teacher said to his class one day, "Please stand up, anyone who thinks they're stupid." Nobody stood up so the teacher said, "I'm sure there are some stupid students in this class." At this point Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Oh Johnny! So you think you're stupid then?" Little Johnny replied, "No, I just felt bad that you were standing up there on your own."

Most Interesting Job: Disk jockey at a rock and roll radio station to help work my way through college.

Favorite activities: Walking with my wife and our dog.

Favorite quote: "I'd rather stand with God and be judged by the world than stand with the world and be judged by God."

Definition of success: Happiness in whatever you pursue.