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NEWSLETTER

Community member Paul Forrest and City Planning Supervisor Ben Braudrick visit the City Shade Nursery.

LOCAL EVENTS & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Oct 31 City Hall-o-ween
Nov 04 Port Angeles Cranksgiving
Nov 04 Hurricane Ridge Gear Swap
Nov 10-12 Christmas Cottage
Nov 17- Jan 01 PA Winter Ice Village
Nov 18 Hurricane Ridge Winterfest
Nov 22-26 OMC Foundation Festival of Trees
Dec 02 Queen of Angels Daddy Daughter Dance
Dec 09 Evergreen Events Holiday Market
Dec 09 Wintertide Festival of Lights
Jan 06 Elks Hoop Shoot
To Be Announced Operation Candy Cane
Every Saturday PA Farmers Market
Learn More: www.cityofpa.us/calendars

Nov 08, 21 City Council
Nov 08, 22 Planning Commission
Nov 14 Utility Advisory Committee
Nov 15 Public Safety Advisory Board
Nov 16 Parks Commission
Dec 05, 19 City Council
Dec 12 Utility Advisory Committee
Dec 13, 27 Planning Commission
Dec 20 Public Safety Advisory Board
Dec 21 Parks Commission
Jan 02, 16 City Council
Jan 09 Utility Advisory Committee
Jan 10, 24 Planning Commission
Jan 17 Public Safety Advisory Board
Jan 18 Parks Commission

BRANCHING OUT TOGETHER CITY SHADE PROGRAM

We are delighted to highlight an initiative that has recently taken root: the City Shade Street Tree Program! Developed by community member Paul Forrest in partnership with the City of Port Angeles, this program allows residents to apply for free street trees for planting within our neighborhood rights-of-way. By planting street trees, we are taking steps to not only enhance the beauty of our local neighborhoods, but to also support the growth of our City's urban forest, sustainability and climate resiliency goals.

The City will work with residents to identify areas that would benefit from additional trees and offer a variety of species appropriate for those locations. Weekly watering during the first two summers, pruning and leaf raking will be the resident's responsibility. Tree recipients will receive free watering bags. All participants will have an opportunity to learn planting and maintenance techniques from experts in the field. **Cont'd on back.**



Paul Forrest, creator of the City Shade Program.



City Manager West

A MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NATHAN A. WEST OUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVEMENT

Dear Residents, I want to provide you with an important update regarding the water main break and citywide boil water event that occurred in late August. While we addressed the immediate issues at that time, I understand that you may have lingering questions and concerns. First and foremost, I want to apologize for any inconvenience or uncertainty you may have experienced during this event. Your safety and peace of mind are of the utmost importance, and we take our responsibility to provide clean water seriously.

It is important to clarify that, throughout this incident, your health and well-being were not at risk. We take extraordinary measures to ensure the water we distribute is safe. The boil water notice was issued out of an abundance of caution, and we are pleased to confirm that water quality tests met and continue to meet safety standards.

Moving forward, I want you to know that we are actively working to improve our water and wastewater infrastructure. A number of projects to increase the capacity and reliability of our systems have been recently completed, are currently underway, or are being planned for the future. These projects represent a significant investment in our community's long-term well-being and are a testament to the commitment we have to you.

Timely and accessible messaging is critical, and we are also working to improve our notification processes for the future. In the meantime, I want to share two important communication tools that we utilize:

Notify Me: This service allows residents to subscribe to receive email notifications from the City. To sign up for these notifications, please visit www.cityofpa.us/NotifyMe and select "News & Announcements."

Customer Auto-Dialer: This service allows the City to deliver information to customers via pre-recorded phone message. To work effectively, the phone numbers in our customer database must be up to date. To ensure your contact information is accurate, please contact our Customer Service Division at (360) 457-0411 or Utilities@cityofpa.us.

Finally, I want to thank City staff for their hard work and long nights to quickly resolve the issue, and you—our residents—for your patience and cooperation during the event. We are committed to your safety and will continue to work diligently to improve the services we provide to you.

CONTINUED CITY SHADE PROGRAM

A community planting event on October 14, 2023, is a major highlight of this initiative. Approximately 250 trees grown at the City Shade Nursery, including the English Oak, Golden Rain, and Japanese Pagoda Tree, will be distributed to program applicants and planted on this day. Residents can also coordinate with the City to plant a tree purchased on their own.

The heart of this program lies in community participation, including local nurseries, landscapers, arborists, and you! While the 2023 Street Tree Application closes in early October, residents can still participate as a program volunteer. Opportunities include assisting with tree planting and distribution events, coordinating neighborhood street tree maintenance, and helping out at the nursery. To get involved, please contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (360) 417-4750 or ced@cityofpa.us, or visit www.cityofpa.us/StreetTreeProgram.

Make a difference in your community—

The City has a variety of advisory boards, commissions and committees. From beautification programs to public safety services, these groups offer opportunities for dedicated individuals to weigh in on a range of important issues.

Christine Loewe, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) member says, "Serving on the LTAC has provided unique insight into the challenges that community leaders and city officials face as they look toward building upon our community assets. Through decisions made about our lodging tax dollars, we have had the ability to build greater infrastructure capacity, local economic opportunity and increased livability. I have loved being a part of the process to make our community both an accessible tourist destination and a more ideal place for those who live, work and play here."

Applications are currently being accepted for vacancies (including student positions) on the following groups: Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; Parks, Recreation & Beautification Commission; Planning Commission; Public Safety Advisory Board; Utility Advisory Committee.

To learn more and apply online, please visit: www.cityofpa.us/AdvisoryGroups.

Join an Advisory Group!