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NEWSLETTER

Newly installed bioretention cells as part of the East Parking Lot Low Impact Development Project.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

October 2024

Oct. 4-6 PNW Fiber Exposition
Oct. 11-13 Dungeness Crab Festival
Oct. 19 City Shade Street Tree Distribution
Oct. 19 PAFAC Celebration of Shadows
Oct. 23 Clallam County Job Fair
Oct. 29 Bloodworks NW Blood Drive
Oct. 31 City Hall-oween

November 2024

Nov. 2 Hurricane Ridge Gear Swap
Nov. 15-17 Christmas Cottage
Nov. 16 - Jan. 1 PA Winter Ice Village
Nov. 23 Hurricane Ridge Winterfest
Nov. 27 - Dec. 1 Olympic Medical Center Foundation Festival of Trees

December 2024

Dec. 7 PAFAC Wintertide Festival of Lights
Dec. 14 Evergreen Events Holiday Market

Every Saturday

PA Farmers Market

Learn More

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YOUR VISION FOR 2045

The Comprehensive Plan Update is still ongoing—You can help to shape the future of Port Angeles! Visit our website to get involved and make your voice heard:

www.cityofpa.us/Vision2045

BETTER STORMWATER FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

In September 2024, the City of Port Angeles completed the East Parking Lot Low Impact Development Project. This largely grant-funded effort improves stormwater management at City Hall, keeping our downstream waterways cleaner and setting a new standard for on-site stormwater management in future developments.

Stormwater runoff occurs when rain falls on impermeable surfaces like roads and parking lots, preventing it from soaking into the ground. As this runoff flows, it picks up pollutants which then enter local waterways and cause adverse environmental impacts.

Low Impact Development (LID) is a sustainable approach to stormwater management. Unlike traditional storm drains and pipes that quickly collect and transport runoff—often damaging streams and degrading water quality in the process—LID uses green infrastructure like permeable pavements, bioretention swales and rain gardens to slow, filter, and infiltrate stormwater where it falls. Benefits of this project include:

Better Stormwater Management: LID techniques detain and treat runoff on-site, reducing the load on the City's stormwater systems and lessening the downstream impact to Peabody Creek.

Cleaner Waterways: Two newly installed bioretention cells (one in the grassy area outside of City Hall and another on Peabody Street) will collectively treat over 500,000 gallons of runoff each year, removing pollutants like zinc, copper, petroleum and tire wear before they reach Peabody Creek and the Port Angeles Harbor.

Improved Parking Lot: The lot has been resurfaced, eliminating issues caused by wash boarding and providing a smoother, safer area for staff, visitors, and community events. *Story continued on back.*

WINTERIZE YOUR HOME AND SAVE WITH REBATES

The days are shorter, the air is cooler, and the leaves are turning. Now is the time to prepare your home for the winter season ahead. Start by saving energy and reducing heating costs with simple upgrades. Insulate your home and seal drafty doors and windows with caulking and weather stripping to help keep warm air in and cold air out.

Test your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers. House fires are more common in winter as people turn to alternate heating sources.

For outdoor maintenance, clear your gutters to prevent clogs and ensure proper water flow during rain and snow events. Dispose of leaves and yard debris by placing them in your yard waste container—never in streets or storm drains, as this can cause blockages and flooding.

If you notice a clogged catch basin in your neighborhood, contact the Public Works Department at (360) 417-4800. Finally, don't forget to insulate your water pipes, drain outdoor faucets, and store hoses to prevent freezing.

The City of Port Angeles offers rebates on heat pump, insulation, and window replacements to help upgrade your home, save energy, and lower your utility bills. We also offer a Free Weatherization Program for low-income households (tenants included!), providing no-cost and low-cost home weatherization upgrades. To learn more about these programs, visit www.cityofpa.us/Conservation. A click today could save you tomorrow!

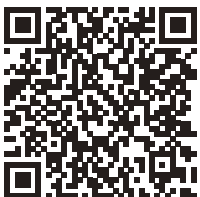
CONTINUED BETTER STORMWATER

This project also serves as a model for our community and local developers, showcasing how LID techniques can be implemented to meet National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting requirements associated with new and re-development projects.

"For years to come, the runoff from this rather large parking facility will be treated for contaminants prior to entering the receiving waters of Peabody Creek," says Public Works & Utilities Director Mike Healy. "A big 'thank you' to our dedicated staff and to our contractor Bruch and Bruch Construction, Inc. for their hard work throughout this project. We are also very grateful to the Department of Ecology for making this possible."

This work was funded by a \$1.43 million grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology, covering 89% of the total project costs.

To learn more about low impact development, please contact the Public Works & Utilities Department at publicworks@cityofpa.us.



Scan QR Code to read more about the East Parking Lot LID Project at City Hall.



Scan QR Code to learn more about rebates and the Free Weatherization Program.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at 6pm

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Quarterly Meetings at 11 am

Parks Commission

3rd Thursday of Each Month at 6pm

Planning Commission

4th Wednesday of Each Month at 6pm

Public Safety Advisory Board

3rd Wednesday of Each Month at 6pm

Utility Advisory Committee

2nd Tuesday of Each Month at 3pm

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