

Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

September 2024

Hello Selah Community! Here are the highlights from September for the City of Selah.

This month I am changing it up a little bit by telling you what's happening in the next few weeks first and then will let you know what happened in September.

The Selah Downtown Association is asking everyone to join in on the "Spirit Week" celebration with the school district October 7th through the 11th. Here is their dress code for the week: Monday is Bed Head & PJ Day, Tuesday is Beach Day, Wednesday is Pink Day, Thursday is Blue & Gold Day and Friday is homecoming against Grandview at 7:00 PM. "CATCH THE SPIRIT" and join in on the fun.

Next up would be the Selah Chamber's annual Wine Dine and Beyond event on Saturday October 12th. Come out and support the Chamber and have an exciting dinner with entertainment at the Civic Center.

Let's not forget SDA Bingo night every 3rd Thursday each month also at the Civic Center.

Let's be sure and support the Training Center by joining in on their Fall Festival October 26th. Come out and meet the military, see their displays, pumpkin patch, hay maze, antique car show, craft & food vendors, along with live music. All this for only \$10 per car load.

Halloween Downtown continues to grow in popularity. This event is coordinated by the Chamber. Dress up and bring the kids out for a bewitched evening walking around downtown. Look for an orange paper pumpkin in the window of participating businesses.

NEW THIS YEAR the City will provide Christmas light tours by bus around the Selah Community. These will be by reservation on a first come, first serve basis. Tours will be on December 20th and 21st with the bus leaving at 5:30, 6:15 and 7:00 PM each night. The bus will depart and return from the City Hall. Hot chocolate, cider and cookies will be served at the City Hall after each narrated tour. Plan to get in on this event.

Let's now take a look at what went on around the City during the month starting with the SAFE group's mural on North First. Check out their progress as they complete one of the longest renditions of public art in the Northwest.

The Council approved the purchase of a new pickup for Public Works and surplused 3 vehicles and authorized their disposal, 1 each from PW, PD and Fire.

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring September 10th and the entire month as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day and Month.

Three students were recognized with Community Pride Awards. Abundio Camarillo Mendoza for being named the State Migrant Student of the Year. Margarita Vaca Guevara for being selected as the Power of Community Perseverance Award winner from the state. The third one went to Monroe Beebe for having a book published as a 7th grade student through the National Youth Authors and Bribooks.

There were two study sessions held by the Council. The first was on the preliminary budget for 2025. This shows that the City is in a very positive financial condition, with the final budget to be discussed at open meetings the first week in November. The second study session was a joint meeting with the planning commission on the Housing Action Plan.

You might notice that the City Hall is getting a face lift via a new paint job. This is being done as a maintenance project by Public Works to preserve the interior walls as the old brick was never seal coated and moisture was leaching through the walls and bubbling the paint and sheet rock inside. The cost is covered with ARPA funds and improves the appearance of the overall neighborhood.

Lots going on so get involved.

That's all folks for this month.

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