

Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

May 2024

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

WOW! What a busy month for the community. All of the festivities for deciding the City's Royalty and engaging each of them with the surrounding area cities and towns. Alayna Applegate, Junior Selah Princess; Constance Judy, Junior Miss Selah; Katie Hunt, Selah 2nd Princess; MaKenze Clark, Selah 1st Princess; and Marlene Bustos, Miss Selah were all introduced at the first City Council Meeting. They will continue to represent Selah in other communities' parades and festivals.

A huge shout out goes to Barb Petrea and her awesome team of volunteers for making another "Selah Community Days" celebration a rousing success for area residents and guests. From Young Life sandwiches to Chamber potato feed, to Stone Church breakfast, to carnival food and everything else available there were plenty of opportunities to satisfy your hunger. All of this combined with the car show, carnival rides, vendor booths of every description, a fantastic parade, an SDA color run and of course fireworks made for a terrific celebration of Selah's heritage. I hope you did not miss all of these opportunities to meet and engage with new and old friends for a fun filled week.

This was followed with Selah hosting the WAIA 2-A girls fastpitch softball tournament at Carlon Park. I was honored to throw out the first pitch to start things off. (if the idea was to hit home plate, then I scored a home run). Sixteen teams were vying for the state title and the Selah community was hosting them.

Now back to what is going on in City business. Look for work to begin soon on the Lyle Ave water main and pressure reducing valve station. You can also be assured that the safety of our school students will continue to be a top priority of the city and school district; as we have just renewed our contract to provide for a police officer assigned as School Resource Officer working with students and staff to provide a safe learning environment.

Juneteenth was added as an official holiday for City employees in recognition of the diversity of our City. The Council approved hiring HLA to provide engineering services for the design of an ADA Pathway in Wixson Park.

Look to see the 2024 Crack Seal Project, that maintains the stability of City Streets, get underway in June. Primary areas of focus this year will be 11th Street from Fremont to Speyers, the Valhalla neighborhood and Volunteer park. As the weather warms up we will also see repair work on the accident caused retaining wall damage on Goodlander. (covered by other party's insurance.) In addition, East Home and East Orchard Avenues will see some sidewalk improvement projects.

Two Selah High School students were presented with “Selah Community Pride Awards” at the May 28th Council Meeting. First was Isaak Figueroa. He is an exceptional young man with a positive and supportive attitude towards others. He repeatedly comes in early and stays late to assist fellow students that might need help in understanding math assignments. All activities Isaak is involved with, he endeavors to make it fun while remaining empathetic, helpful and super positive. The second student recognized was Whit Peters. Whit is also an amazing young man with a truly high level of intelligence and a passion for learning in everything he does. His list of awards is long and impressive. He is a leader in everything he does including being an accomplished poet. Whit has applied and been accepted for admission to many prestigious Ivy League Schools and plans to attend Harvard in the fall to study either pre-law or international relations. He too has a down to earth positive attitude and is well deserving of this award.

The City had an informational booth at Community days and I was there meeting and greeting people most of the 3 days. Thank you to all of you that stopped by to see what’s being planned for the future in the way of facilities and infrastructure needs along with the “Hot Rods on First Street” event for June 15th . Mark your calendars now for this fun annual nostalgic look at your past dreams of great cars. If you happened to miss the booth you can still stop by City Hall and get a personal preview of the plans are looking like.

As Mayor, I continue to be amazed at the people that call Selah their community. It is one of the rewards of office to interact with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. I will continue to treasure these experiences. To all of you who honk and wave at me as I am out and about town, Thank You. It is an honor to serve for you and the City.

The following page is illustrative of my humor. It comes from several years ago, written by a mother from Austin, TX, who claimed it was absolutely true. I can relate to her experiences and some of you will too. The only change I made was to the name of the fire department. Enjoy!

That’s all folks for this month.

If you wish to be added or removed from the Mayor’s Monthly email please send a message to roger.bell@selahwa.gov.

Roger Bell, Selah Mayor

Lessons Learned from Raising Three Boys

For those that have children past this age, this is hilarious

For those with children this age, this is not funny

For those with children nearing this age, this is a warning

For those who have not yet had children, this is birth control

Believe me, my Boys have taught me these things

1. A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq ft house 4 inches deep.
2. Put hairspray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
3. A 3-yr old Boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
4. If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42-pound Boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all 4 walls of a 20X20 room.
5. You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
6. The glass in windows (even double paned) does not stop a baseball hit by a fan.
7. When you hear the toilet flush followed by "uh oh", it's already too late.
8. Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, a lot of it.
9. A 6-yr old Boy can start a fire with a flint rock even if a 36-yr old Man says they can only do that in the movies.
10. Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-yr old Boy.
11. Play Dough and microwave should never be used in the same sentence.
12. Super glue IS FOREVER.
13. No matter how much Jello you put in a swimming pool, you still can't walk on water.
14. Pool filters do not like Jello.
15. VCRs do not eject PB&J sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.
16. Garbage bags do Not make good parachutes.
17. Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
18. You probably DO NOT want to know what that odor is.
19. Always look in the oven before turning it on, plastic toys do not like ovens.
20. The Fire Department in Selah, WA has a 3-minute response time.
21. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
22. It will, however, make cats dizzy.
23. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
24. 80% of the men who read this will try mixing Clorox and brake fluid.
25. Women will pass this on to almost all of their friends with or without kids.