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PEOPLE

Congratulations to Mayor Foster on receiving the Leadership Thurston County Community Leadership Award, "for his outstanding initiative, inspiration to others, and the significant impact he made in 2020". His collaboration with the

City of Yelm team to establish the Yelm Community Relief Fund and the COVID-19 Yelm Business Grant are just two ways that Mayor Foster helped get the community through this trying time. Please join us in celebrating and thanking Mayor Foster!



Congratulations to the Public Works Employee of the Year, **BRAD CHATWOOD!**



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Tony Reece
Brad Chatwood
Donna McCann
Matt Rompa



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Department is reviewing a number of projects as development activity continues to pick up in the City. Tami Merriman is coordinating land use review for Popeye's Chicken, who are looking to locate near 5 corners on Yelm Avenue, a new maintenance building for the golf course, a cabinet manufacturing facility in our industrial area on Rhoton Road, and an auto dealership near WalMart.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The City of Yelm Police Department has implemented a Meetup Spot outside the Public Safety Building to provide community members a surveilled location to make exchanges with confidence. This project wouldn't be possible without the hardwork and collaboration of the PW Department.



PUBLIC WORKS



The Public Works Department, in partnership with LeMay, have installed recycling bins at their facility. They will be available to the public Monday-Friday from 9 am - 5 pm, free of charge. Thank you to Cody colt, the Public Works Director, for negotiating and implementing this community service!

CITY HIGHLIGHT

In March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared the novel coronavirus a pandemic, prompting state public health officials across the country to issue stay-at-home orders amid escalating cases. By the end of the month, the number of COVID deaths passed the 100,000 mark. Today the COVID-19 death toll in the United States has surpassed 500,000, and the City of Yelm joins other cities, families, friends and community members in celebrating and memorializing the lives and legacies of COVID-19 victims and survivors.



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City of Yelm Proclamation

WHEREAS, The City of Yelm joins family, friends and community members in celebrating and memorializing the lives and legacies of COVID-19 victims and survivors; and,

WHEREAS, Declaring a COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day recognizes the catastrophic effects the virus has had on countless lives globally; and,

WHEREAS, Recognizing a COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day expresses profound sympathy for the surviving family members, co-workers, friends and neighbors devastated by their loss; and,

WHEREAS, Bringing attention to a COVID-19 Victim and Survivors Memorial Day encourages citizens to continue to adhere to public health guidelines by wearing a mask, socially distancing, and obtaining a vaccination as soon as possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Yelm honors each life lost to COVID-19 and gives their deepest condolences to their loved ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JW FOSTER, Mayor of the City of Yelm, encourage all to remember the lives lost and support those who continue to struggle with their loss, and hereby proclaim

March 1st, 2021 as Covid-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JW Foster', is written over a horizontal line.

JW Foster, Mayor - City of Yelm

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- COVID-19 Testing - March 1, 15 & 29 from 10:00 - 1:00
- City Council Study Session - March 2 at 6:00
- City Council Meeting - February 9 & 23 at 6:00