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Welcome to the City of Yelm

The City of Yelm welcomed three new employees and we couldn't be happier to have them join our team.



From left to right: Timothy McIsaac (Park Maintenance Worker), Erica Cecil (Utility Clerk), Fernando Espinoza (Building Inspector) & Tyler Harper (Water Plant Operator)

Public Works Employee of the Month

Congratulations to the September 2021 Public Services Employee of the Month, Casey Mauck!

"Casey is an essential asset to the city of Yelm planning division. Without her expertise and can-do attitude over the last several months the city's



development process would have come to a halt. Casey is willing to take on any project and anytime and is never afraid to take on a challenge. We are fortunate that her abilities are helping Yelm become the best place it can be." - Cody Colt, Public Services Director

Way to go Casey!

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER

Tyler Harper
Emily Menefee
Officer Davis
Brianna Feller

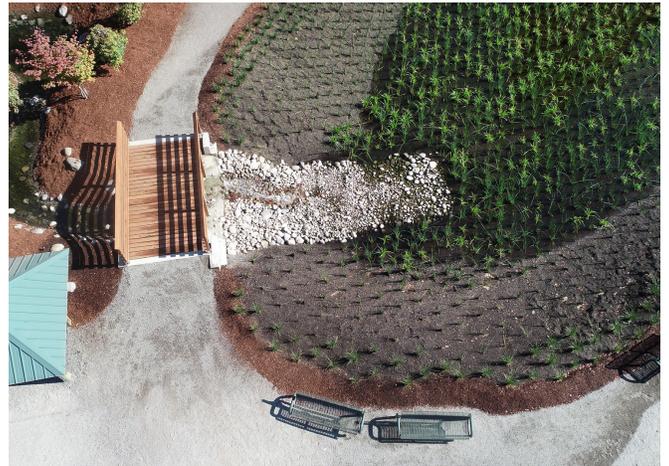




CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Cochrane Park Grand Re-Opening

On September 30, the city hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of the first phase of the Cochrane Memorial Park reconstruction project. This project is vital to improving Yelm's water reclamation infrastructure and will play a key role in our water mitigation plan. All of the water in the park is Class A reclaimed water from the Water Reclamation Facility and goes back into the ground to recharge the aquifer. Once the entire project is complete, there will be a total of 3 Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIB), 3 water treatment features that will increase the water outflow to the park from 50 gallons a minute, to 250 gallons a minute, a new gazebo area and water fountain, as well as an upgraded restroom facility. Construction on phase 2 will begin in late 2022 or early 2023.



Utility Moratorium Expires September 30, 2021



On September 30, 2021 Proclamation 20-23.15, the prohibition of utility disconnection during the COVID-19 pandemic, will expire. The City of Yelm recognizes the many challenges that our residents faced during the pandemic and are willing to work with customers who have been financially impacted by the public health emergency.

Residents with past due water accounts with the City of Yelm currently have two options for keeping their services turned on once the moratorium expires:

1. Pay their account off in full before October 31, 2021
2. Sign a contract before October 31, 2021 for an up to 12-month payment plan to pay off their past due amount

Starting November 1, 2021 the City of Yelm will be going back to the normal shut off schedule and policies. For questions or concerns please reach out to the Community Services Department at (360) 458-3244.

IN THE NEWS

Yelm Deputy, Two Officers Receive Lifesaving Awards

By Dan Warn, Nisqually Valley News

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office awarded Thurston County Deputy Andrea Moore, 35, of Yelm, with a lifesaving award and Purple Heart medal at a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 17, for her work in saving a Nisqually



Pines resident's life, while being stabbed in the process. Yelm Police Department's Sgt. Tillman Atkins and officer Daniel Rozier were also given lifesaving awards for their work in saving Moore's life.

Washington's Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

NO
Single-use Plastic Carryout Bags

8¢ charge
Large Paper Carryout Bags

8¢ charge
Thick Reusable Plastic Carryout Bags

BYOB
Bring Your Own Bag.
Clean Reusable Bags

For more information and details please visit Ecology.wa.gov/Bag-Ban

Due to supply chain issues of compliant bags during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Jay Inslee delayed implementation of the bag ban. On July 13, the Governor rescinded the proclamation and set the single-use plastic bag ban effective date for October 1, 2021. For more information about the ban and the new requirements for businesses, please visit the Washington Department of Ecology's website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- City Council Study Session - October 5 at 6:00
- Bloodworks NW Blood Drive at the YCC - October 5 & 6
- Yelm Farmers Market - October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:00 - 3:00
- City Council Meeting - October 12 & 26 at 6:00
- COVID Testing Clinic at the YCC - October 11 & 25 from 10:00 - 1:00
- Planning Commission Meeting - October 18 at 4:00