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Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

January 2016

11,137,000

January 2015

11,448,000

YTD 2016

11,137,000

Total 2015

449,354,000

Your City Representatives

Mayor

Julie L. Scott

Council Members

Jerry Bobbitt
Michael Cleveland
Marge Nyhagen
Loren Peterson
Greg Tompkins
Heather Schermann
Larry Dickerson

City Administrator

Patrick H. Reay

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Licenses

I realize that isn't a headline that grabs your attention, but stick with me for a few words about bike and dog licenses through the City. Neither license is very expensive and both can be very useful for citizens with dogs and/or bikes. I even have a very personal story about the particular importance of dog licenses.

First, bike licenses: you can register your bike with a description and serial number with the city for either \$1 per year, or \$5 in perpetuity (since most of us keep our bikes for several years, the \$1 most likely makes sense for growing children, or students in the city temporarily). A quick glance at the cost of bikes at Walmart (even kids' bikes these days can be over \$100) means that your \$1 or \$5 investment is a worthwhile piece of insurance.

If your licensed bike gets stolen and you report that to the police, they have the description and the serial number will be on file (the officers tell me that most people don't know their serial

number if it isn't licensed). Your information will also be in a database that helps reunite you with your bike if it shows up somewhere out of the area. We know lost and stolen bicycles are a common problem in our city – more licenses would help us solve more of those cases.

Next, dog licenses: I must admit that I didn't pay attention to this before I got involved in city government and when I finally got my dogs licensed, the city was very nice about it. We have typically had two indoor dogs, so I haven't been very worried about them needing a license, but last summer I was grateful that our little terrier-mix had one.

Our four-year-old shorkie made a mad dash for freedom one morning and succeeded in jumping a small gate. We assumed that we would find him at the neighbor's house and started our search. My husband and I kept moving further afield and several neighbors reported seeing him chase by... then we started to get worried. A short while later I saw a police car with Officer Steve Harris, told him we were looking for our

City Hall
625 S. College Ave
College Place, WA 99324

Municipal Building Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NEW Phone Numbers:

Utilities/Finance—394-8509
HR/Administration—394-8508
Accounts Payable—394-8510
Building—394-8522
Fire Department—394-8600
Fire Chief—394-8605
Public Works—394-8526
Planning—394-8524
City Engineer—394-8525
City Shop—394-8653
Police —394-8550
Dispatch—527-1960



dog, and he said that he was looking for a dog that had been hit by a car; the driver had kindly stopped and moved him off the road and noticed a CP dog license.

Well, yes that was our George, and he had been killed instantly. Officer Harris helped us find him, and provided the material needed to transport him to our house. He was very kind and helpful at such a sad time. We now have two puppies that are due for licenses this month, and I assure you that I am glad to pay the annual licensing fee (though I am also teaching them to “Come!” every day).

If you are interested in getting a dog license, or bike license you can stop by the College Place Police Department from 8:00 to 5:00 Monday-Thursday, and 8:00 to 4:00 on Friday. They will be happy to help you.

CARS PROJECT

If you'd like to stay updated on the progress of the CARS (College Avenue Rose Street) Reconstruction Project, please go to www.scout-lake.com for current information.