



Your City

November-December 2010

City Hall

Calendar

City Council every 2nd & 4th Tuesday • 7:00 p.m. • City Hall

Planning Commission every 2nd Thursday • 6:30 p.m. • City Hall

Civil Service Commission every 3rd Wednesday • 5:15 p.m. • City Hall

Centralia Park Advisory Board every 2nd Monday • 5:00 p.m. • Parks Office

Historic Preservation Commission every 2nd Monday • 5:30 p.m. • City Hall

Centralia Landfill Closure Group as needed • Centralia Public Works Office

Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District No. 1 every 4th Monday • 1:30 p.m. • Lewis County Board of County Commissioners Office

Library Advisory Board every 1st Tuesday (except July & August) • 6:00 p.m. • Centralia Library

Progress Continues on Event Center & Sports Complex

The first phase of the project is approximately 90% complete. You cannot miss the progress that has taken place at Tiger Stadium and Borst Park. The football field is covered with new turf and the track has been resurfaced.



South of the stadium are the new tennis courts and grass is sprouting on the new baseball/softball fields. The energy expended by all involved to turn a dream into a reality in less than a year has created a sports venue that is already generating interest from

organizations who want to use and rent the new facilities.

Construction should begin on the Event Center and additional parking late this fall, with completion expected within a year.

When combined with our existing fields, the Sports Complex will provide 6 baseball fields, 8 softball/fast-pitch fields, 4 soccer fields, a turf football field, a track for field events, and 6 tennis courts.



Tournaments and other sporting events will be able to utilize the fields starting in June 2011.



It is a great time for the City. This new engine for economic development will generate income by attracting visitors for sport, recreation, shopping, and hotel/motel use. The facility can also be used by local citizens, groups, and schools. The additional resources spent in our region will generate tax revenue for the City of Centralia, the City of Chehalis, Lewis County, and the State. The project will create new jobs and business opportunities as well as benefit existing businesses in Lewis County.



'Tis the Season to Celebrate

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Visit with Santa

Friday, November 26th

6:00 p.m.

Washington Park & Fox Theatre



Name that Holiday Tune

December 4th -24th at participating downtown businesses

Wishes Do Come True Wish List Shopping

Saturday, December 18th

All day 'til 8:00 p.m.

Shop late 'til 8:00

Every Friday

November 26th through December 17th

Enjoy carolers and other entertainment during these events in historic downtown Centralia!

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Emergency Preparedness



✓ *Prepare*

✓ *Plan*

✓ *Stay informed*

Will you be ready for Centralia's next emergency or disaster? More over, will your family be ready? What if an earthquake occurs while the children are in school and you are at work? Does your work place have a disaster plan? What if your home has to be evacuated because of a fire or flood? Are you prepared to be self-sufficient until public safety services can respond? What about your pets? Where will they go when they are not allowed in a shelter? When disaster strikes the best protection is knowing what to do.

City officials are responsible for the protection of life and property, provision for public health and welfare, repair or replacement of public property, and to help disaster victims. We participate in a number of local, State and federal programs that provide training, including exercises that have helped improve Centralia's response plan.

Why plan?

Centralia is subject to many potential natural and man-made disasters such as fires, flooding, windstorms, severe winter storms, earthquakes, dam failures, volcanic

eruptions and landslides. While we all hope that such an occurrence never happens, it has been shown time and time again that being prepared for disasters is wise and prudent. Emergency services and government agencies may not be able to respond to your needs immediately. Their buildings, equipment, personnel, communications and mobility may be severely hampered by the event. They will be overwhelmed. Experts tell us to plan to be on our own for a minimum of 72 hours.

We cannot stop these disasters from occurring, but we can limit their impact on us and those we love. Each family can survive in a better way by assembling a family disaster plan. Every member of the family needs to be involved so that when disaster strikes, everyone will know what to do. How well you manage the aftermath of a disaster depends a great deal on your level of preparedness when disaster strikes.

The first 72 hours after a disaster are critical. Electricity, gas, water and telephones may not be

working. In addition, public safety services such as police and fire departments will be busy handling serious crises. You should be prepared to be self-sufficient (able to live without running water, electricity, gas, telephones and assistance from safety services) for at least three days following a disaster.

To find out more about steps you can take to prepare, visit www.emd.wa.gov or stop by the Police Department at City Hall for printed information (in both English and Spanish).

During a disaster, up-to-date information on available shelters, road closures, etc. can be found at www.centralia.com. Be sure to bookmark this web site now so it is easy to find during an emergency.



Who needs flood insurance?

Those who live in flood prone areas should know one thing first: Home insurance will not cover damages caused by a flood. For that you'll need flood insurance, which is a special policy backed by the federal government with cooperation from local communities and private insurance companies.

Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1968 to enable homeowners, renters and business owners to purchase insurance. To be eligible for flood insurance, you must live in a community that participates in the NFIP—Centralia does. You select from a menu of coverages for structure and contents, and prices are pre-determined for all choices. Coverage choices also vary depending on your flood-risk zone. Persons located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (property located outside the 100 year floodplain) who received disaster assistance after September 23, 1994 for flood losses to real or personal property must purchase and maintain flood insurance coverage, otherwise future disaster assistance will be denied. For more information, you should contact your insurance company.

15th Annual Nutcracker

Presented by Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble

Friday December 17 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday December 18 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday December 19 1:00 and 5:30 p.m.

Performances at Corbet Theatre

(Centralia College campus)

For ticket information, please call 360-748-4789
 or visit www.swwdance.org



**Saturday
 December 4th
 Noon-9:00 p.m.**



Call your girlfriends and head to Historic Downtown Centralia to do some holiday shopping and be part of what is "the" event for women!

Look for the pink balloons identifying the many participating downtown businesses.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Women's Suffrage Commemoration

FEATURING:
 "Nurses at Your Service:
 A Century of Caring"
 Traveling Exhibit at the
 Lewis County Historical Museum
 November 1st-December 15th

AND:
 Celebrating the 100th
 Anniversary of Women's Right to
 Vote in Washington State
 Presented by Visiting Nurses Foundation
 and Lewis County Historical Museum
 November 20th & 21st

A FULL WEEKEND OF EVENTS INCLUDING:
 Pink Tea • Steam Train Sunday Brunch
 "Failure is Impossible" & "Iron Jawed Angels"

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 360-623-1560 OR 360-748-0831

*Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of
 Women's Right to Vote in Washington State*

DICKENS OF A Christmas HOME TOUR

Presented by Visiting Nurses Foundation

11:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Sat., Dec. 11, 2010
 In Historic Centralia, Washington
 Holiday Headquarters - Centralia Train Depot

Come Visit "Homes Celebrating Women's Suffrage"

- Be enchanted by the Magic of Christmas Past, surrounded by the décor and holiday finery of these gracious locations
- Experience the tour from the vintage trolley, a wagon pulled by draft horses, courtesy van provided by Campbells, or use your own vehicle

Save the Date and Get Your Tickets Early!

PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
 Centralia: HUBBUB • Visiting Nurses Thrift Shop
 Chehalis: Visiting Nurses Thrift Shop • Lewis County Historical Museum
 For more information about our events, call (360) 623-1560

A Holiday Weekend to Remember

Fri., Dec. 10 th	Sat., Dec. 11 th	Sun., Dec. 12 th
A Holiday Show for the Whole Family Ages 9 - 90 at Historic Fox Theater	Dickens Home Tour Christmas Bazaar Dickens Dinner for Two	Join Us for a Victorian High Tea at The Tea Cup

Proceeds pay for care, equipment, programs and education for Home Health and Hospice patients and their families in our community.

Sponsored by the City of Centralia, Centralia Hotel/Motels & Mistletoe Tree Farm

How Centralia's Electricity is Generated

The City Light Department's hydroelectric project provides about 25% of the power its customers need. The remainder is purchased through long-term contracts with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

The following table provides information on the fuels used to generate the electricity Centralia provided to its customers in 2009. While

Centralia owns no nuclear or coal generation, a portion of the power purchased from BPA comes from these sources and is reflected in the fuel mix shown in the table.

This information is provided in compliance with fuel disclosure provisions of the Fuel Mix Disclosure section of State law.

Generation Type Percentage

Biomass	.22%
Coal	3.65%
Hydro	87.97%
Natural Gas	1.44%
Nuclear	6.61%
Petroleum	.04%
Waste	.05%
Landfill Gas	.01%
Other	.01%



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WWW.CENTRALIA.COM

Centralia City Council



One of the great joys of the holiday season is the opportunity to say thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and to wish you the very best for the New Year.



Standing (left to right): Dan Henderson, Lee Coumbs, Matt Trent and Bill Bates
Seated (left to right): Mayor Pro Tem Bonnie Canaday, Mayor Harlan Thompson and Edna Fund

CITY OF CENTRALIA INFORMATION

City Manager•330-7674

City Clerk•330-7670

City Attorney•330-7675

City Light•330-7512

Community Development•330-7662

Customer Service Center (Utility Bill Payments)•330-7657

Economic Development•330-7820

Engineering•330-7512

Personnel•330-7672

Building Official/Inspector•330-7664

Building Inspection Request Line•330-7663

Police Business•330-7680

Fire Business•330-9854

Finance Department•330-7659

Public Works (Streets, Water, Wastewater, Stormwater)•330-7512

Parks Department•330-7688

Municipal Court•330-7667

All Area Code 360

Parks & Recreation Activities

4th-6th Grade Boys Saturday Basketball started October 30th and runs through January

3rd-6th Grade Girls Saturday Basketball starts November 6th and runs through January

7th-8th Grade Boys Saturday Basketball starts November 13th and runs through January

City League Basketball deadline is November 12th, with league starting on December 5th

Turkey Trot—Saturday, November 20th

K-3rd Grade Pee-Wee and Jr. Basketball registration starts November 29th, with play starting in January

6th Graders Night Out—December 11th

It's Almost License Renewal Time

Renewal reminders will be mailed in late November to all licensed businesses and to the owners of licensed dogs. Dog licenses for the calendar year 2011 will be available on December 1st.

You can renew either license by mail using the address on the renewal form, or in person at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall (2nd floor - 118 W. Maple St.).

All licenses are due by Jan. 1st and be sure to renew by Jan. 31st to avoid late fees.

If you have questions about license requirements, please contact the City Clerk at dbilodeau@cityofcentralia.com or 360-330-7670.

