

# LA CENTER BULLETIN

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JUNE 2022

## WELCOME BACK IN-PERSON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

I am happy to announce we have conducted the last four City Council meetings in person at the new City Hall! It's great to be able to interact with people face to face again! I encourage every-

one to continue to connect with your City Council members, City staff or myself with your positive feedback or any questions/concerns you may have. As we head into the summer months,

please be aware of more outside activity involving children, pets and families. Drive safe, stay cool and have a great summer!

Mayor, Greg Thornton

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – MAKING IDEAS HAPPEN

We would like to introduce you to this new section in the city newsletter where we will feature a La Center business so that you can support the local business who supports the area where you live, work, and play.

### SILO BARBER Co.

“Don't follow in Grandma's footsteps,” is what Meghan Stevens' grandma told her at a young age when she was working at her grandma's business named Peggy's Beauty Parlor in Missouri. Obviously, she didn't listen to her grandma and began her career as a barber when she moved from Missouri to the Seattle area back in 2009. “It's in my blood,” Stevens repeated when asked about how the idea came about opening up a barbershop and how she began her career. Stevens is the owner of SILO Barber Co., a fifteen-week-old business, located at 419 E Cedar Avenue, Suite B102 here in La Center and has already been nominated as a finalist in the Best of Clark County Contest with a chance to be voted as the Best Barbershop of Clark County come this June. “I am just tickled pink we are in the top 5!”. Stevens and her husband, Jason, along with their two boys at the time, moved from Puyallup to Ridgefield three and a half years ago. She commuted on the weekends to the Seattle area to continue to cut hair because she had a sense of loyalty to her clientele. Her new home provided a mother-in-law suite that

she converted into her new one-chair barber shop and was amazed how many people began to come. This move also ended her weekend trips to Seattle. Then the COVID pandemic hit. People were staying home and avoiding the exact service she provided. In the middle of the pandemic, they decide to sell their home in Ridgefield and move to La Center to live on a farm and be in an area that had great schools and provide a strong sense of small-town community. Now, with three boys, Stevens along with her husband, created a new space named SILO Barber Co. right here in La Center. Her husband saw this vision for her, and though she didn't feel ready, he pushed her into following her dreams of bringing a sense of upscale barbering and convenience for men, mamas, and boys into our small town. “In the short time we have been here,” as Stevens begins to get emotional, “there are stories in these walls. I have been through people's baby announcements, births, funerals of loved ones, or getting married. I was born to share a light; this is in my blood.” As she says about her favorite thing in owning this barbershop, “I am sitting back, realizing what I have created. I like to be involved in my community and I want to give back to my community. I want to be a staple in a small town that gives life back on a road that is endless.” As for future growth? Stevens said she just wants to sit back and enjoy what they have

accomplished so far and just let it grow. Silo Barber Co. provides a variety of services that you can make an appointment for on their website. You will find the Signature Cut, Classic Cut, Boy's Cut, Beard Trim, SILO Straight Razor Head Shave, and the SILO Straight Razor Face Shave. These services come with extra perks like hot towels, scalp massage, hot lather, and complementary beverages. Prices range from \$20 - \$40. Stevens hired a small team of Barbers and they will all be at the Meet and Greet festivities on Saturday, June 11. The community is invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony from 1 – 4 p.m. where there will be a mobile bar, Hors D'oeuvres, swag, and a tour of the barbershop. And while you are browsing through this cool vibe and décor of a place, don't forget to locate Stevens' grandma's straight edge displayed in a shadow box. Her spirit is shining through and smiling on Stevens probably saying, “I am happy you didn't listen to me.”

You can book your appointment online through the website, Instagram, or Facebook.

Contact:

Website: [www.silobarber.com](http://www.silobarber.com)

Instagram: [@silobarber](https://www.instagram.com/silobarber)

Facebook: [@silobarber](https://www.facebook.com/silobarber)

Email: [silobarberco@gmail.com](mailto:silobarberco@gmail.com)

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**FUN FACT:** In 1910, La Center was one of only two cities allowing taverns in all of Clark County.



## “THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PEOPLE WE HIRE” – Barry Davis

Home of the largest U.S. wheat production and the Zag Bulldogs national championship runs, the hospitable center of Spokane, Washington is where our new **Water Treatment Plant Operator III** was born and raised. **Monte Irby II** comes with 15 years of wastewater experience working for Douglas County Lake Tahoe Sewer Authority in the state of Nevada, California State, and for the City of Spokane. After high school, Monte served five years in the Marine Corps and another five years in the U.S. Army. When not removing pollutants, reading gauges, or analyzing sewer samples, Monte can be found exploring new areas via road trips in American muscle cars. He is looking forward to being

on the westside of the state so he can enjoy sporting events, particularly the Seattle Seahawks, Mariners, Sounders, Kraken, and the Portland Trailblazers.

Situated upon two dormant volcanoes, Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea, is the town of Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii. It's a region of fertile rainforests, dramatic waterfalls, and blooming gardens and it is where **John Wilson, City of La Center's newly hired Building Official**, was born and raised. It's no wonder that John naturally enjoys fishing, diving, surfing, and all else to do with the ocean. He loves foraging for fruits, nuts, and mushrooms in addition to working in his garden. He loves woodworking and building furniture and has a special place in his

heart for animals, especially his dog and three cats. He arrived on the mainland in 1997 and has been in the building and construction industry for 42 years. He and his wife just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and have three grown children. John came to us from the City of Ridgefield where he was the Building Official but began as a Building Inspector for the city. John has said that the people in La Center are friendly and personable which he feels is awesome. He loves to help customers with their building questions and use his knowledge to teach people how to build things correctly and to code for their various projects. John replaced Jim Perry who retired in April of this year.

## DOGGY DO YOUR PART

With sunny days ahead, dogs will be outside playing in parks and trails. Please use doggy bags like the ones provided in the City parks to pick up after your dogs as they enjoy the summer. After study results from Ecology in La Center showed that the highest result of fecal coliforms found in the rivers was dog DNA, it is vital that we protect our rivers.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**June 4**

### 2nd ANNUAL RAINBOW WALK

1:00 p.m.

For more information, contact  
Morgan Frazier,  
clarkcopride@gmail.com

**July 9**

### CITY GARAGE SALE

8:00 a.m.

For more information, contact  
Wendy Chord at ramco@tds.net

**July 23**

### 18th ANNUAL MISS LA CENTER TEEN PAGEANT

7:00 p.m. La Center Middle School

For more information, contact  
Linda Tracy at  
linda.aformalaffair@comcast.net

**July 29 & 30**

### OUR DAYS STERNWHEELER CELEBRATION

Sternwheeler Park and Holley Park  
For more information, contact  
Wendy Chord at ramco@tds.net

**June 25 – August 6**

### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

6:00 p.m.

Sternwheeler Park Amphitheatre  
For more information, contact Mona  
Bean at thebeans@tds.net

**June 25 – Countryside Ride**

(Classic Country)

**July 2 – 24-7 Band**

(Dance Variety Band)

**July 9 – Kevin Selfe & the Tornados**

(Blues Band)

**July 17 (Sunday) – Harvest Gold**

(A Tribute to Neil Young)

**July 23 – Gold Dust**

(A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac)

**July 30 – Fortunate Son**

(A Tribute to CCR)

**August 6 – The Cellar Rats**

(80's Classic Rock)

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City Council Meetings

June 8 & 22  
July 13 & 27  
August 10 & 24