

April 2014

Calendar of Events

All Council, and Planning Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

- April 22** Special City Council Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- April 26** Arbor Day observance Millwood City Park 9:00 A.M.
- April 28** Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- May 13** City Council Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- May 26** Memorial Day Offices Closed



Mayor Freeman's Message

Spring is busting out all over, and our Public Works Department is busy cleaning up after a long winter and getting the city park ready for the warm season. We will not be having a clean up day this spring, but are planning one for this fall. In the meantime please take advantage of the yard waste programs offered by Waste Management, or haul your yard waste to the waste transfer stations.

We have unfortunately experienced quite a lot of damage from graffiti "artists" on city property. If you see anyone engaged in this vandalism, please call Crime Check, 456-2233.

The City Council is working on proposals to replace the long-standing Regional Solid Waste System interlocal agreement which expires in November. We may sign an agreement with the County which has purchased two of City of Spokane's transfer stations, or we may choose another option. We are trying to keep waste disposal rates as low as possible. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter, or check our website.

-Kevin Freeman, Mayor

City Council Report

During the month of March, the City Council heard a proposal from Millwood Better For Business, the local business group, for a city entrance sign at the corner of Trent and Argonne.

City Council Report (continued)
Council heard a presentation from the city's engineer, Welch Comer Engineers, on possible street improvement projects which would be eligible for state funding. Council directed staff to prepare a grant application this summer for sidewalks on Grace Ave from Argonne to Sargent. Council adopted an ordinance to allow a more flexible time schedule for amending development regulations.

TREE BOARD

Arbor Day Celebration

The 2014 Arbor Day observance in Millwood will be in Millwood City Park on Saturday, April 26th beginning at 9:00 a.m. The City's Beautification and Tree Board will plant a tree to replace a dead tree. A proclamation declaring Arbor Day will be read. Please join us, rain or shine!



TREE CITY USA



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

To protect personal safety and underground utility infrastructure, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) wants to remind residents to call 8-1-1 before they dig this spring.

Gov. Jay Inslee has issued a proclamation announcing April as Washington Safe Digging Month. The proclamation reminds the state's residents to call 8-1-1 before they dig to prevent injury, property damage and inconvenient outages.

By calling 8-1-1 at least two business days before they start any outdoor digging projects, homeowners can obtain a locate. There is no charge for the service. Failure to "Call Before You Dig" may result in damage to underground lines or pipes, which happens more than 200,000 times in the U.S. annually.

As residents begin various garden, home improvement and construction projects this spring, they must follow the law and call 8-1-1 before digging. Whether planting a tree, installing a mailbox or building a fence, homeowners

contractors need to know where buried utility lines are located.

In 2013, there were 2,808 incidents reported regarding damage to underground utilities in Washington caused by individuals digging. These potentially dangerous accidents can be prevented by planning ahead and calling 8-1-1.

The Utilities Underground Locating Center receives the calls and dispatches professional locators to physically mark utilities that exist beneath the excavation area. Once the locate is complete, dig carefully around the marked areas with a hand tool because buried electrical lines or natural gas pipes can be dangerously close to the surface. Accidental contact with a shovel or backhoe could be risky and potentially fatal.

By having the underground utilities marked, people can reduce the risk of striking a line, causing a service outage, damaging buried utility facilities and even injuring or killing themselves.

The WUTC urges citizens who experience trouble with a utility locate—if the locate is late, incomplete or inaccurate—to please call the WUTC Consumer Help Line at 1-888-333-WUTC (9882).



Park Donations

If you would like to donate to any Millwood Park or Tree Board projects, contact the Spokane Parks Foundation. Your donation is tax deductible. Be sure to designate **Millwood Park** on your donation.

spokaneparksfoundation.org

Spokane Parks Foundation
315 West Mission Ave.# 26
Spokane, WA 99220

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is working on sign regulations for the commercial zones along Trent Ave. and Argonne Rd., and regulations for businesses serving alcohol. If you would like to provide input please check the city's website, or contact Tom Richardson, City Planner.

The City currently has an opening on the Millwood Planning Commission. Anyone interested in volunteering in this valuable position may contact Tom Richardson, City Planner, 924-0960.

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8:00 am—5:00 pm

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(except holidays)

(Closed 12:00—1:00 daily)