

## April 2016

### Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

**April 12** City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

**April 16** Historic Preservation Workshop  
Millwood City Hall  
9 a.m.—3 p.m.

**April 21** Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

**April 27** Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

**May 10** City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

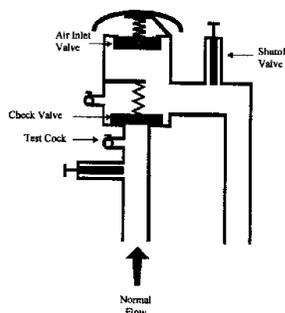
**May 25** Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

**May 30** Memorial Day  
City Hall Closed



### Mayor Freeman's Message

It looks like Spring has definitely arrived in Millwood. The park restrooms are now open, the tennis and basketball courts are ready, and we have new equipment at the playground. With this month's newsletter, our Public Works Department is including a brief letter entitled "Keeping Our Water Safe". I urge our residents with in-ground sprinkler systems to use the annual "start up" as a time to have your backflow prevention device inspected and certified. It is often during sprinkler "start-up" and "blow-out" that we have incidents of contamination detection in our water system, requiring chlorination during these periods. By installing, inspecting, or replacing your backflow prevention device, you can help keep our water system safe for yourself and your neighbors. If you have questions or need additional information, just call City Hall at 924-0960 and we'll be happy to help.



### Council Report:

At its meeting on March 9 the Millwood City Council approved an agreement with Halvorson Northwest for legal services related to water rights, approved the design concept for the city entrance sign by Artistic Media Group, accepted the conceptual designs for the Millwood Trail, approved the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2017-2022, adopted a policy on pavement cuts, and approved the Public Assistance Grant Agreement with the State of Washington for the Windstorm Disaster. The Council approved a task order for Welch Comer Engineers for the Grace Avenue Sidewalk Project, which includes constructing sidewalks and parking on the south side of Grace Ave. from Argonne Rd. to Sargent Rd., and on the east side of Sargent from Grace to Buckeye. Council also approved a contract with McClintock & Turk for inspections of the ladder and painter platform attachments on the water reservoir. Chief Andy Hail introduced SVFD's new Fire Marshal, Greg Rogers.

## Millwood Trail

The City will conduct another public meeting on the Planning and Design of the Millwood Trail at Millwood City Hall on Tuesday, April 19th from 4pm to 6pm. Presentations will be made at 4:15pm and 5:15pm followed by an open house style meeting. The conceptual design for the proposed non-motorized trail will be presented. The public will have the opportunity to view design displays, ask questions and comment regarding the project.

The engineer's report can be found on the project website: <http://www.ezview.wa.gov/?alias=1935>.



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## Need to get rid of hazardous waste?

Visit [www.spokaneriver.net/wastedirectory](http://www.spokaneriver.net/wastedirectory) to find out how to dispose of compact fluorescent lamps, batteries, motor oil, paint, electronics and other household and commercial waste that SHOULD NOT be put into the garbage can. More information is available from Spokane Envirostars [www.spokaneenvirostars.org](http://www.spokaneenvirostars.org). Envirostars is a program of the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System and the Washington Department of Ecology.

## Historic Preservation Workshop

The Millwood Historic Preservation Commission has received a grant from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to put on a workshop for property owners to learn how to do rehabilitation projects on historic buildings.

The workshop will be conducted by Ernie Roberson, local architect and historic preservation specialist. Ernie will explain the benefits of preserving properties, things to look for, things to avoid, and tips for making renovations in Millwood's older buildings.

The workshop will be held Saturday, April 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Millwood City Hall, 9103 E Frederick. People can drop in anytime during those hours. The morning session will be on interior work. The afternoon session will focus on exterior work. For more information, please call 924-0960 and speak with Tom Richardson, or email: [info@millwoodwa.us](mailto:info@millwoodwa.us).

## Emergency Numbers to keep on hand:

- Emergency.....911
- Call before you dig.....811
- Information and referral.....211
- Crime Check.....456-2233
- Union Pacific Railroad Crisis Line  
(800) 848-8715
- UPRR Public Affairs (503) 249-3079

## Entrance sign fund raiser

The City is working with Emma Porter, a West Valley High School senior, on a project to construct an entrance sign to Millwood at the corner of Argonne and Trent. This is Ms. Porter's Girl Scout Gold Award project. In cooperation with the Millwood Community Association, Emma is obtaining sign design proposals and earning money for the project. The proposed sign will be masonry, and will include 3 in. x 6 in. ceramic tiles which can be engraved with personalized messages. Members of the community may purchase tiles at the cost of \$25.00 each. Tiles may be ordered by calling (509) 892-7620, or by email at [millwoodwelcomesyou@gmail.com](mailto:millwoodwelcomesyou@gmail.com).



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**Spokane, WA 99206**  
**(509) 924-0960**  
**[www.millwoodwa.us](http://www.millwoodwa.us)**  
**Office Hours:**  
**8:00 am—5:00 pm**  
**Monday thru Friday**  
**(except holidays)**

Public Works  
**Keeping Our Water Safe**

The City is very fortunate to be one of the few remaining water systems that does not have to add chlorine to disinfect our drinking water. In order to maintain and protect our water quality the City has taken the initiative to conduct a survey to identify potential sources of contamination and eliminate them or protect them.

Irrigation season will soon be here and many of you will be turning on your sprinkler systems. The City conducted a survey last year to identify which locations had sprinkler systems and which ones have and don't have backflow devices installed.

**All backflow devices are required to be tested annually.** Therefore, the City will be sending out letters to all customers identified by our survey, to have their devices tested by any "Certified Tester" who has their current 2016 certification on file with the City. If you have a sprinkler system and do not have a device installed, you will be required to have one installed and tested before you can turn on your system.

The purpose of properly installing and testing an approved backflow device is to protect all of our customers from possible contamination. We are looking for your cooperation in addressing these issues to **keep our water safe!**

Most reputable sprinkler companies are well aware of the requirements and usually have a "Certified Tester" on staff that can answer your particular questions or test your device. Remember to check and make sure they have registered their certifications with the City before hiring them to do the test.

The City keeps a list of current "Certified Testers" available along with their contact information.

Below is the current list on file with the City:

Scott Whitver, Aall Rite Services, (509) 991-4926

Tim Burger, Lilac City Sprinkler, (509) 922-8900

Stan Strang, Heads Up Sprinkler, (509) 926-0917

John Menetto, Backflow Johnny, (509) 998-5651

Devin Myers, DIVCO, (509) 536-1149 ext. 215

If you have questions regarding your sprinkler system or backflow device, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at the City Hall. (509) 924-0960