



Newsletter

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SUMMER!



Independence!

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

- John F. Kennedy

What does the fourth of July mean to you? Every year I think of all the veterans, and active military personnel that have served, sacrificed, and worked so hard to ensure the United States remains the best and freest country in the world!

To remind us of our freedoms all we need to do is read the daily paper or watch the world news. Other countries struggle with genocide, fixed elections, ineffective and corrupt governments.

This month make an effort to celebrate and support the soldiers, civilian support staff, and families that spend each day worrying, supporting, and sacrificing for our nation!

Have a great fourth of July!

-Mayor Mork

Calendar of Events

All Council, Planning Commission, and Construction Q & A meetings are held at City Hall.

July 4	Independence Day City Hall Closed on Friday July 3.
July 6, 20,	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
July 7, 21	Argonne Project Construction project Question & Answer sessions 7:00 PM
July 25	Millwood Hot Wheels in the Park Car Show 2:00 PM
July 27	Millwood Planning Comm. Meeting 6:00 PM
July 31	Estimated end of the Argonne Reconstruction Project
August 3	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
August 22	Street Celebration! Fun Run and Celebrate the end Of the Argonne Rd. Project!
August 31	Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
September 7	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
September 29	Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 PM

Argonne Road Reconstruction Project-

On time, actually ahead of schedule, this project is going well. Your council has identified the plans for Phase 2, which will incorporate additional enhancements prioritized in the Argonne Corridor Project study done in January 2008.

Protected Bicycle lane on the east side of Argonne which will hook up to the Centennial Trail at Maringo.

- ◇ **Left turn lane at Euclid & Argonne**
- ◇ **Adding period style lighting for pedestrians in the historical district**
- ◇ **Adding illuminated crosswalks at Euclid & Grace Avenue**





Planning Commission News

City Planner Tom Richardson celebrated his first year on the job in June! Tom has made a huge impact in the community in his first year. Tom is eager to help, serve, and recommend solutions to property owners for the public good. Tom has made an immediate and positive impact in Millwood's weakest area of customer service and citizen satisfaction. Thank you Tom for your commitment and service to the people, property owners, and businesses in Millwood!

New Planning Commission Member-

Kelley Stavens will join the commission in July to complete commission member Hal Mola's term, Hal recently moved out of the area. Kelley is a lawyer, realtor, and very interested in serving your City! Thank you Kelley for volunteering your time to serve and improve your community. Mr. Stavens will serve until September 2011.

City Staff News

Above the Call of Duty-

After our June council meeting a woman came into City Hall and asked to use the phone. She had abandoned her car several blocks away with a flat tire. While I frantically looked up phone numbers of local service companies to assist City Director of Public Works Cleve McCoul who had been working since 6:00 AM offered to take the woman to her car and change the tire himself! What a great example of public service! Thank you Cleve for your dedication to Millwood and the public, Cleve exemplifies the spirit of dedication and service that is a common theme of your City staff.

Millwood's Extra Traffic Patrol Activity-

Since May 24, your council has added extra traffic patrols to alleviate public safety concerns. I will highlight these results at the July 7 council meeting. This program has been successful; in the first 21 days 66 citations have been issued, and the city has gained much information from observations made by the officers on duty. I want to publically thank **Lauri Lucas**; coordinator of City and County of Spokane extra patrol staffing, for her concise coordination of this program. Millwood will continue this program until September 2009. Your council will evaluate the information from this program and the information from the Welch-Comer Traffic Study that will be conducted this fall. The results will be an important component of the cities future decisions regarding traffic control and public safety. **In this newsletter you will find an insert that summarizes the number of patrols, time of patrol, and number of stops, citations, and cost to the city.**



Argonne Road Reconstruction Project

As noted in the June 1 Council meeting Construction project meetings will occur each week on Tuesday at 6:00 for the duration of this project, Construction question and answer meetings will occur every other week at 7:00 PM. It is important that public and business concerns are heard and addressed, you have that opportunity every day on this project by contacting the on site Welch Comer representative Sam Waterson.

The reduction in Question and Answer sessions is an effort to reduce engineering and on the job meeting time required of the project firm Red Diamond and engineering firm Welch-Comer which has been twice the amount budgeted for this project.

The past Question and Answer sessions have been ineffective and a disappointment. Instead of constructive criticism, and positive suggestions the sessions have been a period of venting, " arm chair engineering", and negative hindsight- which is safe, and always perfect.

Lets recap- the engineering staff, construction firm, and support people involved with this project are the best. This project has been scrutinized by local, state, and federal engineers prior to its approval for state, federal, and local funding. Some of the biggest and best contractors in the state of Washington have bid on this project. Red Diamond has a great record and is doing and will complete a great job for Millwood.

If you have issues you feel are unanswered and legitimate I will personally take responsibility to resolve those issues, but come prepared because you are responsible for your criticisms and any misinformation concerning this project.

Your council and the engineers of Welch-Comer have recently taken some inaccurate and unnecessary criticism during this project.

This project has been reviewed and approved by experts who have been in this field for years and have reviewed hundreds of state, federal, and local projects. Welch-Comer has went well beyond the call of duty in addressing your concerns and issues. A random on the job concern is usually answered within the hour! At the end of this project there will be a

scorecard that will help the city plan future projects. I will personally review each of these score cards and make a recommendation to the council for future project implementation.

- Mayor Mork

Buy Local !

During the Argonne reconstruction project Millwood businesses will suffer. The low volume of side street traffic and general chaos will force traffic away from the area. Please remember and make it a priority to support all of our businesses. They will be open for the duration of the project. A dollar spent locally is re-circulated again and again. A dollar spent on the internet or over the phone is gone forever. Support Millwood Businesses during this busy time!

-Mayor Mork





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A tribute to those serving our country and freedom, recent traffic safety and patrol results, a new Planning Commission member, and an Argonne Road reconstruction project update.

Mayor Mork's Message

Your Mayor and Council are unopposed in the 2010 election. Are things going that well, or are these jobs nobody wants? I have enjoyed being your Mayor for the last four years. I appreciate your support and criticisms, and plan to serve you for one more term.

Council members Culler, Freeman, Ellingson, Schoen, and I believe this is your vindication of support.

The future of Millwood is bright! As I attend various chamber of commerce, mayors association gatherings, and AWC events I hear the same theme "Millwood is such a unique and great community." The comments are refreshing and true. Great cities and communities are the result of its citizens, and Millwood has great citizens.

Enjoy Independence Day and have a fantastic Millwood summer!

-Mayor Mork

