



March 2014



Calendar of Events

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

March 11

City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

March 20

Vernal Equinox — First Day of Spring!

March 31

Planning Commission, 6:00 pm

Did you know...?

In 2014 spring begins with the vernal equinox on March 20 at 9:57 a.m. PDT. The four seasons are determined by shifting sunlight (not heat!) which is determined by how our planet orbits the Sun and the tilt of its axis. On the first day of spring the sun crosses the celestial equator going northward; it rises exactly due east and sets exactly due west.

Mayor Freeman's Message

This month, the City began negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad and Spokane County to gain access or easements along the north and south sides of the Union Pacific railroad track. These agreements will allow Millwood to maintain and use these areas to benefit the City, particularly the City Park and historic town area. One possible use is to provide additional parking for the City Park. We will keep you informed of developments and possible plans as we proceed.

The City suffered some serious acts of vandalism, chiefly graffiti, last month. We are working with the Sheriff's Department to increase night patrols in these areas where the acts occurred. However, it is important that citizens call Crime Check at (509) 456-2233 to report these incidents. This will aid the City in supporting our requests for additional patrols.

Millwood is currently involved with Spokane County and other county municipalities in negotiating a new inter-local agreement for Solid Waste Management services. This agreement will affect how solid waste is collected, transported, and disposed of in the County. The County is requesting that the negotiations be complete and agreement signed by November of this year. The City only recently received the agreement from the County and, in conjunction with other jurisdictions, is evaluating our options. We will keep you informed of developments and progress regarding the agreement.

-Kevin Freeman, Mayor

March 29 is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

Mom and Pop Business Owners Day spend countless hours nurturing and growing their young enterprises. New businesses have always been a vital, yet not fully appreciated, part of the U.S. economy. They are outstanding performers in niche markets. Celebrate National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day by showing your support....shop their stores today, and everyday.



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Green Corner



Master Composter/Recycler Program

If you want to learn simple, natural ways to build and retain healthy soil, reduce waste and pollution through recycling, this program is for you! Training consists of six sessions plus the Compost Fair at Finch Arboretum's Arbor Day celebration.

Class schedule:

- o Five consecutive Monday evenings, 6-8:30 p.m. - March 24 and 31, April 7, 14 and 21
Graduation is Monday April 29.
- o Saturday – March 29 (8:30 to 12:30 p.m.)
- o Saturday – April 26, Compost Fair (9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

Application deadline is March 14. Contact Kristine Major, 625-6521, email at kmajor@spokanecity.org There is no fee for the class or the written materials provided.



Seeking your ideas ...

What do you think of the City Newsletter? Can you suggest any changes to make it better? Call 924-0960 or send an email to office@cityofmillwood.org.

City Council Report

During the month of February, the City Council approved a conditional use permit for an auto body repair business at 3106 N. Argonne, the Craftsmen Construction building. The council also approved an amendment of the land use code to allow more frequent amendments of development regulations. A proposal to lessen zoning regulations on businesses that serve alcohol in the C-1 Commercial zone (along Trent) was sent back to the planning commission for further consideration. The 2014 city budget was amended to change the part-time Groundskeeper position to full-time Maintenance Worker. This is part of the Mayor's effort to improve the Public Works Department by allowing staff to focus on appropriate tasks, particularly as we move to construction of the Buckeye Water Line and Sidewalks project.

Council also authorized a grant application to upgrade the old heating and cooling equipment at city hall; and heard a presentation by the city's consulting engineers, Welch Comer Engineers, on the Buckeye Water Line and Sidewalks projects which will take place this summer.

TREE BOARD

Arbor Day Celebration

The Millwood Beautification and Tree Board has set Saturday, April 26 for the annual Arbor Day celebration.



TREE CITY USA

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 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



Dalton Avenue in March

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Office Hours:

8:00 am—5:00 pm

Mon. thru Fri.

(except holidays)

(Closed 12:00—1:00 daily)