

February 2015

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

Feb. 16 - Presidents' Day
City Hall Closed

Feb. 19 - Historic Preservation
6:00 PM

Feb. 25 - Planning Commission
6:00 PM

Mar. 10 - City Council Meeting
7:00 PM



Mayor Freeman's Message

We have continued to press the Union Pacific Railroad to allow parking along Euclid Ave west of Argonne. The city's engineer has been tasked with coming up with a plan for improvements to the Marguerite Rd crossing to address safety issues raised by the railroad.

The City's efforts to challenge Waste Management's proposed increase have been effective. WUTC has scheduled a follow-up hearing on Feb. 26 to review WM's proposed rate increase. According to the WUTC staff, Waste Management has yet to prove that its proposed rates were fair and reasonable for customers, but high enough to allow the company to recover operating expenses and earn a reasonable return on its investment.

We have scheduled a community planning event with the Argonne business community to set goals for improving the Argonne business area. The meeting will be Feb 17 at 7:00 a.m. at the new Millwood Community Center on Euclid Ave. All are welcome but we are particularly inviting business and property owners along Argonne and Euclid.

-Mayor Kevin Freeman

City Council Report

At its meeting on January 13, the Millwood city council approved amendments to the zoning code relating to manufactured homes to conform the zoning code to state statutes. The mayor reported on his work with UPRR on the Euclid parking improvements and safety issues at the Marguerite Rd railroad crossing. He told the railroad that the City was firm in its decision not to close Marguerite Rd to vehicle traffic. Council approved an agreement with the railroad for review of engineering plans for improved crossing controls at Marguerite.

On January 23 the council held a special meeting to hear Mayor Freeman's state of the city address, and to show appreciation to the members of the city's boards and commissions whose volunteer efforts help to make the city work.

To Report a Crime or Suspicious Activity

Crime Check
456-2233

www.spokanecounty.org/crimecheck

Ask for the report number so that you can add to the report later if necessary.



Community Calendar:

Check the City's calendar posted on the City's website for City Boards and Commissions, as well as community events.

ALERT Spokane - Spokane County Emergency Notification System

Millwood Public Works Department will use **ALERT Spokane** for notification of disasters in Millwood, including Ecoli contamination and boil orders. They are urging all Millwood residents to sign up for this notification system.

How will you be notified if there's an emergency in your neighborhood? Through **ALERT Spokane** - a Spokane County emergency notification system. **ALERT Spokane** has been in operation since 2010, and is used to inform citizens about emergencies in their area. The **ALERT Spokane** system can be activated by law enforcement, fire service, water districts, etc. Once activated, a recorded message is sent to landline telephones with information about the emergency and what actions to take. For example, if there's a wild fire in your area, you might be told to evacuate, or you might receive a boil order from your drinking water provider. It is important to note that the recorded message will be sent to landline telephones in the affected area. If you have discontinued your landline telephone service and are relying on a cell phone or VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) phone, you will not receive an emergency message from **ALERT Spokane** - unless you register your cell phone in the system. Even if you have a landline telephone, it's a good idea to register your cell phone with **ALERT Spokane**. In the interest of public safety, the Spokane County Board of Commissioners is urging the public to register their cell phones, VoIP phones, and email addresses with **ALERT Spokane**. It's easy to do. Just go to www.alertspokane.org and enter the information. You can also register more than one cell phone number and request email notification. Be informed - stay safe - register with **ALERT Spokane TODAY** at www.alertspokane.org!

New Sewer Rates In Effect

The City Council has adopted a revised rate schedule for its sewer service customers. Since our revenue bond will finally be paid off this year, the City is able to lower the rates by \$3.82. Also, the new rate will break out the cost of sewage treatment which is provided by Spokane County Utilities. This will show as a separate item on the bill. Until now the treatment cost was blended into the basic service fee. A few higher-volume customers will see an overall rate increase.

New rates effective on bills rendered Feb. 11th:

Residential:

Basic Service Rate	\$17.15
Treatment Charge	<u>14.43</u>
Total	\$31.58

Commercial:

Basic Service Rate (includes first 800 cu. ft.)	\$17.15
Treatment Charge	14.43
Excess Usage Charge per each additional 100 cu.ft.	\$1.80

The new rates were based on a rate analysis performed by the City's engineer, Welch Comer Engineering, which recommended that the basic service rate be lowered by 10%. The overage rate will be increased from \$1.44 to \$1.80 for each additional 100 cu. ft. of sewage after the first 800 cu. ft. each month. Anyone with questions should contact the city hall, 926-0960.



Call Before You Dig

Call 8-1-1 at least 2 days before you dig to give utility companies the opportunity to mark their underground facilities. It's the law.



Communicating with You

City Council and Planning Commission agenda and legal notices are posted to the City's website and on the three notice boards located in front of the City Hall, at the intersection of Dalton and Marguerite, and at the Butler Road well house. Agendas are generally posted on the Friday before the meeting.

Anyone who would like to be notified by email of agenda, public hearing notices and other announcements should call the City Clerk, Tom Richardson, 924-0960, or send their email address to: info@millwoodwa.us.

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