

## February 2016

### Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

**Feb 9** City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

**Feb 15** City Hall Closed  
Presidents' Day

**Feb 17** Historic Preservation Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

**Feb 24** Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00 p.m.



### Mayor Freeman's Message

The City hosted the first meeting for the Millwood Trail Project on January 27, 2016. A number of our citizens turned out to ask questions and, most importantly, provide their input into the trail concept. There will be more meetings regarding this project in the future, so if you are interested, please attend and let the City know your views.

As an update, we continue to work with Union Pacific regarding the Marguerite Avenue crossing. Based on cost estimates recently provided to us by Union Pacific, we are looking to engage the Washington Utilities Transportation Commission to fund a gated crossing at Marguerite. Once we have a gated crossing, Union Pacific will work with the City for parking and Right-of-Way usage along the rail line.



### Council Report:

At its special meeting on Jan. 9 the city council recognized the special contributions of council member Glenn Bailey who ended his 26 year long career on the Millwood city council at the first of the year. Mr. Bailey was an important voice on the council during some challenging times for the City of Millwood. His contributions will be long remembered.

At its regular meeting on Jan. 12, city council approved the task order for the city's engineer, Welch Comer Engineers, for engineering services for the water tank repainting project. The tank located in city park was painted last in 1992, and its exterior is overdue for a recoat to extent its life. The council also approved an ordinance ending the moratorium on marijuana businesses, and adopting regulations on such businesses: to include the state's regulations into local ordinance, and to prevent clustering of these businesses. The council also heard a presentation by the director of the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council on the impacts of marijuana in the community. The council approved a contract with BI-AS Software for new permitting program, an agreement with Joint Power Cooperative for group purchasing, and a policy for health reimbursement accounts.



## Millwood Trail Project

The initial open house for the Millwood Trail on Jan. 27 was well-attended, and produced a great number of comments and suggestions. The Millwood Trail is a planned bike/pedestrian facility that will cross Millwood from Vista Rd to the City Park along the former Great Northern Railroad right of way, also known as the Inland Empire Interurban Railway. The City received grant funds to complete the planning and design phase of the project. In this photo, transportation planner Chris Bosley, Welch Comer Engineers, takes input from a resident. Chris and his team are compiling the results of the open house, and will be posting them to the project website, <http://tinyurl.com/MillwoodTrail>. A follow-up open house is being planned for the spring. For more information, contact

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## Water Rates:

Water rates will increase with the bills rendered on February 11, an increase of \$1.10 on the basic charge of \$20.00 per month. The increase was approved by city council as called for in the Water System Plan approved in 2014, and will ensure that money is available to pay for necessary capital improvements. The last time the base charge was increased was in 2012.

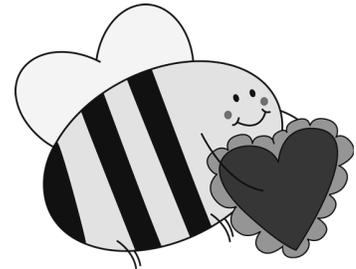


## Emergency Numbers to keep on hand:

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

Are you curious as to where and what type of crime is occurring near your residence, place of work, or anywhere in Spokane County? SpotCrime.com gathers crime occurrence data and reports it through their free crime data mapping tool and through various forms of alerts.

Another resource: Spokane County Crime Prevention Office, which is at Spokane Valley Mall, upstairs next to Sears. Open Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (509) 893-3934.



## Improve Home Security

1. Exterior lights on front and back.
2. Windows locked, not just latched, while away from home, especially basement windows.
3. Keep shed and garage doors locked.
4. Leave a radio on and lights on timers when away from home.
5. Trim shrubbery that would conceal entries and windows.

### City Hall

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### Office Hours:

8:00 am—5:00 pm  
Monday thru Friday  
(except holidays)