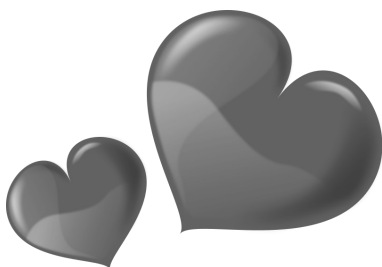


February 2017

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

- Feb 14** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- Feb 16** Historic Preservation
6:00 p.m.
- Feb 20** **Presidents' Day**
City Hall Closed
- Feb 22** Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.
- Mar 14** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- Mar 16** Historic Preservation
6:00 p.m.
- Mar 29** Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.
- April 11** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- April 20** Historic Preservation
6:00 p.m.
- April 26** Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.



Mayor's Message

February is here, and that may be good news or bad news for you. Good news if you are anxious for spring and the end to a long winter; bad news if you are a snow sports enthusiast who can see the end of the ski/board/snowshoe season coming. For our Street crew, February means that our snow plowing season will be over soon. In the meantime, the frozen berms and melting snow continue to cause aggravation. Please remember that parking in the street is not allowed. Our streets are narrow, and it is important that parked vehicles do not block the traveled way. This is especially important to allow space for our emergency vehicles and school buses. Also, with many sidewalks covered with snow, please remember to slow down and give pedestrians a wide clearance.

February is American Heart Month. Learn CPR. Find out the warning signs of a heart attack. Learn about heart-healthy eating. Go to www.heart.org.

Inland Empire Paper News.....

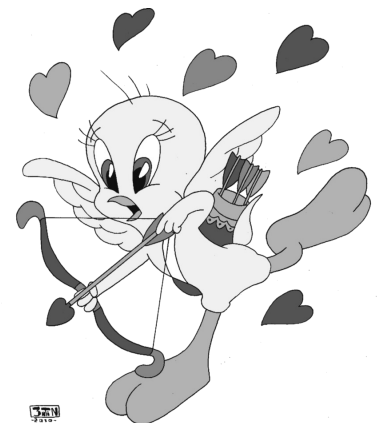
As of January 2, 2017 the IEP whistle has been on a new schedule. The new schedule is:

7:00 AM
NOON
12:30 PM
NO 3:45 PM WHISTLE

Council Report

At its Jan 10 meeting the city council heard comments from citizens about the land on South Riverway which the city recently purchased. The council adopted Ord 486 which prohibits aggressive solicitation and restricts pan-handling on city right of way. Mayor Freeman was designated as the city's representative to the Spokane Transit board.

The council and other commissions met on Jan 13 to recognize the contributions of the volunteers who serve on the city's Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and the Beautification and Tree Board, as well as city employees. The mayor also spoke on the State of the City.



Public Works

Winter Weather Reminders

This has been a very cold and snowy winter followed by rain and warm temperatures all creating their own issues.

During December and January we had some very cold weather. The temperatures stayed below freezing for weeks which resulted in many pipes and water meters freezing. The city is not responsible for frozen meters or pipes so any costs to unthaw and or replace broken water meters are charged to the customer.

Here are some reminders for the winter months:

In the fall check to make sure that your water meter vault has dry insulation in a plastic bag to keep your water meter from freezing.

Shut off or protect outside hose bibs with Styrofoam covers.

During extremely cold weather leave your water running a small stream and open bathroom and sink cabinets (especially if these are located on exterior walls) to prevent freeze ups.

In the event of a snow storm warning remove vehicles from the roadways to allow the snow plows to clear the streets.

After a snow fall be sure and shovel your sidewalks and remove snow for 2 feet around fire hydrants.

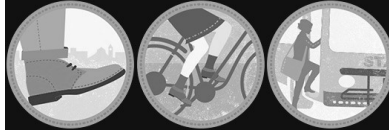
When temperatures start to rise above freezing be sure and clear snow and ice away from storm drains and curbs in front of your house to prevent flooding or ponding.

Our crews have been working hard this year to keep your roads clear of snow and ice. The city staff appreciates your cooperation to make our job easier and your streets and sidewalks safer!

Hopefully warmer weather will be here before we know it and you will be testing backflow devices for sprinkler systems!

City of Millwood

Public Works



When our snow melts.....

When our snow melts, and your child wants to ride their bike, encourage your child to stay safe by following a few simple rules.

- 1) Obey all regulatory signs and traffic lights.
- 2) Never ride against traffic. When a bicycle and car are moving toward each other, there is much less time to take corrective action. Ride with traffic to avoid potential accidents.
- 3) Be predictable! Use hand signals to tell motorists what you intend to do.
- 4) Ride in a straight line to the right of traffic (on two-way streets) and a little more than a car-door width away from parked cars.
- 5) Always wear a helmet and never ride with headphones. Helmets dramatically reduce the risk of head injury in a bicycle crash.
- 6) Use lights and reflectors at night and when visibility is poor.
- 7) Don't pass on the right. Motorists may not look for, or see, a bicycle passing on the right.
- 8) Dress for the weather. Dress in layers so you can adjust to the temperature and always wear bright clothing.
- 9) Keep your bike in good repair. Check brakes and tires regularly.

For more information email your queries to info@walkbikebus.org or go to their website at walkbikebus.org.

Utility Rates Changed

January 1, 2017

The City Council approved changes in the rates charged for city water and sewer service at its meeting on Dec. 13. The combined rates to increased by 2.7% effective Jan. 1, however, water rates are increasing more, and the sewer rate is decreasing. So, the actual rate impact will depend on whether the customer is served by both services or only one.

	Existing Monthly Rate	New Monthly Rate
Water	\$ 21.10	\$26.75
Sewer	<u>31.58</u>	<u>27.25</u>
Total	\$ 52.68	\$54.00

This rate adjustment will come to you on your February 11th bill, and will show the correct rate for your service(s) from January 1st through January 31st.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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