

January 2017

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

*Happy
New Year*

- Jan 16** City Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 19** Historic Preservation 6:00 p.m.
- Jan 25** Planning Commission 6:00 p.m.
- 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.

Mayor's Message

At this time of year I like to show our appreciation for the many citizens who volunteer their time on our city boards and commissions, as well as the council members and city staff who keep the city moving forward. Millwood is such a great town in terms of the experience and capabilities of its residents. We are really fortunate to have the talent we possess among our volunteers. Thank you to all.

The weather has been a challenge so far this year, and we expect a long, snowy winter. Please be aware of how your neighbors are coping with the weather conditions. People can dial 2-1-1 to find resources to help those in need. You can find information at its website, www.win211.org.

Also, you can assist with plowing by parking off-street after a snow event if this is possible for you.

- Mayor Kevin Freeman

Inland Empire Paper News.....

As of January 02, 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 December 13 meeting the Millwood City Council approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute pay requests for the DOT Millwood Trail grant. It reconvened the hearing on the final 2017 budget, then adopted the 2017 budget ordinance (details on the city's website). The council also reconvened the hearing on the Capital Facilities plan, then voted to send the plan back to the Planning Commission for revision. Council adopted a resolution amending the water and sewer rates (see the article in this newsletter describing the changes). Council approved a grant agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board for \$129,260 for resurfacing portions of Buckeye, Grace, Sargent and Sipple. Council awarded the bid for an emergency generator for the city hall and maintenance building from Western States Equipment. Council discussed the Spokane County Regional Solid Waste interlocal agreement, appointed Dan Sander as Mayor Pro Tem for the first half of 2017, and re-appointed Kristine Major to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission



Public Works

Snow Removal

This winter we will be using deicer prior to a snow event and plowing arterial streets at 2" and residential streets at 4" accumulation. We are asking that you remove all vehicles from the roadway after a snow fall so that the snow plow drivers can remove the snow from the roadways.

Remember to shovel your sidewalks and assist your elderly neighbors with their walkways!

When blowing your driveways and sidewalks please do not blow it into the streets.

Thanks for your cooperation in continuing to make this a successful program.

City of Millwood
Public Works



Residential Snow Shoveling

Catholic Charities of Spokane has a Volunteer Chore Service for Senior Citizens. They are located at 12 E 5th, Spokane, WA 99202. They are open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, but are closed Fridays. Their phone number is 509-459-6184, or their website is <http://CatholicCharitiesSpokane.org>.

They will provide essential transportation, do light housekeeping and yard work to LOW-INCOME seniors and adults with disabilities. They do have a waiting list. They also provide snow shoveling for low income seniors and disabled, but cannot shovel snow from roofs.



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

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 | \$ 21.00 | \$26.75 |
| Sewer | <u>31.58</u> | <u>27.25</u> |
| Total | \$ 52.58 | \$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.



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