

July 2015

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

- July 14** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- July 16** Historic Preservation Commission
6:00 p.m.
- July 25** Mustang Club Car Show in City Park
- July 29** Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.
- August 4** National Night Out Against Crime
- August 22** Millwood Daze Throughout the City of Millwood

Mayor Freeman's Message

We continue to make progress in our efforts to obtain a lease for parking on Union Pacific Railroad property along Euclid Ave. We are planning to revise the traffic controls on Marguerite at the railroad crossing and the Marguerite/Euclid intersection to make the traffic move more safely across the tracks. We also intend to submit an application to the Utilities and Transportation Commission for funding to install an active crossing signal system on Marguerite.

Fire safety is much on our minds this summer. This is one of the worst fire danger seasons in the past 100 years. Please be careful and well prepared when in the woods, in rural areas or in agricultural areas where wildland fires can occur.

We hope you are enjoying the City Park. It is a beautiful part of our community. Our crew is working hard to make it even better.

Kevin Freeman, Mayor

City Council Report

At its June 9 meeting, the city council conducted a hearing on the six-year Transportation Improvement Program which is required by the State of Washington to be updated annually. The council also approved a task order for Welch Comer Engineers for the design of traffic controls at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing at Marguerite Rd. Council also heard a status report on the negotiations with UPRR on the commercial parking along Euclid and the Marguerite Rd crossing improvements. Also, the council approved minor changes in the City's right of way permitting ordinance to include insurance and hold harmless terms as recommended by the City's insurance provider. The council approved the close out agreement with Department of Commerce on the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the Buckeye Water Main Project. Mayor Freeman designated Shaun Culler as mayor pro tem for the next six months.



**National Ice Cream Day
July 19, 2015**

S.C.O.P.E. (Sheriff Community Oriented Policing Effort) & the Spokane County Sheriff's Office.

Neighborhood Watch is about neighbors helping neighbors. Neighbors who know each other take more pride in the neighborhood and are better able to deter crime. In addition, the quality of life improves in the neighborhood. The neighborhood Watch program offers crime prevention tips, warnings and alerts about criminal activity, and much more.

If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch group or would like to have a deputy meet with you and your neighbors, please call Simone at (509) 477-3055.

National Night Out Against Crime is Tuesday, August 4th. This is a great time to connect with neighbors if you haven't already or to re-connect to strengthen the relationships.

S.C.O.P.E. needs volunteers. Call 477-0629 to sign up.

**Mustang Club Car Show
Millwood City Park
July 25th**



Irrigation Efficiency

It is common to see lawn sprinklers running for hours or even overnight during the hot season. Because of Millwood's well drained soils, excess watering simply runs through the soil with little benefit to the lawn. It is a better practice to water for shorter periods, and if necessary to water twice a day. The City recommends the use of timers and automatic controllers to ensure that the correct amount of water is applied. Weather and soil-moisture sensors can be used to stop irrigating when the water is not needed.

The City installed a new irrigation controller in the park. Installation of the new automatic controller will be entirely funded by the Spokane Conservation District's Irrigation Efficiency Grant. The system will include temperature and rain sensors to help to maximize efficiency.



Emergency Numbers to keep on hand:

- Emergency.....911
- Call before you dig.....811
- Crime Check.....456-2233
- Union Pacific Railroad Crisis Line
(800) 848-8715
- UPRR Public Affairs (503) 249-3079

What to flush...



The Public Works Department would like people to remember that the toilets in our homes are designed to accept water, human waste, toilet paper, AND NOTHING ELSE. Even some products labelled as "flushable" will cause problems. Here are some other items that should be placed into the trash instead of flushed: any paper products other than toilet paper (e.g. paper towels, napkins, mail, etc.), facial wipes, hand wipes, baby wipes, or moist towelettes, disposable diapers or underwear, and feminine products. Keeping these items out of the sewer helps the City's sewer collection system, but it also helps to avoid backups in your own home.

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(except holidays)**