



Newsletter

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Calendar of Events-

All Council, and Planning Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

- July 10.** City Council Meeting
7:00 PM
- July 17.** Teen Advisory Council
7:00 PM
- July 28.** Hot Wheels in the Park
Car Show
10:00 AM
- July 30.** Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- August 6.** Special Planning Commission Meeting
6:00 PM
- August 12.** British Classic Car Show
City Park
- August 14.** City Council Meeting
7:00 PM
- August 25.** MILLWOOD DAZE!

Let Freedom Ring!

"Freedom is the courage to sacrifice for what we want. And everything we want has a price. There's a price for every freedom, something to be given up for every liberty. It's up to us to weigh the price we must pay for each of our freedoms." - *Wynn Davis*

The Association of Washington Cities drafted this Covenant in 2011 to support our freedoms-

We are committed to building strong communities.

We, the community recognize the commitment service members and their families are making every day.

The strength of service members comes from the strength of their families.

The strength of of families is supported by the strength of the community.

The strength of the community comes from the support of employers, educators, churches, community organizations, elected officials, civic and business leaders, and citizens. The service members help strengthen our communities by volunteering.

We, the community, are committed to building partnerships that support the strength, resilience and readiness of service members and their families.

We, all 281 member cities and towns of the Association of Washington Cities, recognize the positive impact our over 66,000 active duty and reserve military have on our state, economy, and our communities.

Please join Millwood's First Lady and your Mayor in support of our Military service!
-Mayor Mork

Shoreline Management

The Shoreline Management Program Update is now being reviewed by the Millwood Planning Commission. The SMP is a state-mandated plan that regulates land use within 200 ft. of the river. Check the city website to learn more, or call the Millwood Planning Office at 924-0960.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

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Office Hours
8:00 am—5:00 pm
Mon. thru Fri. (except holidays)
(Closed 12:00—1:00 daily)



The New Water Rates—An example

We are working to reduce a \$25,000 water fund deficit and establish a rate that is fair to all users. The State of Washington requires municipalities to establish a water rate that conserves water and fully supports all water system cost. An apartment dweller should not pay as much as a citizen irrigating an acre of land. Previously Millwood allowed 4,000 cubic feet of water a month for \$17.35. Four thousand cubic feet of water is enough to fill a swimming pool every month! The new water rate system is a tiered system that allows 1,000 cubic feet a month for \$20.00; 1,001—2,000 cubic feet is priced at \$0.20 per 100 cubic feet; and over 2,001 is priced at \$0.30 per 100 cubic feet. As an example lets look at the Mayor's water bill in 2011 and my 2012 estimate.

		Property A		Property B		
<u>Month</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>2011 Cost</u>	<u>2012 Cost</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>2011 Cost</u>	<u>2012 Cost</u>
Jan.	550	\$ 17.35	\$ 20.00	510	\$ 17.35	\$20.00
Feb.	620	17.35	20.00	430	17.35	20.00
Mar.	510	17.35	20.00	440	17.35	20.00
Apr.	985	17.35	20.00	460	17.35	20.00
May	1100	17.35	20.00	940	17.35	20.00
June	1710	17.35	20.20	2900	17.35	22.00
July	2030	17.35	21.40	7400	24.15	38.20
Aug.	3550	17.35	26.80	10600	30.55	47.80
Sept.	1800	17.35	21.60	5300	19.95	31.90
Oct.	1510	17.35	21.00	520	17.35	20.00
Nov.	590	17.35	20.00	540	17.35	20.00
Dec.	630	17.35	20.00	570	17.35	20.00
TOTALS		\$ 208.20	\$ 253.00		\$ 230.80	\$ 299.90

To estimate your 2012 cost use your 2011 usage history from your monthly billing, from your 2011 billing history figure-

Your first 1,000 cubic feet at \$20.00/ month= \$20.00

Your next 1,000 cubic feet up to 2,000 cubic feet = $X/100 \times \$0.20$

Over 2001 cubic feet = $x/100 \times \$0.30$.

Mayors Message

The last state budget meeting was uneventful. Most transportation revenue will be targeted for big projects with little or nothing going to small cities. Millwood will complete normal yearly road, park, and water system maintenance however, no major projects are planned. I am targeting a 10% reduction in City spending in 2012, this will result in a \$400,000 beginning balance for 2013. Large infrastructure, road, and green area projects will be pursued with beginning balance funds and available grants from both Washington State and Federal funds.

Other News!

The availability of knowledge and access to information has never been greater. Yet, only 45% of households with an income of less than \$30,000/year can afford internet access. Comcast has announced a program for low-income families that will provide internet access for \$9.95 per month. There are a few eligibility requirements, for example the family must have at least one child in the National School Lunch Program, and must not have been a Comcast customer for the last 90 days. The program also provides a voucher for an Acer or Dell notebook computer for \$149.95 plus tax, and free internet training.

Those interested can call:

1-855-8-INTERNET
(1-855-846-8376)