



Newsletter

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June 2015

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

- June 13** Chevy Classic Car Show
Millwood City Park
- June 15** Opening of the wading
pool in the City Park
- June 18** Historic Preservation
Commission
6:00 p.m.
- June 24** Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.
- July 3** Independence Day
holiday observed -
City Hall closed
- July 14** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.



Classic Chevy Car Show this Saturday, June 13, 2015 in Millwood City Park. Come join the fun and festivities!

Mayor Freeman's Message

June is here, bringing with it the end of the school year, the prospect of a long, hot summer, vacation road trips, lazy days at "the lake," road construction and many fun and interesting community festivals. We recently held the West Valley SCOPE Parade and Festival which was lots of fun. We are looking forward to Millwood Daze on August 22, which is getting bigger and better each year.

Please remember to drive safely with kids out of school and moving about on our city streets.

Kevin Freeman, Mayor

PUBLIC WORKS—The Public Works Department has put the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report) on the city's website at www.millwoodwa.us for your viewing.

The wading pool at the city's park will be opening on Monday, June 15th at 11:00 a.m. The operating hours throughout the summer will be from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

City Council Report

At its May 12 meeting, the city council renewed an aerial photo license agreement with Spokane County, heard a presentation from Spokane County Library District on services provided by the library to the community, awarded a bid to Inline Framing & Construction for interior renovations at city hall, approved a contract with Automatic Electrical Systems for control equipment at two pump stations, and adopted the International Property Maintenance Code to improve code enforcement efforts. Council heard concerns from a representative of Millwood Presbyterian regarding vandalism.

Community Calendar:

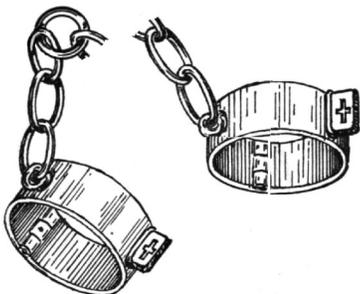
Check the City's calendar posted on the City's website for City Boards and Commissions, as well as community events. If you would like to place your event on the City calendar, send a note to info@millwoodwa.us.

Happy Juneteenth Day

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19 of that year that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough.

The Juneteenth celebration was a time for reassuring each other, for praying and for gathering remaining family members. Economic and cultural forces caused a decline in Juneteenth activities and participants beginning in the early 1900's. Classroom text books proclaimed Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 as the date signaling the ending of slavery.

Today Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. To learn more, visit www.juneteenth.com.



Millwood City Park

A lot of work has been accomplished in recent years to improve City Park. In the '90s the spray pad was constructed which has proved to be very popular. A few years ago city council was encouraged by community members to keep the wading pool, and a major refurbishment project was completed thereafter. The wooden play structure was removed in 2008 and replaced two years later with a modern structure designed for the 5-12 aged children. A second phase of the play structure has been purchased and will be installed this summer. A larger gazebo was built in 2009 to give groups a larger structure for picnics and barbeques.

More community activities have been planned in the park. To the traditional West Valley SCOPE parade and carnival have been added three car shows and a community concert. Plans are underway to have an outdoor movie night and possibly an ice cream social in August as part of Millwood Daze.

So what is next? We would love to hear your ideas. What kinds of improvements or activities would you like to see in the future? Send your ideas to info@millwoodwa.us, or call city hall at 924-0960.

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

How do I...

... pay my water/sewer bill?

- 1) Pay bill online through your bank. May even be set up for recurring payments.
- 2) Mail payment check or money order to 9103 E Frederick Avenue, Spokane, WA 99206, along with your remittance slip.
- 3) Deposit check or money order in drop-box in front of the City Hall, along with your remittance slip. Do not put cash in the drop-box.
- 4) Come in and meet our staff, say hello, and pay your bill in person. At the counter we are able to accept cash, check, or credit card.
- 5) Pay online through "xpressbillpay.com". You will need to know your account number to set up an account with a user name and password. You can also receive emails when your bills have come out and are viewable, as well as set up recurring payments.

Unfortunately, the one way we cannot accept payment is over the phone.

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