



## March 2015

### Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

**Mar. 10** - City Council Meeting  
7:00 PM

**Mar. 17** - St. Patrick's Day

**Mar. 19** - Historic Preservation  
6:00 PM

**Mar. 25** - Planning Commission  
6:00 PM



### Mayor Freeman's Message

2015 is shaping up to be a busy year in Millwood. I am excited about our Millwood Business Community Consultation which began with our kick-off meeting on Feb. 17. I hope you will get involved in the effort, or at least check in to see what is happening by following the link on the city's website. One of the first questions that arose is, what is Millwood's identity in the community? What image do other people have of our community, and what is our image of our own community? What do we want it to be? I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this.

We continue to work diligently with the Union Pacific Railroad on getting back our parking along Euclid. We have submitted engineering plans for the parking as well for safety improvements at the Marguerite railroad crossing as requested by the UPRR. We are also working to increase the parking along the City Park on Frederick Ave., and to add new playground equipment in the play area of the Park.

-Mayor Kevin Freeman

### City Council Report

At the February meeting the City Council heard a report from the city's engineer on design ideas for improving access to businesses along Argonne and improving traffic flow. The engineer was asked to prepare a report on the proposed project to the March 10 council meeting. The Council also approved two re-zones, one at 3005 E Frederick Ave to allow construction of a brew pub, and the other at 9905 E Trent to allow construction of commercial buildings. The Council approved revisions in the city's utility customer policies to include the on-line and credit card payment systems that are now available.



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#### To Report a Crime or Suspicious Activity

Crime Check  
**456-2233**

[www.spokanecounty.org/crimecheck](http://www.spokanecounty.org/crimecheck)

Ask for the report number so that you can add to the report later if necessary.

**PUBLIC WORKS** will be starting to do surveys on cross-connection devices within the City next week. A cross-connection device is a backflow preventer installed on your irrigation system to protect the municipal supply from contamination. It is a requirement to have cross-connection devices inspected by a person certified for such inspections every year, and the inspection report is to be turned in to the city.

#### 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](mailto:info@millwoodwa.us)

## Downtown Business District Planning

The City of Millwood with the Millwood Better For Business group and Greater Spokane Inc sponsored a community consultation meeting on February 17 to kick off the effort to improve Millwood's business environment. The meeting focused on the Argonne Rd corridor, especially the historic district between Euclid and the river. Alexander Scott of Strategem Business Consultants facilitated the discussion. The participants identified Key Concerns of the business and property owners, Attractions that make Millwood a desirable community to live and own a business, Opportunities that should be pursued, and Focus Actions. A lot of the discussion was on how to identify and highlight Millwood's identity. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled for mid-April. There is a link to the project website on the City's homepage, [www.millwoodwa.us](http://www.millwoodwa.us).

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The City will not be having a spring clean-up day. There are two transfer stations in the area (one on North Sullivan and the other in Colbert) where you can take unwanted items, or you can take them to the waste energy plant at Geiger.



## Historic Preservation

The Historic Preservation Commission is working on the City's application to be designated a Certified Local Government by the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. This will make property tax incentives available for renovations of historic properties. Also the commission is preparing a grant application to DAHP for a project to create a brochure to educate property owners on best practices for alterations of historic buildings. The commission also decided to have a booth at this summer's Millwood

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## Clear-view Triangles

Well, Spring is upon us all. As your City Code Enforcement Officer I would like to address the issues of Clear-view Triangles. A clear view triangle is a measurement applied at the intersection of two streets, or the intersection of an alley or driveway and a street, to ensure unobstructed vision of motorists, bicycles and pedestrians. Within the clear view triangle, the space between thirty-six (36) inches and seven feet above the street must be unobstructed.

Remember if you cannot see around or over that bush on the corner of your property or at the end of your driveway, neither can the vehicle or pedestrian coming up the street towards your residence. If we all work on these areas as citizens and property owners of Millwood it will make it an even better community in which we live.

## Clear-view Triangles (Cont'd)

The clear view triangle is calculated as follows:

Uncontrolled Intersection. 30 feet measured along the property line of each intersecting street.

Two-Way Stop Controlled Intersection. 10-foot measured along the property line of a local access street, alley, commercial driveway or residential driveway serving three or more residences, and 40 feet along the property line of the intersecting street.

Yield-Controlled Intersection. The right triangle having a 20-foot side measured along the property line of the yield-controlled street, and a 60-foot side measured along the property line of the intersecting street.

Signal-controlled intersections, and Arterials. Determined by the public works director.

Call the city hall if you have questions about clear-view triangle issues.

Thank you.

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