



Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

- May 12** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- May 21** Historic Preservation Commission
6:00 p.m.
- May 27** Planning Commission Meeting—CANCELLED
6:00 p.m.
- June 3** Planning Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m.
- June 6** WV Day Parade & Carnival
Millwood City Park
- June 13** Chevy Classic Car Show
Millwood City Park

West Valley SCOPE is gearing up for their 21st annual parade and carnival. This year it will be held on Saturday, June 6th. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. and the carnival will follow in the city park.

If you find time on your hands, we would welcome new volunteers. We only ask for 4 hours per month, and just think, you will have 30 new friends. See you at the parade and carnival.

Mayor Freeman’s Message

Spring is busting out all over. I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather.

I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the West Valley SCOPE Parade and Fair in City Park on June 6.

We are meeting next week with representatives of WUTC and the Union Pacific Railroad to discuss improvements on the Marguerite Rd. crossing. I hope to be able to report some progress in this difficult negotiation in the next newsletter.

- Kevin Freeman, Mayor

PUBLIC WORKS—The Public Works Department is continuing to do surveys on properties in Millwood in order to find sprinkler systems with no cross-connection devices installed, as is required. Check valves are supposed to be installed on each system to eliminate the possibility of system contamination from unwanted back-flow. Such devices also need to be tested once per year by a certified tester and results are to be sent to the City.



City Council Report

At its April meeting, the city council heard a presentation by Karl Otterstrom of STA on its STA Moving Forward plan and on the proposed ballot issue to increase the sales tax for transit. The mayor proclaimed April 20-24 as Smart Money Week, in partnership with the CASH Coalition and the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions. The council adopted an ordinance which assigns zoning variances and administrative appeals to the hearing examiner.



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.



Leanne Barkus, Center for Community Progress

Property Maintenance Code

The City Council will be taking up the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code at its meeting on May 12. The IPMC is an enforcement tool that our code compliance officer has requested to help deal with blighted properties and other nuisances. Both Spokane County and the City of Spokane Valley have been using the IPMC for many years. Copies of the IPMC are available for inspection at city hall.

-Tom Richardson, City Planner



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

During Preservation Month in May, we are recognizing an amazing historic home in Millwood, the Rosebush house at 3318 N Marguerite Rd. The home is one of the most unique properties in the Spokane area, and is one of the most outstanding properties of this style in Washington State. The architect was Harold Whitehouse, who also designed St. John's Cathedral and the Hutton Settlement. The French Eclectic style home was built in 1923 by Inland Empire Paper Company for Waldo E Rosebush who was the general manager and treasurer of IEP from 1921 to 1936. Waldo Emerson Rosebush was a successful businessman, historian, cartographer, author, patented inventor, and firearms expert who left a lasting mark in Millwood and the Spokane area. Mr. Rosebush said that the house is styled after the country cottages and farmhouses he had seen while serving in Normandy, France during WWI. The home was accepted on the National Historic Register in 2000. The register nomination says that "the home is unique in architectural design and significant because of its historical association with the IEP and its development of Millwood." A tunnel connects the house with the detached garage. A stucco garden wall with decorative wrought iron gates encloses the rear yard.



Emergency Numbers to keep on hand:

Call before you dig.....811

Crime Check.....456-2233

Union Pacific Railroad.....

1-800-848-8715

How do I...

...obtain a Building permit?

The City of Millwood is responsible for administering the building code. Anyone who is undertaking a construction project should contact the Millwood Planning Department. The City contracts with County Building for plan reviews and inspections but all applications need to be approved first by Millwood Planning.

Applications are available on the City's website, or at the City Hall. Call Tom Richardson, City Planner, for more information.



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8:00 am—5:00 pm

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(except holidays)