

May 2016

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

May 25 Planning Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m.

May 30 Memorial Day
City Hall Closed

June 4 WV SCOPE Annual Carnival and Parade
Millwood City Park
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

June 11 Chevy Car Show
Millwood City Park

June 14 City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.



Mayor Freeman's Message

The City is currently beginning work on two project in the City Park. Construction has begun at the east end of the Park on a retaining wall that will allow for development of “nose-in” off-street parking for the Park. This will create approximately 70 parking spaces over the length of the park and reduce congestion along Frederick Avenue when in the park is in use. Work will continue on the wall throughout the summer. Our second project is painting of the City’s water tower. Painting protects the tower against rust and other animal and weather-related issues. Preparation work will begin next week, so some areas at the east end of the park may be closed during this time. - Mayor Freeman

Council Report

At the April 12 meeting, the city council heard from property owners adjacent to the proposed Millwood Trail, concerned about loss of access to their properties from the county right of way. The new Deputy Fire Chief, Bruce Kroon, was introduced by retiring Andy Hail. The council denied an application to rezone a parcel on Stout Rd from multifamily to commercial. The council awarded a contract to United Painting for repainting the water tower in city park, and to Valley Glass for replacing the windows in the city hall atrium. The mayor presented information on the STA Moving Forward program; city council approved a resolution supporting the proposal to place a sales tax increase on the November ballot.

Council Report (Cont'd):

At a special meeting on April 19, the city council heard an update on the Millwood Trail planning and design from the city’s engineer, Welch Comer. The mayor said a proposal for a grant application for the trail will be on the next council agenda. The council confirmed its decision to award the bid for the standpipe recoating project to United Painting, and asked to add the City’s name to the paint scheme. The council also approved a contract with Wilbur Fletcher Inc. for repairing the standpipe ladder and tie-off points, and approved a contract for special inspections for the standpipe recoating project with Quality Coating Inspection and Consulting Inc. The mayor described the STA’s Moving Forward plan and the proposal to ask voters to approve a sales tax increase to finance the program. The council passed a resolution supporting the proposal to put the issue on the November ballot. Council also adopted an ordinance amending the pretreatment requirements for the sewer system, and approved a grant agreement with TIB for LED street light conversions.



Millwood Trail

The engineers will be giving a report on the trail progress at the Council meeting May 10th, and we will put a link to their report on our website's homepage at "millwoodwa.us" for your viewing.



Report on Historic Preservation Workshop

The City conducted a workshop on Rehabilitating and Maintaining Historic Homes on Saturday, April 16 which went very well and was well attended. The workshop was presented by Ernie Robeson, a local architect with expertise on rehabilitation of structure while preserving the building's integrity. The workshop was funded in part by a grant from the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.



Backflow Devices

We appreciate the cooperation that we have experienced since sending out letters last month pertaining to backflow devices. There have been a lot of questions. As the letter says, this is required by the Dept. of Health.

Please keep in mind that any sprinkler systems within Millwood will need to have its backflow devices installed and/or tested by a certified tester by June 30th. There is an updated list of certified testers that have registered with the City Hall on our website, "millwoodwa.us". You may want to call a certified tester now to get the test done by June 30th. The certified testers are extremely busy at this time, so you may need to make an appointment for the near future. If you have any further questions, you can call us at the City Hall at (509) 924-0960.

Again, thank you for your continued cooperation.

- Public Works

Entrance sign

The City is working with Emma Porter, a West Valley High School senior, on a project to construct an entrance sign to Millwood at the corner of Argonne and Trent. This is Ms. Porter's Girl Scout Gold Award project. In cooperation with the Millwood Community Association, Emma is obtaining sign design proposals and earning money for the project. The proposed sign will be masonry, and will include 3 in. x 6 in. ceramic tiles which can be engraved with personalized messages. Members of the community may purchase tiles at the cost of \$25.00 each. Tiles may be ordered by calling (509) 892-7620, or by email at millwoodwelcomesyou@gmail.com.



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Emergency.....911
Call before you dig.....811
Information and referral.....211
Crime Check.....456-2233
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(800) 848-8715
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