



Newsletter

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November 2014

Calendar of Events

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

Nov 12th City Council Meeting
7:00 PM

Nov. 17th Tree Board Meeting
5:30 PM

Nov. 19th Planning Commission
6:00 PM

Nov. 20th Historic Preservation
6:00 PM

Nov 23rd Leaf Pickup ends

Nov 25th Budget Hearing
7:00 PM

Nov. 27th & 28th
City Hall Closed
For Thanksgiving

Dec. 5th Light Christmas Tree
Inland Empire Paper
6:00 PM

Dec. 9th City Council Meeting
7:00 PM

To help us distribute this newsletter as widely as possible, please consider sharing it with a friend or neighbor who may not be receiving it. Also, let people know to look for the newsletter on the city's website:

millwoodwa.us

Mayor Freeman's Message

Autumn is upon us, and the copious amounts of leaves descending to the ground reminds us of why we call this "Fall." Our Public Works crew is busy picking up leaves this month and recycling them on nearby farm fields. You can help our crew get the job done faster if you remember to rake the leaves in straight rows no wider than 3 feet. The last day to put leaves out is Sunday, November 23.

Your City is engaging in efforts to improve the economy of our community. The City has joined Greater Spokane, Inc. to work more closely with the region to promote economic vitality. We are already receiving benefits from our membership through some professional business development services that are being provided to the community at no cost. We are also working closely with the Millwood Better For Business group to address issues important to our business community.

- Kevin Freeman, Mayor

Sign Ordinance

Tom Richardson, the City Planner, is working with the community to revamp the City's sign ordinance. Any inquiries or comments could be directed to Tom at 924-0960 or email him at "tom.richardson@millwoodwa.us".

City of Millwood Now Offers Online Bill Payment

As a way to offer you more choices in how you pay your bills, City of Millwood now lets you pay your bills online. We have partnered with Xpress Bill Pay for online bill payment systems.

All you need is an Internet connection through a Web browser and an e-mail address. It's simple to use. Every month we'll send you a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is online. Then you just log in to your account at XpressBillPay.com and view your bill. It's formatted like your paper statement so it will look familiar to you.



When you're ready to pay your bill, select a payment type. You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. Then enter the information and you're done! It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month.

We offered this service at the request of our customers — You asked and we delivered! To sign up, just go to www.xpressbillpay.com. The link is also available on the city's website.

And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. Sign up today.

Leaf Pickup and Snow Removal

Leaf Collection

Leaf pickup season started and will run through the third week of November enabling the crew to get the trucks equipped for snow removal.

Be sure to get your leaves raked as soon as possible. Equipment breakdowns and heavy rains can slow progress, and snowstorms late in the cycle can curtail the program. We advise residents to not delay in leaf raking, as an early winter would mean the equipment and crew must be allocated to snow removal. The last day to rake leaves to the street edge will be **November 23rd** with pickup scheduled for the 24th.

Please remember the following guidelines when raking your leaves:

Leaves must be raked to the edge of the asphalt.

Rake leaves in straight rows no wider than 3 feet.

LEAVES ONLY with no other debris (rocks, limbs, bags, dog feces, etc.) we haul the leaves to farmers on the Peone prairie and across the river to the community garden.

To make our job easier please do not rake leaves between cars, around mailboxes or within 25 feet of an intersection.

Snow Removal

This winter we will be using deicer prior to a snow event and plowing arterial streets at 2" and residential streets at 4". We are asking that you remove all vehicles from the roadway after a snow fall so that the drivers can remove the snow from the roadways.

Remember to shovel your sidewalks and assist your elderly neighbors with their walkways!

When blowing your driveways and sidewalks please do not blow it into the streets.

Thanks for your cooperation in continuing to make these successful programs.

City of Millwood
Public Works

Pet Preparedness

If you are like millions of animal owners nation-wide, your pet is an important member of your household. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire, flood, or earthquake depends largely on emergency planning done today. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for your animals. If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets in case you must evacuate. Make a back-up emergency plan in case you cannot care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer.

Get a Pet Emergency Supply Kit.

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food and water. Include three days' supply of food, water and medicines. Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit, along with of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records. Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs

Crate or other pet carrier. If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation take your pets and animals with you provided that it is practical to do so. In many cases, your ability to do so will be aided by having a sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting your pet.

A picture of you and your pet together.

If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.



Historic Preservation Commission Members Needed:

With the creation of the Millwood Historic Preservation Commission, the City is now soliciting letters of qualifications from citizens willing to serve on the commission. Members should have a demonstrated interest and/or competence in historic preservation, and possess qualities of impartiality and broad judgment. We are looking for 2 more. The Mayor has appointed 3 members. Letters should be submitted to Mayor Freeman at city hall, 9103 Frederick Ave. For more information contact Tom Richardson, City Clerk/Planner.



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