



November 2015

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

Nov 18 Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.

Nov 19 Historic Preservation Commission
6:00 p.m.

Nov 22 Leaf pickup ends

Nov 26 & 27
City Hall closed for Thanksgiving

Dec 4 IEP Christmas Tree Lighting
6:00 P.M.

Dec 8 City Council Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Dec 17 Historic Preservation Commission
6:00 p.m.

Dec 24 & 25
City Hall Closed For Christmas holiday

Jan 1 City Hall Closed for New Year's Day



Mayor Freeman's Message

Fall is officially here. Leaf pickup is going well after some initial equipment issues that caused a sporadic start to collection. Collection will conclude on November 23rd unless the weather changes to snow prior to that date. Related to this budget process, I would like to discuss a recent article in the Spokesman-Review entitled "Millwood Gets Big Marijuana Tax Reimbursement." The article stated that "The Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board projects the city will receive \$80,000 from state coffers as its share of marijuana tax revenue..." This statement is based on information provided to the Spokesman from the Association of Washington Cities and not the State Department of Revenue. It is true that while Millwood will receive tax revenue derived from marijuana sales within City – to date the City has received \$20,957 – this revenue is not a "given" amount. The City receives tax revenue from the State on a quarterly basis based on the taxes collected from sales. If sales remain at the current level, then we will receive roughly the projected amount. If sales increase or decrease, the amount received will change. Additionally, at some point in the future, the State legislature could choose to alter the way marijuana tax revenues are distributed. The City appreciates the interest that residents have shown in our process for dealing with marijuana-related businesses; if you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall.

- Mayor Kevin Freeman

Leaf Collection

Leaf pickup season started and will run through the 22nd 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.

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

City Council Report:

The Millwood City Council had a very busy agenda at its October 13 meeting. A public hearing was held on the moratorium on marijuana businesses, and the council decided to leave the moratorium in place. The moratorium will expire on March 8, 2016 unless the council decides to terminate it or extend it before that time. Also at the meeting the council conducted a public hearing on the preliminary budget for 2016, and passed a resolution setting the property tax levy for 2016. The levy will increase a little less than 2% overall; taxes on individual properties will vary depending on their particular property valuations. Council also approved changes in the city's employee handbook, a policy on small and attractive assets, an easement on city property, a change order and closeout for the city hall renovation project, and award of bid for concrete blocks to be used for a retaining wall at city park to allow for more on-street parking. The council heard a request from a citizen to initiate a rezone of a parcel on N Stout Rd, but directed the person to work through the planning commission instead.

Council agenda and minutes are posted on the city's website. People can also request to receive these by email by sending a request to info@millwoodwa.us.

IEP Christmas Tree Lighting...

Festivities will start at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, December 4, with the lighting of the tree. There will be all the usual festivities, along with the stores staying open later in the evening for a collective "open house" of Millwood businesses.

Thank you, Glenn Bailey

Congratulations to Andy Van Hees for his election to the city council. Andy will take the seat of Glenn Bailey who chose not to run for re-election. Glenn has been on the council since 1990 when he was appointed to replace Jeanne Batson who had been elected mayor. Thank you, Glenn, for almost 26 years of service to the community. Your wisdom and insight will be missed at the council meetings.

"Nextdoor Millwood"

Have you heard about a new way to keep in touch with your neighbors, a private social network called "Nextdoor?" Membership is restricted to just people who live in Millwood, and neighbors sign in with their real names. While the city cannot endorse a private business, it appears that many people in the community are using it to warn of suspicious persons and break-ins, post notices and classified ads, and spread the word about community events. You can learn more and sign up for Nextdoor Millwood at <https://millwoodspokane.nextdoor.com>.

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
Dead bird hotline...(800) 606-8768

What to do if.....

you are out of town and have an emergency at your home back in Millwood. If you call 911, you would get a local operator wherever you are staying. So, through talking with the Spokane County Sheriff's Department, we found out it would be best to dial Crime Check at 509-456-2233 and ask to be forwarded to your desired emergency dispatch, whether it would be fire, police, or ambulance.

Getting ready for winter checklist:

- 1) Winterize pipes and sprinkler systems
- 2) Adjust thermostats to no lower than 55 degrees during the winter months.
- 3) Clean out gutters and downspouts to prevent the chance of ice dams forming.
- 4) Remove snow and ice accumulation from tree limbs, roof, and other structures to prevent damage.
- 5) Keep driveways clear of snow and ice to allow for emergency vehicle access.
- 6) Clean wood stove and furnace pipes, and change furnace filter.

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