



Newsletter

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October 2014

Calendar of Events

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

- Oct. 13th** Columbus Day
City Hall Open
Garbage collection on regular schedule.
- Oct. 14th** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20th** Leaf pickup begins
- Oct. 21st** Special City Council
Sewer Rate
Workshop 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 2nd** Daylight Savings
Time Ends
- Nov 4th** Election Day
- Nov 23rd** Leaf Pickup ends

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:

cityofmillwood.org.

Mayor Freeman's Message

We are very excited to be able to announce that our credit card and on-line payment system is up and running. The City has set up a secure payment system with Xpress Bill Pay, a third-party provider who works with our billing software company, BIAS Software.

You will be able to pay utility bills on-line at the Xpress Bill Pay website. You can also pay by credit card at the city hall front counter. For security reasons, we are not going to accept credit card payments over the telephone.

The on-line system also gives property owners and tenants the opportunity to sign up to receive monthly bills by email.

We hope you enjoy the new system, and we look forward to receiving any feedback you wish to provide.

Fall and leaf-pickup season is upon us. I hope you enjoy the beautiful fall color of our street trees.

- Kevin Freeman, Mayor

CITY OF MILLWOOD NOTICE OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS

The City of Millwood will accept applications for amendments of its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations through November 1, 2014. Applications received after November 1 will be docketed for consideration during the next amendment cycle.

The Comprehensive Plan addresses land use, transportation, capital facilities, housing, and utilities for the Millwood community. Development regulations include zoning, subdivision, and critical area regulations. The Washington State Growth Management Act specifies that amendments to a comprehensive plan and development regulations cannot be made more frequently than once per year.

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.



Public Works

Leaf Season 2014

It is October and the trees will soon be dropping their leaves. Fall is a busy time for the Millwood public works staff. This is the time of year when we are not only picking up residents leaves but also picking up the city leaves in the parks, winterizing sprinkler systems, pump houses and performing our regular daily duties.

Leaf pickup season starts **October 20th** and will run through **November 23rd**.

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.

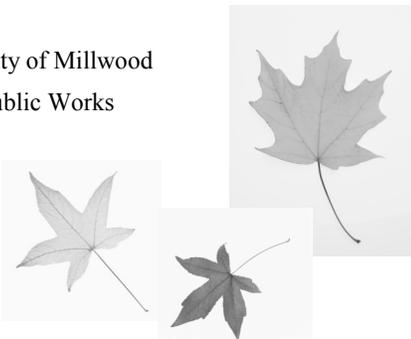
LEAVES ONLY with no other debris (rocks, limbs, bags, dog feces, etc.) we haul the leaves to farmers on the Peone prairie and across the river to the community garden.

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

In spite of all advanced preparation, the adherence to these dates depends on weather and equipment functioning properly. 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.

Thanks for your cooperation in continuing to make this a successful program.

City of Millwood
Public Works



ALERT Spokane – Spokane County Emergency Notification System

A Public Safety Message from the Spokane County Commissioners

How will you be notified if there's an emergency in your neighborhood? Through ALERT Spokane – a Spokane County emergency notification system! ALERT Spokane has been in operation since 2010, and is used to inform citizens about emergencies in their area. The ALERT Spokane system can be activated by law enforcement, fire service, water districts, etc. Once activated, a recorded message is sent to landline telephones with information about the emergency and what actions to take. For example, if there's a wild fire in your area, you might be told to evacuate, or you might receive boil order from your drinking water provider. It's important to note that the recorded message will be sent to landline telephones in the affected area. If you have discontinued your landline telephone service and are relying on a cell phone or VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) phone, you will not receive an emergency message from ALERT Spokane – unless you register your cell phone in the system! Even if you still have a landline telephone, it's a good idea to register your cell phone with ALERT Spokane.

In the interest of public safety, the Spokane County Board of Commissioners is urging the public to register their cell phones, VoIP phones, and email addresses with ALERT Spokane. It's easy to do. Just go to www.alertspokane.org and enter the information. You can also register more than one cell phone number and request email notification.

Be informed – stay safe – register with ALERT Spokane TODAY at www.alertspokane.org!



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 3 more. The Mayor has appointed 2 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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