

October 2015

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

Oct 13 City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Oct 15 Historic Preservation Commission
6:00 p.m.

Oct 19 **Leaf pickup begins**

Oct 28 Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.

Nov 3 Election Day

Nov 10 City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Nov 11 Veterans Day
City Hall closed

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

Nov 22 **Leaf pickup ends**

Nov 25 Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.

Nov 26 & 27
City Hall closed for Thanksgiving



Mayor Freeman's Message

First, I would like to thank our citizens for adjusting to the traffic revisions at Euclid Avenue and Marguerite Road. We appreciate your attention to the new "Stop" signs and respecting the traffic flow crossing the UP tracks at Marguerite. We are continuing discussions with UP for lease and access to the Euclid Parking area. Parking to the south of Euclid, near the railroad tracks, is owned and enforced by UP and not the City. UP continues to post this area as a no parking zone.

Second, we have completed adding additional play structures to the Millwood City Park. We will also begin our long-term project to add head-in parking for the park along the north side of Fredrick Avenue. This project will also add disabled access to the park, particularly for the picnic pavilions and restroom facilities. We hope this provided improved access for our citizens while relieving parking congestion along Frederick Avenue.

Lastly, summer is over and it's leaf season in Millwood. Leaf pickup will begin October 19. As always, the duration of leaf pickup is dictated by the weather. If you have any questions on leaf pick-up, please call City Hall.



Council Report

At its meeting on Sept. 8 the city council held a public hearing on revenues for next year including the property tax levy. Due to rising property values the property tax levy is projected to increase about 2% for next year. The council also approved a small historic preservation grant for an educational workshop in May and informational brochure. The council adopted an emergency ordinance establishing a six-month moratorium on new recreational or medical marijuana businesses to give the city the opportunity to review its regulations and law enforcement costs before any more such businesses are permitted in Millwood. The treasurer informed the council that the state auditor's office had completed its review of the financial records for 2012 through 2014; no findings are anticipated to come out of the audit. The council also heard from the Millwood Historical Enthusiasts who have requested the use of wall space at city hall to exhibit their historic photos.

The council also held a joint meeting with the planning commission on Sept. 29 to discuss expansion of the city's urban growth area into the area north of the river, and opportunities for public access to the river.



Fall Compost Fair & Leaf Festival

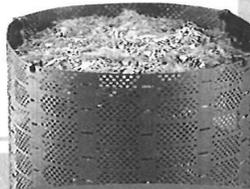
**Saturday, October 24, 2015
11 am-2 pm**

John A. Finch Arboretum

Spokane County residents* who complete the activities may take home a free compost bin. Limit one per household. Bins provided by the Spokane County Regional Solid Waste System.

*Please check with your jurisdiction to see if you are a participating member of the County Regional Solid Waste system.

Please arrive no later than 1:30 pm and bring proof of residency.



For more information call 625-6580 or go to www.spokanecountysolidwaste.org
Spokane County Regional Solid Waste System

Partial funding provided by WA State Dept of Ecology.

Dead Crows in Millwood

Health and wildlife officials have tested for West Nile virus in dead crows that have turned up on streets and lawns in the Millwood area, but they say a different virus is more likely to blame for the sick birds.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has received numerous reports of dead crows from residents in the Millwood area, department veterinarian Kristin Mansfield said.

That comes after a summer with higher-than-average crow deaths in the Spokane area due to a virus that affects corvids, the family of birds that include crows. Mansfield believes that virus, which does not affect humans, is to blame for the recent deaths.

“That’s what we are highly suspicious of is going on with the crows currently in the Millwood area,” Mansfield said.

Anyone with a crow or other corvid that’s been dead for less than 24 hours should call the state dead bird hotline at (800) 606-8768 or report it online via the Washington Department of Health website.

Code Enforcement

There have been several complaints to the code compliance officer regarding property owners placing different items on the City’s right-of-way. This includes rocks, boulders, curbing, and basketball hoops to name a few. What property owners need to be aware of is that a portion of ground 5 feet from the pavement edge belongs to the city and is not for property owners’ use. This is city property and there should be nothing stored or placed in this area unless there is an active right-of-way permit in place.

What the city is now asking is that if you have these items or other things sitting in this section of right-of-way that you please remove them. The city is asking that this be done on a voluntary basis.

Code Enforcement will be inspecting the entire city right-of-way over the next few months to locate problem areas and correct the areas of right-of-way.

-Code Enforcement Officer

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

City Hall

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Office Hours:

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