



Newsletter

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October 2016

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

Oct 11 City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Oct 17 Leaf Pickup Begins

Oct 26 Millwood's 89th
Birthday

Oct 26 Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.

Nov 8 City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Nov 8 Election Day

Nov 11 Veteran's Day
City Hall Closed

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

Nov 20 Last day to rake
Leaves out to street

Nov 24-25 City Hall Closed
For Thanksgiving

Nov 30 Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.



Mayor's Message

The City is pleased to announce that we have reached agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to install traffic safety control devices (lights and gates) at the Marguerite Road rail crossing. We are working to finalize contracts and access agreements with UPRR this month. Further, we are pleased that the City was the recipient of approximately \$254,000 in funds from the State to reduce the cost of the crossing upgrade, estimated to be approximately \$450,000. This safety upgrade will allow the City to enter into an access and license agreement with UPRR for maintenance and beautification of the railroad right-of-way through the City, including formal restoration of parking along the south side of Euclid Avenue between Argonne and Marguerite. Additionally, the upgrade will provide needed safety improvements related to train movement through the City.

Avista Utilities continues to convert our street lights from high-pressure sodium to light-emitting (LED) bulbs. This conversion allows the City to realize an immediate reduction in their streetlight electricity rate and an overall savings based on the long lifespan of the LED bulbs.

Lastly, the City extends a word of thanks to our citizens for your efforts in complying with backflow prevention device inspection. The devices maintain the safety of our drinking water system, allowing us to continue to provide outstanding water without the need for chlorination.

- Mayor Kevin Freeman

Council Report

At the Sept 13 meeting city council approved a resolution supporting STA's Proposition 1 which will be on the November 8 ballot. Prop 1 would increase sales tax by 0.2% in two stages over the next three years to fund improved transit service and facilities.

Citizens spoke to the council about traffic issues on Fowler Rd, and a petition was submitted requesting that the council take steps to establish a quiet zone for the train horns. The mayor said the city is working on traffic calming measures, and explained the requirements for establishment of a quiet zone.

The Planning Commission has approved a package of amendments for the Capital Facilities Plan that will be up for approval at the City Council meeting on November 8th. The amendments are available online and can be seen at City Hall. For further information you may call the City Planner, Tom Richardson, at 924-0960.



Public Works

Leaf Collection

Leaf pickup season will start October 17th and run through the 20th of November when the crew to get the trucks equipped for snow removal.

Be sure to get your leaves raked as soon as possible. Equipment problems or heavy rains can slow progress, and snowstorms late in the cycle can curtail the program. We do have a new leaf vacuum this year, so you will see a new “face” on the roads. 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. Do not blow leaves into the street!

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.

Please help make this a successful leaf program season for our City.

City of Millwood
Public Works

Don't forget to change batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as we move into Autumn.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS

The City of Millwood will accept applications for amendments of its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations through November 1, 2016. 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. For more information contact Millwood Planning, (509) 924-0960.

Millwood is also conducting a periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan which is mandated by the Growth Management Act to be completed every eight years. Millwood is expected to provide for a population increase of 157 people by 2037 which is a 8.8% increase from today. Draft changes will be considered at Planning Commission meetings this fall, with a public hearing in January. Adoption by city council is planned for April, 2017.



Emergency Numbers to keep on hand:

Emergency.....911

Call before you dig.....811

Information and referral.....211

Crime Check.....456-2233

Union Pacific Railroad Crisis Line
(800) 848-8715

UPRR Public Affairs (503) 249-3079

Fall Compost Fair & Leaf Festival

Saturday, October 22, 2016

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.

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8:00 am—5:00 pm

Monday thru Friday

(except holidays)