

City of Millwood Newsletter

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October 2013



Happy Halloween! !

Calendar of Events-

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

Oct. 15. Mayoral Candidate Forum
Sponsored by Valley Chamber
City Hall 6:30 PM

Oct. 28. Planning Comm. Meeting
6:00 PM

Nov. 5. Election Day- **VOTE!**

Nov. 12. City Council Meeting
7:00 PM

Nov. 25. Planning Comm. Meeting
6:00 PM

Nov. 28-29. Thanksgiving Holiday
City Hall Closed



October is the best time to plant trees in Washington by taking advantage of the cooler climate and abundant moisture, allowing newly planted trees to become established in the landscape.

Mayor Mork's Message-



The right to vote is one of the most important and basic rights we have as Americans! The upcoming election is important to the citizens of Millwood. Talk to the candidates and listen to their plans. Which candidate best represents your needs and concerns? Which candidate do you trust to represent your priorities? What do you want your community to look like in the next four years? Which candidate do you trust to run your City? Millwood is a strong mayor system of government. This means that the City Council sets the policy for the City, and the Mayor has broad statutory authority to be in charge of all city departments and employees and serves as the supervisor for the administration of city government and all city interests.

- Mayor Mork

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Office Hours

8:00 am—5:00 pm

Mon. thru Fri. (except
holidays)

(Closed 12:00—1:00 daily)

Millwood Leaf Pickup Schedule

It is October and the trees will soon be dropping their leaves. Leaf pickup season starts October 21st and will run through November 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.

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



Heard on the Street-

Millwood recently received a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board for \$225,000 to replace and add sidewalks to Buckeye Ave. from Argonne Road to Vista.

We are also pursuing a low-interest loan of \$448,000 payable in 20 years to replace all the old cast iron water main line under Buckeye Avenue. With those two resources we should be able to also resurface Buckeye with money from our Street Fund, with no increase in taxes. **If this project develops as planned we should have a new road, waterline, and ADA compliant sidewalk by September 2014 before school begins!**

In the area of pedestrian safety enjoy the new **audible crosswalks** in Millwood. Thanks to the work of Spokane County on a walk signal you will hear a audible signal for additional safety. The new controls will also improve coordination of traffic signals for better traffic flow. These were funded with a grant from the Federal City Safety Program. Also, thanks to staff at City of Spokane Valley for submitting the grant and administering the project.



Millwood Citizens in Action!

Millwood citizen and Tree Board member Charlie Peterson has been honored by the Spokane County Conservation District, his employer, as the 2013 employee of the year! Charlie has been with SCD for 16 years and is one of your original Millwood Tree Board members. He attends every Millwood Tree Board and Arbor Day event! Thank you Charlie for your commitment and service to your City and the Spokane community!

Planning Commission News-

Welcome to the Planning Commission **Andy Van Hees!** Andy volunteered to join the group filling the vacancy left by Laura Burill. Andy lives in east Millwood and was an important member of the Shoreline Management Plan team. Thank you Andy for your hard work and dedication to your City!

Millwood residents interested in serving on the Planning Commission should contact the Mayor at "mayor@cityofmillwood.org".



Spokane County Library News-

Spokane County Commissioners are now accepting applications for a Spokane County Library District Board of Trustee position, which will be available as of January 1, 2014, Applications will be accepted until Thursday, November 8, 2013.

Spokane County Library District operates separately from the County and has its own tax base, but state law mandates that the County Commissioners appoint all members of the Board of Trustees, which act as the governing board for the District. The District would prefer a resident from Millwood, Otis Orchards, or Spokane Valley to fill the position to maintain a balanced geographic representation.

To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of the Spokane County Library District Board of Trustees, please visit "<http://www.sclcd.org/news.asp?id=386>" Spokane County Board of Trustees.



If you would like to donate to any Millwood Park or Tree Board projects simply contact the Spokane Parks Foundation. Your donation is tax deductible, their website is-

spokaneparksfoundation.org

Or you can send a check to:

Spokane Parks Foundation

315 West Mission Ave.# 26

Spokane, WA 99220

To assure your contribution goes to your City make sure to designate **Millwood Park, or Millwood Tree Board** on your on-line donation or check!

Leaking Toilets Waste a Lot of Water:

If your toilet is running constantly, you could be wasting 200 gallons of water or more every day. If your toilet is leaking, the cause is most often an old, faulty toilet flapper. Over time, this inexpensive rubber part decays, or minerals build up on it. It's usually best to replace the whole rubber flapper—a relatively easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself project that pays for itself in no time. One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

If you do need to replace the entire toilet, look for a WaterSense labeled model. If a family of four replaces its older, inefficient toilets with new WaterSense labeled ones, it could save more than 16,000 gallons per year.

