



Newsletter

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September 2014

Calendar of Events

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

Sept 23rd First Day of Autumn

Sept. 24th Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.

Oct. 13th Columbus Day
City Hall Open
Garbage collection on regular schedule.

Oct. 14th City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Oct. 21st Special City Council
Sewer Rate
Workshop 7:00 p.m.

Nov 2nd Daylight Savings
Time Ends

Nov 4th Election Day

Open during lunch hour —

Millwood City Hall will stay open from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. to better serve you.

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

This month we have seen the completion of the Buckeye Avenue project between Argonne and Bessie Roads. Our cooperation with the West Valley School District has provided both a safe pedestrian route between Millwood School and West Valley High School and dedicated off-street parking for the soccer and softball fields located east of Millwood School. We appreciate the patience of the affected residents during construction. The City will be actively pursuing similar types of projects for the portion of Grace Avenue between Argonne and Sargent and our City Park. We will be working to provide dedicated off-street parking for the Park while increasing accessibility to the play and picnic structures through pathways and ADA-compliant ramps. We will be seeking public input related to our Park in the near future.

- Kevin Freeman, Mayor

Bike Path

The City is working to firm up funding, and coordinating efforts with Spokane Valley for a bike path that will run from West Valley High School to Millwood City park along the abandoned Great Northern Railroad right of way. It will eventually be part of a trail from Spokane Community College to Spokane Valley Mall.



City Council Report

At its meeting on August 12 the City Council conducted a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and the Beautification and Tree Board for training on Open Public Meetings.

Following the joint meeting, the council adopted an ordinance creating the Millwood Historic Preservation Commission, an ordinance requiring the prompt removal of graffiti, approved a grant application for sidewalks on the south side of Grace Ave west of Argonne Rd, approved a task order for the city's consulting engineer for preparation of a sewer rate study, and approved a change in the regular meeting day for the Planning Commission from the last Monday to the last Wednesday of the month.

School is open.

Drive safely.



Public Works

Millwood is a participant in Tree City USA and we encourage you to maintain your trees.

September is a good time to look at your trees and shrubs for pruning. Remember trees along roads and sidewalks should be pruned so as not to interfere with trucks and pedestrian traffic.

Limbs over sidewalks should be trimmed to a minimum height of 7.5 feet and bushes trimmed back to behind the sidewalk. Limbs over roadways should be trimmed to a minimum height of 13.5 feet and bushes near intersections should be no greater than 3 feet to provide a clear view triangle.

Small limbs and dead branches may be trimmed at any time. Larger branches and tree shaping should be done by a certified arborist.

WSU Master Gardeners (www.spokane-county.wsu.edu) and Spokane County Conservation District (<http://www.sccd.org>) are additional resources for more information on proper tree care and planting.

If you need assistance as to what type of trees to plant or general pruning questions feel free to contact the public works department at 924-0960.



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. Two positions on the commission are reserved for persons who have experience in identifying, evaluating, and protecting historic resources and are selected from among the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, prehistoric and historic archaeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation, and landscape architecture, or related disciplines. Commission members will be appointed by Mayor Freeman subject to the confirmation of the City Council. Letters should be submitted to Mayor Freeman at city hall, 9103 Frederick Ave. For more information contact Tom Richardson, City Clerk/Planner.



Millwood City Park

wading pool is closed for the season.

Check out

www.spokanewastedirectory.com
for ideas on where to dispose of
your waste.

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.

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8:00 am—5:00 pm

Mon. thru Fri.