

September 2015

Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

- Sept 17** Historic Preservation Commission
6:00 p.m.
- Sept 29** Joint City Council– Planning Commission Meeting
7:00 p.m. (tentative)
- Sept 30** Planning Commission Meeting
6:00 p.m.
- Oct 12** Columbus Day—City Hall will be open
- Oct 13** City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- Oct 15** Historic Preservation Commission
6:00 p.m.
- Oct 28** Planning Commission
6:00 p.m.



Mayor Freeman's Message

August “paved” the way for some significant changes at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Marguerite Road, just west of Argonne. The Euclid/Marguerite intersection is drastically changed, allowing for the free flow of traffic north and south on Marguerite through the Euclid/ Marguerite intersection. This now means that traffic traveling east-west on Euclid will need to stop near the Millwood Presbyterian Church. These changes were made based on discussions with Union Pacific Railroad and the Washington Utility Transportation Commission as a way to improve safety at the Marguerite railroad crossing. Because of these changes, Union Pacific Railroad will support our efforts to signalize the Marguerite crossing. Signalization will allow for Millwood to lease a portion of Union Pacific land along Euclid for parking purposes and also provide the safety features necessary to support our design on the “Millwood Trail”, to be located south of the UPRR tracks and stretching from the City Park to West Valley High School.

— Kevin Freeman, Mayor

City Council Report

At their August meeting the Millwood city council heard a presentation by Alexander Scott, Strategem Business Consulting, and Dave McClave, Case 42 Media, on their work on the economic development strategy for the Millwood business district. The council approved an amendment of the 2015 budget to provide additional funding for law enforcement, the costs of which increased due to higher calls for service last year. The council also approved a utility easement at city hall along Argonne Rd to allow Avista Utilities to move its powerline further away from the street. The council approved an agreement with Washington Dept. of Transportation for a grant to fund planning and design of the Millwood Trail, a multi-use shared path for bicycles and pedestrians.

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City Council Report (cont'd)

At their September meeting the council conducted a public hearing on anticipated revenues and on the estimate of the property tax levy for 2016. The council approved a grant agreement with the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation for a workshop in May, 2016 to show people the best practices for renovation of historic properties and the development of a historic preservation brochure. The council also adopted a six-month moratorium on the licensing or operation of additional marijuana businesses in Millwood. The ordinance explaining the reasons for the moratorium is available on the city's website, www.millwoodwa.us.

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

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, 2015. 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.

The City is also required to go thru the process of updating the comprehensive plan and development regulations to certify that they comply with the state's Growth Management Act. This update must be completed by June 30, 2017.

For more information contact Millwood Planning, (509) 924-0960.

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

Public Works

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, pedestrian traffic or signage. A tree permit from City Hall is required for work on street trees.

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.

Leaf season will begin October 19th – November 22nd. Please do not put any leaves into the street before the season begins otherwise the storm drains can become clogged.

Just a reminder that there is a traffic revision at Marguerite and Euclid. Marguerite is through traffic and Euclid has stop signs east and west.

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Office Hours:

8:00 am—5:00 pm

Monday thru Friday

(except holidays)