

## September 2016

### Calendar of Events

Council and Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

**Sept 13** City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

**Sept 15** Historic Preservation  
6:00 p.m.

**Sept 20** Tree Board Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

**Sept 28** Planning Commission  
6:00 p.m.

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

**Oct 26** Millwood's 89th  
Birthday

**Oct 26** Planning Commission  
6:00 p.m.

**Nov 1** Election Day



### Mayor's Message

The weather starts to cool, the kids are back in the classroom, and football starts up again. It's September in Millwood! Be safe driving in our school zones especially when school starts in the morning and when the children are let out in the afternoon.

Fall is also budget time for Millwood, so we will be discussing budget matters over the course of the next three months. We will provide budget information on the city's website, or if you can make the time, come to the council meetings to hear what is being proposed. We need your input.

Please remember that the ban on outdoor burning is still in effect. Outdoor recreational fires such as campfires, fire pits and open burning are not allowed. Barbeques, fireplaces and propane devices like patio heaters are permitted. The ban usually lasts until we get a good, drenching rain which often does not happen until October or later. You can find out about burning restrictions at (509) 928-1700 or at [spokanevalleyfire.com](http://spokanevalleyfire.com).

- Mayor Kevin Freeman



### Council Report

At its August 9 meeting, the City Council paused to remember Dick Schoen, long-time council member and volunteer firefighter for Millwood. Council heard concerns from property owners on Empire about burglaries and traffic on Empire and Fowler. Council heard a presentation on Spokane Transit's ballot measure which would raise the sales tax by 0.2% to pay for STA's Moving Forward program. Council accepted the Standpipe Recoating Project completed by United Coatings, and approved a request for an easement on the Taco Time property at Trent and Argonne for the entrance sign and bus shelter. Council approved a budget ordinance including several amendments to the 2016 budget, and approved a financial policy for the city. Dan Sander was appointed the city's representative to the SRTC board, with Andy Van Hees as his alternate.

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At the October meeting of the City Council we will be discussing the renewal of our contract with SCRAPS. A representative from SCRAPS will be available to answer your question concerning their services.

It will also be the time for the budget hearing on the 2017 budget.

Your presence, and your participation would be greatly appreciated.

## 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](http://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.

### Just a reminder.....

**Spokane County is doing a construction project on Arbonne from Maringo Drive to Wellesley, that will last from August 8th to October 12th. Be prepared for delays and backups, or plan an alternate route to avoid the area during this time.**

## 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

## September poem....

“The breezes taste  
Of apple peel.  
The air is full  
Of smells to feel-  
Ripe fruit, old footballs,  
Burning brush,  
New books, erasers,  
Chalk, and such.  
The bee, his hive,  
Well-honeyed hum,  
And Mother cuts  
Chrysanthemums.  
Like plates washed clean  
With suds, the days  
Are polished with  
A morning haze.  
- John Updike, September



## School's open...

We are all aware that school has opened for the 2016-2017 school year, but just a reminder to watch for the “little ones”.

In the Millwood area, the West Valley Millwood Elementary School is having full-time kindergarten classes this year, so please be cautious about watching for the “little ones” throughout Millwood, but especially around the area of the elementary school at 8818 E Grace.

### City Hall

9103 E Frederick Ave.  
Spokane, WA 99206  
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### Office Hours:

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