

Medical Lake Connection

Monthly Newsletter

April 2022



western shore of picturesque Medical Lake



Mayor Terri Cooper

March was a busy month for the Medical Lake City Council with three meetings including a special session on March 9, 2022, to discuss ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) spending. Due to illness and staffing challenges the Cheney Free Press was

unavailable to attend the March meetings resulting in some important announcements going unreported. Updates are forthcoming in the Cheney Free Press. Thank you for your patience while they catch up on the news, quite literally.

At the March 1st city council meeting I mentioned Doug Ross is no longer at City Hall. A big thanks to city staff who immediately stepped in to share the workload. All are working hard and doing an excellent job. We can all be proud of their dedication and service.

The March 9th ARPA (American Rescue Plan) spending meeting was well attended, as were all of the March meetings. Jeff McMorris, from the Spokane County Commissioner's office, presented a thorough presentation and explained spending and reporting requirements for the \$1.2 million awarded to the City of Medical Lake. The city council was presented with city equipment replacement needs and the public was invited to share their ideas. The Finance Committee has been tasked with bringing recommendations back to the council. ARPA money can be used for a broad range of projects and granted, including streets, if the council so chooses.

March 15, 2022, Katy Allen, retired City Administrator for the City of Liberty Lake, was appointed as the interim Deputy City Administrator for the City of Medical Lake. Katy was named one of The 2020 Inland Northwest Women of the Year. The Spokesman-Review said of her "As a surveyor, city engineer, public works manager, and city administrator, Katy Allen's extensive career in public service is built on a reputation of getting things done." I'm confident Katy will successfully guide us through this transitional time. Thank you, Katy!

The city is actively pursuing website improvements and broadband options; two things requested by hundreds of citizens I spoke with over the past year. I appreciate your patience while we diligently work to deliver on these projects.

Welcome & Congratulations!

Please join us in welcoming and congratulating appointed members and staff

Planning Commission Members

Marye Jorgenson
Mark Hudson
Judy Mayulianos
Andie Mark
Carl Munson

Deputy City Administrator Interim

Katy Allen

Public Meetings

City Council
6:30 PM

Tuesday April 5, 2022
Tuesday April 19, 2022

Planning Commission - 5:00PM

Thursday April 28, 2022

Council and commission meetings are open to the public with a Zoom option. The Zoom link is in each agenda at www.medical-lake.org

Utility Bill Help

If you are in need of assistance with your city utilities or AVISTA bill, there is funding available.

Past Due City Utilities, AVISTA Utilities, or Rent:

Medical Lake Outreach

Address: 207 S. Washington
Medical Lake, WA 99022
Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30 am—1:30 pm
Phone: (509) 299-3819
Email: medicallakecommunityoutreach@yahoo.com

SNAP

Address: 705 W. Second
Spokane, WA 99201
Phone: (509) 456-7111
Hours: M/T/W/F: 8:00-4:30 (closed 12—1 pm)
TH: 10:30-4:30 (closed 12—1 pm)
Website: snapwa.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS ♦♦♦SAVE THE DATE!

- April 2nd ♦ Lions Club - 44th Annual
Only Fools Run at Midnight
11PM - 1:30AM April 3rd
www.runsignup.com**
- April 16th ♦ Kiwanis - 40th Annual
Easter Egg Hunt
Waterfront Park - 11AM**
- April 23rd ♦ Fire District 3rd Presents
Fisherman's Breakfast!!
Saturday 12:01AM - NOON
Medical Lake Fire Station**
- May 14th ♦ Citywide Clean-up & Old Tire
Pickup Day
Waterfront Park Parking Lot
8AM - NOON
1300 S Lefevre Street**

Compost Trailer

The compost trailers will arrive at the City Maintenance Building April 4, 2022 for clean green yard debris. This service is provided to Medical Lake city residents only!

Parks & Rec

Youth Soccer is underway. Coaches needed, Call 509-565-5007. Thank you parents and coaches for your continued support of youth programs!

Elite Softball Teams Needed

Park & Rec is in search of elite slow-pitch softball league/teams for tournament play for Founders Days weekend, June 17th - 19th. Contact Ivanna (509) 565-5007.

WATER

There is a great deal of interest concerning water quality in Airway Heights. In light of recently detected contaminants in one well in Cheney, naturally this has led to some concerns about Medical Lake's wells and water supply.

In addition, it is important for us to let you know that Medical Lake follows all state regulations and guidelines related to water testing requirements. Testing occurs on a regulated schedule and the city will post results on our website as soon as they are available. In addition, past water tests can

A Look Ahead . . .

- June 17 - 18th w Founders Day Parade,
Trailblazer Triathlon/DU/5K
Re*Imagine Medical Lake
MedicalLake.org/fd**
- August 12 - 14th w Blue Waters
Bluegrass Festival
BlueWatersBlueGrass.org**