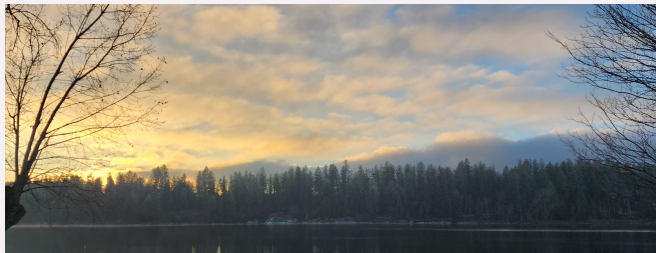




**FEBRUARY 2024**

## COUNCIL AGENDAS

With millions in grant awards and post-fire recovery efforts agendas are full and your council is working harder than ever. While Mayor Cooper was in Olympia, Mayor Pro-Tem Don Kennedy led the January 16th meeting. All resolutions passed including a contract for Public Defense Services awarded to Reid Legal Offices, and two grant funded public works street projects, with a small match of city funds required.



## 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

We are looking for support on these House Bills:

- 1952, establishing a statewide long term recovery group and creating a disaster playbook.
- 1899, ensuring communities can rebuild to current code standards after damage or destruction from wildfires (new energy code waiver).
- 1402, allowing local governments to adjust urban growth areas to account for land that has not developed or will remain undeveloped.
- 2020, creating public infrastructure assistance for disaster related damage.

We are looking for support on these Senate Bills:

- 5875, balancing energy code requirements with affordability, cost, and feasibility.
- 5682, concerning policing costs driven by proximity to state hospitals.
- 5834, relating to urban growth area land swaps.

We encourage citizens to visit [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov) where they can learn about these bills, contact their legislators, and sign up to participate in a committee hearing. Legislative Priorities continued on page 2.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Plannign Commission last met on January 29th. City Planner Elisa Rodriguez led a training session on an Introduction to Comprehensive Planning and Urban Growth Management. Planning Commission meets on the 4th Thursday each month at 5:30pm.

## PRESIDENTS DAY 2/19

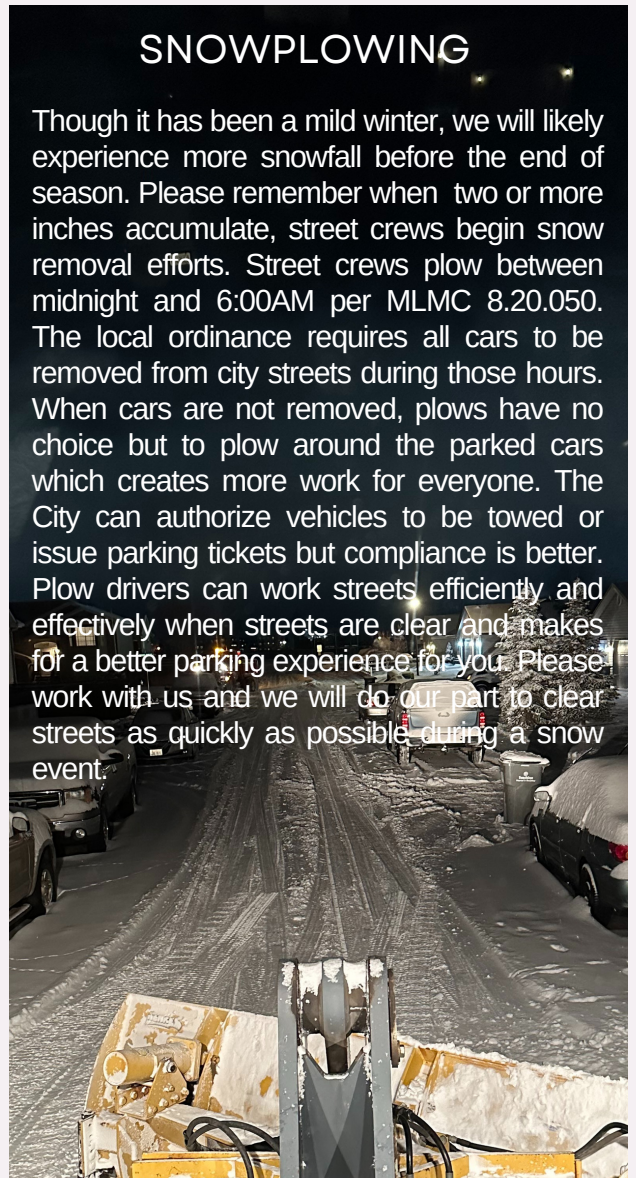
**City Hall will be CLOSED MONDAY 2/19**

## RECYCLING PICKUP

Recycling Pick-Up days are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month with the exception of Thursday Pick-Ups on May 30th, September 5th, and December 26th to accomodate holidays. The full calendar can be found online at <https://Medical-Lake.org>

## SNOWPLOWING

Though it has been a mild winter, we will likely experience more snowfall before the end of season. Please remember when two or more inches accumulate, street crews begin snow removal efforts. Street crews plow between midnight and 6:00AM per MLMC 8.20.050. The local ordinance requires all cars to be removed from city streets during those hours. When cars are not removed, plows have no choice but to plow around the parked cars which creates more work for everyone. The City can authorize vehicles to be towed or issue parking tickets but compliance is better. Plow drivers can work streets efficiently and effectively when streets are clear and makes for a better parking experience for you. Please work with us and we will do our part to clear streets as quickly as possible during a snow event.



# VISIT TO OLYMPIA

The week of January 15th city administration teamed up with local leaders to take the city's legislative priorities to Olympia. The needs and asks were both great. Mayor Terri Cooper, Administrator Sonny Weathers, Silver Lake Camp Chaplain Kaye Peterson, and Creative Solutions business owner Kara Rowe (not pictured) worked in unison to maximize communication efforts. Sonny Weathers shared his summary of events as the week came to a close, he wrote, "as I review my notes from a fantastic legislative trip to Olympia, I can't help but be impressed with what was accomplished in a few short days. We started off by meeting with the Governor, who graciously dubbed Mayor Cooper the Washingtonian of the Day after listening and offering support for our request. We soon found ourselves in Senator Billig's office followed by Senator Van De Wege, Senator Holy, Rep. Volz, and Rep. Schmidt. Day two began with Senator Schoesler and Rep Ormsby followed by a session with GSI in the House Rules Room before enjoying a grand reception with some great friends and legislators. Thursday started early with Rep. Corry (his kids have gone to camp at Silver Lake Bible Camp), then some informative sessions with GSI in the Senate Rules Room followed by some hallway conversations from the floor with Rep. McClintock, Rep. Abbarno, and Rep. Goehner (thanks to the help of Rep. Corry and Rep. Volz). Some brainstorming highlighted a need to share context related to House Bill 1899 with Local Government Committee members, which led to conversations with Rep. Alvarado and Rep. Riccelli before returning to a session with GSI where Senator Schoesler shared Medical Lake's request as a top priority and Speaker Jinkins mentioned, "Medical Lake is taking over!" The following day the conversation continued with Senator Mullet, Rep. Dye, and Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz before a field trip to Camp Murray to visit WA Emergency Management Division and making our way back to Medical Lake.

The effort made during our trip has already had overwhelmingly positive impact, yet there is no doubt that more good will come in time. Thank you for your meaningful contributions to this valuable effort. Our community is blessed to have champions like you!" Thank you Sonny, your contributions were invaluable.

*Legislative, continued from the front page:* In addition to House and Senate Bills, we are seeking funding for a \$29 Million water and sewer expansion to provide services to the West Shore of Silver Lake. Please watch this short video to better understand the dire need of our Silver Lake neighbors. The video and legislative priority details can be found online at <https://medical-lake.org/legislative-priorities/>



Gray Road Fire Story in Video



Pictured left to right, Kaye Peterson, Mayor Terri Cooper, and City Administrator, Sonny Weathers.



The capital building at sunrise on our final day

## PUBLIC MEETINGS



## CITY COUNCIL

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30PM**

**Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/20, 3/5, 3/19**

\*All public meetings are held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 124 S Lefevre St unless otherwise posted

# MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

## Medical Lakers After School Program

**Grades: 3-5 Cost: \$95 / Month**

**Hours: 2:45-6:00pm**

Join the Medical Lake Parks and Recreation Department everyday after school for some fun free play! We have video games, arts and crafts, board games, homework help, and so much more. This unstructured program is a great way for your grade school children to blow off some steam after being in school all day.



## 4Rec Soccer

Come and have your child participate in this progressive league where your child will learn the fundamentals of playing soccer to help them progress towards playing competently.



**AGES: 5/6 | 7/8 | 9/10 | 11/12 COST: \$50\***

**SEASON: 4/8-5/23**

(2 weekday practices & Saturday Games)

**REGISTER BY: 3/8**

\*\$5 Late fee for registration after registration deadline.

## 4Rec Flag Football

Get your young ones ready geared up to learn how to play football when they are older! This non contact format of flag football teaches kids the basics of how positions and plays work for when they get ready to play for their schools team.



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## Skyhawks SuperTots Ages: 18 month-5 Years

SuperTots Sports Academy provides sport-based development programs where children discover and develop athletic, motor, and social skills. SuperTots' curriculum is specifically designed to promote development along side a healthy, active lifestyle.



**All Supertot programs held in Medical Lake can be found at Skyhawks.com.**

## Karate with Kris Wilder

**COST: \$96**

**Ages: 4-6 & 7-10**

**Session: 1/8 - 2/28 [8 weeks]**

**Mon. & Wed at 4:00PM**

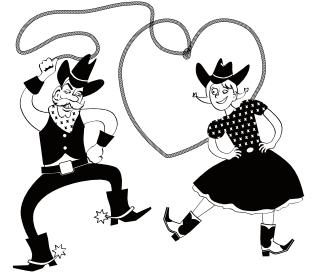
**Registrations open 11/13 at**

**[medical-lake.org/recreation](http://medical-lake.org/recreation)**



## SPRING DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE HOEDOWN

Dads! Bring your little Cowgirl to our first Daddy Daughter Dance in Medical Lake! We will provide everything needed for you and your little one(s) to enjoy the night Snacks, refreshments, crafts, and of course dancing!



**Date: 3/16 Time: 4:00-6:00pm**  
**Cost: \$15/person Register By: 3/2**

## SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

Join Medical Lake Parks and Recreation Staff this Spring Break for some daily fun and adventure. We will have daily activities and trips planned to entertain your children all week long. Daily breakfast and snack are included.

**Bring your own lunch.**

**Ages: 8-13 Cost: \$200**

**Hours: 7:30am-5:30pm**

## BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR

Do you have a special hobby, skill, or passion that you would like to share with others in our community? Reach out to us at City Hall and we will see if we have the time and space available to help you host classes to share your knowledge!

**Phone: 509-565-5007**



## TEEN PROGRAMS

### FROZEN ON BROADWAY - INB

Enjoy your favorite songs you know and love from the original Oscar-winning film. This will be an unforgettable experience filled with Special effects, stunning sets, and costumes. Ticket price, transportation and supervision included with cost. Feel free to dress up, but not required!

**Drop off and pick up at ML City Hall.**

**Ages:** 13-17

**Date:** 7/25

**Cost:** \$70

**Register By:** 3/18



### SPOKANE INDIANS BASEBALL GAME

Check out your favorite local baseball team as they play the Hillsboro Hops of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Fee includes transportation to and from ML City Hall, entrance ticket, and supervision. Please send money with your teen if they would like to purchase food at the game.

**Ages:** 13-17

**Date:** 8/1

**Cost:** \$20

**Register By:** 7/26



### TEEN HIKING CAMP

We are partnering with Cheney Parks and Recreation's popular hiking camp to take teens out for some fun and adventure. Our program will embark on beautiful daily hikes exploring hiking trails around Washington and Idaho. Hikes will be no longer than 4-5 miles each day. Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, backpack, sunscreen, bug spray, good hiking shoes, and a hat everyday.

**Ages:** 13-17

**Dates:** 6/24 - 6/27

**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Cost:** \$150



### TEEN WHITEWATER RAFTING

Come raft whitewater rapids on the Clark Fork River with Wiley E Water's Whitewater Rafting Co.! Send your teen with a towel, sack lunch, sunscreen, and change of clothes.

**Ages:** 13-17

**Date:** 8/15

**Time:** 6:00am - 4:00pm

**Cost:** \$150

**Register By:** 7/18

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### JAZZERCISE! COST: VARIES.



New Participant Discounts. Visit the Jazzercise website for times and dates.

[www.jazzercise.com/location/jazzercise-west-plains](http://www.jazzercise.com/location/jazzercise-west-plains)

### 6V6 SOCCER

Hit the pitch for Spring 6v6 Coed Soccer and compete for the title of Spring Soccer Champs!

- 6 to 10 players per team

- Modified field: 60yds x 40 yds

- Includes single elim playoffs



**Season:** Fri 5/3-6/7 **Time:** 6:00-8:00pm

**Cost:** \$250

**Register By:** 2/16

### OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL - FREE!

Get your friends together to play some free play volleyball. Must sign waiver upon arrival. Minors must have adult signature.

**Dates:** Saturdays 1/20 - 3/9 **Ages:** 16+

**Time:** 4:00-6:00PM

**Location:** Medical Lake Middle School



### YOGA! COST: \$8.00/SESSION

Come and enjoy a Yoga class designed for 55 and over! Sign a one-time waiver.

Payment due before class each week.

11:30am - 12:30pm: Wednesdays

Location: City Hall Auditorium

124 S Lefevre

55+



### PINOCHLE COST: FREE!

Socialize and meet new people in our weekly Pinochle group. Bring a snack to share.

Noon: Tuesdays

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 124 S Lefevre St.

### KIWANIS SENIOR VALENTINE DINNER

**Location:** Saint Anne's Parrish Hall

**Date:** February 10th @12:00PM

**Contact:** (509) 995-1099

<https://www.facebook.com/MedicalLakeKiwanis/>



### LIONS CLUB SENIOR LUNCH

Lunch is free! Donations welcome.



**Location:** Jenson Memorial Youth Ranch Hall - 620 N Stanley, Medical Lake

**Dates:** 2/22, 3/28, 4/25 **Time:** 11AM-1PM