

MEDICAL LAKE

CONNECTIONS

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Mayor Terri Cooper

Happy Spring! I hope your Easter was filled with all that is good! Our day began with a worship service followed by time

with family, too much food, and good times with the grandchildren.

Our city staff continue to produce above and beyond what could be expected, we are a blessed community indeed.

The lake trail should be open by the time you get this letter, please watch for signs as post-fire clean-up does continue and trail could be periodically closed for safety reasons.

You may notice the kayak and paddleboard cages have been delivered to Coney Island and Waterfront Park. The QR code should be activated by the end of the month allowing the community to use their debit or credit card to pay an hourly rate for boat or paddleboard usage. Please note Life Jackets must be worn during use. Have FUN and be SAFE!

FEMA DEADLINE 4/20

FEMA staff continue to be onsite at Medical Lake City Hall Tuesday through Saturday, taking applications through April 20, 2024. Any person, business, or government agency impacted by the fire may be eligible for awards or low interest loans. I encourage all to apply; there is no obligation to accept if qualified.

THREE YEAR 2020-2022 FINANCIAL AUDIT CONCLUDES

The City's financial and accountability audits for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 have been completed and published by the Office of Washington State Auditor, find the full report here sao.wa.gov. The State issued one finding in the financial audit and none for the accountability audit. The financial audit finding was rooted in a recurring weakness in processes and controls from past years' preparation of financial statements. The city's Finance Director Koss Ronholt was hired in April 2022 from the State Auditor's office, and he continues to work closely with the state to develop controls and correct past misstatements; "2023 financial statements will be our most accurate statements yet" Ronholt reported. Koss is an incredibly bright and proficient finance director, we are in safe hands.

COUNCIL CORNER

Medical Lake City Council members continue in their diligence in overseeing grants, services, projects, policies, and new program developments. Be sure to give thanks to Chad Pritchard, Keli Shaffer, Lance Speirs, Don Kennedy, Bob Maxwell, Ted Olson, and Tony Harbolt. Council members recently approved a FEMA Grant Agreement to pursue reimbursement for costs incurred during the Gray Rd. Fire. They also signed an additional TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) Grant for an additional \$1.58 Million to fully complete the Lefevre Street restripe and sidewalk project which will include street lights and move electrical overhead lines underground. Council agreed to join Spokane County Historic Preservation team. Doing so allows citizens to register their properties and also helps Medical Lake identify historic properties that help tell our story. There is no obligation for citizens to register their properties, there may be tax incentives for those property owners that wish to participate. Contact City Planner Elisa Rodriguez for more information.

OTHER NEWS

- Water reports to Department Health Completed- No Concerns
- Lake Street ADA ramp upgrades starting soon
- Pothole street repairs happening in preparation for Scrub Seal
- Annual Watermain Flushing happening soon, possible temporary sediments. Run tap until clear if needed.
- Irrigation Backflow Testing letters will be delivered this month.
- Large rocks placed at the Northend Trail for pedestrian safety.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY

Updating Medical Lake's Comprehensive Plan

April 2024

Land Use

The land use element of the comprehensive plan provides for the general location and distribution of land uses, the design and quality of the built environment, and the framework for the other elements of the plan.

At the March 28th meeting, the planning commissioners discussed the land use chapter of the current comprehensive plan. The commissioners generally agreed that the City could use a face-lift to attract new businesses. They also discussed the idea of creating a really nice, affordable residential community.

Climate Resilience and Hazard Mitigation

The Washington State legislature added the requirement of a climate resilience element to the comprehensive plan. The purpose of the climate resilience element is to improve climate related disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. This can be met with a hazard mitigation plan.

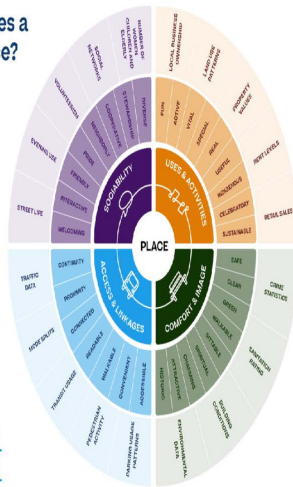
The City is receiving a grant from the State to prepare a hazard mitigation plan. The plan will be designed to fortify the community's capacity to manage a thrive amidst natural disasters. It will include infrastructure enhancements, regulatory reforms, community education programs, and emergency response protocols, among other mitigation measures.

Placemaking

Placemaking is about improving the quality of public spaces and the lives of the people who use them. It is centered around observing, listening to, and asking questions of the people who live, work, and play in a particular space in order to understand their needs and aspirations for that space and for their community as a whole.

This process looks at the natural environment and the local culture to create designs that are unique to location.

What Makes a Great Place?



Project for Public Spaces

Planning Commission

The topic for the April 18th meeting is Transportation. Meetings start at 5:30 and can be attended in person at City Hall or via Zoom. We encourage you to listen and give your opinion.



PUBLIC MEETINGS CITY COUNCIL

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30PM
Meeting Dates: 4/2, 4/16, 5/7

City Hall Council Chambers
124 S Lefevre St, Medical Lake

**GRAY RD FIRE
COMMUNITY MEETING**
Wed. April 17th - 6:30PM
**Medical Lake High School
Auditorium, 200 E Barker St**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4/13 GEO WALK - 1PM (free)
WATERFRONT PARK

5/2 STEM night - MLMS

5/10 SHRED DAY 9AM-NOON
CITY HALL - BACK LOT

5/11 SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY
8AM - 1PM
WATERFRONT PK



**IRS EXTENSION: FIRE
AREA FILERS HAVE
UNTIL JUNE TO FILE.
CHECK WITH YOUR
TAX CONSULTANT.**

FEED MEDICAL LAKE
AN OUTREACH OF ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Meals and Food Support
facebook.com/p/Feed-Medical-Lake

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.



Karate with Kris Wilder

COST: \$96
Ages: 4-6 & 7-10
Session: 3/11-5/1 [8 weeks]
Mon. & Wed at 4:00PM
Registrations open 11/13 at medical-lake.org/recreation



SUMMER BREAK DAY CAMP

Join Medical Lake

Parks and Recreation Staff

this Summer for

some daily fun and

adventure. We will have

daily activities and trips

planned to entertain your

children all summer 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

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. NEW SESSIONS AVAILABLE



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

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.



55+

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Medical Lake Parks and Recreation is now offering community garden plots for our community to plant, weed, feed, harvest.

Location: E. 515 Barker St. (Corner of Baker and Hallett St.)

Price: \$30.00/per year

Available: 10 gardening beds



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



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: 5/18



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



GARDEN TOURS

Join Sue Hines as we travel to local Farms and learn tips and tricks from the pros! Most of our stops will have their own greenhouses to shop for your season starters. All Garden Tours include a sub sandwich for lunch. More detailed information on trips can be found on our registration webpage. Please bring water and a snack if needed. Cost per trip is \$40 per person. Expected arrival back at ML City Hall is 3:30pm.



May 1st, 9:00am - Trellis and Table Farm and Nursery, Agape Farm, and Rosarium.

May 15th, 9:00am - Genna Bettin's Equine Partnership Training and Tall Grass Farms.



SPRING BREAK CAMP FUN!

Participants for the spring break camp had a blast at the Riverfront Ribbon Monday. April 1st. Enjoying all the fun activities West Plains has to offer! Join us on our next adventure 6/24 to 6/28