



MEDICAL LAKE CONNECTIONS

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MAYOR'S MINUTE



Welcome Summertime! The weather has been unseasonably warm giving us for more reasons to be at the lake. The Summer Concert series *Linger at the Lake* is going well. More than

4000 people visited Waterfront Park for the 4th of July Celebration making for a wonderful community event. I hope you enjoyed the city sponsored music and fireworks display!

August marks the one year anniversary of the Gray Road fire. While time seems to have gone by quickly, the recovery process for those displaced has been long. Re*Imagine Medical Lake has worked closely with the Salvation Army and holds a seat on the Spokane Region Long Term Recovery Board. I am grateful to the community members who continue to serve and meet regularly to assist those in the recovery process. FEMA funding came as another layer of relief for more than just those in the lowest income category. I am working on a project now to address help for all, including those paying every cent out of pocket for restoration.

Equally important is the need for future disaster preparedness. How can citizens better prepare for potential wildfires or other disasters. Education is key. How does the city, county, and state better prepare? Through lessons learned the city has already started building in redundant services and are working with a grant funded agency to create a preparedness manual sharable with other cities and counties. I am convinced the state should have a prefunded reserve account available and cities should not have to rely on post-disaster requests for toxic debris removal and recovery assistance. I will be working on that this next legislative session. I will also be asking the legislature to fund Long Term Recovery Groups so communities experiencing disaster can have access to immediate resources. Stay safe this summer, be mindful of potentially fire dangerous activities, and thank you for your continued support and the kindness shown to each other. We are a great little city! I hope to see you at the park for our final Linger at the Lake and Blue Waters Festival!

A TIME TO REBUILD, RESTORE, & REFLECT

For those who pre-registered with Re*Imagine Medical Lake prior to July 31st please plan to attend a *Welcome Home BBQ* on **Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 3pm - 6pm at Waterfront Park**. This event is for Gray Road fire survivors, neighbors, and friends to enjoy some time together.



LINGER AT THE LAKE CONCERT SERIES SUCCESS

Independence Day at Waterfront Park was an all-around splash. Crowds of families gathered to picnic, BBQ, and enjoy the beach in addition to the food vendors, inflatable water slides, free dance lessons, and live music from Devon Wade. At the conclusion of the concert, an impressive public fireworks display ended the event in style.

CITY LAUNCHES UPDATED WEBSITE

Although the address has not changed, the City website is all new. More features are being added to create a more interactive and informative website. You will find a public comment portal, we look forward to hearing from you.



<https://www.bluewatersbluegrass.org/>



LINGER *at the* LAKE

Concert Series - Live Music
August 1st, August 29th
6:00-8:00PM
Family Friendly
Waterfront Park

10.3 MILES OF LOCAL ROADS RESURFACED

Thanks to a \$1.1 million Transportation Improvement Board grant, a lot of our roads experienced maintenance work and a resurfacing treatment called scrub seal. This project helps extend the life of a roadway for 6-7 years. The City will be applying for additional funds later this year to address the remaining needs throughout our network of streets.

I-90 BUSINESS LOOP SIGNS INSTALLED

WSDOT crews recently installed wayfinding "loop" signage showing how State Route 902 is a mere 13-mile loop that takes travelers through Medical Lake and reconnects to Interstate 90 between exits 264 and 272. This project encourages folks to visit and linger in our eclectic eateries, parks, playgrounds, hiking, biking, boating, and fishing opportunities.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES APPROVED

The Spokane County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement to allow the Historic Preservation Office to provide their services within the City of Medical Lake. Additionally, the Historic Preservation Office was recently awarded grant funding to explore and document the history of Medical Lake.

SALARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENTED

An Independent Salary Commission was appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council with the express purpose of reviewing and establishing the salaries of the mayor and council members. This citizen advisory board assessed the market rate of compensation for elected city officials, studied the relationship of salaries and the responsibilities of Medical Lake's elected officials, and made a recommendation to provide an increase. The salary schedule was filed on 6/13 and became effective on 7/13 since no referendum petition was filed by citizens. Council members now have a salary of \$325 monthly, and the Mayor has a salary of \$1,400 monthly.

SCHOOL NEWS

The first day of school is 8/28. Medical Lake School District is offering free summer meals for kids ages 1-18 at Hallett Elementary on Mondays through Thursdays, Breakfast 8:30 - 8:45 and Lunch 11:00 - 11:15 through August 15th. [FREE Summer Meals | Medical Lake School District \(mlsd.org\)](http://mlsd.org)

PRIMARY ELECTION TUES. AUGUST 6TH

Remember to turn in your ballots!



**GRAY RD FIRE
COMMUNITY MEETING**
Wed. August 21st - 6:30PM
**Medical Lake City Hall
Council Chambers**

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETINGS**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30PM
Meeting Dates: 8/6, 8/20, 9/3
City Hall Council Chambers
124 S Lefevre St, Medical Lake



MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION



FALL 4REC YOUTH SPORTS

Come and have your child participate in this progressive league where your child will learn the fundamentals of our fall youth sports.

AGES:

Soccer: 5/6 | 7/8 | 9/10 | 11/12

Flag Football: 7/8 | 9/10 | 11/12

Volleyball: 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

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Price: \$105 / Month

Grades: 3-5

Hours: 2:45PM-600PM

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. Space is limited.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Garden Tours

Join Sue Hines as we travel to local Farms and learn tips and tricks from the pros! We will be visiting Durst & Son's Apiary (Honey), Tall Grass Farms Dahlia Fields, and Wild Sage Farms (Pumpkin Patch).

Date: August 20th | **Time:** 8:00am - 3:30pm

Location: ML City Hall | **Cost:** \$40

Become an INSTRUCTOR

Contact us at City Hall and work with our talented staff to help you share your gifts and knowledge with the community. PH 509-565-5007 | Glen@Medical-Lake.org



Check out the new retable kayaks and paddle boards at Waterfront and Coney Island Docks. For people who plan to use the rentals more often there is a yearly subscription option that will save you money and space in your home!



adult classes

JAZZERCISE!! City Hall Auditorium.

16+

See the website for cost and schedule.

www.jazzercise.com/location/jazzercise-west-plains

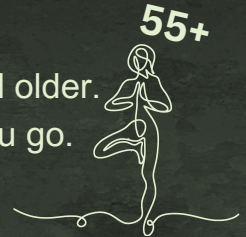
Yoga! Cost: \$8.00/Session

Yoga classes designed for 55 and older.

Sign a one-time waiver. Pay as you go.

11:30am – 12:30pm: Wednesdays

Location: City Hall Auditorium



Pinochle Cost: FREE!

Held Weekly, Bring a snack to share.

Tuesdays at Noon - 3pm

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 124 S Lefevre St.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **8/1** LINGER AT THE LAKE CONCERT SERIES, 6-8 PM, WATERFRONT PARK
- **8/3** FARMER'S MARKET 9AM - 4PM LAKE & LEFEVRE
- **8/6** PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
- **8/9-11** BLUE WATERS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
- **8/17** FARMER'S MARKET 9AM - 1PM LAKE & LEFEVRE ST
- **8/18** WILDFIRE ANNIVERSARY EVENT 3PM-6PM WATERFRONT PARK
- **8/21** GRAY FIRE COMMUNITY MEETING 6:30PM CITY HALL, 124 S LEFEVRE ST, MEDICAL LAKE.
- **8/21** MEDICAL LAKE GEO WALK FROM 5-7 PM WATERFRONT PARK
- **8/22** PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 5:30PM CITY HALL
- **8/24** AIRWAY HEIGHTS DAY 11AM - 7PM SUNSET PARK LN AIRWAY HEIGHTS
- **8/27** MLSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5PM DISTRICT OFFICE
- **8/28** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! ML SCHOOL DISTRICT
- **8/29** LINGER AT THE LAKE CONCERT SERIES 6PM - 8PM WATERFRONT PARK
- **9/2** LABOR DAY- CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED!
- **9/17** FARMER'S MARKET 9AM - 1PM AT LAKE & LEFEVRE

CRAIG RD I-90 INTERCHANGE STUDY

The work performed by this project will study an interchange access revision to create a new northerly transportation connection from the interchange to Craig Road and provide for a proposed transportation connection to SR 902, Spokane International Airport, Airway Heights, Fairchild Air Force Base, US 2 and other important employment/economic generators. Take the survey.

