



## MAYOR'S MINUTE



A time for everything under the sun . . . and everything is made beautiful in its time. Summer in Medical Lake has been warm and wonderful in many ways. Long hot days filled with the sounds of community; splashing,

music, festivals, farmers markets, and fun! In some neighborhoods the music sounds more like a symphony of hammers, saws, trucks, and machines all about the business at hand, their time to rebuild.

Welcome home friends! We have missed you! For those who may not return this fall and are likely to spend another winter away from home and our fair city, our hearts go out to you. Please know city staff, council, and myself are here to support your return. Please, reach out to Re\*Imagine Medical Lake and their Fire Recovery Team to discover what local resources may be available for you.

I am grateful to Re\*Imagine Medical Lake and the Spokane Region Long Term Recovery Group for co-sponsoring the Day of Reflection in remembrance of the Gray Road Fire of last summer. Many community partners came with gifts and well wishes for those returning home or soon to be returning. Many stories were shared of the miracles and God's grace extended to us that day; lives were spared and we are thankful!

As a result of the overwhelming community response to Spokane's pursuit of utilizing state facilities for regional public safety, City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 24-704 objecting to the location or placement of facilities for the homeless and/or jail facilities in the City of Medical Lake citing problems related to the existing location of Lakeland Village, Eastern State Hospital, Westlake, and Martin Hall; and the lack of resources or professional services to adequately serve the influx of individuals needing such services; and the existing community impacts and recovery efforts related to the COVID pandemic and the Gray Road

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Fire; and the undue hardship that would result from such facilities, among other things.

To further ensure our community's best interests, City Council along with support from our 6th District elected officials are pursuing legislation to address behavioral health facilities siting criteria that will include ample public notice and consideration of existing facilities.

Our 6th District elected officials came to our defense when we needed them most, each speaking publicly at the August 4th Press Conference called by Mayor Cooper. All agree Medical Lake already has a high percentage of vulnerable population in our care and lack capacity for more.

## LINGER AT THE LAKE

August 29th marked the last of the 2024 Linger at the Lake Summer Concert Series sponsored by the City of Medical Lake Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Hero Event Support. The first of four started off the season to augment Medical Lake Founders Day. Each concert thereafter had increased vendor participation and growing crowds! Another four part series is planned for next year, tell all your friends! Be sure and thank your city council members for supporting expanded park programs to improve tourism in support of local businesses.



## FARMERS MARKET NEWS

Re\*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market season finale ends with the last two of the season held Saturday, September 21st and Saturday, October 5th, held 9am - 1pm at Lake & Lefevre St. Come enjoy the final fruits of summer!

## PLANNING COMMISSION COMP PLAN WORK CONTINUES

# CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY

## Updating Medical Lake's Comprehensive Plan

September 20

### Housing

The Housing Element of the comprehensive plan addresses the current and future housing needs of the Medical Lake Community.

Housing needs are based on population projections and income brackets. The ability for the City to provide the opportunity for housing is determined by infrastructure, services, and land capacity. The City is currently working on a housing needs assessment.

### Middle Housing

Middle housing is a term for buildings that are compatible in scale, form and character with detached single-family houses. Examples include: duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, fiveplexes, sixplexes, courtyard apartments, cottage housing, and townhomes. These building types are typically "house-scale"; that is, the buildings are similar in bulk and form as single-family detached houses.



### Planning Commission

Join the Planning Commission on September 26th for a discussion about housing. 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.

### Accessory Dwelling Units

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are commonly known as "mother-in-law" units. They are typically apartments, in basements or above garages, that are used to house family members or rented out to supplement the owners income.

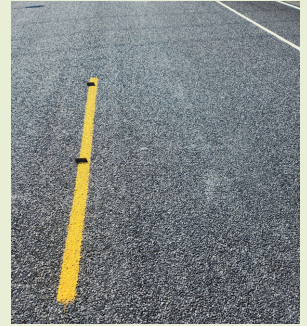
[www.Medical-Lake.org](http://www.Medical-Lake.org)

509-565-5000

124 Lefevre Street

## SCRUB SEAL WORK CONCLUDES

The grant funded scrub seal work on all of the north/south city streets has concluded. Thank you for your patience while work progressed. Doing this project added about ten years to the life of these



streets and will help us plan for scheduled routine paving in the future. Be prepared, next summer all east-west streets will undergo the same process creating a fresh new look for the entire town. City maintenance workers did a wonderful job of coordinating traffic flow and assisting in the work!

## PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES CONEY ISLAND DOCK PROJECT APPLICATION

At the August 22nd Planning Commission Meeting, project approval was granted for a project that will improve shoreline stabilization and add a fixed pier dock at Coney Island Park, increasing accessibility to Medical Lake and recreational opportunities for the community. This project advances the goals and policies of the City's Shoreline Master Program and Comprehensive Plan. The City has applied for all required permits and will begin construction next year.

## RECORDS ROOM REORGANIZATION PROJECT WORK BEGINS

Funded by a \$10,625 grant from Washington's Office of the Secretary of State, durable all-metal shelving and uniform State Archive boxes have been procured. Two seasonal Records Assistants, Sabrina Peterson and Kylie Wright were also hired and have been removing old shelving and debris, installing the new shelving, and began re-boxing and organizing public records to ensure they are uniform, properly labeled, and easily accessible. This project is a significant step forward in improving our records management system.

## MEALS AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH RESUME, NEW NAME - SILVER CAFE!

St. John's church and Greater Spokane County Meals On Wheels have partnered to create the Silver Cafe. Starting September 4th Lunch will be held every Wednesday from 11 am - 1 pm for persons 60 years of age and older. These nutritious meals provide 1/3 of the daily recommended intake and is a great opportunity to connect with others. St. Johns, 223 S Hallett St, Medical Lake.

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NEEDED



# MEDICAL LAKE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN SURVEY

The City of Medical Lake Office of Emergency Services is in the process of updating the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) in partnership with CHLOETA—a third-party environmental, risk mitigation, and infrastructure management consulting firm. Hazard mitigation planning helps local leaders better understand risks from natural and non-natural hazards, promoting the development of long-term strategies to reduce the effects of disaster-related events and their negative impact on people, property, and environment. The City of Medical Lake is seeking feedback from stakeholders and the public to incorporate into the plan.

## WHAT IS A HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN & WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

A hazard mitigation plan (HMP) is "the representation of the jurisdiction's commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards, serving as a guide for decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards" (44 CFR 201.6). This plan establishes and maintains city eligibility for hazard mitigation grant funding. This plan creates a framework for the city to reduce negative impacts from future disasters on lives, property, and the local economy. Better yet, efficient hazard mitigation planning can significantly reduce the physical, financial, and emotional losses caused by both natural and non-natural disasters. Public participation in the development of the City of Medical Lake Local Hazard Mitigation Plan will result in more effective risk reduction projects and a faster, more efficient funding allocation.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING IN MEDICAL LAKE

Public participation in the Medical Lake Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is an opportunity for city residents to evaluate a variety of potential hazards affecting city residents. This plan provides the City of Medical Lake eligibility for future FEMA hazard mitigation funding. The goal of this plan is to better identify hazards and projects that can reduce damages from future natural and man-made hazards. It will include a risk assessment featuring natural hazards (like drought, earthquakes, floods, landslides, severe weather, volcano, & wildfires) and non-natural hazards (like hazardous material incidents, terrorism, infrastructure failures, transportation incidents, communication failures, airplane crashes, Active Shooter Incidents, and Pandemics). Your participation in the planning process is critical to our success!

## WHY PARTICIPATE IN MEDICAL LAKE'S HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING?

- ↑ Increased awareness of the City of Medical Lake's risks & vulnerabilities
- ↓ Reduction of hazard impacts (safeguards lives & property, protects local economy)
- 👥 Creation of more resilient communities; bounce-back from disasters faster!

## PUBLIC OPEN COMMENT: MEDICAL LAKE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

### MORE INFORMATION:

Phone: 509.565.5000

E-mail: [city@medical-lake.org](mailto:city@medical-lake.org)

Web: <https://medical-lake.org/city-government/hazard-mitigation-plan>

# TAKE THE SURVEY



## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays  
6:30PM

9/3, 9/17, 10/1

City Hall Council  
Chambers  
124 S Lefevre St  
Medical Lake

## GRAY RD FIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday  
September 18th

City Hall Council  
Chambers

124 S. Lefevre St.  
Medical Lake

Press Conference  
Aug. 4th



Thank you citizens &  
elected officials!

# MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

## Senior Walking Group

We will meet at City Hall (124 S. Lefevre St. Medical Lake) for a morning stroll around the lake. Followed by Coffee and Conversation.

**Pay for your own coffee.**

**Cost:** FREE

**Date:** 9/12, 9/19, 9/26

**Time:** 8:30AM

## 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.



## COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE

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

**Location:** E. 515 Barker St.

**Price:** \$30.00/per year

**Available:** 10 gardening beds

**Call:** (509) 565-5007 or

**Email:** [ghorton@medical-lake.org](mailto:ghorton@medical-lake.org)



## 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



Check out the new rentable kayaks and paddle boards at **RENT!FUN** Waterfront and Coney Island Parks. 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!



**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.

12:00pm - 4:00pm Tuesdays & Saturdays

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 124 S Lefevre St.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**Spokane Dahlia Festival** We will meet at City Hall (124 S. Lefevre st. Medical Lake) for a ride to the Dahlia Festival at Rosarium Garden Center! Cost: \$10.00 Date: 9/21/24 Time: 10:00AM-TBA **FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE** Good 'Dilla Taco Truck Random Eatz Sausage Cart Crepe Sisters Billi's Diner Redeemed Coffee Co.



**Jazzercise Class are in the City Hall Auditorium. See website for price and schedule.**  
[www.jazzercise.com/location/jazzercise-west-plans](http://www.jazzercise.com/location/jazzercise-west-plans)