

# Medical Lake

## Connections



## Mayor's Minute



*Mayor Terri Cooper*

Crisp mornings and changing colors tell us Autumn has arrived. Wasn't it just a few days ago we were in the 90's? Isn't that what we love about our region, the ever-changing seasons and new beginnings? I think so!

We have just passed the one-year mark since the Gray Road Fire. More than half the destroyed homes have been rebuilt and families are back in their new houses trying to make it feel like "home". If that's you, may you find peace and solace in your new surroundings. There remains the other half likely to be displaced for another Winter. Our hearts go out to you. If that is you, please know you are missed, and we look forward to the day when we are all back together again. Re\*Imagine Medical Lake, the School District, and Salvation Army are still providing services so

please reach out. There is help available through regional partners. You won't know unless you ask, so please do.

The city received a grant to research and compile an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. Our contract partner Chloeta, along with City staff and regional stakeholders, have been meeting regularly to collaborate and coordinate best practices with lessons learned from the Gray Road Fire. We are hoping to create a template desk manual, shareable with other small cities, so all can be better prepared when disaster strikes.

I would like to recognize the magnificent job done by our city staff. This year staff have led multiple complex and large-scale street, sidewalk, and other projects which will continue through the Fall. Upgrades and maintenance to the Wastewater Treatment Plant continues, a critical infrastructure. Park program improvements were a real highlight, and the Linger at the Lake concert series was a tremendous success. The parks, lake, and trail maintained a steady flow of outdoor enthusiasts, and the kayak and paddleboard rentals were also in high use. All this activity takes an incredible amount of time and talent. The magic doesn't just happen, our dedicated staff know how to make it happen and smile while doing it!

During the October 1, 2024 City Council Meeting I gave a Proclamation in recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The City Council members and I are dedicated to the peace and safety of all our citizens. Please join us in our commitment to end family violence in our community.

Ballots will arrive in the mail very soon. We live in the greatest country on the planet! Please, take the time and effort to VOTE! Voting is our most basic and important civic duty. Your vote counts! Don't let anyone convince you otherwise.



**Public Meetings**



City Hall Council Chambers  
 City Council Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Tuesdays at 6:30 pm  
 Dates: 10/15, 11/5, 11/19  
 Planning Commission Meetings 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday at 5:30 pm  
 Date: 10/26

**Gray Fire Community Meeting**



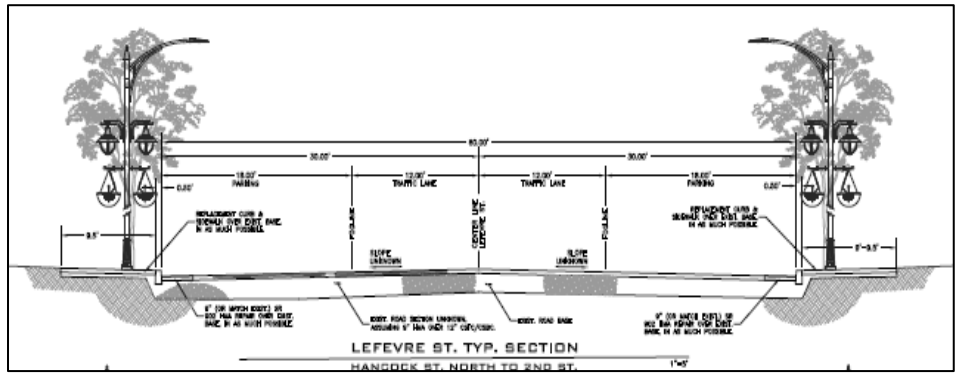
Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 pm  
 Medical Lake City Hall  
 Council Chambers

**West Plains Water Coalition**



Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm  
 MLHS Auditorium

# Lefevre St. Sidewalk Work



Significant improvements are coming to Lefevre Street! Beginning 10/7, crews from Liberty Concrete will kick off work on the north end of Lefevre St. at James St., progressing south towards 1<sup>st</sup> St. The project includes the installation of new sidewalks, lighting, and some utility work at Grace and Lefevre, which will affect traffic for a couple days. Detailed drawings are available for review at City Maintenance.

## 2025 City Budget Hearings Scheduled

The City is preparing our 2025 annual budget that projects revenues and expenses for operations and capital improvements relating to public safety, public works, parks and recreation, building and planning, and administration. The revenue sources and property tax hearing is set for 10/15 and will include a potential property tax levy increase. The preliminary budget hearing will take place on 11/5, and the final budget hearing is scheduled for 11/19. Citizens are welcome to share their ideas and comments in writing or in person during the hearings.

## West Medical Lake Chemical Treatment

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is conducting a chemical treatment (under permit) in West Medical Lake (in its entirety) to eradicate invasive Goldfish during the week of October 14-18. For more information visit

[www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/locations/lowland-lakes/west-medical-lake](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/locations/lowland-lakes/west-medical-lake)

## Sign Up for Utility Bill Direct Deposit

Make paying your utility bill easier with our free automatic ACH service! Scan the QR Code to sign up - it is quick and secure. No more worrying about missed payments, and you'll help reduce paper waste. Once signed up, your utility bill will be automatically paid through your bank account on the last business day of each month.



## Medical Lake FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for a celebration of the bountiful autumn season at our annual Fall Festival! Pumpkins, Trunk or Treat, games and activities, and so much more!

Admission and activities are free, and there's something for everyone to enjoy!

**RE-IMAGINE MEDICAL LAKE**

Sat, October 26, 1PM-4PM  
 2024 \*Trunk or Treat starts at 2:00!

High School Bus Loop

## MEDICAL LAKE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

# TAKE THE SURVEY



# MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

## WINTER BREAK CAMP

Join Medical Lake Parks and Recreation Staff this Winter for some daily fun and adventure.



We will have daily activities and trips planned to entertain your children. Daily breakfast and snack are included. **Bring your own lunch.**

**Ages:** 8-13 **Cost:** \$225 / week

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

## 4REC WINTER BASKETBALL

Time for team play! 4Rec Winter Basketball focuses on teaching the fundamentals of the game, learning teamwork, and most of all, HAVING FUN! Teams will practice up to two times per week and play six weeks of Saturday morning games in Airway Heights, Medical Lake, and Cheney.

**Dates:** 1/6 - 2/29

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30pm

**Cost:** \$54

## 2024 PRE-SEASON BASEKTBALL CAMP

Join Medical Lake Staff for a pre-season basketball camp that will help get your kiddos ready for season play!



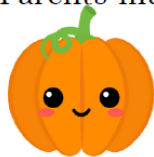
**Dates:** 12/14

**Time:** 5-8Age-8:30AM-10:00 9-12Age- 10AM-12PM

**Cost:** \$5

## PUMPKIN CONTEST

Come carve pumpkins at City Hall to be judged for Most Spooky and Most Creative. Winners will receive a gift card to ROAM Coffee. Pumpkins & Carving tools provided. Parents must attend w/ child.



**Age Groups:**

6-10 | 11 - 15

**Date:** 10/24 **Cost:** \$8.00

## 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



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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.

**Grades:** 3-5 **Cost:** \$105 / Month

**Time:** 2:45-5:30pm

## Exciting Update: New Registration Software for Medical Lake Parks and Recreation!

We are pleased to announce that the Medical Lake Parks and Recreation Department has transitioned from Tyler Recreation to DaySmart Recreation software! This upgrade will enhance our registration process and improve your experience with our programs. As part of this change, all families will need to create a new profile in the DaySmart system to register for upcoming recreation programs. This ensures that we have the most accurate and up-to-date information for all participants.

To create your new profile, simply visit our website and follow the prompts. We encourage everyone to set up their profiles as soon as possible to ensure a smooth registration process for our exciting programs ahead.

For any questions or assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Parks and Recreation Department.



## TEEN PROGRAMS AGES 11-15

### SPOKANE VELOCITY GAME

Join Medical Lake Parks and Recreation Staff to an evening cheering on Spokane's first year pro team. The Spokane Velocity team will take on Greenville Triumph SC at One Spokane Stadium at 6:00pm.

**Date:** 10/26/2024

**Cost:** 25.00\$

**Time:** 5:00pm-9:00pm

**Register By:** 10/7



### Movie Marathon: Harry Potter

Bring your friends and your favorite pillow for a Harry Potter Friday night series! We will have popcorn, pizza, soda for all who attend!!

10/25- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer stone

11/1-Harry Potter and the Chambers of Secrets

11/8-Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

**Dates:** 10/25, 11/1, 11/8

**Cost:** 20.00\$

**Time:** 6:00pm-9:30pm

**Register By:** 10/21



### EWU MENS BASKETBALL GAME

TAKE A BUS RIDE DOWN TO CHENEY WITH US TO CHEER ON OUR LOCAL UNIVERISTY MENS BASKETBALL PROGRAM!

**DATE:** 11/17

**COST:** 25.00

**TIME:** 5:15-9:00

**REGISTER BY:** 11/10



### 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)



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Adult Open Gym

Medical Lake Middle School will be open for adults to play basketball. Must be 16+ to play and sign a waiver.

**Cost:** FREE

**Dates:** Sundays in Nov. & Dec.

**Time:** 2:30pm

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.

### Run Club

The City of Medical Lake is interested in starting a run club! If you or someone you know would be interested in leading the run club please reach out to our office to discuss details.



**Days:** Wednesdays Starting Oct. 23rd

**Cost:** 10.00 (includes Run Club T-shirt

**Time:** 5:30PM

**Register by:** 10/14

**Jazzercise Classes 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)**