

December

Medical Lake Connections

2024



Mayor's Minute



Mayor Terri Cooper

Greetings and Happy Holidays! What a remarkable Fall season, the weather has been fabulous. Time to bundle up it appears.

I heard through the grapevine the Fall Festival handed out more than 1000 pounds of candy with an estimated crowd of 2000, serving 800 treaters! That's impressive and again, no one does it like Medical Lake! Please pass along your gratitude to the Lions Club, Kiwanis, School District, SCOPE, Medical Lake Library, and Re*Imagine Medical Lake for once again creating a sense of community and the most perfect small-town American experience. In addition, local businesses donated dollars and goodies to give away more than 40 desserts in the cake walk which has become the most popular Fall Festival event. Without community partners these free-for-children festivals would not be possible! I am so grateful to live in such a great little city.

Speaking of Festivals, Winter Festival is just around the corner, scheduled for Saturday, December 14th. So many great things coming together says Re*Imagine President, Gerri Johnson. See the included flyer for details. Did you know that Festivals are a proven way to promote tourism and boost the local economy? It's true, and is the reason why the City, non-profit groups, and local businesses support seasonal festivals. Thank you for supporting those efforts and please spend your dollars local whenever possible.

To every business owner in Medical Lake, I want to extend my gratitude for what you do every day to make our city a special place. Thank you for your commitment, for sticking it out through the hard times, and for showing up every day to serve people. What you do matters!!

It is my prayer that each of you have a very blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. We have much to be thankful for with more than half our fire survivors back in their homes. We expect most if not all will be home within the next few months. It is good to give thanks in every circumstance. I'm grateful for the volunteers and givers that made the fire recovery work a success. While it seems long to us, others around the nation tell us the Spokane Region, and in particular the Gray Road Fire area, is well ahead of the norm. Why? We are a caring community and now the whole world knows!!

While city staff and council are focused on budgets and plans for 2025 please know that all we do is done for the good of our city. I've planned a listening tour for 2025 to hear your thoughts in greater detail related to planning and the future of Medical Lake. Outreach to you will come in many forms seeking your input from various departments within the City. Please plan to participate when the times comes. Your voice matters to me!



Public Meetings



City Hall Council Chambers
 City Council Meetings 1st and 3rd
 Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
 Dates: 12/3, 12/17, and 1/7
 Planning Commission Meetings 4th
 Thursday at 5:30 pm
 Date: 12/19 (adjusted for holidays)

Gray Fire Community Meeting



Wednesday, December 11th - 6:30 pm
 Medical Lake City Hall
 Council Chambers



Meet and Greet with MLSD
 Superintendents
 Tuesday, December 17, 8:45-9:45 am at Roam Coffee Roasters

2024 Year in Review

Residents can expect to see construction in Medical Lake going north to south between Beverly Ave. and Tule Pond and east to west from S. Brayton Rd. to Medical Lake. Signs will be posted indicating work areas. Residents can visit [Xfinity.com/mytown](https://xfinity.com/mytown) and enter their addresses for additional details on construction timing and upcoming service availability. The project is expected to be completed in 2025.

Medical Lake School District Wellness Center



The Wellness Center is free and open to all members of the Medical Lake community. Offerings include free mental health, community workshops, CHAS health, substance use therapy, free Wi-Fi access, free laundry facility access, and more. They are located at 317 N. Broad St. and open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 3pm, or by appointment.

Lefevre St. Sidewalk Update

Construction activity is underway with utility work taking place prior to the installation of new sidewalks and lighting. Crews are aiming to complete as much work as possible before winter weather arrives, yet completion will be in 2025.

Stay Informed with Push Notifications



Want to know if there will be road closures, upcoming events, or to just stay in the know of everything that is going on in Medical Lake? Scan the QR code to the left, sign up for our mobile alerts and updates, and we will keep you in the know of everything that is happening in our wonderful city.

CLOSED

City Hall will be closed on
 12/25 for Christmas and
 1/1 for New Year's Day

SCFD3'S ANNUAL: SANTA ESCORT

Save the dates!

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| SUNDAY, DEC. 15 Station 34- Windsor Crossing, West Meadows, Aspen Park, Country View Meadows, Maple Terrace, Takoda Park and Thomas Manor | MONDAY, DEC. 16 Station 33- West Terrace | TUESDAY, DEC. 17 Station 33- Needham Hill, Hayford Village, the Berry Patch, Crystal Meadows and Beau West Apartments |
| WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18 Station 33- Big Sky, Foxtail Estates, Strathview | THURSDAY, DEC. 19 Station 31- Medical Lake west of Lefevre St & South of Lake St. | FRIDAY, DEC. 20 Station 31- Medical Lake north of Lake St & east of Lefevre St |

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LINKS TO DETAILED MAPS AND OUR SANTA TRACKER SOON!

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE RE-IMAGINE MEDICAL LAKE
WINTER FESTIVAL
 DECEMBER 14TH

12 TO 5 PM
 SANTA'S WORKSHOP - CELA'S
 LIVE REINDEER & PONY RIDES
 GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST
 MRS. CLAUS BAKESHOP UPSTAIRS CITY HALL
 ELF CRAFTS UPSTAIRS CITY HALL
 FREE FOR ALL KIDS (CASH SUPPLIES LAST)

ELF VILLAGE
 11/23-12/31
 CONEY ISLAND PARK

SMALL BUSINESS HOLIDAY SHOPPING
 11/30

CHRISTMAS MARKET
CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR VETERANS
 \$26 EACH

OTHER FUN:
 5K STOCKING STUFFER
 2PM - CHAVEZ CHAINSAW CARVING
 FIND THE CARDINAL
 SPOKANE AERIALISTS L.E.D. SHOW
 SELF-GUIDED LIGHT TOUR
 PARADE AT 5 PM ON LAKE ST
 FIREWORKS SHOW

PLEASE WEAR YOUR FAVORITE WHOOVILLE COSTUME!!
TREE LIGHTING & FIREWORKS
 5PM - CONEY ISLAND PARK
 TOUR OF LIGHTS AFTER FIREWORKS

DOWNTOWN MEDICAL LAKE
 JUST 15 MINUTES WEST OF DOWNTOWN SPOKANE!
 VISIT MEDICALLAKE.ORG/WINTER-FESTIVAL
 FOR ALL EVENT TIMES AND DETAILS!

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 planned, as well as field trips to places like the trampoline park, ice skating rink, and bowling alley! Daily breakfast and snack are included. **Bring your own lunch!!!**

Dates: 12/23, 12/26, 12/27, 12/30, 12/31, 1/2, 1/3

Ages: 8-13 yrs **Cost:** \$55 / day

Hours: 7:30am-5:30pm



2024 PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL CAMP

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

Date: 12/14

Time: 5-8 yrs 8:30-10:00am | 9-12 yrs 10am-12pm

Cost: \$5



DADDY DAUGHTER SWEETHEART DANCE

Put on your best and bring your daughter, granddaughter, niece, or another special kiddo in your life for a night of dancing, games, and great memories!

Date: Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Time: 5:00-7:00pm **Ages:** ALL ARE WELCOME!

Cost: \$25 per couple, \$10 per additional guest

Location: Medical Lake Middle School

YOU'RE MY SUPERHERO: MOTHER-SON FUN NIGHT

Dress up as your favorite superhero and bring your son, grandson, nephew, or another special kiddo in your life for a night of activities, games, and prizes!

Date: Saturday, April 5th, 2025

Time: 5:00-7:00pm **Ages:** ALL ARE WELCOME!

Cost: \$25 per couple, \$10 per additional guest

Location: City Hall Auditorium

LEGO-MANIA

Need something for your kids to do on a cold winter day? Bring them to City Hall to complete a fun LEGO project! Participants will get to select between 3 different LEGO kits to build. After they are done, they can take their kit home to enjoy again and again!

Date: 1/12 **Register By:** 1/6

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Cost: \$22



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

Cost: \$7/Per day (full week discount)

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.

KID'S MOVIE NIGHT: HOME ALONE

Bring your friends and your favorite pillow for a Christmas themed movie night. This month's feature: Home Alone! We will have popcorn, pizza, and soda for all who attend!!

Date: 12/10 **Register By:** 12/9

Time: 6:00pm-8:15pm

Ages: 6-10 yrs **Cost:** \$10



CHECK OUT OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT FEATURE!

Movie: The Spiderwick Chronicles

Date: 1/24 **Time:** 6:00pm-8:15pm

TEEN PROGRAMS 11-15 yrs

MOVIE MARATHON: STAR WARS

Grab a friend and your favorite pillow for a Star Wars Friday night series! We will have popcorn, pizza, and soda for all who attend!!

12/13- The Phantom Menace

12/20- Attack of the Clones

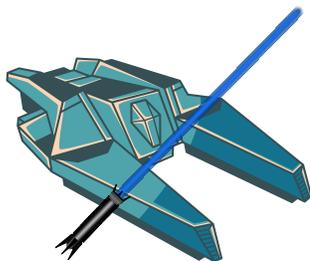
12/27- Revenge of the Sith

Dates: 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

Register By: 12/12

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Cost: \$20 (for three dates)



CHECK OUT OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT FEATURE!

Movie: Shrek

Date: 1/17 **Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm

BOWLING AT CHENEY LANES

Bring your A-game for some local fun at Cheney Lanes! Come to City Hall to join our Parks and Rec Staff for an afternoon of bowling. Registration fee will include shoe rental and two 1-hour long games. Make sure to bring money if you want to get food!

Date: 1/26 **Register By:** 1/24

Time: 1:00-4:30pm **Cost:** \$25

ADULT PROGRAMS

Senior Christmas Shopping Day

Got some Christmas shopping to do? Come with us to the Spokane Valley Mall to get the perfect gifts for your loved ones! Meet us at City Hall and we will provide transportation to and from the mall.

Date: 12/14 **Register By:** 12/13

Time: 10:30am-3:30pm **Cost:** \$8

Adult Open Gym

Medical Lake Middle School will be open for adults to play basketball. Must be 16+ to participate. All participants must complete a waiver before playing. **Cost:** FREE

Dates: Sundays in Nov. & Dec. **Time:** 2:30pm

**Is there a class YOU want to take or teach?
Let us know by contacting us at
(509) 565-5000 Ex. 2**

Jazzercise Classes are in the City Hall Auditorium. See website for price and schedule.

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

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.

Craft & Chat: Candle Making

Need a night out? Join us at City Hall for a night of crafting and conversation! We will have new projects each month to create. Make sure to bring a friend, anyone ages 14 and up are welcome! Check below to see what craft is being hosted for the month!

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Location: City Hall Auditorium

1/11 - Candle Making

Cost: \$35

Create and decorate your own beautiful, non-toxic soy candles! We will provide the materials to decorate pre-made candles or create your very own scented masterpiece! All participants will take home two candles.

