



Community Connections

MEDICAL LAKE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY
2025



Public Meetings



City Council Chambers

City Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.

Dates: 1/7, 1/21, and 2/4

Planning Commission Meetings

4th Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Date: 1/23

2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Updated City Council Policies and Procedures
- Renewed Commute Trip Reduction ILA
- Vacant Commercial Space Ordinance adopted
- FEMA Disaster Recovery Center in City Hall
- Purchased 15 Passenger Van
- Replaced Jefferson Water Main
- Franchise Agreements with Comcast and Ziplly Fiber
- ILA for Historic Preservation Services
- Linger at the Lake Concert Series
- I-90 Business Loop signs
- 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program update
- Updated Records Management Policy
- Shipping Container Code amendment
- WWTP Solar Array installed
- Expanded and adopted Capital Improvement Plan
- Adopted Healing Waters Strategic Plan
- EV Charging Station at ML Library
- Special Events Code update
- Adopted 2025 Legislative Priorities



Mayor's Minute

Hello Friends. The holiday season has passed, yet the gratitude continues as we look back on all that's been accomplished in 2024. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Year Celebrations. Thank you for your patience and support for what has been a busy and productive year.

Post Gray Road Fire home rebuilding continues, and I am happy to report 37 of the 55 homes lost have occupancy permits with continued work expected through the winter months. The city's Building and Permitting Department continue to expedite permits and inspections for the Gray Fire rebuilds while supporting the routine work of the department.

Capital projects for the City of Medical Lake continue with exceptional progress. Some of the highlights include grant funded projects totaling over \$2 million for a solar array at the Waste-Water Treatment Plant, street improvements on 10 miles of North/South roadways, a water main replacement, and internal technology improvements at City Hall. Another \$3 million of grant funded projects which have started and will finish in the Spring of 2025 include major sidewalk and aesthetic improvements along Lefevre Street and Lake Street ADA upgrades. Grant funding also paid to develop a soon to be released detailed Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan will not only help the city of Medical Lake to be better prepared for any future natural disaster, but will also provide a template useful for other small cities. Additionally, \$2.3 million of grant funding has been secured for East/West road improvements, backup generators for critical infrastructure, and a major update of our Comprehensive Plan.

Other notable accomplishments include FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at City Hall, purchase of a 15 passenger van for recreation programs, historic preservation agreement with Spokane City/County Historic Preservation Office, vacant commercial property ordinance impacts, Business Loop signage on I-90 exits to Medical Lake, Linger at the Lake Concert Series, updated city website, and broadband franchise agreements bringing high-speed internet options from Comcast and Ziplly Fiber. 2025 looks to be another high-impact and productive year.



Mayor Terri Cooper



2025 Budget and Other City Business

The 2025 budget had a preliminary hearing on 11/5 and a final hearing on 12/3. The final budget ordinance was approved at the 12/17 Council meeting and includes a commitment to maintaining essential services, improving infrastructure, and preparing for the City's future needs. You can view the details on the city website (www.medical-lake.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2025-Final-Budget.pdf)

In addition to the 2025 final budget, City Council recently approved bid awards for a City Communications Plan, Waste-Water Treatment Plant Headworks PLC and SCADA Upgrade, Lake St. ADA Ramp Upgrades, and the City Hall Commercial Kitchen. Transportation Improvement Board grant agreements were approved, bringing another \$1.45 million in funding for local road maintenance and preservation projects. Another \$700,000 grant agreement was approved through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and will fund backup power generators for essential facilities and critical infrastructure.

New Businesses Open in Medical Lake

Silver Linings Auto Repair is located at 120 S. Washington St. and is committed to transforming automotive challenges into seamless solutions for all your repair needs.

The Vault Gallery and Events is located at 106. S. Lefevre St. and is a creative hub offering a variety of events and classes.

The European Child is located at 212 E. Lake St. and is a children's boutique and event space.

Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan Review

Q: How can I review and provide comment on the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan?

A: Our draft Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared and is available for review on the City's website. Your input is valued and can be shared online or at the Public Workshops scheduled for the 1/23 Planning Commission meeting and the 2/4 City Council Meeting.



PUBLIC SAFETY

See Something Say Something

Report crime, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, and suspicious activity by calling Crime Check 509-456-2233.

S.C.O.P.E

Join the Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Effort (S.C.O.P.E.) to help Medical Lake and support law enforcement.

Call 509-477-3376 or visit spokanecounty.org/1378/SCOPE for more information.

RESOURCES

Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Services

509-477-2532

spokanecounty.org/SCRAPS

Medical Lake Code Enforcement

Follow us on Facebook: City of Medical Lake, WA

MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

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



MAKE YOUR OWN SNOWGLOBE!

Come do a fun, family-friendly craft with us and let your imagination run wild! We will provide the materials to make your very own beautiful and unique winter wonderland snow globe! Participants under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: 2/2 **Register By:** 1/27

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Cost: \$14

2024 PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL CAMP

Thank you so much to everyone who came out for our Pre-Season Basketball Camp! We can't wait to see everyone for Winter 4Rec Sports. Make sure to keep an eye out for Spring 4Rec Sports if you missed registration for the Winter Season!



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - SPOTS AVAILABLE!

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 (discount available for full week registration)

KID'S MOVIE NIGHT: THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

Bring your friends and your favorite pillow for kid's movie night. We will have popcorn and pizza for all who attend. This month's feature: The Spiderwick Chronicles!

Upon moving into the run-down Spiderwick Estate with their mother, twin brothers Jared and Simon Grace, along with their sister Mallory, find themselves pulled into an alternate world full of faeries and other creatures.

Date: 1/24 **Register By:** 1/23

Time: 6:00pm-8:15pm

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



CHECK OUT OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT FEATURE!

Movie: Tarzan

Date: 2/14 **Time:** 6:00pm-8:15pm

DADDY-DAUGHTER
Sweetheart Dance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025
TIME: 5:00PM - 7:00PM
LOCATION: MEDICAL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
COST: \$25/COUPLE,
\$10 PER ADDITIONAL GUEST

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!

MOTHER-SON FUN NIGHT
YOU'RE MY SUPERHERO!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2025
TIME: 5:00PM - 7:00PM
LOCATION: CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
COST: \$25/COUPLE,
\$10 PER ADDITIONAL GUEST

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

TEEN PROGRAMS 11-15 yrs

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

MOVIE NIGHT: SHREK

Grab a friend and your favorite pillow for a teen movie night. We will have popcorn and pizza for all who attend.

This month's feature: Shrek!

A mean lord exiles fairytale creatures to the swamp of a grumpy ogre, who must go on a quest and rescue a princess for the lord in order to get his land back.



Date: 1/17 **Register By:** 1/16

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm **Cost:** \$10

CHECK OUT OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT FEATURE!

Movie: Marvel's The Avengers

Date: 2/17 **Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm

AIRWAY HEIGHTS REC CENTER

Enjoy some time out of the cold with us at the Airway Heights Rec Center! Swim in the pool or play a variety of games in their open gym.

Date: 2/16 **Register By:** 2/14

Time: 1:00-4:30pm **Cost:** \$22

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. Pay in person or online on our website!

11:30am – 12:30pm: Wednesdays

Location: City Hall Auditorium
124 S Lefevre

55+



ADULT PROGRAMS

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 (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)! 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.



2/22 - Terrarium Building

Cost: \$45

Build a magical, self-sustaining woodland ecosystem in a jar! Once complete, the terrariums only need to be spritzed with water once a month to thrive. All materials will be provided!



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

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

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.