



FEBRUARY
2025

Community Connections

MEDICAL LAKE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**Mark Your
Calendar**

Public Meetings



City Council Chambers

City Council Meetings

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

Dates: 2/4, 2/18, and 3/4

Planning Commission Meetings

4th Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Date: 2/27



Gray Fire Community Meeting

Wednesday, 3/12 at 5:30 pm.



SUNSET REFLECTION ON THE STILL WATER OF MEDICAL LAKE

Mayor's Minute

Hello friends, It appears we will have a bit of winter wonderland after all and unfortunately Punxsutawney Phil may be right this year! No complaints from me; it's been a mild winter so far. Happy Valentines Day, don't forget to kiss your sweetheart.



Mayor Terri Cooper

Two new Planning Commission Members were appointed at the February 4, 2025 meeting: Kevin Twohig and JoeDavid Veliz. Both are long-standing community members with diverse career backgrounds. Welcome Kevin and JoeDavid! Please join me in thanking retiring Planning Commissioners Mark Hudson and Marye Jorgenson for their decades of faithful service.

City staff are busy managing a myriad of public work projects, a new city hall commercial kitchen design, expanded partnerships with program partners, and this winter, a new and exciting indoor farmer's market. Watch the city's website and Facebook page for dates and announcements.

City streets and properties will continue to have disruptions surrounding the Lefevre Street sidewalk improvements project and build out of broadband direct fiber-to-home and fixed wireless internet services. Thank you for your patience! Please note the lawn, road, and other holes that were dug for the installation have been temporarily patched and further work will happen in the Spring when the ground is thawed. If you have an area of concern, please feel free to contact City Hall in person, email, or through the online portal to ensure all known areas needing attention are documented.

The 2025-2026 State Biennium Budget session is in full swing. Staff, Council, and I are focused on Medical Lake's Legislative Agenda and will be taking those requests to Olympia twice in the month of February. Medical Lake was well received last year and we look forward to a productive visit. Many bills are already passing through house and senate chambers, things are moving quickly. To see what bills are of interest I suggest you look at the City's Legislative Agenda on the website and also take a look at the AWC Association of Washington Cities 2025 Legislative Priorities at <https://wacities.org/advocacy/City-Legislative-Priorities> which we support.

CLOSED

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, 2/17
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY**

THE SNOW IS COMING

Please be prepared
to move parked cars for snow
removal crews



MLMC 8.20.050 - Parking
restricted for snow removal

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.



SCAN ME

Website:

[Medical-Lake.org/city-government/hazard-mitigation-plan/](https://www.Medical-Lake.org/city-government/hazard-mitigation-plan/)

City Hall Address:

124 S. Lefevre St.
Medical Lake, WA
99022



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PUBLIC WORKS

Lefevre St. Sidewalks and Lighting

Construction continues as electrical conduit and lighting pedestals are installed.

Lake St. ADA Ramp Upgrades

Spring will introduce sidewalk construction along Lake St, upgrading ADA ramps and driveway approaches to meet federal requirements.

Stormwater Mitigation

Survey crews will be working in areas where stormwater is discharged into Medical Lake in preparation of adding retention swales to assist in protecting our watershed.

RESOURCES

Contact Medical Lake Public Works

509-299-7715

2025 Legislative Priorities and Other City Business

City Council adopted legislative priorities for the 2025 Washington State Legislative Session. Mayor Cooper, City Councilmembers Kennedy and Speirs, and the City Administrator will be travelling to Olympia in support of these priorities. You can view the 2025 Legislative Agenda on the city website (www.medical-lake.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Legislative-Priorities-2025-Final.pdf) To learn more about how you can provide support for Medical Lake, visit <https://leg.wa.gov/bills-meetings-and-session/session/how-to-testify-at-a-committee-meeting/meeting>.

City Council recently renewed appointments to regional boards/commissions/committees. The Mayor, City Council, and staff contribute to Broadline, Spokane County Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee, Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Spokane County Steering Committee of Elected Officials, Spokane Transit Authority, Spokane Regional Long-Term Recovery Group, Fairchild Restoration Advisory Board, Eastern Washington Finance Officers Association, and the Spokane Regional Law & Justice Council. A review of City Council Policies and Procedures also took place, dissolving the Parks and Recreation Committee since a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been established. The 2024 Fourth Quarter Budget Report highlighted how the City ended last year with revenues outpacing expenses by \$530,824. Annual crime statistics revealed that crimes against property categories are all less than or equal to the past 5-year averages, except for theft, which increased slightly. Our commitment to community policing is proving to be beneficial. Please continue to report all crime, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, and suspicious activity to Crime Check 509-456-2233.



2025 WINTER MONTHLY FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS: 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17 | 11:30AM-3:30PM



MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

MAKE YOUR OWN SNOW GLOBE!

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



SWIMMING AT AIRWAY HEIGHTS REC CENTER

Take a break from the cold and come swim with us at the Airway Heights Rec Center! Meet us at City Hall and we will provide transport. Ages 7 and up.

Date: 3/8 **Register By:** 3/6

Time: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Cost: \$24



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!



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)

4REC SPRING SPORTS

All 4Rec Sports Teams will practice up to two times per week and play six weeks of Saturday morning games in Airway Heights, Medical Lake, and Cheney.

Spirit Squad: Cheer & Dance **Ages: 7-12**
Dates: 4/7-5/31 **Register By:** 3/9 **Cost:** \$54

Spring Soccer **Ages: 5-12**
Dates: 4/7-5/31 **Register By:** 3/9 **Cost:** \$54

Spring Flag Football **Ages: 7-12**
Dates: 4/7-5/31 **Register By:** 3/9 **Cost:** \$54

PAINT-A-POT: GARDEN POT DECORATING

Get ready for spring by painting a garden pot with us at City Hall! Bring the family to decorate a pot to take home and fill with flowers or vegetables for your garden. Participants must register on our website to attend.

Date: 1/12 **Register By:** 1/6
Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm **Cost:** \$14



KID'S MOVIE NIGHT: TARZAN

Drop the kids off while mom and dad go on a Valentine's Day date night! Just bring something cozy to snuggle up with and we will have pizza and popcorn for all who attend. This month's feature: Tarzan!

A man raised by gorillas must decide where he really belongs when he discovers he is a human.

Date: 2/14 **Register By:** 2/13

Time: 6:00pm-8:15pm

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



CHECK OUT OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT FEATURE!

Movie: Spy Kids!

Date: 3/21 **Time:** 6:00pm-8:15pm

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

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:** \$24

MOVIE NIGHT: MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS

Grab a friend and your favorite pillow for our Teen Movie Night! Just bring something cozy to sit on and we will have pizza for all who attend!

Date: 2/7 **Register By:** 2/6
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm **Cost:** \$10

CHECK OUT OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT FEATURE!

Movie: Coraline

Date: 3/14 **Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm

ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE AT ESCAPE!

Grab a friend and put your heads together for an exciting escape room challenge! You'll only have an hour to solve the mysteries and get out in time - are you up for the challenge?

Date: 3/23 **Register By:** 3/21
Time: 1:00-4:30pm **Cost:** \$40

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Sports: Men's Basketball League

Join us for our Men's 5v5 Basketball League! 5-12 players may register for each team. Games will be held on Saturdays at Medical Lake Middle School. Ages 16 and up.

Dates: 3/8-4/19 **Register By:** 3/1 **Cost:** \$250

Craft & Chat: Adult Crafting Night

Terrarium Building

Need a night out? Join us at City Hall to 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. Make sure to bring a friend, anyone ages 12 and up are welcome! Participants under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: 2/22 **Register By:** 2/14
Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm **Cost:** \$45



Seed Starting & Garden Markers

Get ready for spring gardening with us by doing some indoor seed starting and creating beautiful garden row markers to decorate your garden (and remind yourself what you planted)! Just bring the seeds you want to start.

Ages 12 and up are welcome, but participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: 3/22 **Register By:** 3/17
Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm **Cost:** \$20



Once we reach enough registrants for Craft & Chat events, we will open up a second time from 6:30-8:00pm to accommodate everyone!

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

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

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+



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.