



Community Connections

MEDICAL LAKE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2025

Mayor's Minute ...

Greetings Friends and Hello Sunshine! Winter was kind this year and if it holds, you will see the **Lefevre Street Sidewalk Project** come to life very soon. This project will place ten-foot sidewalks, lampposts, and lighting along both sides of Lefevre to include a watering system and electricity to enhance the appearance and walkability of our downtown area.

Business Owners/Managers. I am happy to announce the city is looking for ways to connect with you for discussions related to community engagement, tourism, and economic development for your benefit. Outreach efforts start soon, and we are excited to hear from you. Please contact Koss Ronholt at (509) 565-5000 or email kronholt@medical-lake.org to share your contact information; watch for upcoming announcements on Facebook and in future newsletters.

➔ **Legislative Agenda.** City Administrator Sonny Weathers and I spent two weeks in Olympia working hard on behalf of the City of Medical Lake. Our legislative agenda includes park and trail enhancement funding and continued fire preparedness efforts including a partnership project with Spokane County and the state to provide hydrants, water, sewer, and road access to the west shore of Silver Lake. Please support Senate Bill 5286 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/pbc/bill/5286> which provides permanent state funding for police services to DSHS facilities in the City of Medical Lake.

In The News ...

➔ **City Purchases Historic Medical Lake Depot.** City Council approved the purchase of the Seattle, Lakeshore, and Eastern Railroad Depot built in 1901. The action is aligned with our strategic objective of protecting our historical and cultural heritage. Feasibility of potential uses is being explored. E-mail city@medical-lake.org and tell us your hopes and ideas.

Linger at the Lake Concert Series Takes Shape. Waterfront Park will once again play host to another amazing summer concert series with four dates scheduled. Mark your calendars for 6/20, 7/3, 7/31, and 8/28 join us for live music, food vendors, and family friendly activities surrounded by the natural beauty of Medical Lake!

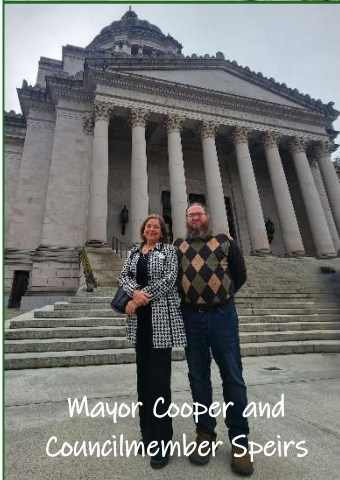
City Hall Commercial Kitchen Construction Begins. Demolition is well underway and the new commercial kitchen is beginning to take shape. We look forward to hosting cooking classes, senior lunches, and improving our capacity to serve as a community resource center during disasters.

Healing Waters Strategic Plan Reviewed. City Council reviewed the plan at their meeting on 2/18, which includes sentiments of community, engagement, meaningful connections, history and heritage, quality of life, the built and natural environment, and responsible governance. You can review the strategic plan on the City website www.medical-lake.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Healing-Waters-Strategic-Plan-Final-8.20.24.pdf

➔ **Mayor Recognizes Planning Commission Service.** Mark Hudson and Marye Jorgenson were recently lauded for their years of service on the Planning Commission, a citizen advisory board that provides advice and recommendations to City Council on land use issues at the local level. Their selfless service helps to shape our City into the kind of community worth living, working, learning, and playing in all seasons of life. Thank you!



Mayor Cooper and
Councilmember Kennedy



Mayor Cooper and
Councilmember Speirs



Mayor Cooper and
Mark Hudson



→ **New Commerce Director Visits Medical Lake City Hall.** Former Senator Joe Nguyen was recently appointed by Governor Ferguson and confirmed by the Washington State Legislature as the new Director for the Department of Commerce. He visited City Hall and met with Mayor Cooper to discuss the efficiency & effectiveness of managing government funds such as the \$3.5 million awarded to Medical Lake in 2024 for fire recovery.

City Receives \$6,000 Spokane Parks Foundation Grant. Congratulations to our Parks and Recreation Department for being awarded a grant that will reduce costs for the 2025 Summer Explorer Camp!



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MLMC Chapter 4.01 - BUSINESS LICENSES



Medical Lake Code Enforcement has received concerns about door-to-door soliciting. Per MLMC 4.01.020, soliciting is a business activity that requires a valid business license. Peddlers must carry their individual license card and present it upon request.

If someone comes to your door selling goods or services, feel free to ask for their license. If they cannot provide one, report concerns to City Hall or Code Enforcement.

Help keep our community safe and informed!

Community Calendar ...



- 3/4** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall.
- 3/9** – Daylight Savings (Spring Forward)
- 3/12** – Community Wildfire Protection Plan Public Outreach Event at 6-8 pm in the Pence Union Building (PUB), 926 Elm St., EWU, Cheney.
- 3/15** – Re*Imagine Medical Lake Winter Monthly Farmers Market 11:30 am until 3:30 pm at City Hall.
- 3/17** – St. Patrick's Day
- 3/18** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall.
- 3/22** – Dollars for Scholars Spring Thing 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 708 E. Lake St. (see graphic)
- 3/25** – Medical Lake School Board Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Hallett Elementary Library.
- 3/27** – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30 pm in City Hall.
- 3/29** – Only Fools Run at Midnight at 11:30 pm (see graphic)
- 4/1** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall (no fooling).



MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

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



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: 3/30 **Register By:** 3/27

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm **Cost:** \$14



★ **MOTHER-SON FUN NIGHT**
YOU'RE MY SUPERHERO ★

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★ 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!

4REC SPRING SPORTS

Time for team play! 4Rec Spring Sports 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.

Spring Soccer

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

Spring Flag Football

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

Spirit Squad: Cheer & Dance **Ages:** 7-12

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

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)

SUMMER BREAK CAMP

Join Medical Lake Parks and Recreation Staff this summer for some daily fun and adventure. We will have daily activities planned, as well as field trips to places like the trampoline park, water park, and bowling alley! Daily breakfast and snack are included, but all **participants must bring their own lunch!!!** Registration available throughout summer on a first come-first serve basis.

Dates: Monday-Friday, 6/16-8/22

Time: 7:30am-5:30pm

Registration not yet open. Stay tuned for more details and pricing!

EASTER COOKIE DECORATING

Get in the spring spirit and decorate Easter themed cookies with us at City Hall! All ages are welcome, so bring the whole family!

Date: 4/13 **Register By:** 4/9

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm **Cost:** \$12/participant

KID'S MOVIE NIGHT: SPY KIDS

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

Two kids become spies in attempt to save their ex-spies parents from an evil mastermind. Armed with a bag of high tech gadgets, Carmen and Juni will bravely crisscross the globe on a mission to save their parents and maybe even the world.

Date: 3/21 **Register By:** 3/20

Time: 6:00pm-8:15pm

Ages: 5-10 yrs **Cost:** \$10



CHECK OUT OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT FEATURE!

Movie: Lilo & Stitch

Date: 4/18 **Time:** 6:00pm-8:15pm

TEEN PROGRAMS 11-15 yrs

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

MOVIE NIGHT: CORALINE

Bring your friends and your favorite pillow for kid's movie night. We will have pizza for all who attend.

This month's feature: Coraline!
Wandering her rambling old house in her boring new town, a young girl discovers a hidden door to a strangely idealized version of her life that seems too good to be true.



Date: 3/14 **Register By:** 3/13
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm **Cost:** \$10

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Movie: Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse
Date: 4/11 **Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm

FLYING SQUIRREL TRAMPOLINE PARK

Join our Parks and Rec Staff on a trip to Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park! Food and drinks will be available for purchase, so bring money if you want to get some snacks or play games in the arcade.

Date: 4/27 **Register By:** 4/25
Time: 12:30-4:30pm **Cost:** \$45

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.

Craft & Chat: Adult Crafting Night

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!

Medical Lake Run Club

Join other running enthusiasts and run an approximate 5K each week! Start and finish points will be sent out weekly, open to ages 16 and up.

Dates: 3/15-4/19 **Register By:** 3/13 **Time:** TBA
Cost: \$15/person (includes member fee for 6 week season and a club t-shirt!)

Lake Coeur D'Alene Cruise Tour

Come on a scenic tour of Lake Coeur D'Alene with us! The tour is 90 minutes with both indoor and outdoor seating. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase, just meet us at City Hall and we will provide transportation to and from Coeur D'Alene!

Dates: 4/12 **Register By:** 3/13

Time: 12:45-5:00pm

Cost: \$46 (includes ticket price, additional purchases not included)

Mother's Day Paint & Sip

Treat your mom for Mother's Day! Join us for mocktails, charcuterie, and a follow-along acrylic painting tutorial! Ages 12 and up are welcome to join!

Dates: 5/10

Register By: 5/7

Time: 5:00-7:30pm

Cost: \$40 per person

