



Mayor's Minute

Hello again dear friends! May is filled with thoughts of Spring. Happy Mother's Day! By the time this comes we will have celebrated both May Day and the National Day of Prayer on May 1st. I am so encouraged to see and hear the neighborhood alive with the shouts and laughter of children at play, many families out taking long walks with the dog pulling in the lead and the children in tow, the birds singing along with all the sights and sounds of construction in full force, which makes for an interesting chorus. It's disruptive, the machinery not the people, but hold on, it will soon end. Thank you for your patience while navigating the inconvenience of it all, soon we will see the fruits of those laboring to create for us a beautifully designed main street with new sidewalks, lamp posts, and flower baskets. There will be a bit more sidewalk construction starting downtown this month to upgrade ADA sidewalk ramps along Lake Street, which should not take too long. Please remember to shop locally while we are under construction; most of the downtown businesses are open and welcome your patronage. Our legislative work was productive. After 50 years leasing and maintaining parks and trails from the State of Washington, the city has been granted a transfer of ownership of state land, including Waterfront Park and the Medical Lake Trail, will full conveyance to happen by May of 2026. The city has also received funding for police services to the tune of \$320,000 annually for the next biennium to help offset the cost of police services to Eastern State Hospital. City Administrator Sonny Weathers and I have spent a great deal of time this first quarter meeting with state and local elected officials advocating for funding for those objectives described above along with continued fire recovery funding for both the Gray and Oregon Rd fire impact areas. Thank you for being great neighbors! I look forward to a wonderful Summer filled with festival fun! No one does it better than Medical Lake!! May love guide all we do!



Mayor Terri Cooper

City Council Corner

Ring Lake Estates Land Use Application Decision A preliminary plat development application proposing 101 lots for the purpose of single-family homes on 38.25 acres was deemed complete 1/3/2025 and a Public Hearing was held by the Planning Commission on 2/27. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended denial of the application at their 3/27 meeting and on 4/1 City Council had 4 votes in favor and 2 against to reject the application based on findings of fact that criteria for Preliminary Plat Approval, Planned Unit Developments, and Critical Area Reviews had not been met.

Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Steering Committee The City is recruiting a steering committee that will consist of elected officials, appointed officials, staff, and community champions to discuss and review plans and outcomes throughout the Comprehensive Plan update process. Members of the steering committee will assist in facilitating community engagement events. Contact our City Planner, Elisa Rodriguez for more information: erodriguez@medical-lake.org 509-565-5019.

Grant Agreements Approved City Council recently approved grant agreements that will fund backup power generators (\$813K) for key facilities and critical infrastructure as well as engineering and design of a sewer expansion project (\$300K) allowing for increased flows from the west shore of Silver Lake while also relieving pressure from lakeshore line and lift station.

2025 Q1 Budget Report So far this year, the City's revenues and expenses are generally on track with our expectations. A few exceptions related to expenses were caused by delays in receiving some large 2024 invoices, higher costs for contracted jail services, and adjustments to include the recent purchase of the Historic Train Depot.

In The News

City Wide Spring Cleanup Day 5/10 Unload unwanted items on Saturday, 10 May from 8am – 1pm at Waterfront Park. Garbage can be dumped & items of value can be donated to Dollars for Scholars.

Founder's Day Festival 6/20-21 – Mark your calendars and join the fun for Founder's Day 2025. It kicks off with fun at Waterfront Park on Friday, 6/20, capped off with a Linger at the Lake Concert from 8-10pm followed by a fireworks display. Saturday will include a parade and the return of a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and co-ed softball tournament. For more details, visit [Founders Day - Re*Imagine Medical Lake](#)

Candidate Filing Week The City of Medical Lake will have four City Council positions, the Mayor, and two School Board positions on the upcoming election ballot. Candidates must file between 5-9 May. For more information visit [File for Office | WA Secretary of State](#)

Increased Security at Waterfront Park – In addition to utilizing extra-duty deputies during festivals, events, and holidays, City Council is looking into an agreement that will provide uniformed security at Waterfront Park to assist with reinforcing rules relating to alcohol, dogs, and noise. This action aligns with ensuring parks, recreation, and open spaces are provided and maintained for the continued enjoyment of the community and increases community safety and security.

Rent.Fun Kayak and Paddleboard Rentals You can simply and conveniently enjoy self-service rentals at Waterfront Park and Coney Island Park. It is \$25 for the first two hours or \$99 for unlimited annual membership, good at any Rent.Fun location across the country. Use the QR Code below for the Rent.Fun App!

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Community Calendar

May

- 5/6 – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 5/7 – ML School District STEM Careers Night 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Medical Lake Middle School
- 5/9-10 – Dollars for Scholars Community Yard Sale
- 5/10 – City Spring Cleanup Day 8:00am – 1:00pm at Waterfront Park
- 5/16 – Shred Day 9:00am – Noon at City Hall
- 5/20 – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 5/22 – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30 pm in City Hall
- 5/26 – Memorial Day Holiday (City Hall closed)

June

- 6/3 – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 6/5 Gray Fire Community Meeting at 6 pm at MLHS Auditorium
- 6/7 – Opening day of ML Farmer's Market 2025 Season
- 6/17 – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 6/20 – Linger at the Lake Concert from 8-10pm at Waterfront Park, fireworks at 10pm
- 6/20-21 – Founder's Day Festival
- 6/26 – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30 pm in City Hall

MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

LEGO-MANIA

Looking for something for your kiddos to do? Bring them to City Hall to complete a fun LEGO project! Participants will get to select between a variety of different LEGO kits to build. After they are done, they can take their kit home to enjoy again and again!

Date: 5/18 **Register By:** 5/14

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Cost: \$30



SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMS

Get your kiddos in motion this summer with youth sports programs! Programs will be once a week for a 6 week session. We will be offering several different programs throughout the summer, so sign up to grab a spot!

Mini Movers Sports

Ages: 2-4 **Cost:** \$54

Dates: Wednesdays, 6/25-7/30

Location: Shepard Field **Time:** 5:00-6:00pm
The Mini Movers Sports program is geared towards toddler aged children designed to help kids begin developing hand-eye coordination through play-based learning.

Hot Shots Soccer Program

Ages: 5-12 **Cost:** \$54

Dates: Mondays, 7/14-8/18

Location: Shepard Field

Ages 5-8: 4:00-5:45pm **Ages 9-12:** 6:00-8:00pm
Brush up on your footwork with this mid-summer sports program! Kids will play games to help hone skills they will use during the Fall 4Rec Season.

Sunshine Kick Off Flag Football Program

Ages: 6-12 **Cost:** \$54

Dates: Fridays, 7/18-8/22

Location: Shepard Field

Ages 6-8: 4:00-5:45pm **Ages 9-12:** 6:00-8:00pm
Gear up for fall flag football! Kids will play games to help hone skills they will use during the Fall 4Rec Season.



Interested in signing up
for one of our programs?
Scan the QR code here
to get started!

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: K-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.

Ages: 6-13

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

Time: 7:30am-5:30pm

Cost: \$200/week per child

Thanks to the Spokane Parks Foundation, we are able to offer this year's camp at a reduced rate.

**Thank you SPF
for your support!**



ADULT PROGRAMS

FARM TOURS WITH SUE HINES

Summer farm tours are back with our lovely guide, Sue Hines! We will be offering several different tours this summer to local farms, where we will learn about what they do and get the chance to sample some of their products! Meet us at City Hall and we will facilitate transport. Space is limited for tours, so make sure to sign up today and grab yourself a spot. Make sure to bring a sack lunch.

6/6 - Peony Farm Tour at My Favorite Flowers and More

Time: 9:30am-4:00pm Cost: \$20

Learn about growing and caring for peonies! On our way back, we will stop at Ritter's Garden and Gift to browse their greenhouses.

7/30 - Blueberry Picking and Tour at Piper Farms

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm Cost: \$20

Come with us for a delicious berry-filled breakfast at Billie's Diner, where we will learn about how they support our local farmers. We will then head to Piper's Blueberry Farm to pick our berries.

8/27 - Dahlia Farm Tour at Tall Grass Farms

Time: 9:30am-2:00pm Cost: \$30

Join us for a day designing in the dahlia fields. We will learn about growing, planting, storing, and harvesting dahlias while we harvest our dahlias. Then, we will create our own flower arrangements!

10/9 - Wild Sage Farm Tour and Pumpkin Decorating

Time: 12:30pm-6:00pm Cost: \$30

Be inspired to grow your own vegetables! We will learn from Heather about her farm, then pick pumpkins to bring back to City Hall to decorate!

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.

MOTHER'S DAY PAINT & SIP

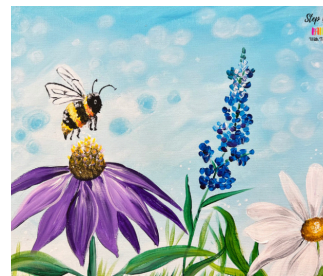
Treat your mom for Mother's Day! Join us for mocktails, charcuterie, and a follow-along acrylic painting tutorial! Ages 12 and up are welcome to join!

Dates: 5/10

Register By: 5/7

Time: 5:00-7:30pm

Cost: \$40 per person



CRAFT & CHAT: MACRAME

Need a night out? Join us at City Hall for a night of crafting and conversation! We will have fun new projects each month to create. This month's project: Macrame! Participants will learn a variety of decorative knots to create their own macrame masterpieces, such as a plant hanger, produce bag, or wall hanging! Ages 12 and up are welcome, but participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



Date: 6/28

Register By: 6/25

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Cost: \$28

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FOUNDER'S DAY TOURNAMENTS

Join the Founder's Day fun by signing up for one of our tournaments! **All team members must register online at www.medical-lake.org**

Softball

Dates: 6/20-6/22

Ages: 16-up

Cost: \$400/per team

3v3 Basketball

Dates: 6/20-6/22

Ages: TBA

Cost: \$200/per team

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

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