



Mayor's Minute

Happy Founders Day friends! The evening of Friday, June 20th kicks off the city's Linger at the Lake Concert Series in partnership with Re*Imagine Founders Day activities and Fireworks Show. Saturday, June 21st, Founders Day will open at 9:45am with a ceremonial ribbon cutting in celebration of the finished Lefevre Street Beautification Project followed by the traditional Founders Day Parade. See you there!

Stay engaged and informed! A Fireworks **Advisory** Vote was approved by Medical Lake City Council and will appear on your November 2025 ballot. This vote is non-binding, meaning the outcome will not change the current fireworks law, but will serve to advise the council about how Medical Lake citizens feel regarding the personal use of fireworks in city limits. Any action, or non-action, will then be up to your city council. For decades now, every summer, citizens both for and against the personal use of fireworks have attended council meetings to share their concerns, and many have called for a vote saying, *ask the people*. I agree! I agree it is time to hear the voice of the people on this issue, and that is why I asked the City Council to approve this ballot measure, which they have. What can you do? First, **REGISTER** to Vote. Secondly, sign up at city hall to **SERVE** on one of the required FOR or AGAINST Committees. Most importantly, **VOTE!** Every vote counts in local elections, and we want to hear from you! <https://www.spokanecounty.gov/207/Register-to-Vote>



Mayor Terri Cooper

City Council Corner

A November Fireworks Advisory Vote Ballot Measure will ask citizens whether the sale, possession, and discharge of consumer fireworks should be prohibited in the City of Medical Lake. "For" and "Against" committees of not more than 3 members each will be appointed to prepare and submit statements for the voter's pamphlet. If you are interested in serving on either committee, please send a letter of interest to city@medical-lake.org, or drop it off at City Hall by 4:00 pm on 6/30/2025.

A Post Legislative Session Report was provided by the City's government affairs consultant, highlighting the government-to-government transfer of Waterfront Park from DSHS to the City of Medical Lake, increased funding for police services at Eastern State Hospital, and increased awareness of fire recovery needs. Our 6th District legislators delivered.

City Financial Updates included a 2025 Fee Schedule Amendment to streamline and simplify reservation and use of park spaces, and City Council approved the 2024 Annual Report and a budget amendment accounting for the purchase of the Historic Medical Lake Train Depot and delayed 2024 law enforcement invoices, 2025 Spokane County Jail settle and adjust costs, and increased animal control costs.

Lefevre St. Complete Streets Project Ribbon Cutting is set to take place prior to the Founders Day parade on 6/21. The curbs, sidewalks, trees, pedestrian lamps, and flower baskets will all be in place and you are invited to join us in celebrating project completion!

In The News

2025 Spring Cleanup and Shred Day Success More than 27 tons of garbage were hauled off and 14 bins of sensitive material was shredded. Thank you to all who participated!

City Seeks Community Input We are in Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Plan update, the Idea Phase, and we need your input! The Pulse of the Community Survey will help us develop a 20-year vision for the City. The Communication Preferences Survey will help the City communicate better overall, including how we engage the community in this update process. Please help us create a plan that reflects your wants and needs by taking a few minutes of your day to complete these surveys. The surveys can also be found on our website. Thank you!



Home Connections - Medical Lake School District is kicking off a new home-based education program next year for families who are seeking something different from the traditional school experience. Contact Asst. Supt. Rob Haugen for more information. 509-565-3100 rhaugen@mlsd.org



Medical Lake Dollars for Scholars is celebrating 25 years of awarding scholarships to graduates of MLHS. At this year's Scholarship Awards Ceremony on June 2nd, MLDFS awarded 67 scholarships to 43 students totaling \$87,000 the highest amount of awards ever given in one year. This success could never have happened without the support of so many individuals, families, businesses, and organizations who donated money, helped in fundraising events and volunteered their time. Thank you everyone in Medical Lake!



Community Calendar

June

6/3 – City Council Meeting and 6-Year TIP Public Hearing at 6:30 pm in City Hall
6/5 Gray Fire Community Meeting at 6 pm at MLHS Auditorium
6/7 – Opening day of Re*Imagine Medical Lake Farmer's Market 2025 Season 9am until 1pm at Lake St. and Lefevre St. [Farmers Market - Re*Imagine Medical Lake](#)
6/9 – City Council Strategic Planning Retreat (10am-2pm)
6/15 – Happy Father's Day
6/17 – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
6/19 – Juneteenth Holiday
6/20 – Linger at the Lake Concert from 8-10pm at Waterfront Park, fireworks display to follow [Linger at the Lake - City of Medical Lake](#)
6/21 – Founders Day Festival 10am-4pm and Re*Imagine Medical Lake Farmer's Market [Founders Day - Re*Imagine Medical Lake](#)

6/26 – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30pm in City Hall

July

7/1 – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
7/3 – Linger at the Lake Concert from 8-10pm at Waterfront Park; fireworks display to follow [Linger at the Lake - City of Medical Lake](#)
7/4 – Independence Day (City Hall closed)
7/5-6 – Community Yard Sale
7/15 - City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
7/24 - Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30 pm in City Hall
7/31 - Linger at the Lake Concert from 6-8pm at Waterfront Park [Linger at the Lake - City of Medical Lake](#)

MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

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.

KIDS' TERRARIUM BUILDING

Build your own miniature forest in a jar with us at City Hall! Once planted, terrariums only need to occasionally be misted with water to thrive, creating their very own little ecosystem!

Date: 8/23 **Register By:** 8/20

Time: 1:00-3:00pm **Cost:** \$30



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

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!



NATURE NUTS: BIRD WATCHING EXPEDITION AT TURNBULL

Join us on a bird watching expedition at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge! Each participant will be equipped with their very own birding gear to take home with them, including a field guide, binoculars, and birding notebook. We will spend some time in the morning learning about common species and how to navigate a field guide. Then, we will explore the park and see how many birds we can spot! Just drop off your kiddo at City Hall and we will provide transport to and from the wildlife refuge. Make sure to bring a sack lunch and plenty of water. Please be cautious of ticks and consider sending your child with bug spray! Best suited for children ages 7 and up, as we need to speak quietly and do a fair amount of walking.

Date: 7/10

Register By: 7/6

Time: 9:00pm-1:00pm

Cost: \$40



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. ADA accomodations available.

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

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

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

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



ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Get your team together and join us for COED Slow Pitch Softball! Teams will consist of 10-15 players (male and female) and play double header 5-inning games each week in Airway Heights, Medical Lake, and Cheney! All players must register online to play.

Dates: Thursdays, 6/19-8/7 **Register By:** 6/8
Cost: \$450 per team

DROP-IN PICKLEBALL Cost: \$5/session

Join us for drop-in pickleball at Medical Lake Middle School! Participants must register and pay online before playing.

Dates: Starting June 16th
Mondays 10:00am-12:00pm
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm
Sundays 2:00-4:00pm

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	Ages: 16-up
Dates: 6/20-6/22	Cost: \$400/per team
3v3 Basketball	Ages: 5-25+
Dates: 6/20-6/22	Cost: \$200/per team

LINGER AT THE LAKE - WHACKAMOLE

Browse local vendors and enjoy some good music with us at Waterfront Park!

Date: 6/20 **Time:** 8:00-10:00pm **Cost:** FREE!



**2025
SEASON**

JOIN US!

JUNE

***June 7:** Opening day

June 21: Founder's Day (9am-4pm)

JULY

July 5: Christmas in July

***July 19:** Military Appreciation Day

AUGUST

***August 2:** National Farmers Market Week Celebration Day & "Rooted"; a farmers market to table cooking competition & Kids Cooking Zone with Cela's Creative Learning Academy (9am-2pm)

***August 16:** First Responder Appreciation Day

SEPTEMBER

September 6: School Employee Appreciation Day

September 20: Kids day at the Market (kid vendors)

OCTOBER

October 4: Final market (regular season)

October 25: Fall Festival (join us there!) (12-4pm)

*Special guest: Spokane County Library District

**1st & 3rd Saturday of the
month June-October
9a-1pm (unless otherwise
noted)**

**LAKE STREET | MEDICAL
LAKE, WA**

(Between Lake and Lefevre Streets)

**USE YOUR WIC/SNAP
BENEFITS AT
PARTICIPATING VENDORS!**

NEW THIS SEASON!

- 99022 "Market Bucks" program
 - "Rooted" farmers market-to-table cooking competition
 - Educational opportunities
 - Live music
 - Kid activities & kids market
- Much more, follow us online!**



@MedicalLakeFarmersMarket



"We believe farmers markets bring neighbors together, boost the local economy, and bring food and product security to the community while shortening the supply chain. We are passionate about empowering the businesses of local growers and makers."