



## Mayor's Minute

Hello friends and hello summer! It has been a busy Spring as you can tell. I hope you are all enjoying the new sidewalks, lamps, and flowers. Work will begin at Coney Island Park downtown to install a platform and small dock where locals and visitors alike can enjoy getting near or in the water from downtown. My intention behind the dock at that location was to create an opportunity for people to get a cup of coffee or lunch with a friend and enjoy the serenity of our beautiful lake and scenery. It also creates a place where people can access the lake with paddle boards and kayaks. Rules and cameras will follow to help ensure a safe and respected space we can all enjoy.

Founders Day was another hit! I am thrilled the City provided the live music in partnership with Re\*Imagine Medical Lake for the Friday night kick-off of both Founders Day and the Linger at the Lake concert series. More of those to come Thursdays July 3rd, July 31st, and August 28th. What a great time to enjoy the park, lake, and trail while listening to live music. The Blue Grass Festival arrives August 8th – 10th.

Did you know Waterfront Park has not been owned by the City of Medical Lake? That's right. For 50 years we have leased and maintained the park and trail system. You likely didn't know the City of Medical Lake had gifted 80 acres to the State of Washington in 1890 for the building of Eastern State Hospital which I discovered some years ago; I thought it only fair to ask for a return of some gifted land for parks and trails. Once in office, staff and I began working on that idea. This legislative session, City Administrator Sonny Weathers, Councilmembers Spiers and Kennedy, and I traveled to Olympia with a request for funding to purchase Waterfront Park. With this being a very difficult budget year, funding was unlikely. With help from our 6th district representatives, it happened! The State of Washington gifted a transfer of more than 60 acres to the City of Medical Lake which includes Waterfront Park and Trail along with funding to pay for the closing costs which must happen by May 2026. Cost to the city? Zero! Congratulations, Waterfront Park now belongs to you! Enjoy!



Mayor Terri Cooper

## City Council Corner

**6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adopted.** A Public Hearing took place during the 6/3 City Council meeting, reviewing and discussing the short-range transportation plan updated annually and showing funding sources and amounts for transportation improvement projects. See the minutes [June-3-2025-City-Council-Minutes.pdf](#). The plan was adopted on 6/17.

**Municipal Court Interlocal Agreement with Airway Heights.** City Council discussed options for municipal court services and recently approved a new Interlocal Agreement with the City of Airway Heights, which will result in facilities, materials, and personnel to adjudicate criminal charges, civil matters, and infractions in conformance with Medical Lake Municipal Code, state law, and court rules beginning in January 2026. The existing agreement with Cheney expires 12/31/2025.

**Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.** The City is grateful for the survey responses to our recent Communication Preferences and Pulse of the Community Surveys. Summaries are in work and will be shared on the City website soon. Stay tuned for ways you can contribute to refining the vision and values of Medical Lake!

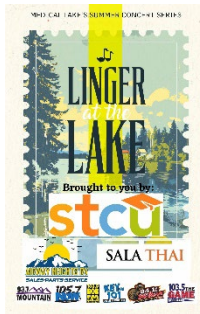
## In The News

**Lefevre Street Complete Streets Ribbon Cutting.** The newsletter banner photo shows Mayor Cooper, City Council, the Public Works Director, and City Engineer recognizing the work of the Transportation Improvement Board, Liberty Concrete, Power City Electric, Avista, Comcast, Mas Tec, Budinger and Associates, Creekside Landscape, Secret Garden Greenhouse, and Summit Pro Engineering in providing safer sidewalks, better lighting, street trees, flower baskets, and transit stops that are sure to serve our community well for years to come.

**Founders Day Festival Success!** Big thanks to Re\*Imagine Medical Lake, their generous sponsors, and the countless volunteers who made for another amazing community event filled with memory making opportunities including a kickoff concert and fireworks at Waterfront Park, a parade, vendors, food trucks, a triathlon, and numerous entertaining elements.

**Coney Island Park Dock Construction Begins 7/7.** Coney Island Park will be closed starting 7/7 until the shoreline stabilization and dock construction is completed.

**New Business Spotlight: Arabesque Bakery.** If you didn't already know, Arabesque Bakery, located at 208 E. Lake St., is open on Tuesdays from noon to 5pm with an assortment of delicious fresh baked goods. Check out their Facebook page by scanning the QR Code.



## Community Calendar

### July

- 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 Holiday (City Hall closed)
- 7/5-6** – Community Yard Sale
- 7/5** – Re\*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market 9am-1pm Lake St. and Lefevre St. [Farmers Market - Re\\*Imagine Medical Lake](#)
- 7/11-13** – Cheney Rodeo [Cheney Rodeo](#)
- 7/15** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 7/19** – Re\*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at Lake St. and Lefevre St. [Farmers Market - Re\\*Imagine Medical Lake](#)
- 7/22** – Medical Lake School Board Meeting at 5:15 pm in the Administrative Office and Zoom [School Board – School Board – Medical Lake School District](#)
- 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](#)

### August

- 8/2** – Re\*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at Lake St. and Lefevre St. [Farmers Market - Re\\*Imagine Medical Lake](#)
- 8/5** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 8/6** – Geology Walk and Water Sampling [Medical Lake Geology Walk & Water Sampling - Event Calendar, Room Booking & Book a Librarian - Spokane County Library District](#)
- 8/8-10** – Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival @ Waterfront Park [Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival 2025](#)
- 8/16** – Re\*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at Lake St. and Lefevre St. [Farmers Market - Re\\*Imagine Medical Lake](#)
- 8/19** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 8/23** – Airway Heights Day [Airway Heights Day – Airway Heights Park & Rec](#)
- 8/26** – Medical Lake School Board Meeting at 5:00 pm in the Administrative Office and Zoom [School Board – School Board – Medical Lake School District](#)
- 8/28** – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30 pm in City Hall
- 8/28** – 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 and help kids hone skills they will use during the Fall 4Rec Season!

### Hot Shots Soccer Program

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

**Dates:** Mondays, 7/14-8/18

**Location:** Shepard Field

**Ages 5-8: FULL** **Ages 9-12:** 6:00-8:00pm

*Brush up on your footwork with this mid-summer sports program!*

### 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!*

## 4REC FALL SPORTS

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.

*9/10 and 11/12 teams will be sex-split unless teams cannot be formed due to low registration, in which case they will revert back to co-ed.*

**Dates:** 9/8-10/25 **Cost:** \$54

### Fall Soccer

**Ages:** 5-12

### Fall Flag Football

**Ages:** 7-12

### Fall Volleyball

**Ages:** 9-12

### Spirit Squad: Cheer & Dance

**Ages:** 7-12

## 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



## 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 learning about common species and how to navigate a field guide, then 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. Best suited for children ages 7 and up.

**Date:** 7/10

**Register By:** 7/6

**Time:** 9:00pm-1:00pm

**Cost:** \$40



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### LINGER AT THE LAKE - SARA BROWN BAND

*5-piece boogie band - blues, rock, pop, and funk*

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

**Date:** 7/31 **Time:** 6:00-8:00pm **Cost:** FREE!

### LINGER AT THE LAKE - JUSTYN PRIEST BAND

*4-piece hot guitar - country, rock and blues*

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

**Date:** 8/28 **Time:** 6:00-8:00pm **Cost:** FREE!

### MEDICAL LAKE 5K

Join us for a townwide 5K run, open to all ages! Make sure to register before the deadline to receive a t-shirt on race day. All late registrations will receive their t-shirt after the event.

**Date:** 8/9 **Register By:** 7/25 **Cost:** \$25

**Time:** 8:00am check in, 9:00am start time

### TENNIS-A-THON

Come out and play tennis with us at the Medical Lake Tennis Courts! Sign up for a time slot by contacting City Hall using the information below OR hop in and play during an empty time slot the day of! All ages are welcome, just bring your own racket.

**Date:** 7/30 **Cost:** FREE!

**Time:** 9:00am-3:00pm

## 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 accommodations available.

#### 7/30 - Blueberry Picking and Tour at Piper Farms

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.

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

#### 8/27 - Dahlia Farm Tour at Tall Grass Farms

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!

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

#### 10/9 - Wild Sage Farm Tour and Pumpkin Decorating

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!

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

#### 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

#### Senior Yoga

**Cost:** \$8

11:30am - 12:30pm Wednesday

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](http://www.jazzercise.com/location/jazzercise-west-plans)

## CRAFT & CHAT: LUXURY SPA GOODIES

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: Luxury Spa Goodies! Participants will learn to make a variety of fun bath products to use at home or gift to others, including shower steamers, bath jellies, and sugar scrub bars! Ages 12 and up are welcome, but participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Date:** 7/26

**Register By:** 7/23

**Time:** 5:00pm-8:00pm

**Cost:** \$30

### 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

## SPOKANE COUNTY FAIR SENIOR TRIP

Join us for Senior Day at the Spokane County Fair! Hitch a ride with Medical Lake Parks & Rec to the Spokane County Fairgrounds.

Admission for ages 55 and up is free, so bring a friend and come on out for a great time!

**Date:** 9/8

**Register By:** 9/5

**Time:** 10:30am-2:00pm

**Cost:** \$7



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