



Mayor's Minute

Greetings Marvelous Medical Lake! January signaled the new year, and we are off to the races. I spent most of the last two weeks in Olympia to meet with our state elected officials to discuss our legislative priorities accompanied by City Administrator, Sonny Weathers and Councilmember Chad Pritchard, each taking a weekly turn. Our lobbyist Emily Shay from Gordon Thomas Honeywell did a great job of setting up meetings and introducing topics before we arrived. Our requests were well received. We had tremendous support from the 6th, 3rd, 4th, and 9th District Representatives and Senators. This is a fast and furious mid-budget short session so final decisions will be made by early March. Say your prayers!

There are two impactful bills, if passed, that would positively impact The City of Medical Lake and Medical Lake School District. SB5286 concerning policing costs driven by proximity to state hospitals. This bill provides equal police funding for both Western and Eastern State Hospitals, helping the city offset costs for calls to Eastern. SB 5901 proposes that instructional facilities on military bases be excluded from a school district's space inventory when determining state funding eligibility. This would help districts like Medical Lake qualify for state matching funds to renovate older, crowded schools, even if under-capacity schools exist on bases within their district, such as Michael Anderson Elementary at Fairchild Air Force Base. You can follow these bills at [Welcome to the Washington State Legislature](#).

In addition to state initiatives, we are collaborating with partners on public safety, infrastructure, parks, broadband, and economic development. With spring approaching, more street and park projects are planned.



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City Council Corner

City Council Agenda Items. The Council made annual updates to their Regional Board/Commission/Committee appointments and the City Council Policies & Procedures ([January-6-2026-agenda-packet.pdf](#)). Our partnerships create mutual value, leverage resources, address common issues, provide communication forums, and achieve shared goals.

Periodic Update Workshops. Workshops introduced and discussed topics required for the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update including Amendment Criteria and Enforcement. Workshops will continue to take place on a variety of subjects focused on the goal of a clear, well-organized, enforceable municipal code that adheres to state law while reflecting our community's values.

Revised SCRAPS Interlocal Agreement. City Council unanimously approved an interlocal agreement with Spokane County regarding animal control. Services include licensing dogs and cats, impounding animals, and investigations and enforcement of state and local animal control ordinances. To learn how you can report animal related concerns check out [Animal Enforcement | Spokane County, WA](#)

In The News

2025 Year in Review. Last year brought many accomplishments related to our [Healing Waters Strategic Plan - City of Medical Lake](#). Targets of excellence were addressed as follows:

- A thriving local economy ... efforts resulted in successful legislative affairs, cyber security updates, effective grant application and management, and the Lefevre St. Complete Streets project completion.

- A healthy and sustainable environment ... outcomes including continued fire recovery efforts, Vacant Commercial Property Ordinance improvements, Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades, capital improvement projects, and improved broadband internet.
- Engaged and empowered citizens and stakeholders ... results such as a communications plan, records management improvements, city staff continuity, citizen advisory board appointments to the Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and continued website updates.
- Multi-modal connections into and throughout the community ... deliverables such as street maintenance and preservation, updated 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program, the Lefevre St. Complete Streets project, Lake St. ADA Ramp Upgrade project, and STA Route 62 changes.
- Supporting healthy living and recreation ... Waterfront Park property transfer, automatic door locks on park bathrooms, ballfield 1 LED lighting replacement, irrigation controls upgrades, record program registrations, expanded after school program, Linger @ the Lake Concert Series, and improved partnerships with Re*Imagine Medical Lake and Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival.
- Community safety and security ... park security improvements, hazard mitigation plan adoption and implementation, and the PFAS Groundwater Fate Study.

Olympia Legislative Affairs Update. Mayor Cooper, Council member Pritchard, and City Administrator Sonny Weathers traveled to Olympia to advocate for outcomes relating to the City's legislative priorities. Our focused efforts were well received yet require continued attention and support.

Community Calendar

February

- 2/3** – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
- 2/7** – ML Kiwanis Valentine's Senior Dinner & Awards at St. Anne Parish Hall, 708 E. Lake St. starting at 12pm
- 2/13** – Daddy Daughter Dance, 5-7pm, Medical Lake Middle School
- 2/16** – Presidents Day Holiday
- 2/24** – Medical Lake School Board Meeting at 6pm in the High School Library and Zoom
- 2/17** – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
- 2/26** – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30pm in City Hall

March

- 3/3** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 3/17** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 3/24** – Medical Lake School Board Meeting at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Library and Zoom
- 3/26** – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30 pm in City Hall

Helpful links:

- [Re*Imagine Medical Lake](#) (Farmers Market and Festival information)
- [City Council - City of Medical Lake](#) (agendas and minutes)
- [Planning Commission - City of Medical Lake](#) (agendas and minutes)
- [Medical Lake School District](#)
- [Medical Lake Dollars for Scholars](#)



Medical Lake Kiwanis
Valentine's Senior Dinner & Award
 Saturday, February 7th
 St Anne Parish Hall - 708 E Lake St
 Recognize our 2025 Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year and enjoy fellowship with local seniors
 Free for all seniors
 Food service at Noon entertainment and award to follow. Questions? 509-995-1099



Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



Meals on Wheels of Greater Spokane County
SILVER CAFE
 Silver Cafe serves persons over 60, providing a nutritious meal and a place to connect with other seniors in the community. Come join the fun!
 The Medical Lake Silver Cafe is located in the lower level of St. John's Lutheran Church at 223 S. Hallett St. every Wednesday from 11am-1pm.
 For more information:
 email volunteer@nowgsc.org or call 509-924-6976
www.nowgsc.org

MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Join us every day after school at Hallett Elementary for some fun free play!

Grades: K-5th **Time:** 2:45-5:30pm

Dates: Monday-Friday every full school day

Cost: \$7/Per day (full week discount)

SCHOOL'S OUT DAY CAMP: REPTILE SAFARI

Need something for your kiddo to do on their day off from school? We got you! Join us for a day of exotic adventure with Dr. Dave's Reptile Safari! This mini-camp will run from 7:30am to 5:30pm. Breakfast and snack will be included, **but all participants must bring their own lunch!!!**

For grades K-5th

Date: 2/17 **Register By:** 2/11

Time: 7:30am-5:30pm **Cost:** \$50

CDA Skate Plaza Day Camp

Date: 3/20 **Register By:** 3/16

Time: 7:30am-5:30pm **Cost:** \$50

STAYING SAFE AT HOME EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Safe@Home by Safe Sitter

Help your child take their first steps of independence with confidence! This program helps prepare students to safely stay at home alone by teaching safety and first aid skills. Classes will be taught by our certified Safe Sitter instructor, Jessica Chadwick!

Grades: 4-6 **Cost:** \$20 **Location:** Hallett

Time: 3:15-4:45pm Elementary School

Date: 3/23 (additional date on 1/21 may open if waitlist develops)

Register By: 3/16

PINT SIZED PLAYTIME

Join us for some sensory play with your little one! Playtime activities will vary from class to class.

Ages: 1-4 yrs **Time:** 10:00-11:00am

Dates: Tuesday, 2/24 **Register By:** 2/17

Location: City Hall Auditorium

Cost: \$10/class



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

4REC YOUTH SPORTS

4Rec 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.

Pre-Season 4Rec Camp

Gear up for the coming sports season with this 4-week camp! Players will play games and run through drills to help brush up on skills to aid them in both the flag football and soccer seasons!

Dates: Thursdays, 3/12-4/2 **Register By:** 3/5

Ages 5-8: 4:00-5:00pm **Cost:** \$40

Ages 9-12: 5:15-6:15pm

Location: Shepard Field, Medical Lake

Spring 4Rec Season

Dates: 4/13-5/30 **Cost:** \$54

Last Day to Register: 3/1

Sports Offered: Soccer, Flag Football, Spirit Squad: Cheer & Dance

MINI MOVERS SPORTS

Help your mini mover develop hand-eye coordination through play-based learning. Each week will focus on a new skill, like throwing a ball or using their feet to kick!

Ages: 2-4 yrs **Time:** 5:15-6:00pm

Dates: Mondays & Wednesday, 3/2-4/8

Location: Hallett Elementary Gym

Cost: \$54 for 6 weeks of once-weekly classes

FAMILY PROGRAMS

TAEKWONDO LESSONS

Join Master Hughes to enhance your fitness level, learn self-defense techniques, and build mental toughness! Classes help kids build focus, character, and self-disciplinary skills.

Dates: Every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday!

Location: City Hall Auditorium

Tiny Tigers Classes **Cost:** \$80/month

Tiny Tigers is designed for children aged 3-6, focusing on developing fundamental physical and mental skills through fun and engaging activities.

Wednesday & Friday Classes: 4:00-4:30pm

Saturday Class: 2:00-2:30pm

Family Classes **Cost:** \$135/month

Challenge yourself to reach new heights in both mental and physical strength! Ages 7 and up.

Wednesday & Friday Classes: 4:30-5:30pm

Saturday Classes: 2:30-3:30pm

TEEN PROGRAMS Ages 11-17

SAFE SITTER BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Safe Sitter Essentials

This program is designed to teach students basic safety, childcare, and first aid skills, as well as life & business skills to begin building their babysitting business! Classes will be taught by our Safe Sitter instructor, Jessica Chadwick, and students will graduate with a certification they can share with families to help get babysitting jobs.

Grades: 6th and up **Cost:** \$50

February-March Course

Dates: 2/23, 2/25, 3/2, 3/4 **Time:** 3:00-5:00pm

Location: Hallett Elementary School (transportation will be provided)

TEEN KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Grab some friends and kick off the spring with a mini kickball tournament! Teams will consist of 4 players and winning team will get a prize.

Date: 3/21 **Register By:** 3/13

Time: 12:00-2:00pm **Cost:** \$40/team

Ages: 11-17 years **Location:** Waterfront Park



**Once Upon a Time
Daddy Daughter Ball**
February 13th 5:00-7:00pm
Medical Lake Middle School

Knights and princesses –
come one, come all! Join us
for a night of games,
dancing, and magical
memories! All ages welcome!
Register By: 2/8
\$25/couple, \$10/add. guest



**MOM & SON FUN NIGHT:
INTERGALACTIC
CHALLENGE**
March 14th 5:00-7:00pm
Medical Lake Middle School

Join us for a night of games,
riddles, and challenge to become
a top-secret agent and uncover
the alien in disguise! Ages 4+
Register By: 3/8
\$25/couple, \$10/add. guest

ADULT PROGRAMS

SENIOR WELLNESS

Senior Fitness Program

Learn new ways to stay agile and confident in your balance and movement!

Date: Thursdays, 1/8-2/12

Time: 10:00-11:00am **Cost:** \$3 per class

Location: City Hall Auditorium

SENIOR YOGA

Senior Yoga is back! Join us for a gentle and relaxing time of stretching and strengthening!

Date: Wednesdays starting 1/21

Time: 11:30am-12:30pm **Cost:** \$8/class

Location: City Hall Auditorium

MEDICAL LAKE BOOK CLUB

Come join our local group of book worms for a tasty drink and some treats while we talk about our current read! No deadline to join, so register online to join!

Dates: Wednesdays starting 1/21

Time: 5:30-6:30pm **Cost:** FREE

Location: TBA

HOOKS & NEEDLES CLUB

Join us for a yarn-good time! Bring your latest knitting or crocheting project and a snack to share with some new friends!

Dates: Sundays starting 2/8

Time: 2:00-4:00pm **Cost:** FREE

Location: City Hall Auditorium

CRAFT & CHAT ACTIVITIES

Looking to get out of the house? Join us for a fun time of crafting and conversation! See what projects we have planned for the season!

Handmade Flower Seed Paper with Sue Hines

Our lovely guest instructor, Sue, will be helping us celebrate Spring by creating handmade paper with flower confetti and wildflower seeds! Perfect for note cards to be shared with those you love!

Date: 3/21 **Register By:** 3/13

Time: 12:30-2:30pm **Cost:** \$25

Pinochle (55+)

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 Council Chambers