



Mayor's Minute

Spring is in the air, and it's hard to believe we are already nearing the midpoint of the year. City staff remain hard at work across every department, with ongoing efforts in policy development, budgeting, infrastructure projects, park programming, and updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

The kitchen remodel, which experienced a few unavoidable setbacks, is now back on track. I'm happy to report that work has resumed, the finish line is in sight, and the project is expected to be completed within budget.

As summer approaches, plans are in full swing, and I wish you a happy Memorial Day. This is a meaningful time to reflect on our history and to express gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy because of the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

We look forward to seeing you at the annual Founders Day Celebration on June 19–20, which is shaping up to be another wonderful community event. Plans are also underway to recognize our nation's 250th anniversary as part of our Independence Day celebration on Thursday, July 2, featuring music and fireworks. There is no cost to attend—please join us at Waterfront Park for an evening of reflection, celebration, and community.

There is so much to be thankful for. I continue to serve on several state and local boards and commissions to ensure Medical Lake's interests remain front and center in regional discussions. It is truly an honor to serve you.



City Council Corner – [peruse agendas and minutes here: City Council - City of Medical Lake](#)

Public Health and Community Assets. Council discussed a potential kratom ban and reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding related to the transfer of Waterfront Park from DSHS to the City, focusing on long-term stewardship and public use.

City Operations and Agreements. Council adopted resolutions approving an updated agreement for information technology services to support secure and reliable city operations.

Water Resource Protection. Council approved a resolution supporting inclusion of Medical Lake in the West Plains Aquifer Protection Area ballot measure, scheduled for voter consideration in August.



Parks and Recreation Planning. Council adopted the Parks Master Plan to guide future investments, improvements, and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.

Policies and Regional Partnerships. Council adopted an updated procurement policy to improve efficiency and transparency, approved a Small Cities MOU with Spokane Transit Authority (STA), and renewed an agreement for security at Waterfront Park.

As part of the **Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update**, City Council reviewed land use, housing, street vacation, and zoning policies. Ordinances approved to support affordable housing, orderly growth, and long-term community connectivity, marking an important step in implementing comprehensive plan updates that balance housing opportunities, neighborhood character, and community connectivity. [Comprehensive Plan - City of Medical Lake](#)



In The News

Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt Success. Smiles, laughter, and a whole lot of eggs filled Waterfront Park on April 4 as more than 300 kids enjoyed the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt. A heartfelt thank-you to the Kiwanis Club and the amazing volunteers who made this beloved spring tradition such a joyful success for our community.



Fisherman's Breakfast. The Spokane County Fire District #3 Member Association's Fisherman's Breakfast was a tremendous success, serving 397 community members and bringing neighbors together around food, learning, and fun. Thanks to strong partnerships with DFW, Parks and Recreation, and Crazy Uncle Landon's, kids learned to bait hooks and catch trout – many for the very first time. Collaboration strengthens community resilience.

City Awarded \$15,000 Grant from WCIA. Based on citizen input, the City is planning to improve access to the Fox Hollow Trail at Tara Lee near Shepard Field. This investment supports safer, more accessible trail connections, highlighting the City's broader commitment to strengthening transportation, sidewalks, and trails so residents can more easily participate in community life.

Communication Efforts Having Impact. The City's social media outreach continues to grow by sharing timely information about essential services, community life, engagement opportunities, and Medical Lake's unique identity. In the past 28 days alone, this content reached more than 30,000 viewers and generated over 130,000 views, helping residents stay informed, connected, and involved in their community. If you are not already, follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Please join **Mayor Terri Cooper** and **Insurance Commissioner Patty Kuderer** to talk about

Community Resilience & Disaster Response

Where: Medical Lake City Hall
124 S. Lefevre St.
Medical Lake, WA 99022

When: May 20, 2026
6-8 p.m.
*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

You can let us know you're coming by visiting:
<https://direct.to/a13C>
(RSVP not required but helpful)



MOTHER'S DAY
FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, May 9 | 9 AM-1 PM | Lake Street

Fresh flowers, plants, breakfast, sweet treats, pancake breakfast, fresh squeezed lemonade, gift items, unique finds, and more!



Community Calendar

May

- 5/5** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 5/8-9** – Dollars for Scholars Super Yard Sale MLHS parking lot [Dollars For Scholars - Medical Lake Dollars for Scholars](#)
- 5/8** – Shred Day at City Hall 9am-12pm
- 5/9** – Spring Clean Up and Green Up 8am-12pm at Waterfront Park
- 5/10** – Happy Mother's Day
- 5/19** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 5/20** – WA Office of the Insurance Commissioner Outreach Forum
- 5/25** – Memorial Day Holiday (City Hall Closed)
- 5/26** – Medical Lake School Board Meeting at 6pm in the Hallett Elementary School Library and Zoom
- 5/28** – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30pm in City Hall

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



June

- 6/2** – City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in City Hall
- 6/6** – Re*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market, 9am-1pm
- 6/6-7** – Skyfest at Fairchild Air Force Base [Skyfest 2026](#)
- 6/16** – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
- 6/19** – Re*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market, 4pm-8pm
- 6/19** – Linger at the Lake Concert and Fireworks Display
- 6/20** – Founders Day Festival [Founders Day](#)
- 6/21** – Happy Father's Day
- 6/23** – Medical Lake School Board Meeting at 6pm in the Administration Office
- 6/25** – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30pm 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 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 SUMMER BREAK CAMP

Need something for your kiddo to do this summer? We got you! Join Medical Lake Parks and Recreation Staff for some 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! Registration available throughout summer on a first come-first serve basis.

Ages: 6-13 years **Dates:** Monday-Friday, 6/22-8/21

Time: 7:30am-5:30pm **Cost:** \$225/week per child

Full for the weeks you're interested in? Register for our waitlist!

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 Elementary School

Time: 3:15-4:45pm **Date:** Monday, 5/18 **Register By:** 5/15

SUMMER FUNDAMENTALS BASKETBALL CAMP

Join us for some summer basketball fun! The camp will focus on developing strong basketball fundamentals in a fun, competitive, and positive environment. Kids will build confidence and improve their game by focusing on skills such as ball handling, defensive techniques, proper shooting, and offensive and defensive rebounding. Camp may be split up into multiple age groups depending on registrations.

Time: 5:00-7:00pm **Dates:** 6/23-7/30
Grades: 4th-8th Tuesdays & Thursdays
Cost: \$100



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

CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR TODDLERS & PRE-K!

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

5/19 - Music Makers **Register By:** 5/17

6/23 - Play-doh Palooza **Register By:** 6/21

Location: City Hall Auditorium **Cost:** \$10/class

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: Thursdays, 5/14-6/18

Location: Hallett Elementary Gym

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

TINY TIGERS TAEKWONDO

Join Master Hughes to build focus, character, and self-disciplinary skills! Tiny Tigers is designed for children aged 3-6, focusing on developing fundamental physical and mental skills through fun and engaging activities.

Dates: Every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday!

Wednesday & Friday Classes: 5:30-6:00pm

Saturday Class: 2:00-2:30pm

Location: Hallett Elementary School Gym

Cost: \$80/month (members can come to any classes offered throughout week)

FAMILY PROGRAMS

FAMILY TAEKWONDO CLASSES

Challenge yourself to reach new heights in both mental and physical strength! Join Master Hughes to enhance your fitness level, learn self-defense techniques, and build mental toughness!

Dates: Every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday!

Wednesday & Friday Classes: 6:00-7:00pm

Saturday Classes: 2:30-3:30pm

Location: Hallett Elementary School Gym

Cost: \$135/month

TAEKWONDO MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP PROMO: \$100 FOR YOUR FIRST MONTH, INCLUDING UNIFORM!

For more information about Taekwondo classes and how to register, please reach out at (509) 565-5000 Ex. 2

FOUNDER'S DAY TOURNAMENTS

Founder's Day Golf Scramble

Join us on the Friday of Founder's Day weekend for a fun and exciting 9-hole 4-person scramble at The Plains Golf Course. Register as an individual, a team, or a sponsor to get in on the fun!

Date: Friday, 6/19 **Check In:** 7:00am

Cost: \$300/team **Tournament:** 8:00am-12:00pm

Location: The Plains Fairways Golf Course,
9810 W. Melville Rd.

Founder's Day Co-Ed Softball Tournament

Get together a team and compete to be the Founder's Day Champions! Teams may include up to 15 players and must field at least 4 women and 4 men at any given time.

Date: Saturday, 6/20 **Start Time:** TBD

Cost: \$200/team

Location: Waterfront Park

FATHER'S DAY BBQ

The fun doesn't stop with Founder's Day! Celebrate the dads in your life with us at Waterfront Park. We will have food, games, prizes, and lots of fun for the whole family. We hope to see you there!

Date: Sunday, 6/21 **Time:** 11:30am-2:30pm

Location: Waterfront Park

Cost: FREE! Just register online so we know you're coming. Donations will go to RECreate Medical Lake Non Profit to support youth recreation.

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. Transportation from MLMS will be provided.

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

Summer Course

Dates: 5/27, 6/1, 6/3, 6/8

Time: 3:15-5:00pm

Location: Hallett Elementary School

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

SENIOR WELLNESS

Senior Fitness Program

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

Date: Thursdays 4/23-5/28

Time: 10:00-11:00am **Cost:** \$5 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

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

Location: City Hall Auditorium

LAKESIDE WALKING CLUB

Get out, meet new people, and enjoy some exercise with us as we walk around Medical Lake each week!

Date: Mondays, starting 4/20

Time: 9:00-11:00am **Cost:** FREE

Meeting Location: Waterfront Park

SUMMER CLASSES AND TOURS WITH SUE HINES

Craft & Chat: Floral Design Class

This month, Sue will be giving us tips and tricks on how to create beautiful floral arrangements with late spring blooms!

Date: 5/16 **Register By:** 5/9

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm **Cost:** \$50

Farm Tour at S&L Lavender Farm

Love the scent of lavender? Join us for a tour of the beautiful S&L Lavender Farm in Chattaroy to learn about what they do. Shop their store, then enjoy lunch at the Feast World Kitchen.

Date: 6/30 **Register By:** 6/29

Time: 8:30am-3:00pm **Cost:** \$25

Blueberry Picking at Piper Farm

Grab your hat and sunglasses and join us for another trip to the Piper Blueberry Farms to fill your buckets with luscious, plump berries. Lunch to follow at Wisconsinburger.

Date: 7/31 **Register By:** 7/30

Time: 8:30am-3:00pm **Cost:** \$25

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

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