



Mayor's Minute



Greetings Friends and Neighbors, it is with a heavy heart this August Newsletter is being sent. The recent Spokane Complex Fires continue to spread and thousands of our friends, family, and coworkers are displaced. I know this can be extremely triggering for Medical Lake residents and for those in the surrounding Gray Fire impacted areas. We learned a lot in the past three years, and we continue to focus on wildfire preparedness and resilience. Please be vigilant and refrain from having any outdoor activity that involves an open flame or could cause a spark. We were so blessed and fortunate the Espanola Fire was quickly contained. Thank you, Fire District 3, and supporting teams.

Please note, wildfire season has come early, and we are at the beginning of a potentially very long season as Chief Rohrbach has warned. We are grateful for our regional and national response teams working tirelessly to contain the Spokane Complex fires. Please

see Spokane County Emergency Management resource page for the most current and accurate information at <https://www.spokanecounty.gov/5498/Emergency-Management>.

In other news, construction season is well underway with many projects happening in the city. Some of that work includes the completion of our backup generators to all city owned buildings, fiber installation to City Hall for internet improvement, street preservation in Fox Hollow and Fox Ridge, Coney Island Park shoreline stabilization and dock, and the finishing of the commercial kitchen upstairs in City Hall. As soon as the generator is installed and the kitchen is completed the City Hall Auditorium will be available as a gathering space in the event of another Avista Red Flag PSPS controlled power outage. The signs you may have seen around town are for ecology required notice of shoreline improvements. This is a grant funded project that will allow additional swales along the East side of the lake to provide better filtration to mitigate runoff from the streets into the lake. The current stormwater system is outdated, and the swales will bolster the existing system adding an extra layer of protection. Please plan to attend the public hearing or contact the city if you have any questions.

Strategic Framework

Medical Lake's updated Comprehensive Plan will guide the community's growth, infrastructure, housing, transportation, parks, and economic development priorities over the next 20 years. Residents are encouraged to review the final draft and participate in upcoming public hearings as the City considers adoption of this important community vision. Public hearings are scheduled for City Council on August 4 and September 1 and the Planning Commission on August 27. View the final draft at [Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan](#).

City Council Corner

Over the past month, City Council has continued advancing strategic investments that strengthen critical infrastructure, improve public amenities, and position Medical Lake for future growth and resiliency:

- Progress on installation of emergency backup generators protecting essential City services during power outages.
- Advancement of fiber connectivity improvements at City Hall to enhance cybersecurity, reliability, and operational efficiency.

- Implementation of the annual street preservation program to extend roadway life and reduce long-term maintenance costs.
- Continued development of the commercial kitchen project to support local entrepreneurs, workforce training, and community programming.
- Construction progress on the Coney Island Park shoreline stabilization, dock, and waterfront improvements.
- Ongoing work implementing priorities from the Transportation Master Plan and Strategic Plan.
- Coordination with regional and state partners regarding infrastructure, wildfire resilience, and legislative priorities.

In The News

Outdoor Irrigation Restrictions Remain in Effect. Outdoor irrigation is restricted between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to water lawns and landscaping during the early morning or evening hours when evaporation is reduced. Continued conservation helps ensure reliable water service throughout the summer months.

Reducing Wildfire Risk Starts at Home. As fire season continues, residents can help protect their homes, neighborhoods, and community by taking simple preventative steps:

- Remove dry grass, weeds, and other combustible materials.
- Trim vegetation away from structures and roofs.
- Prepare an emergency go-kit and family evacuation plan.
- Avoid parking vehicles on dry grass.
- Follow all burn restrictions and fire safety regulations.
- A safer Medical Lake depends on all of us working together to reduce risk and prepare for emergencies. Learn more about wildfire preparedness and creating defensible space at the <https://wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov/>.

Community Calendar

August

- 8/1** – Re*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market, 9am-1pm
- 8/4** – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
- 8/5** – Free Back to School Event, 9am-4pm at the Wellness Center, 317 N. Broad Medical Lake
- 8/7-9** – Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival [Blue Waters Bluegrass Festival 2026](#)
- 8/11** – Medical Lake Geo Walk & Water Sampling at 5pm [Medical Lake Geo-Walk & Water Sampling](#)
- 8/15** – Re*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market, 9am-1pm
- 8/18** – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
- 8/25** – Medical Lake School Board Meeting at 6pm in the Administration Office
- 8/27** Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30pm in City Hall

September

- 9/1** – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
- 9/2** – Wonder Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm at the Medical Lake Library
- 9/5** – Re*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market
- 9/7** – Labor Day Holiday (City Hall closed)
- 9/12** – Linger at the Lake Concert and Fireworks Display
- 9/15** – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
- 9/19** - Re*Imagine Medical Lake Farmers Market, 9am-1pm
- 9/24** – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30pm in City Hall

Helpful links:

- [Linger at the Lake - City of Medical Lake](#) (Summer Concert Series)
- [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 – SCLD - Spokane County Library District](#)



Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sign up for the 2026-2027 School Year is now open!

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: \$9/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!

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: 9/22, 10/20

Location: City Hall Auditorium **Cost:** FREE

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL OR TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO TEACH TO OTHERS? LET US KNOW AND WE CAN WORK TO GET SOME CLASSES SCHEDULED AND PROMOTED THROUGH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. CLASSES CAN CHARGE A FEE OR BE FREE!



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

TAEKWONDO CLASSES

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: MLMS Wrestling Room

Cost: \$135/month

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: MLMS Wrestling Room

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



SEPTEMBER 12TH 4:00-7:30PM

Hang out at the lake with us and enjoy some fun, FREE kids activities during the concert!

Facepainting

Bounce Castle

Water Balloon Range

Scavenger Hunt Activities

Lawn Games

And MORE!





LIVE MUSIC **BEER GARDEN**
FOOD VENDORS **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

LINGER at the LAKE

**Summer Concert Series at
Waterfront Park
FREE ADMISSION**

September 12th 4-8pm - BAY 7
 Come and support the Medical Lake Dollars for Scholars Non-Profit as they host a Craft Beer festival in conjunction with this Linger at the Lake event. Some of Spokane's favorite local breweries will be joining us, so bring a friend and enjoy the band! **Drinks served 4:00-8:00pm, music starts at 6:00pm.**

TEEN PROGRAMS **Ages 11-17**

SAFE SITTER BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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

Dates: 10/6, 10/8, 10/13, and 10/15

Time: 3:15-5:00pm

Location: Hallett Elementary School

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Bring a friend to play a mix of game types, including console games, VR, board games, TTRPG's, and miniatures games.

Date: 9/25 **Register By:** 9/18

Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm **Cost:** \$20/player

Ages: 11-17 years

Location: City Hall Auditorium

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

PICKLEBALL

Looking for your new favorite obsession? Grab a paddle and hit the court – it's time to play pickleball! **No pickleball for the month of August, we will resume September 6th!**

Sundays: 2:00-4:00pm

Cost: FREE

Location: MLMS

ADULT SPORTS

Gear up for adult sports! These fast-paced leagues and tournaments are open to ages 16 and older. All skill levels are welcome and spaces are limited, so sign up today! **All team members must register to play.**

Adult Flag Football

Dates: 10/2-11/6

Register By: 9/18

Cost: \$200/team

LAKESIDE WALKING CLUB

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

Date: Mondays

Time: 9:00-11:00am

Cost: FREE

Meeting Location: Waterfront Park

SENIOR YOGA

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

Date: Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday and Sundays 6:30-7:30pm

starting 9/1

Cost: \$8/class

Location: City Hall Auditorium

SUMMER CLASSES AND TOURS WITH SUE HINES

Dahlia Farm Tour at The Flower Mill

This year, we will be visiting Abby's Dahlia gardens at The Flower Mill Farm in Spokane Valley. Urban farming at its best! Afterwards, we will stop at the Plant Farm Nursery. Lunch location TBD. Purchases not included in price of registration.

Date: 8/18

Register By: 8/17

Time: 9:00am-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