



Mayor's Minute

Greetings Friends! And just like that, another month has passed. The beautiful fall colors are a splendid display of creation and remind us that every season holds visions of the past, the awareness that change is coming, and the wonder and enjoyment found in living in the moment.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I am so thankful for the recent gentle rains watering our dry and weary land. I am thankful we have a city council and community that care deeply about the future of our fair city. I am thankful for those in our community who give back because they have a sense of belonging here. This is their place.

As I made the rounds during the Fall Festival, I noticed fresh faces volunteering and stopped to visit about their experience. To my surprise, two men, at separate times, said the same words "I would do anything for this city, it saved me!" They were sincere, happy, grateful, and working with all their heart. I expressed how happy I was for them to have that sense of belonging and thanked them for serving. One answered back with a question, "what more can I do, I just want to give back?" I offered a suggestion or two and he went on his way smiling. That, dear friend, is community. That, dear friend, is the essence of life. That we love and serve one another.

Let us continue to be grateful for all we have, grateful we are here together, grateful we belong here and now, and mindful how we are blessed in so many ways. Life has its struggles but doing it together lightens the load.

Strategic Framework

November's Strategic Framework focus is dependable infrastructure and transparent stewardship. The City is advancing utility and capital planning, reviewing the 2027 budget, continuing transportation-safety improvements, and updating land-use and environmental protections. Together, these efforts support the Healing Waters Strategic Plan by strengthening essential services, improving resilience, planning responsibly for future growth, and helping residents understand how today's decisions contribute to Medical Lake's long-term quality of life. Healing Waters Strategic Plan - City of Medical Lake

City Council Corner

Land-Use and Environmental Protection. The City is updating its critical areas regulations and official zoning map to help guide responsible growth while protecting Medical Lake's natural resources and community character. Following public hearings and Planning Commission review, the City Council completed the first step in considering these updates. Final Council action will follow as the review process continues.

Lefevre St. Restriping Project Support. The City is continuing work on the Lefevre Street restriping and safety project, including efforts to reduce the posted speed from 30 to 25 mph along a portion of the corridor. Council also adopted a Clear Zone Policy required for the transportation improvements. Together, these efforts support safer, more organized travel for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists while helping move the project toward implementation.

Park Impact Fee Methodology Approved. The City is updating its park impact fee program to help ensure new growth contributes its fair share toward future park and recreation needs. Council approved the updated methodology and began consideration of the related ordinance. This work supports thoughtful growth while helping maintain and improve the parks, recreation facilities, and quality of life our community values.

Budget and Rates. The City is preparing for 2027 with a focus on responsible budgeting and long-term financial stability. Council has begun reviewing the preliminary budget and provided direction on property taxes and a phased approach to wastewater rates to support reliable utility services. Residents are encouraged to stay involved, with the Preliminary Budget Hearing on November 3 and the Final Budget Hearing on December 1.

In The News

Something for Everyone This Winter. Medical Lake Parks and Recreation is offering a full lineup of activities for children, teens, families, and older adults this season. From youth programs and school-break camps to senior wellness, family activities, and winter sports, there are plenty of opportunities to stay active, meet neighbors, and enjoy the community close to home.

- LEGO Free Play at the **Medical Lake Library**, Mondays 3:30-4:30pm, ages 5+ & their families. See the Library District link below for more information.
- It's almost time for the **Medical Lake Dollars for Scholars** Holiday Wreath Raffle! Wreaths will appear in local businesses soon. Purchase raffle tickets for your favorite wreath(s) at businesses where they are displayed, the Holiday Craft Fair at MLMS, and at WinterFest. Wreath winners will be announced at WinterFest. You need not be present to win. Proceeds fund scholarships for MLHS 2027 graduates.
- Come to the **Re*Imagine Medical Lake** Winter Festival and Outdoor Christmas Market Saturday, December 12 from 12pm-5pm. Live reindeer, Santa's toy shop, Candy Cane Fun Run, pony rides, elf crafts, cookies with Mrs. Claus, Elf Village, Christmas parade, tree lighting, fireworks, and more! Visit our website for times/locations of activities: https://medicallake.org/winter-festival/ (Activities are free while supplies last).

Understanding Your Utility Rates. The City is reviewing updates to water and wastewater utility rates to ensure our systems remain reliable, financially sustainable, and prepared for future infrastructure needs. The proposed changes are designed to phase adjustments over time while supporting daily operations, maintenance, repairs, and long-term system improvements. Residents can learn more about the rate study, proposed changes, and how utility revenues are used on the City's Utility Rate Study webpage Utility Rate Study - City of Medical Lake

Broadband Connectivity Expands. Medical Lake's new broadband tower is now operational, marking another step toward stronger connectivity and communications infrastructure in the community. The project supports reliable internet access, emergency resilience, and future economic development while also creating a new lease revenue opportunity for the City. https://connect.broadlinc.org/



Community Calendar

November

11/3 – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall (Preliminary Budget Hearing)
11/7 – Kiwanis 1-Day Fundraiser Aluminum Can Drive, 9am-12pm at Lake's Harvest Foods parking lot
11/11 – Veterans Day Holiday (City Hall closed)
11/17 – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
11/19 – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30pm in City Hall
11/20 – Kiwanis Annual Turkey Bingo, 6-9pm at Hallett Elementary
11/25 – Thanksgiving Holiday (City Hall closes at noon)
11/26-27 – Thanksgiving Holiday (City Hall closed)
11/28 – Craft Fair at Medical Lake Middle School
11/28 – Slightly West of Spokane Fall Art Tour, 10am-4pm slightlywestofspokane

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

December

12/1 – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall (Final Budget Hearing)
12/12 – Re*Imagine Medical Lake Winter Festival, 12-5pm
12/15 – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm in City Hall
12/17 – Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30pm in City Hall
12/24 – Christmas Eve (City Hall will close at noon)
12/25 – Christmas Day Holiday (City Hall closed)
12/31 – New Year's Eve (City Hall will close at noon)
1/1 – New Year's Day Holiday (City Hall closed)
1/5 – City Council Meeting at 6:30pm 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 – SCLD - Spokane County Library District

MEDICAL LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAMS

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Join us on Fridays before school and every day after school at Hallett Elementary for some fun free play!

Before School Program
Grades: K-5th **Time:** 7:30am-9:30am
Dates: Fridays starting 11/6
Cost: $6/per day

After School Program
Grades: K-5th **Time**: 2:45-5:30pm
Dates: Monday-Friday every full school day
Cost: $9/per day

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: 11/17, 12/15
Location: City Hall Auditorium **Cost**: FREE

SCHOOL'S OUT DAY CAMPS

Need something for your kiddo to do on their day off from school? We got you! Breakfast and snack will be provided, but make sure to send your kiddo with a sack lunch! Check out our day camp activities we have coming up this year!

Fall Break Camp
Dates: 11/23-11/24 **Register By:** 11/19
Time: 7:30am-5:30pm **Cost:** $100

Winter Break Camp
Dates: 12/21-12/22,12/28-12/29 **Register By:** 12/17
Time: 7:30am-5:30pm **Cost:** $100/week

LETTERS TO SANTA DROP OFF

We have made a very special arrangement with Santa's elves to accept mail for deliver to Santa this year! Bring your letters to Santa and drop them off with us at City Hall to receive a letter back from him by Christmas! Parents - please print, fill out, and submit the form on our website with your child's letter! You can find it at **medical-lake.org/parks-recreation/youth-adult-recreation** or ask for a copy in our office.

Drop Off Dates: 11/2-12/6
Drop Off Location: North Pole Mailbox located in the City Hall lobby

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, 11/5-12/17
Location: Hallett Elementary Gym
Cost: $54 for 6 weeks of once-weekly classes

4REC WINTER SPORTS

4Rec Winter 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.
Girls and boys teams offered for 9/10 and 11/12 basketball! Last day to sign up is November 30th, late sign ups will be subjected to a $10 late fee and only accepted if space is available.

Dates: 1/4-2/20 **Register By:** 11/30 **Cost:** $54

Winter Basketball **Ages: 5-12**
Spirit Squad: Cheer & Dance **Ages: 7-12**

Pre-Season Basketball Camp
Date: 12/19 **Cost:** $10
5/6 - 9:00-10:00am
7/8 - 10:15-11:15am
9/10 - 11:30-12:30pm
11/12 - 12:45-1:45pm
Please note some age groups may be merged depending on registration numbers.

Our league runs on the time and dedication of our parent volunteers! Interested in coaching your child's team? All volunteers receive a $54 credit at the end of the season for their child to use towards any Parks & Rec programs!

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

WINTER Reminders

Green Waste Dumpster at the Maintenance Building on Lefevre St will be leaving around mid November or the first snow. Make sure to get your fall yard waste dropped off before then!

Bathrooms are officially closed at all ML parks for the season.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

SQUARE DANCING LESSONS

Grab a partner and stretch your body and mind in this fun and social dance! No previous dancing skills required, so long as you can walk and listen at the same time. Returning students will be invited to stay for an additional half hour workshop at the end of class. For ages 9 and up (must be 14 years or older to attend without a parent).
Dates: Fridays, 10/23-2/5 (13 weeks)
Time: 6:30-8:00pm (all students)
6:30-8:30pm (returning students)
Location: City Hall Auditorium
Cost: $60 (new students)
Returning students are $24 each or $50 for families of three or more**!**

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: MLMS Wrestling Room

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: 5:30-6:00pm
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: 6:00-7:00pm
Saturday Classes: 2:30-3:30pm

TEEN PROGRAMS Ages 11-17

ALTITUDE TRAMPOLINE PARK

Join us at Altitude to for a teen jump party! Participants will meet at City Hall, transportation will be provided.
Time: 5:30-7:30pm **Cost:** $25
Date: 11/13 **Register By:** 11/12
Ages: 11-17 years old
Location: Meet at City Hall

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: 11/18 - Date Changed! **Register By:** 11/13
Time:5:30pm-8:30pm **Cost**: $20/player
Ages: 9-17 years
Location: City Hall Auditorium

ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us in February for adult basketball! Registration will open in December, so talk to your friends and start planning your team now!
Cost: $250 per Team
Dates: 2/7-3/14

SENIOR WELLNESS AT CITY HALL

Senior Yoga
Join us for a gentle and relaxing time of stretching and strengthening!
Date: Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm
No Sunday and Tuesday classes in October
Cost: $8/class

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

Jazzercise classes are in the City Hall Auditorium. See website for price and schedule.
www.jazzercise.com/location/jazzercise-west-plans