



Town of Millwood Newsletter



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Fall Spruce-up Day, September 15th, 9-12 !

Fall is finally here, and its a great time to pitch in, pitch out, and clean up!

The historic downtown area will be the focus of a Fall Spruce-up on Saturday, September 15th, from 9 to 12.

So pull on your work clothes, grab your gloves, and come join us on this second town clean-up effort!



Plantings at the Argonne/Euclid inter-section, common sidewalks bordering downtown businesses, and the area along the railroad tracks at the south side of E. Euclid will be our focus.

Weeding, pruning, sweeping, raking, trash pickup: think of the opportunities for fun! As an added incentive, coffee, water, and a snack will be provided to all. If you have tools you are willing to use and maybe share, mark them with

your name and bring them along. For more info. call Pam Kester at 924-2156.



\$PRUCE UP AT HOME!

Courtesy of the town of Millwood and Waste Management, a metal dumpster and a clean green dumpster will both be available for residents' use on the 15th during clean-up hours. It's free, so now's the time to get rid of your old appliances, miscellaneous metal objects, and all those grass clippings that have been piling up.

Call town hall if you need assistance in moving appliances, and we'll see what we can do.



Recycle your metal items and yard waste for free during clean-up hours !



Clean green IS:

Grass, leaves, pine needles, cones, vines, weeds, small Christmas trees.

Clean green is NOT:

Sod, rocks, glass, animal feces, lumber, stumps, bark or woody material over 3 inches in diameter or over 6 feet long. No decaying yard debris.

Appliance & Metal

Recycling:

We accept ferrous & non-ferrous metal, including stoves, microwaves, washers/ dryers, etc. Refrigerators and AC units will NOT be accepted.

Fall Calendar:

- **September:** 15: Fall Spruce-up Day, 9-12 noon
- 24: Planning Commission Meeting, 6pm
- **October:** 1: Town Council Meeting, 7pm
- 6-7: Millwood Historic Tours
- 15: Leaf Pickup Begins
- 16: Argonne Road Corridor Meeting (tentative)
- 29: Planning Commission Meeting, 6pm
- **November:** 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5: Town Council Meeting, 7pm
- 16: Leaf Pickup ends
- 22: Thanksgiving Day
- **December:** 3: Town Council Meeting, 7pm

Millwood Welcomes New Businesses

Founded by Jim Burke and Dan Stutzke, **CSK Communications**, at 9019 E. Euclid, specializes in building urban communications systems. Working together for over 10 years, Burke, an electrical engineer, and Stutzke, a registered communications distribution designer, bring decades of professional experience to their work with large-scale developers, municipalities, and the federal government, designing and installing fiber optic and wireless communications, electrical systems, and other networks in both Washington and Idaho. Moving from downtown Spokane in July, CSK chose Millwood as its new home because of the town's accessibility and low-key atmosphere. To find out more about CSK Communications, visit their Web site, www.cskcommunications.com.



TREE CITY USA UPDATE

Millwood is known throughout greater Spokane for its tree-lined streets, and many town residents are passionate about their town's urban forest.

Under the leadership of Mayor Dan Mork, the town continues to take steps toward becoming an official Tree City USA. The Arbor Day Celebration, the July Tree Pruning Workshop, and other similar activities are all part of this effort, educating residents and giving them the tools to maintain their own shrubs and trees.

An important step in the Tree USA application process

is the establishment of a local tree board. Composed of a minimum of 5 individuals, the board will be responsible for establishing and implementing the policies and practices needed to help Millwood sustain the trees in public right-of-ways and town parks, as well as assist private homeowners.

Imagine a walk in the park, or down Liberty or Dalton, with no trees overhead, and you will realize what an important asset Millwood has in its urban forest.

If you would be willing to give a few evenings a year to preserve this asset, please contact Town hall, or e-mail Mayor Mork at

MillwoodMayor@comcast.net



A proactive Tree Board can work to end unsupervised Avista-ordered "pruning" such as the one now visible along Argonne.

From the Millwood Public Works Department

Labor Day has come and gone, and it's time to prepare for ever-earlier sunsets, cooler weather, and falling leaves.

As a service to town residents, curbside leaf pickup will start on October 15th and run through November 16. To ensure that your leaves are included, review these five **Leaf-Pickup Guidelines**:

1. **Rake leaves** in a row no more than **4 feet wide**, on the same line as your neighbor.
2. The leaf truck is 10' tall, so don't rake leaves under low-hanging limbs.
3. Don't rake leaves between parked cars or other obstructions.
4. **Leaves only please!** We dump the leaves in fields etc., and farmers do not appreciate apples, limbs, litter, or other yard waste.
5. Bagged leaves or those covered with a tarp, will not be picked up.

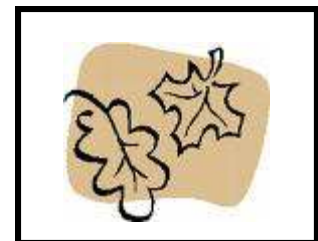
Early fall, while its still pleasant to work outside, is a good time to **insulate your water meter**. Here's how:

1. Fill a large, heavy-duty lawn & leaf bag with bat insulation sufficient to fill your meter vault, and tie off the bag so that it contains some air.
2. Push the soft "pillow" of bagged insulation all the way down into the meter vault until it touches and cushions the meter. Avoid puncturing the bag and letting the air out.
3. Replace the vault lid.

Insulation should be removed and stored each spring to allow for meter maintenance.

To avoid freezing pipes during long periods of extremely cold weather, keep one faucet in your home running in a thin stream (the size of a pencil), especially at night when water pipes are idle. Opening doors under the kitchen sink at night can also help you avoid the damage caused by frozen pipes.

Call town hall with any questions regarding maintaining water pipes during cold weather.



The Town of Millwood Newsletter is published quarterly as a way of distributing useful information of interest to town residents. If there is anything you would like to see in upcoming newsletters, please contact city hall.

We're on the Web!
www.townofmillwood.org

MILLWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOURS SET FOR OCTOBER 6TH & 7TH

On Saturday and Sunday, October 6th and 7th, the Millwood Historical Society invites you to join us for a Walking Tour of the Millwood Historic District. Learn about the unique architecture of the oldest part of town and hear stories about the many people who have called this neighborhood home over the years!

Tours will start at The Crossing, Millwood Presbyterian Church's youth center, at 8919 Euclid. After a slide-show and talk describing the town's early years, participants will enjoy a 45-minute ramble through the neighborhood bordered by Euclid, Argonne, Liberty, and Sargent. The Presbyterian Church will also be open for viewing during tour hours.

The tour is free of charge, although the MHS will gratefully accept donations to fund future activities. Coffee, cookies, and other snacks will be for sale, with proceeds going to The Crossing.

The Historic Walking Tour will run all day Saturday as well as Sunday afternoon. **On Saturday only, the Inland Empire Paper Company will also be open to the public.**

To keep both mill tour and walking tour groups small, please pre-register. Walking tours are scheduled on the hour from 9 to 2 on Saturday and 1 to 3 on Sunday and last 1½ hours. Mill tours, held Saturday only, are scheduled on the hour from 9 to 3. Allow 45 minutes.

Registration for both tours starts September 15th and can be done by phone, internet, or mail:



Call June King, 928-5193, between 9am and 7pm.



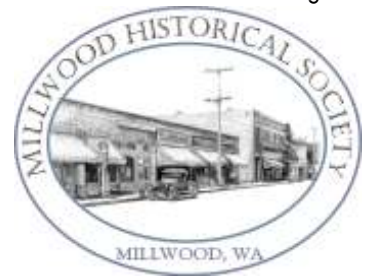
www.millwoodtour.org



Millwood Tour,
8905 E. Liberty,
Millwood, WA 99212.

Wheelchairs are available on a limited basis; please schedule in advance. Both The Crossing and the Paper Mill are handicapped-accessible. Parking will be available at the mill and along Euclid.

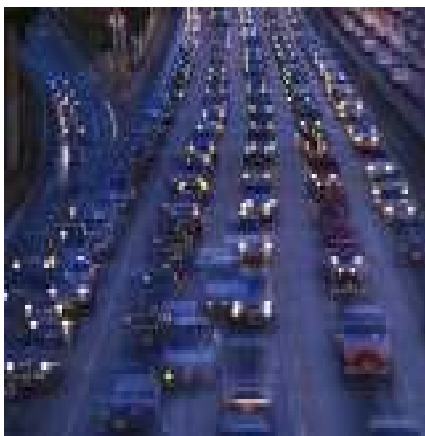
For more information, stop at the Corner Door, or at the Corner Door booth at the



It's Millwood's 80th Birthday, and you're invited to the Party!

In early 2008, the MHS will host a Birthday Bash to celebrate Millwood's founding, and we plan to do it '50s style. Along with food, socializing, and enjoying the signs and sounds of the Fifties, we plan to present an entertaining talk about life in '50s suburbs, a family-friendly neighborhood many in Millwood still enjoy. So starch up your crinolines, pull out those Jello recipes, and join us on a fun trip back in time!

Argonne Corridor Study Still Ongoing



We had a great turnout at both the stakeholders meeting and town-wide Corridor Study meeting held this past August. Those residents who attended provided some great ideas and suggestions regarding ways to deal with the traffic problems along the section of Argonne Road running through our town.

The study has already revealed that, because of growth in the surrounding area, the traffic running through the center of Millwood is not going away. The task now is to explore ways of reducing its effect on our quality of life here in town.

Your creative input is crucial to this effort and would be welcomed by W & H Pacific project manager Mark Brower. A study summary is included in this newsletter. I encourage you to review it and submit your ideas on the attached Public Comment form. Forms can be mailed, dropped off at city hall, or faxed directly to W & H Pacific at 252-5056.

As a resident of town directly affected by the traffic issue, your ideas and suggestions continue to be important as we go forward. So now's the time to speak your peace!

And plan to attend the October meeting when W&H Pacific professionals will present some ideas for improvements. The meeting will be announced early in October! —Mayor Mork



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MILLWOOD FALL SPRUCE-UP DAY: **September 15, 9-12**
HISTORIC MILLWOOD WALKING TOUR: **October 6-7**

Mayor Mork's Message

Fall approaches, a season of change. Your town has seen many changes in the last eight months.

Millwood now has a mechanism for dealing with code enforcement issues. Code Enforcement Officer Bill Shultz is the answer to residents' demands for enforcing the rules and code of conduct in the Town of Millwood.

Complaints received by city hall as old as 2006 are now being addressed. Any violation of Millwood's litter, junk vehicle, or public safety codes will now be vigorously pursued by Officer Shultz.

If you have a complaint or concern, please submit it, in writing, to:

9103 E. Frederick, Millwood, WA 99206

or via e-mail to:

MILLWOODWA@comcast.net.

One of the most important concerns for many Millwood residents is the effect of traffic

on our town. Millwood Town Council has enlisted the services of W&H Pacific to study the Argonne Road corridor and generate a solution to the traffic issue. This project will result in a VISION for ways to make a significant improvement in the lives of town residents. Your mayor and council will pursue it.

During the past few months other things have been happening in town. We are well on our way to becoming a Tree City USA in 2008. I predict we will have met all state requirements to become a member of this exclusive group. Working together with the newly formed Historical Society and other groups, the Millwood Beautification and Tree Board., a small but influential committee, will establish and guide both a tree program and a beautification and enhancement program for Millwood. Join us on September 15th for Millwood's first **Fall Spruce-up Day**, where volunteers will clean, rake, and groom neglected areas.

This is the 10th newsletter since I began serving as your mayor. I hope you find them informative and interesting!

—*Millwood Mayor Mork*

