



Newsletter

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Spring Issue ?

City Hall Open

House-

On May 4th starting at 5:00 there will be a special get-together to check out the new City Hall!

This project went well, was under budget, and preserved the "mid-century modern" design the hall was built with. Please plan on attending, project leader and Designer Curtis Anderson of Design Works will be present as well as some of the sub-contractors that worked on the project. This impressive list includes-

Curtis Anderson, Designer and Head Contractor-

Design Works

Frank Johnson

Lighting & Electrical

Voltric Electric

Lori Thomas & Stacey Borunda

Painting and Finishing

Deluxe Painting

Shellie Mundy Reframing

Art Conscious Framing

Flooring, Kitchen Counters, and Window treatments

Design Works

-Mayor Mork

Calendar of Events

All Council and Planning Commission meetings are held at City Hall

February 23	Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
March 2	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
March 30	Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
April 6	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
April 25	Millwood Arbor Day Millwood Park 9:00 Spring Clean up Day!
April 27	Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
May 4,	City Hall Open house 5:00 to 7:00 PM City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
May 29	Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
June 1	City Council Meeting
June 29	Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM

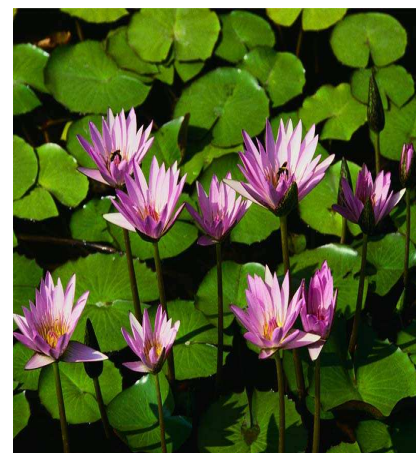
Arbor Day & Spring Clean Up

Plan on attending Millwood's **Arbor Day celebration** at the City Park April 25 at 9:00 AM.

We will plant a tree and Spokane Conservation District arborist Garth Davis will talk about trimming, planting for energy conservation, and common plant pathogens.

After the arbor day event we will turn loose on the city and start our annual spring clean up day!

Millwood Presbyterian Pastor Craig Goodwin is organizing the event, thank you Pastor Craig !



Argonne Road Reconstruction Project

This project is about to begin. The Scope of work involves removing all roadway down to a 20—24 inch depth. At the base a GeoGrid™ will be installed to reduce lateral movement. On top of the base the contractor will place compressed rock with an asphalt topping on roadways and a concrete intersection at Empire Way and Argonne.

To alleviate congestion your council has decided this work will be done at night. Working from 6 PM to 5 AM will be the safest and most effective way to tackle this project.

The project will be advertised for bid in March with bids awarded in mid April. Construction is scheduled to start in late April.

Once started the project will take about 60 days. Project engineer Welch-Comer has taken every available opportunity to expedite this project and explored all available funding sources and grant opportunities.

- ◆ Once started a Welch-Comer project coordinator and a representative from the Washington Department of Transportation will be on site every day.
- ◆ There will be a weekly construction update meeting at City Hall. Problems, remedies, and progress will be reviewed during these meetings.
- ◆ The city has allowed the contractor the ability to work 5, 6 or 7 day weeks to expedite the project.
- ◆ Welch-Comer will publish a bi-monthly progress report. This report will alert citizens and business of progress, schedules, and traffic impacts. The city wants to assist our businesses with access during this project.

Several of the goals of the **Argonne Corridor Project** will be realized at the completion of the reconstruction project.

- ◆ All sidewalk corners will have ADA access ramps.
- ◆ Bulb outs will be installed at Euclid-Argonne, Dalton-Argonne, and Liberty-Argonne parking areas. This is an effective traffic calming and safety effect.
- ◆ The speed on Argonne road will be reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph. With the exception of Trent Avenue all Millwood traffic will be 25 mph at the end of this project.
- ◆ Conduit will be installed to add period designed lighting to the new sidewalk areas in the Millwood Historic District, on the west side of Argonne road. The new lighting will enhance the area and help identify the historic district.
- ◆ The existing sidewalks on the east side of Argonne road will be repaired or replaced and ADA access ramps added. Sidewalks will be added to the west side of the road. This is an important change. Future plans from the Argonne Corridor project include a bike lane from Empire Way in Millwood to Maringo Drive on the north bank of the Spokane River. The bike lane will be added if additional grant funds are awarded.





Millwood Business

- ◆ **Effect on Millwood Business-** the construction project will be a major impact to all City businesses. Remember to patronize all Millwood businesses even more than usual during this project. They will all feel a major disruption during these three months. Welch Comer will be publishing two newsletters each month to highlight access to Millwood's businesses and will provide guides on how to easily access your cities businesses and providers. **Support Millwood Businesses** during this time!
- ◆ **Millwood Better for Business group wants your input!** We are still looking for new gateway design ideas to help identify your city. New street signs and city signs will soon be installed. Submit your ideas to me at **MILLWOODMAYOR.COM** your idea may be the theme for the new gateway!
- ◆ **Millwood Teen Council**— Ambassador Kelley Hansen is recruiting young interested individuals for a Millwood City Teen Council. The Teen Council will add a new perspective to our city. If you are interested contact through the **cityofmillwood.org** web site.

Special Meeting on Traffic Concerns from Empire Way to Argonne, and Fowler Road

We had an excellent turnout and participation for this special meeting in February. Thank you for attending!

At the March 2009 council meeting, your council requested, as a result of the February special meeting, a request for bids for a specific traffic study of the area, advice on speed control features, and directed your Mayor to enlist the services of specific traffic patrols for this area which will start immediately. Additional traffic patrols will be added at peak volume times. These patrols are an additional expense beyond our Law Enforcement Contract but are very reasonable at about \$ 60 per hour.

I think the special meeting of February 18th was a great meeting. Your council and myself really appreciate the participation and concern you have for our community. This is the only way real progress occurs. Concerned citizens, a responsive council, and action! Thank you for the concern and vision you have for our community.

Mayor Mork





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Mayor Mork's Message

The present economic conditions are difficult times for many people. Things will improve but it will take time. During one of our recent City Council meetings Valley Fire District Assistant Fire Chief Larry Rider said something that really made me think about what people are going through. Larry said " Times are tough and many are at their breaking point, or close to it. Take care of each other and look out for your neighbor, these are stressful times. " I think that is some of the best advice I have heard, watch out for each other, we are Americans, we will overcome this crisis as we have time and time again.

As bad as things are nationally we have been somewhat isolated from the worst situations. Stevens County now has an unemployment rate of 14 % , Pend Oreille 13 %. Millwood is fortunate to have a good financial base, supportive and resilient citizens, and a bright future. Thank you from your Council and myself for your support, concern, and care for our community!

-Mayor Mork

