



Town of Millwood Newsletter



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Council Vacancy

Millwood is looking for a responsible and interested citizen to fill a two year council position term which is currently open. In the strong mayor form of government the council members are the power of the Town setting policy and the ordinances governing the Town. The mayor is responsible for the Town staff, daily operations, and presides at public events.

The responsibilities of a council member include contact and interaction with the public, attend monthly meetings {usually 1—2 per month}, and responsibly represent the Town in the public arena. Compensation is \$ 40 per meeting.

As a council member you are on the ground floor directing your Town's future. While there is not a huge time commitment there is a huge impact to your community. Please contact me if you are interested in this important job! - Mayor Mork

Planning Commission News-

Millwood Planning Director Heather Cannon has resigned and accepted a position with the State of Washington. The position of Planning Director for the Town is a very important one and the Town is evaluating this position carefully before we advertise for applications. During the search and recruitment of a replacement the Town will rely on the services of Tom Richardson who is currently a planner with the City of Cheney. Mr. Richardson will work for the Town on an as needed basis until we have hired a new Planning Director which should occur early in 2008.

Welcome new Planning Commissioner Richard Gardner! Mr. Gardner joins Bobbie Beese, Patty Grossman, Pamela Kessler, and John Newman on the Planning Commission Board. Thank you Richard for your willingness to serve the Town!



MILLWOOD BEAUTIFICATION & TREE BOARD NOTES

You have a new board eager to serve your Town! Debbie Lehinger, Vicki Naccarato, and Charlie Peterson have volunteered to work on a board that will protect and enhance the beauty of Millwood! This team will make some great contributions to our Town.

The application for Millwood to become a Tree City USA has been submitted and I am confident we will attain that status in 2008!
-Mayor Mork

Animal Control

Millwood will pay the same amount for animal control as we did in 2007. An important difference in 2008 will be the price of dog and cat licensing. Animal control is a service for every citizen both pet owners and those that have no pets. Your council has decided a reduced license fee will encourage more pet owners to license their pets. This change will be voted on during our February 3rd council meeting. Remember licensing your pet is the responsible thing to do and the best way to ensure their safe return.

Upcoming events-

Spring Composting
Fair at Finch
Arboretum 4/26,
10:00—2:00

Extended Hours at
the Solid Waste
facilities will begin
4/1 call 625-6800
for details

VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT NEWS

Millwood experienced 10 fewer advanced life support calls last year compared with 2006.

Spokane Valley Fire Department had 10,500 runs in 2007, 216 of those {2%} were in Millwood.

The citizens appreciate the support and great service of Valley Fire. Take care of yourself and have a safe 2008!



Trivia -

The Inland Empire Paper company retired a 44 year old, 350 Horsepower steam engine and installed a 600 horsepower, alternating current motor.

Millwood Celebrates its 80 year anniversary in 2008 !

Leaf Collection

Season was successful. The Town crews collected 83 dump truck loads of leaves, one of the biggest seasons ever. Thank you Cleve and Paul ! Millwood is the only community in the state of Washington that picks up and disposes of its communities leaves !



Calendar

Martin Luther King Day-Jan. 21

**Council Meetings
7:00 PM**

2/4, 3/3, 4/7

**Planning Commission
meetings 6:00 PM**

2/25, 3/31, 4/28

Presidents Day 2/18

**Millwood Arbor Day
Celebration 9:00 AM**

**Millwood Park
April 26, 2008**

TAXES

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

Millwood Property Tax Rates for the year 2008

The regular tax levy of the Town of Millwood will be \$ 352,520 for 2008. This is a zero percent increase from the regular tax levy for 2007. Your actual overall property tax accessed in 2008 may be higher than your property tax total in 2007 due to a reassessment or from improvements to your property. The rate accessed from the Town of Millwood is a zero percent increase. Copies of the approved 2008 Fiscal Budget of the Town of Millwood is available at the Town Hall.



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LOOK INSIDE FOR

A Council Vacancy , 2008 Property Tax Rates, New Beautification & Tree Board, and an important Animal Control announcement!

Mayor Mork's Message

We are off to a great start in 2008! With the help of a business consultant we are re-evaluating the position and responsibilities of Millwood's Planning Director and hope to have that position filled soon. You have a committed Council, Mayor, Planning Commission, and an exciting new group; the Millwood Beautification and Tree Board. The recently completed Argonne Corridor Study has identified some enhancements that we are trying to tie in with the Argonne resurfacing project in March 2009. A bike/pedestrian lane on the east side of Argonne from Trent to Maringo Drive, new sidewalks from the Argonne bridge to Trent Avenue, and enhanced crosswalks and bus stops throughout the Town. Another important improvement will be the synchronization of all of the Argonne road traffic lights in Millwood. This will help expedite traffic through the Town and allow safe pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Another thing I have noticed- there is an increased spirit of volunteerism and commitment from many of you! There are some exciting things coming up for Millwood, thanks for being such an important part of your Town! Happy New Year !

Mayor Mork

