



# Newsletter

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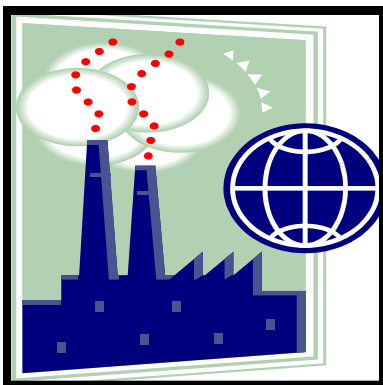
### Air Quality

Our area frequently experiences temperature inversions during winter months.

A temperature inversion occurs as night temperatures drop and warm air enters the area. The ground rapidly loses heat at sundown and the high warm air traps the cold surface air. The surrounding mountains and foothills actually strengthen the inversion. Pollutants from wood fires, automobiles, and industrial sources are also trapped close to the ground.

To get an air quality report call 477-4710 or visit

[www.spokanecleanair.org](http://www.spokanecleanair.org)



### Calendar of Events

All Council, and Planning Commission meetings are held at City Hall.

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| March 7  | City Council Meeting              |
| March 13 | Daylight Savings Time Begins      |
| March 28 | Planning Commission Meeting       |
| April 4  | City Council Meeting              |
| April 16 | Millwood Arbor Day & Clean Up Day |
| April 25 | Planning Commission Meeting       |



### Sheriffs Report -

Due to a new method of establishing the cost of police support for Spokane County Millwood's price for service will actually decrease in 2011. The new formula for valuation is based on actual demand over the past six years for each community in Spokane County. Millwood's bill will be reduced by 4%. This does not include extra traffic patrols.



### Thank you John!

Planning Commissioner John Newman is leaving Millwood. John has worked on your Planning Commission for 7 years and has done an excellent job! John, thank you for your dedicated service, sharp wit, jokes, and strong direction for your City; you will be missed. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission should contact City Planner Tom Richardson at 924-0960.

### New Utility Account Numbers

Our new utility accounting system required that we change the customer account numbers. Please note your new account number and make sure that the correct number is shown on your check. Thank you!



# Spokane Valley Fire District 2010 Summary

During our February meeting the SVFD presented this summary of activity in your City:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	
Advanced Life Support	62	72	up 12%
Structure Fires	22	15	down 25%
Other Fires	32	24	down 25%
Medical Calls	77	63	down 22%
Total Responses	207	187	down 10%

Overall our activity was low compared to 2009. A recent audit of the SVFD will most likely result in a reduced fire rating. A lower rating reflects a better grade for your fire protection district which will reduce most business and industrial users' insurance cost. This should be officially announced this spring. While residential customers won't see much or any change this is a real accomplishment to the Spokane Valley Fire District!

## **Mayor Mork's Message**

**Wading Pool Update** There has been an incredible amount of interest in your City wading pool. The City Council requested estimates for repairing the pool and for demolishing the wading pool and replacing it with a water feature designed for small children in late 2010. During a meeting to establish the 2011 budget money was earmarked for removing the pool in 2011. No decision has been made to repair, replace, or remove the pool at this time.

At this time City staff is investigating insurance coverage, exposure to liability, staffing cost, maintenance cost, and renovation cost to keep the existing wading pool. We are also exploring the cost, maintenance, and insurability of replacing the wading pool with a spray park, or water feature that would be designed specifically for little ones. Progress in each of these areas will be clearly communicated, there will be no surprises.

I am certain that in the end we will end up with a solution that serves more citizens, is more efficient, and is the best and most effective decision for your park. The Millwood Park has had many changes over the last 40 years. The present Maintenance Shop used to be two tennis courts, the latest gazebo is a great addition to the park, and there will be more changes in the future. Changes for the Park have always improved one of our greatest City features.

**- Mayor Mork**

### **Important Contact Numbers:**

Millwood City Hall	924-0960	Crime Check	456-2233
Waste Management	924-9400	Spokane Valley Fire	928-1700
Animal Control (SCRAPS)	477-2532	WV SCOPE	477-0629