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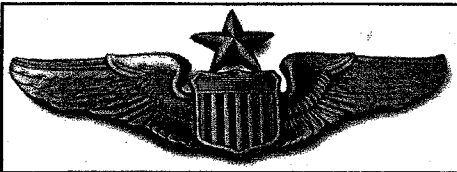
Winter is on it's way!

In this Issue-

A summary of the last two months of extra traffic patrol and results of activity tracked by Millwood's new speed display data unit.

Also some information on the increase in panhandling in Millwood and some ideas to help curb this activity from our Legal Counsel Brian Werst.

Remember the last day for leaf pickup is November 18th. Please do not rake your leaves into the street after Thursday the 18th.



Veterans Day!

November 11, is an important day. The United States has the best armed forces in the world. Without their dedication, courage, service, and sacrifice we would not enjoy the many freedoms we have. Don't forget to honor and thank our Military personnel and support people, Americas finest!

Calendar of Events-

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

November 11	Veterans Day City Hall Closed
November 18	Last Day for leaf pickup!
November 25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday City Hall Closed
November 29	Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
December 6	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
December 27	Planning Commission meeting 6:00 PM
December 31	New Years Holiday City Hall Closed
January 3	City Council meeting 7:00 PM

Planning Commission News

A big "Thank You" to Tammi McQuaig for her service on the Millwood Planning Commission. Tammi volunteered in July, 2008 when we really needed the help. We were sorry to see her go this year when she saw the need to submit her resignation for personal reasons. She was a great addition to the commission and we sincerely appreciate her time and hard work. Thanks, Tammi!

We are looking for someone to fill Tammi's position on the Planning Commission. The commission meets monthly to review development proposals and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Members serve a six-year term beginning in January, and there is no compensation. Members must be residents of Millwood. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Mayor Mork or Tom Richardson, 924-0960

GREEN CORNER



To help fight off the high cost of high home energy costs make sure your home is ready for the cold temperatures.

Insulate your home, most investments in insulation costs are saved within two years.

Weatherize your doors and windows. Make sure your doors and windows are trimmed with sealed or caulked seams.

Reduce unnecessary appliance use, keep chargers off when not in use.

See AVISTA's energy saving tips at Avista.com

Changes in Millwood Bus Service

Due to three years of slow economic conditions and reduced tax revenue STA is proposing a reduction in services in all areas. In Millwood the change will be to discontinue the present route 95 and instead have bus route 32 service Millwood on Buckeye between Vista and Argonne. If you have concerns there will be a public hearing in February 2011 at the STA facility. If you would like to respond send your letters and emails to STA. Millwood's present average use is 35 people a day. This change in service is scheduled to begin September 18, 2011. **Mayor Mork**


Traffic Activity September-October 2010

Below is a summary of the extra traffic patrol activity from July to September 2010. There have been two more weeks of extra traffic patrol in October.

Summary of Extra Duty Traffic Patrol in Millwood July 21- Sept. 7, 2010

Location	ST	SP	R/T	FTS	NI	CP	SB	A	DUI	CS	DWL	WR	Total
Liberty & Bessie		1	1		4		2	1		1			10
Liberty & Marguerite		5	3				1						9
Buckeye		17	2		2	3					8		32
Grace & Maple			1	4	1					1			7
Empire Way		3	2	1				1		1			8
Euclid		3									1		4
Argonne Road								1	1	1			3
TOTALS	135	29	9	5	7	3	3	3	1	4	9	24	

Notice the total stops ST, and warnings WR, do not equal category totals. This is because not all officers reported their location.


 Mayor Mork
 Oct. 13, 2010

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| ST - total stops | R/T - No registration/ Expired Tabs |
| SP- Speeding | SB- Not wearing seat belt |
| A- Arrest | DUI- Driving under Influence |
| NI- No insurance | CS- Citizens contact with officer |
| FTS- Failure to stop | DWL- Driving without license |
| CP- Using cell phone | WR- Verbal warnings |

Mayor Mork's Message

There has been much recent concern about increased panhandling activity in Millwood. This message from Millwood attorney Brian Werst identifies our problem and offers a possible solution. **Mayor Mork**

Citizens have commented on the increased panhandling, begging and direct donation solicitation that has recently increased in the city. The city is reviewing potential legal methods of addressing your concerns. It is important to understand that courts have found that panhandling is a form of constitutionally protected speech. And therefore bans on panhandling have been found to be unconstitutional. Likewise, panhandling regulation that courts have been found to be constitutional generally require extensive research by the city to ensure the regulations are tailored to address the specific circumstances of that city. Thus, before the city spends considerable time and effort at regulating panhandling activities, the city is exploring other alternatives.

There are a number of possible reasons for the increased panhandling activity in the city, including the current economy, unemployment, events in the area that may attract panhandlers, and panhandling regulations in Spokane Valley that may have caused individuals to move their efforts to Millwood. Logically, panhandlers will locate themselves in area where their activities may be rewarded— i.e., where they will receive money or donations. Accordingly, if you want to reduce these activities, then you should not directly give money or donations to panhandlers. There are various organizations in the area that assist individuals in need and that would likely welcome your donations. However, giving money or donations to panhandlers in the city will likely increase the panhandling, begging, and solicitation in Millwood. - Millwood Attorney **Brian Werst**