



Cheney Connections

Mayor's Message

If ten people were asked the question, "What is the role of government?", I am certain there would be ten unique responses that would speak to how government should serve the people. Returning to the words of our founding fathers, who wrote, "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty...." In other words, our form of government is a democratic republic and the role of the citizenry in this great Country of ours is to participate in the democratic process.

At the local level, it is even more important for the public to become involved in municipal government. Elected officials and city employees work to serve the needs of its citizenry. It is only

through open dialog and a concerted effort to keep the lines of communication flowing in both directions that we sustain the work necessary to maintain our community as a great place to live and to fulfill the rights and liberties established in our Nation's Constitution.

The Cheney Free Press has been doing a good job reporting the work of city government. In addition, the latest information regarding city events is reported on our website, www.cityofcheney.org. I would like to encourage every citizen in Cheney to get involved by first becoming aware of issues facing our City; and, most importantly, by participating in our municipal government. Every Cheney resident is encouraged to contact City Council members or the Mayor's Office by telephone or email. Citizen viewpoints are needed and respected. You may

find contact information for your city leaders at www.cityofcheney.org/site/government/city_council. Citizens are always welcome to attend City Council meetings. The Council meets twice each month—on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 pm in City Hall (609 2nd Street).

It is my hope that every member of our community feels they are an integral and active member in our governmental process. It is through verbal dialog and respectful debate on the issues, that all viewpoints can be made known. The best decisions concerning the government of our community can only be derived through the active participation of "We the People". So I challenge every citizen—take the time and get involved in your City government.

City Personnel to Participate in 25th Annual Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society **Relay for Life** represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Relay for Life offers everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. On May 15th and 16th, City of Cheney personnel will join other Relay teams at EWU's Woodward Stadium to camp out and participate in Cheney's 16-hour Relay for Life. Beginning at 6 pm, team members will take turns walking or running around the Woodward Track—with the final lap at 10 am next day. Teams are required to have at least one representative on the track at all times.

Relay is a moving celebration of cancer survivorship. The event begins with a Survivors Lap in which cancer survivors take a victory lap around the track. A candlelight ceremony is held later in the evening to honor cancer survivors and remember those who have been lost to this disease.

City of Cheney personnel feel a strong connection to this community event and work hard to raise funds through sponsorships in order to support the fight against cancer. "We participate in Relay for Life because so many of us have been touched by cancer, and we desperately want to put an end to this disease," states City Administrator Arlene Fisher.

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Calendar of Events:

- May 4—Parks and Recreation classes start
- May 9—Cheney Pride Day
- May 15 & 16—25th Annual Relay for Life at EWU Woodward Stadium
- May 29—Cheney Farmers' Market starts!
Time: 10 am to 3 pm.
- May 30—Mayfest & Multi-Cultural Fair in downtown Cheney.
Time: 9 am to 4 pm.



Parks & Recreation Moves to Tomlinson Building

After spending three months working from the stage of City Hall, the Parks & Recreation Department is proud to announce that they have moved to a new location at 2640 1st Street in the Tomlinson Building located just next to Taco Bell (photo at right). The City has signed a one-year lease for the office space with a month-to-month option to continue the lease if necessary. The cost of the lease is fully covered by the insurance company and will provide adequate space to hold administrative services and staff support for all of the upcoming programs and services. Unfortunately, the space is not a community center, so programs that were moved from the Wren Pierson building will continue to be displaced until a permanent solution has been determined.

On April 15th the new Parks & Recrea-

tion brochure was distributed in the Cheney Free Press publication "Extra to our Community." The brochure has the full lineup of summer programs including the Outdoor Pool schedule, the summer concert and movie lineup, and several new programs for the community to enjoy. According to Parks and Recreation Director Paul Simmons, "This is the largest brochure that our department has ever developed—with more offerings than ever before."

The Parks and Recreation staff have been working diligently to ensure that high quality services will continue to be provided even with the loss of the community center. If you did not receive a copy of the brochure via the Free Press, you can either view it on the City website at www.cityofcheney.org/recreation or stop by the new office to pick up a copy.



Second Annual Cheney Pride Day Set for May 9th

Last year the Cheney Police Department launched a new spring clean-up activity called **Cheney Pride Day**. It was so successful, the department decided to do it again this year. Cheney Pride Day is an event that encourages neighbors to work together to do some spring cleaning out-of-doors to beautify neighborhoods. The City supports the effort by providing free garbage disposal sites throughout the day. The "finale" for Cheney Pride Day is a free hotdog BBQ at Hagelin Park to celebrate everyone's hard work and team spirit. Sponsors of this year's event include ArborPro, Bahama Joes, Copy Junction, Holiday Inn Express, Rotary, Safeway, Starbucks, Sunshine Disposal, and Trading Co. Stores.

The 2nd Annual Cheney Pride Day is set for **May 9th**, second Saturday in May, from **10 am to 2 pm**. Sunshine Disposal will have two free refuse collection stations. One site will be at the Cheney Utility Building – 112 Anderson Road,

and the second site will be at Salmave Park parking lot – 100 S. Presley Drive. Residents are encouraged to drop off rubbish, yard waste, and old construction debris at either of these sites. The Police Department is aware that not everyone has the means to haul large items to these refuse stations. Therefore, the Police Department and ArborPro will be assisting homeowners who are elderly or disabled by providing free pick-up on May 9th. The only household items they ask you not to schedule for pick-up are large appliances.

In addition, Arbor Pro will be donating their professional services to perform two yard makeovers. The makeovers will include clean-up, trimming trees, and mowing the lawn. Cheney residents may nominate anyone who they feel is in need of lawn care help. Nomination forms are available from your sector officer or you may stop by the police station at 215 G Street to complete and submit

the form. ArborPro will select the two lucky winners.

Cheney residents who require assistance with garbage pick-up on May 9th, should complete a participation form and submit it to the Police Department by May 4th. The form asks for name, address, phone number, and a list of items to be picked up. Participation forms are available from your sector officer or you may download the form from the City's website at www.cityofcheney.org/site/departments/police. Questions regarding Cheney Pride Day may be directed to Theresa Westhoff at (509) 498-9288.

Don't forget to save the date ~ **May 9th** ~ on your calendar and plan to get together with your neighbors to do a bit of spring cleaning this month. Cheney Pride Day not only allows folks to get reacquainted with the neighbors after a long winter, but also serves to reestablish beautiful looking lawns everyone can enjoy.