

City of Cheney

Cheney Connections



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Mayor's Message

It's a new year! New challenges. New opportunities. A new mayor. Great prospects for the year ahead!

I look forward to working with each of you and our dedicated city employees in this civic endeavor to make our community better in every way. You may be assured that I will do my very best to live up to your expectations as I discharge the leadership responsibility you have given me. Your help, comments, partnership and participation are critically important if we are to get it right. After all, citizenship is more than just a spectator sport.

We start the year with a full plate. You have probably already noticed that the City of Cheney has taken over refuse collection as of January 1st. The City of Spokane will be helping us out in this new venture for a couple months until we can purchase our own equipment and hire staff. This new utility will help us control future costs and provide more flexibility to improve services. Our new solid waste division will be managed by the Public Works Department which has been successful over the years in keeping our water and sewer rates well below statewide averages.

Other items we shall be working on, with your help, are completion of the "Choices for Cheney" process, adoption of a new comprehensive plan for the city and implementing that plan. We have the unfinished business of what to do about the Wren Pierson Building and city community center now that the bond issue so narrowly failed to get a sixty percent super majority in November. Your ideas are most welcome as we lay out all the possible alternatives and decide on a course of action. We also need to do our part to stimulate the local economy by finding private sector partners for our business and industrial park. Other issues and opportunities we haven't yet recognized will arise as well to make life interesting.

Nothing could be accomplished without the dedicated effort of our city employees. Just how skilled, knowledgeable, talented, professional and committed our workers are has been underscored to me as I have prepared for the transition to mayor. City employees care and they also share my high expectations for performance. Cheney residents are fortunate to have such a high caliber of people working for the City.

We have an excellent city council, all members of which take their responsibilities seriously. They are a positive group who care about the community and deliberate carefully. They value your input. You are invited to stop by City Hall at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to see them in action.

All of us at the city, and I expect you too, want open and responsive city government. Every member of my staff is available to answer your questions, take comments and help you with city issues. We are here to serve you. Please don't hesitate to call me or my office (498-9203), or any other city department, and we'll do our best to provide helpful and courteous service.

Mayor Tom Trulove



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Calendar of Events:

- January 1 — New Year's Day
City Offices Closed
- January 6 — Registration deadline for Adult Slow Break Basketball
- January 8 — Registration deadline for Coed Volleyball
- January 12 — City Council meeting at 6 pm
- January 21 — Registration deadline for Seniors Trip to TAO: The Martial Art of Drumming & Dinner at Cyrus O'Leary's
- January 26 — Registration deadline for Ballroom Dance
- January 26 — City Council meeting at 6 pm

City Launches Solid Waste Collection Utility

You may have noticed that as Cheney rang in the new year, the City also launched its own Solid Waste Collection Program. Events leading to the decision for Cheney to complete its own solid waste collection began in early December when City Council was informed of the expiration of a five-year contract with Sun-



shine Disposal. Upon analysis of the costs of a new contract, it was determined that Cheney could both control escalating costs and achieve greater flexibility in services by providing its own solid waste collection system.

As the City makes plans to transition over to a city-run collection and disposal service, Cheney has entered into an inter-local agreement with the City of Spokane. The agreement provides for Spokane's Solid Waste Division to complete solid waste collection and disposal services for the months of January and February. Cheney will use these two months to hire operators and purchase the nec-

essary solid waste equipment. The inter-local agreement will give Cheney's Public Works Department the time needed to get all the pieces of this new venture into position.

Cheney residents should not see any difference in service during the transition period, and we expect the transition to be seamless. If you should have any questions regarding this transition, please contact the Public Works Department at 498-9293. All questions pertaining to current utility accounts or establishing additional services should be directed to the City Finance Department at 498-9209.

Registration for Ballroom Dancing Now Open

Cheney Parks & Recreation is excited to offer introductory ballroom dance lessons. The department has located two certified dance instructors who also happen to be a father/daughter team. The

Ballroom Dance Classes Now Available

duo teaches a variety of dances; including, east coast swing, fox-trot, waltz, cha-cha, rumba and ballroom tango. The instructors are passionate about teaching dance, and they are excited to pro-

vide these new dance classes to the Cheney community.

For more information about the new ballroom dance classes, please call 498-9251.

Meet Officer Dave Bailey



Over the past year, the City has made an effort to introduce each officer assigned to patrolling one of the City's seven sectors. This month we would like to share a few things about Officer Dave Bailey (Sector 2). Dave is a graduate of EWU and after spending several years devoted to various fire service jobs, he joined the Cheney Police Department as a Reserve Officer. Dave was hired as a full-time Patrolman in November 2005. Dave is assigned Sector 2, which covers the area from Clay Street south to "A" Street and from N. 2nd Street to the southeast city limits. A sector map is available on the City's website at www.cityofcheney.org/documents/maps.

In addition to patrolling Sector 2, Dave has taken on the added responsibility as firearms Rangemaster assisting Detective Pumphrey with all firearms maintenance and training.

Dave is anxious to develop his skills as a Sector Officer, and has worked closely with several of the apartment complexes in his area. Dave possesses excellent mediation skills, and he is willing to listen to all sides of an issue before suggesting a course of action. To contact Dave for non urgent issues or neighborhood concerns he can be reached at his desk number (509) 498-9276. If Dave is out on patrol, please leave a message, and he will return your call as soon as he is able.