Snowplow 101

With winter upon us, if you park on the street it’s important to remember when you need to move your vehicle if there’s a heavy snowfall. Keeping the streets of Cheney clear of heavy snow can be a tall task, which is why city crews need all the help they can get. Moving your vehicle for plowing speeds up the process to make our streets clear and safe for all travelers, including school buses and emergency responders.

Whenever two or more inches of snow accumulates on city streets, and so long as that snow remains uncleared, no vehicles may be parked on any street or city right-of-way between midnight and 6 a.m. In the central business district, this parking restriction is between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. If your vehicle blocks snowplows, Cheney Police may have it towed at your expense.

The Cheney Municipal Code always prohibits parking on city streets or in city-owned lots for more than 72 hours without moving your vehicle.

When the weather gets cold, it’s especially important to plan ahead if you’re out of town overnight, to make sure your vehicle doesn’t block city plows while you’re gone. Please check the City of Cheney website for more information on winter parking restrictions at www.cityofcheney.org, “Laws & Regulations,” “Snow Removal Policy.”

Calendar of Events

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Do you need or can you be a Snow Angel?

The purpose of Snow Angels is to identify and link Cheney residents who are physically unable to clear their walks of snow with those who are able and willing to volunteer to shovel the snow.

A number of Cheney High School students have already offered their help, and can thereby receive credit toward their community service obligation.

If you need assistance or can volunteer your help shoveling or coordinating these services, please contact John Taves at 509-559-5670 or jandjtaves@gmail.com.
A very big “Thank you!” is extended to everyone who donated to the Christmas Gifts for Cheney Kids project. Thanks to your generosity, 197 children from 84 families had presents to unwrap on Christmas morning.

You can see in the picture some of the clothing, toys, and other items that were donated or purchased from monetary donations. There were over 650 gifts and over 350 books from which parents could “go shopping” to choose gifts for their children. In addition, cash donations totaled $2,201.

Special thanks go to various organizations: Spokane Valley Kiwanis for books from their Book Bank; RSVP (retired volunteers) for knitted and crocheted caps, gloves, and blankets; a PEO group for gifts; and Zumiez for jackets, hoodies, blankets, socks, caps, and gloves. Also appreciated were the cash donations from the Women’s Fellowship of Cheney UCC and from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Most of all, the generous spirit of the Cheney community is revealed in the many, many individual gifts left in 26 collection boxes, hosted by 5 churches and 21 businesses. And, of course, it all succeeded because of the dedication of 44 volunteers.

On behalf of Cheney children, who otherwise might not have had a present under the tree, thank you to all you Santa Clauses!

**Christmas Tree Disposal**

With the holiday season behind us, many people wonder how to dispose of their Christmas tree.

Cheney Solid Waste crews will be happy to pick up your Christmas tree on your regular garbage pickup day. But first, it may need to be cut into segments. If it is less than 6 feet long, cut it in half. If it is over 6 feet long, cut it in thirds. Then place the segments at the curb next to your garbage cart. There will be an extra charge of $3.32 on your next bill.

Whatever you do, do NOT put tree sections in your fireplace or woodstove. Dry trees are extremely flammable and burn explosively. Short pieces are fine to use in an outdoor fire pit, though.

**January Recreation Programs**

For more information or to register for any programs, please contact Cheney Parks & Recreation at (509) 498-9250, or visit our website at www.cityofcheney.org/recreation.

- Jan 2: Zumba
- Jan 3: Sewing Group (Seniors)
- Jan 3: Bunko (Seniors)
- Jan 3: MAC Adult Coed Volleyball Registration Deadline
- Jan 6: Circuit Training
- Jan 6: Zumba
- Jan 6: Country Quilters (Seniors)
- Jan 6: Echo Before & After School Program Resumes
- Jan 6: Youth Basketball Practices Begin
- Jan 6: ABC Preschool Resumes
- Jan 7: Senior Light Fitness (Seniors)
- Jan 7: Knitting Group (Seniors)
- Jan 7: Bridge Group (Seniors)
- Jan 7: Shining Stars Theatre Group, Session 2 (Spec Rec)
- Jan 7: Inquire & Explore (Spec Rec)
- Jan 7: Little Athletes, Age 2-3
- Jan 8: Yoga for Intermediate, Senior and Beginner
- Jan 9: Ballet for Ages 2-10
- Jan 10: MAC Adult Winter Basketball Registration Deadline
- Jan 10: 2nd Friday Late Night for Middle School
- Jan 10: Bingo (Seniors)
- Jan 20: Day Camp at the Wren for MLK Day
- Jan 23: Dinner & Movie (Seniors)
- Jan 25: MAC Adult Snowshoe Softball
- Jan 25: Spokane Chiefs Hockey Game (Spec Rec)