**Cheney Outreach Helps Cheney Residents**

When was the last time your heating bill was larger than your paycheck? Many of the Cheney Outreach Center’s clients frequently experience this type of crisis situation. How would you choose between food or heat? Transportation or medical needs? Can you imagine how depressed and emotionally debilitated you would feel?

Cheney Outreach works with clients on an “as needed” basis and attempts to help clients resolve their crisis through referrals and limited financial support. These crisis situations may include loss of jobs, foreclosure, illness, injuries, disabilities, domestic violence, divorce, and any number of devastating situations.

During 2013, Outreach assisted 1,872 households with various needs and food bank referrals. Over 225 households were helped with utility assistance and spared disconnection. The Outreach efforts often result in the clients’ ability to return to work or improve their situation. They frequently donate back to the program.

How can you help? You can designate a small or large donation on your City of Cheney utility bill under Project Outreach. These funds are used exclusively for Outreach clients, and all of your donated money stays in Cheney. The Cheney Outreach Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency.

To learn more about their programs or to volunteer your valuable time, please call Outreach at (509) 235-8900.

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**Reminder: Cheney gets a “clean sweep” in April!**

**7th Annual Cheney Clean Sweep** - Every April, volunteers collect litter and clean up public spaces all across the city. This is a positive community event that encourages civic pride for the city and its neighborhoods. Please join us on **Saturday, April 26, at 9 a.m. at Veterans’ Memorial Park** (located across from the Fire Station). Volunteers are needed! If you are interested, please contact Brett Lucas at blucas@cityofcheney.org or call (509) 498-9221.

**2014 Large Item Pickup** - The Cheney Solid Waste Division wants to help Cheney residents with disposing of over-sized garbage. Our annual Large Item Pickup will take place the week of **April 21 - 24**. The cost of the service will be $21.88 for the equivalent of one full-sized pickup truck bed. The fee will be charged to your monthly garbage service bill.

More details on both programs will be in the April Cheney Connections newsletter.

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**Calendar of Events**

- **March 3** — Cheney Merchants’ Association, 6:30 p.m., Willow Springs Restaurant
- **March 6** — Historic Preservation Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Council Chambers
- **March 10** — Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Council Chambers
- **March 11** — City Council, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers
- **March 12** — Park Board, 6:30 p.m., Wren Pierson Community Center
- **March 25** — City Council, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers
- **March 29** — Friends of Turnbull Dinner & Auction (See page 2.)
**Park Plan Update Survey**

The Cheney Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of updating its Parks and Recreation Plan. The purpose of the update is to integrate the changes that have occurred within the community since 2006, and decide how to best use our parks as we move forward.

In early March, a link to a short online survey will be posted on our Parks and Recreation webpage (www.cityofcheney.org/parks-recreation) in order to solicit community input. We’d appreciate widespread participation in the survey.

If you have any questions, please contact City Planner Brett Lucas at blucas@cityofcheney.org or (509) 498-9240.

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**Window and Patio Door Rebate Program**

Do you know about the City of Cheney window and patio door replacement program that is available to our residential customers? To qualify, your home must be heated electrically. The windows and patio doors being replaced must be either single pane (with any type of frame) or double pane (with a metal frame). This is a replacement program only, and any change in window sizing does not qualify. New windows must have a National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) minimum U-value of 0.30 or 0.22 for windows; 0.35 or 0.30 for patio doors.

The City of Cheney rebate program is subject to change and to the availability of funds. The City of Cheney requires a building permit for window replacement. Inspections by the City are required before and after the replacement work is done.

More information is available on our website, www.cityofcheney.org/light, then select the Conservation Rebates link, or call the Light Department at (509) 498-9230.

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**March 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.

March 3: Cheney ABC Preschool  
March 3: Zumba at City Hall or Westwood Middle School  
March 4: Indoor Playground  
March 4: Inquire & Explore  
March 4: Circuit Training  
March 12: Intro/Senior/Intermediate Yoga  
March 14: Spring Soccer Registration Deadline  
March 14: 2nd Friday Late Night  
March 18: Senior Board Game Night & Potluck  
March 21: Middle School Dance at Westwood