**Spring is Here and So Is Code Enforcement**

It’s the time of year when April showers bring May flowers ... and weeds. The City of Cheney reminds you that now is the time to tackle those yard maintenance projects. To protect the health and safety of all citizens, our City Council has adopted several city codes, which are enforced by the City's Code Enforcement Officer.

Here are some important things to remember:

- **No Upholstered Furniture Outside.** You may love that old couch on your porch, but it’s illegal in the city of Cheney. Any old furniture that you no longer want can be picked up by our Solid Waste Division by calling and requesting a “large item pick-up.”

- **Inoperative Vehicles.** Inoperative or unlicensed vehicles must be parked out of sight in Cheney. And if you’re doing major repair work on your vehicle, it must be done inside an approved structure. Additionally, any vehicle parked on the street has to be moved at least once every 72 hours.

- **Grass & Weeds.** Unkempt, unwatered lawns can pose a major fire hazard. Keep grass and weeds less than 10” tall at all times. City Code requires that you keep your yard maintained by mowing the grass regularly and removing any accumulations of weeds, branches, or other nuisances.

If you have any questions or need to make a complaint, please visit our website at www.cityofcheney.org/code-enforcement or call (509) 498-9243.

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**Reporting Street Light Problems**

We do our best to keep the lights on, but sometimes we need your help. If a street light in your neighborhood has gone dark, or if it is blinking on and off, please give us a call with the following info:

- Location of the pole, including the closest intersecting street.
- The exact problem: Is the light dark all the time? Does it blink on and off? Is the light on during the daytime, even on sunny days?
- Your name and phone number for daytime contact, in case the crew has a question.

To report a street light problem, call the Cheney Light Department at (509) 498-9230. Please leave us a voicemail message if you call during non-business hours.

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**Calendar of Events**

May 5 — Cheney Merchants’ Assoc, 6:30 p.m., Willow Springs Restaurant
May 9, 10 — Ice Age Floods Institute, Lecture & Field Trip (See page 2.)
May 12 — Planning Commission meeting CANCELED. Next meeting on June 9.
May 13 — City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers
May 14 — Park Board, 6:30 p.m., Wren Pierson Community Center
May 16 — Mayfest, 5 - 9 p.m., Downtown Cheney
May 17 — Gardeners of Cheney Spring Plant Sale, 9 - 1, Mitchell’s Harvest Foods (See page 2.)
May 26 — Memorial Day; City offices closed; garbage pickup one day late
May 27 — City Council, 6 p.m., Council Chambers
May 31 — Turnbull Spring Nature Festival, 8 - 3, Turnbull Wildlife Refuge (See page 2.)
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.

All Month: Iron May Challenge 2014
May 1: Track & Field for Ages 5-17
May 9: Free Second Friday Late Night for Middle School students
May 10: Cheney Wetland Trail Run
May 17: Mother Daughter Spa-tacular
May 20: Sand Volleyball for Ages 8-12

4th Annual Cheney Wetland Trail Run
Saturday, May 10th 9am
Registration Deadline April 25th
$22 (RD: $18) includes a t-shirt
Child pricing $16 (RD: $12) includes a t-shirt
No shirt $16 (RD: $12)
FEE after April 25th $30

*NEW*
T-shirt Design Contest

Looking for a new & unique design that represents this year’s wetlands trail run. All entries due March 28th via email dstandish@cityofcheney.org
Open to ALL Ages. Winner receives a $50 Visa Gift Card.

Spring Field Trip
Free Pre-Field Trip Lecture
Friday, May 9, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, JFK Library, EWU
(Lecture info: Melanie, 509-954-4242)
Annual Field Trip
Saturday, May 10, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
(Field trip info: Linda, 509-235-4251)
www.iafi.org/events.asp

3rd Annual Floods, Flowers, and Feathers
Turnbull Spring Nature Festival
Saturday, May 31, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Enjoy spring by experiencing the exceptional wildlife, habitats, and geology of the Channeled Scablands landscape, featuring nature hikes, tours, kids’ activities, and informational booths. For information, visit: www.fws.gov/refuge/Turnbull/

Gardeners of Cheney
Spring Plant Sale
Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mitchell’s Harvest Foods
116 W. 1st, Cheney
Garden art, vegetables, perennials, annuals, container plants, shrubs. Proceeds will be used to fund local scholarships.