Happy Holidays from the City of Cheney!

City of Cheney - 609 Second Street, Cheney, WA 99004

Christmas Gifts for Cheney Kids

Cheney Outreach Center is again heading up the Christmas Gifts for Cheney Kids project. This is the only Christmas project in which gifts are distributed in Cheney only for Cheney children.

With gifts arranged on tables in the Wren Pierson Community Center, parents will choose presents for their children, who might otherwise not have a present to open on Christmas morning.

Parents, sign up your children now! Register at the Cheney Outreach Center, 616 3rd Street, Cheney, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9-11:30 a.m. Please call ahead for information on how to qualify. Registration deadline is December 17.

Volunteers are needed! You can help behind the scenes with a monetary donation, by mailing a check clearly marked "Xmas Gifts for Kids" to the Cheney Outreach Center, PO Box 444, Cheney WA 99004. You can also help set up gifts on tables. Please call Outreach at 235-8900 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

New, unwrapped gifts can be left in collection boxes labeled XMAS GIFTS FOR CHENEY KIDS at one of the following locations:

- Apex Physical Therapy
- Bank of America
- City Hall
- Cheney Dental Clinic
- Cheney Federal Credit Union
- Cheney Library
- Cheney Parks & Recreation
- Copy Junction
- EWU President’s Reception
- Rockwood Cheney Clinic
- Cheney Owl Pharmacy
- Cheney Trading Company
- Jarms ACE Hardware
- Jazzercise
- Mitchell’s Harvest Foods
- Sears
- SNAP Fitness
- State Farm Insurance
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
- United Church of Christ.

Suggested are gifts worth $15-$25, such as scarf-hat-gloves sets, basic tool sets, cologne gift sets, gift cards for teens (like iTunes and Cheney fast food places), sports and fishing gear, MP3 or CD players, books, toys, games, Legos, crafts and art supplies, and stuffed animals.

Help us wish teens and youth of Cheney a merry Christmas! It’s so satisfying and it means so much to act as Santa’s elves to ensure that local children in low-income families will have gifts, even if their families cannot provide them.

Cheney Outreach, (509) 235-8900
Office: 616 3rd Street, Cheney
Mail: P.O. Box 444, Cheney, WA 99004
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Annual Cheney Fire Fighters Candy Cane Ride
Thursday, December 18, starting at 5:00 p.m.
Santa will join Cheney firefighters in handing out candy canes and holiday cheer throughout Cheney, and collecting food donations for the Cheney Food Bank. For a larger map, please visit our website, www.cityofcheney.org.
**Holiday Safety Tips**

The Cheney Fire Department wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. Please take a minute and review the following holiday safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Carefully inspect electrical decorations before use. Discard any damaged items.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets, which can cause a fire.
- If you purchase a live Christmas tree, inspect it for freshness, and keep the stand filled with water.
- Keep your tree and all decorations at least three feet from heat sources.
- Consider battery-operated candles instead of traditional candles. Never use burning candles on your tree.
- Turn off all decorations and blow out candles before leaving the house or going to sleep.
- Never leave the kitchen when something is cooking.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, especially bedding, curtains, clothing, and paper.
- Check your smoke detectors!

**Snow Removal and Holiday Parking**

Winter is here; and 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 we need your help. 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 snow plows, 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.

**It’s especially important to plan ahead when you leave for the holidays, to make sure your vehicle doesn’t block city plows while you’re gone.** Please check our website for more information on winter parking restrictions at www.cityofcheney.org, “Laws & Regulations,” “Snow Removal Policy.”

**December Recreation Programs**

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

Dec 1: Special Olympics Basketball begins
Dec 4: Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30
Dec 5: Middle School Dance
Dec 10: Registration Deadline for Basketball Clinic
Dec 11: Polar Express Pajama Party
Dec 12: Middle School Late Night
Dec 13: Specialized Recreation Dinner & Shopping
Dec 16: Holiday Light Tour & Dinner for Seniors
Dec 15, 16, 17: Basketball Clinic
Dec 19: Winter Basketball Registration Deadline
Dec 31: Specialized Recreation New Year’s Eve Dance (Register by Dec 26)

**Our Annual Fuel Mix Report**

The City of Cheney Light Department is required by state law to notify its customers each year of the source of the electric power sold to Cheney Light customers. The goal of “fuel mix” disclosure is to educate consumers on the fuel sources that generate this electricity.

As a full-requirements customer of Bonneville Power Administration, Cheney Light’s fuel mix is largely determined by BPA’s own resources and market purchases. The portion that is not based on the BPA fuel mix is Cheney’s environmental preferred power purchases.

For more information about Cheney Light’s wholesale energy purchases, please contact Joe Noland, Cheney Light Department Director, (509) 498-9230, or by email at jnoland@cityofcheney.org.

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