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.”

Cut your tree into segments, then put them at the curb.

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.

Planning Commission Vacancies

The City of Cheney is seeking individuals to fill current vacancies on the Cheney Planning Commission and perhaps other boards in the future. Serving on a City of Cheney board or commission affords citizens the opportunity to participate in the citywide effort to address important issues. If you might be interested, are a registered voter, and have lived within the city limits for at least a year, please call the Mayor’s Office at (509) 498-9200 for more information.

Calendar of Events

Jan 1 — New Year’s Day; City offices closed; garbage pickup one day late
Jan 5 — Cheney Merchants’ Assoc., 6:30 pm, Willow Springs Restaurant
Jan 12 — Planning Commission, 6:30 pm, Council Chmbr
Jan 13 — City Council, 6 pm
Jan 14 — Park Board, 6:30 pm, Wren Pierson Comm Ctr
Jan 19 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day; City offices closed; garbage pickup one day late
Jan 27 — City Council, 6 pm
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 5: Basketball begins
Jan 5: Dance Classes — Session 3 begins
Jan 5: Free Yoga with Caitlin begins, Session 2
Jan 6: Specialized Recreation Shining Stars, Session 2 begins
Jan 7: Yoga — Session 3 begins
Jan 9: Middle School Late Night
Jan 10: Specialized Recreation — Spokane Chiefs Game (registration deadline Jan 7)
Jan 23: Little Movers Marathon, registration deadline
Jan 30: Registration Deadline for Daddy-Daughter Dance and Mom & Son Game Night
Jan 30: Little Movers Marathon Begins

Free Yoga Class starts January 5!
Mon 10 a.m., Tue 5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m., Fri 11 a.m.
Wren Pierson Community Center
No registration necessary; please bring your own mat.

City of Cheney Adopts New Municipal Solid Waste Plan

The City of Cheney recently adopted its Municipal Solid Waste Plan. On July 29, 2014, the Washington State Department of Ecology approved the City of Cheney’s Comprehensive Solid Waste, Recycling and Moderate Risk Waste Management Plan. As part of Cheney having its own Solid Waste Plan, the City will no longer have a contract with the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System, which includes municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal at the City of Spokane-owned Waste to Energy Facility. An agreement between the City of Cheney and the City of Spokane will allow MSW disposal to continue at the Waste to Energy Facility.

Cheney provides a mandatory weekly MSW service that includes residential automated cart service; multi-family residential automated cart, dumpster, or roll-off compactor service; and commercial automated cart, dumpster, roll-off container, or roll-off compactor service. The City’s current collection operation of MSW, recycling, and clean green will continue as currently provided, including management of recycling and clean green waste.

City residents can still self-haul items to Spokane’s Waste to Energy Facility or a transfer station. These sites collect a fee for disposal of MSW and clean green waste. Cheney residents will be provided the opportunity to dispose of moderate risk waste and household hazardous waste items through the City’s annual Clean Sweep event and large item pick-up, usually held during the spring of each year. For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at (509) 498-9293.