



Vehicle Fires

Car fires are in the news lately, especially since a Spokane police officer pulled a person out of a burning car. Cars can catch fire for many reasons. Mechanical or electrical issues are the most common cause. A car can also catch fire as the result of a bad crash. If you see smoke or flames or smell burning rubber or plastic, get out!

If your car is on fire while you are driving:

- Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so; be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe location off the road such as the breakdown lane or rest stop.
- Once you have stopped, TURN OFF the engine.
- Get everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car for anything.
- Move everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- Call 9-1-1.

How to prevent a car fire:

- Have your car serviced regularly by a professionally trained mechanic. If you spot leaks or your car is not running properly, get it checked. A well-maintained car is less likely to have a fire.
- If you must transport gasoline, transport only a small amount in a certified gas can that is sealed. Keep a window open for ventilation.
- Gas cans and propane cylinders should never be transported in the passenger compartment.
- Never park a car where flammables, such as grass, are touching the catalytic converter.
- Drive safely to avoid a collision.

Know the danger signs:

- Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once
- Oil or fluid leaks; oil cap not on securely
- Rapid changes in engine temperature or fuel or fluid levels

VEHICLE FIRE FACTS IN THE U.S.

- ◆ In five years—761,000 vehicle fires, 209 civilian deaths, 764 civilian injuries, \$536 million in property damage
- ◆ 10% of all reported fires and 6% of all fire deaths
- ◆ Vehicle fires kill 4 people every week
- ◆ Mechanical/electrical malfunctions were factors in two-thirds of car fires
- ◆ Collisions and overturns accounted for 60% of vehicle fire deaths
- ◆ 2% of vehicle fires began in fuel tanks or fuel lines, but caused 15% of vehicle fire deaths



A Smart and Safe Cheney

On Monday, February 13th, at 6:00 pm, the Cheney Planning Commission will be looking at the Capital Facilities and Public Facilities chapters in our Comprehensive Plan. This is the official document that guides land use and development in our community.

The Planning Commission wants to hear what you have to say about our public facilities and utilities.

For more information, please visit www.cityofcheney.org/compplan; or stop by the City of Cheney Planning Department at 112 Anderson Road to view a paper copy.

Meeting Dates & Events

- Feb 2: Historic Preservation Commission, 5:15 pm, City Council Chambers
- Feb 6: Cheney Merchants' Assoc., 6:30 pm, Holiday Inn Express
- Feb 13: Planning Commission, 6 pm, City Council Chambers
- Feb 14: City Council, 6 pm, City Council Chambers
- Feb 20: Presidents' Day; City offices closed; garbage pickup one day late
- Feb 24: Blood Drive, 1:15-5:00, Marketplace, 1011 1st St
- Feb 28: City Council, 6 pm, City Council Chambers

Lodging Tax Grant Applications Accepted

The City of Cheney is now accepting applications for funding for events that promote tourism in the city of Cheney. The sources of the funds are the lodging taxes that are collected on overnight stays in lodging establishments within the city of Cheney. Award of funds is made by an appointed committee twice annually.

The application form is available on our website, www.cityofcheney.org, then go to the Finance Department page under City Departments.

For more information, please contact Finance Director Cynthia Niemeier at (509) 498-9209.

Cheney Community Blood Drive

Blood donors save lives. With your one blood donation, you have the unique opportunity to be a silent hero to local patients. Every other month, the Inland Northwest Blood Center's mobile unit visits Cheney. The whole process takes less than one hour.

To preregister and schedule your appointment, please contact the Inland Northwest Blood Center at (800) 423-0151, or visit www.myinbc.org, click on Donate Blood, and enter 99004 in the search box. Donors are certainly welcome on a drop-in basis as well.

Friday, February 24, 1:15-5:00
Marketplace Bakery & Deli, 1011 1st Street

February Recreation Programs

For more information or to register for programs ... Cheney Parks & Recreation, (509) 498-9250 / www.cityofcheney.org/recreation

- Feb 1: Dance Fitness
- Feb 1: Registration Deadline for Daddy/Daughter & Mom/Son Events
- Feb 1: Cheney ABC Preschool
- Feb 1: ECHO Before & After School Care
- Feb 1: POUND, 8:30 am, every Wed
- Feb 2: Cheney ABC Preschool
- Feb 2: POUND, 6 pm, every Thurs.
- Feb 3: Senior Light Fitness, 9:30 am
- Feb 4: POUND, 7:15 am, Snowdon, every Sat
- Feb 4: POUND, 7:30 am, City Hall, every Sat



- Feb 6: Clay Connection & Lunch Trip
- Feb 6: Zumba, 5:30 pm, every Mon
- Feb 6: POUND, 5 pm, City Hall, every Mon
- Feb 7: Zumba, 6 pm, every Tue
- Feb 10: Mom & Son Game Night
- Feb 11: Daddy-Daughter Dance
- Feb 13: Eat, Bowl & Shop Trip Deadline
- Feb 20: Session 2 Winter Swim Lessons Begin
- Feb 20: Eat, Bowl & Shop Senior Trip
- Feb 22: Black Light Miniature Golf & Tomato Street Trip
- Feb 24: Middle School Dance at CMS