



# CHENEY CONNECTIONS



**March 2020**

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

## Cheney gets a “clean sweep” in April!

**13<sup>th</sup> 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 18, by 9 a.m. at Veterans’ Memorial Park.**

**Sponsors are needed!** Local businesses or community groups may participate as sponsors at any of several levels—contact Susan at [sbeeman@cityofcheney.org](mailto:sbeeman@cityofcheney.org) or call (509) 498-9240.

**2020 Large Item Pickup** - The Cheney Solid Waste Division wants to help Cheney residents with disposing of oversized garbage. Our annual Large Item Pickup will take place the week of **April 13-16**. Your collection day will coincide with your normal garbage pickup day. Items must be set out for collection at curbside by 7:00 a.m.

The cost of the service will be **\$21.88 (including tax)** for the equivalent of one full-sized pickup truck bed. The fee will be charged to your monthly utility bill for garbage service.

**Deadline to arrange for the large item pickup will be Friday, April 10, at 5:00 p.m.** To arrange for pickup, please contact the City of Cheney Public Works Department at (509) 498-9293.

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

### 2020 Summer Job Fair

The City of Cheney is hiring! Cheney Parks & Recreation is looking for hardworking, outgoing, and friendly candidates for Camp Supervisor, Camp Counselors, certified Head Lifeguards and Lifeguards.

- Interviews will be on-the-spot
- Must bring Resume
- Complete application on-site

Where: Wren Pierson Community Center

When: Wednesday, March 11, noon - 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Cheney Parks & Recreation at (509) 498-9250.

#### SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8; set clocks ahead 1 hour.

**Change your clocks;  
change your smoke and  
carbon monoxide detector  
batteries!**



#### Meeting Dates & Events

- March 4: Cheney Merchants’ Association, 5:30 pm  
Holiday Inn Express
- March 5: Historic Preservation Commission, 5:15 pm  
Council Chambers
- March 9: Planning Commission, 6 pm, Council  
Chambers
- March 10: City Council, 6 pm, Council Chambers
- March 18: West Plains Chamber Breakfast - State of Our  
Cities, EWU Hargreaves Hall, 7 am
- March 24: City Council, 6 pm, Council Chambers

## Preparing for Spring

Spring is a big month for home maintenance. They don't call it "Spring Cleaning" for nothing. Especially focus on the exterior of your home as it's just gone through winter and is preparing for summer heat.

**Check the exterior drainage.** Will rain water flow away from the house? Puddles should not stand around your home for more than 24 hours. If water stays, or moves toward your foundation, you have a few options. First, check your gutters. It could be a bad spout or a loose connection there; they may also just need cleaning. Second, you can grade the area around your home yourself with some dirt. Third, for pavement, you can have professionals come out and raise it so that it drains away from your home.

**Clean out gutters.** They've likely accumulated leaves from fall and grime/sediment from snow and rain.

**Inspect the exterior of your home.** Is any paint chipping? Is any siding damaged from winter? Are there any holes in your brick? Take a close look all around your house, and make any repairs as needed. Also be sure to check the foundation for any cracks. A good silicone/caulk can fix a lot of your problems.

**Get your air conditioning system ready for summer; consider having it serviced.** Window air units are fairly basic machines where a quick internet search can help you fix any issues that come up. Also, refer to the user guides for specific regular maintenance. Central air is obviously a more complex system. Getting it serviced by a professional will save headaches down the road.

**Repair/replace damaged window screens.** You don't want bugs making their way in because you missed a hole in a window screen.

**Clear dead plants/shrubs from the house.** This could double as a gardening tip, but if you didn't trim trees or shrubs in the fall, do so now. Plants can weasel their way into cracks and holes on the exterior of your home, causing damage and shortened longevity. Nip that in the bud before it's an issue. If you have decorative vines on the exterior, pay close attention.

**Inspect roof for damage, leaks, etc.** Repair as needed; you may need a professional.



## March Recreation Programs

For information or to register ... Cheney Parks & Recreation, (509) 498-9250 / [cityofcheney.org/177/Parks-Recreation](http://cityofcheney.org/177/Parks-Recreation)

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| Mar 1: Loops & Chains crochet, every Sun, Marketplace, 10am | Mar 6: Youth Tap Dance lessons, 5pm                              |
| Mar 2: Jazzercise, every Mon, 8:30am                        | Mar 7: Women's Self Defense class, 9am                           |
| Mar 2: Senior balance class, every Mon, 11am                | Mar 9: Garden Club meeting, every 2nd Mon, 6:30pm                |
| Mar 2: Quilters, every Mon, 12:30pm                         | Mar 10: Drop-in Pickleball, every Tue, 8am                       |
| Mar 2: Zumba, every Mon, 5:30pm                             | Mar 10: Inclusive Recreation Dinner Club, 4pm                    |
| Mar 2: Sharks swim team practice, every Mon, 6pm            | Mar 10: Redemption Church FREE dinner, every Tue, 5:30pm         |
| Mar 2: Cornhole League begins, 6pm                          | Mar 11: 2020 Summer Job Fair, noon-4pm                           |
| Mar 2: POUND, every Mon, 6:30pm                             | Mar 12: Drop-in Pickleball, every Thurs, 8am                     |
| Mar 3: Jazzercise, every Tue, 6pm                           | Mar 12: AARP senior driving class, 8:30am                        |
| Mar 4: Senior Yoga, every Wed, 9:30am                       | Mar 13: Parents' Night Out sitter service, 6pm                   |
| Mar 4: Senior balance class, every Wed, 11am                | Mar 17: Senior dinner club, 4pm                                  |
| Mar 4: Sharks swim team practice, every Wed, 6pm            | Mar 20: Inclusive Recreation activity, Little Mermaid play, 6pm  |
| Mar 4: Beginning Yoga, Wed, 6pm                             | Mar 21: Women's Self Defense class, 9am                          |
| Mar 4: Hi-Flyers Square Dance lessons, every Wed, 7pm       | Mar 23: First Aid / CPR class, 1pm                               |
| Mar 5: Senior activity - Pompeii The Immortal City, 11am    | Mar 27: Sr. activity, St. John's Cathedral Tour & Lunch, 10:15am |
| Mar 5: Zumba, every Thurs, 6pm                              | Mar 27: Inclusive Recreation Snack Potluck/Fun activities, 5pm   |
| Mar 5: Sharks swim team practice, every Thurs, 6pm          | Mar 28: Lifeguard Certification class, 11am                      |
| Mar 6: POUND, every Fri, 9:30am                             | Mar 30: Feed Cheney, last Mon of month, Wren, 5:30pm             |
| Mar 6: Senior Light Fitness, every Fri, 9:30am              | Mar 30: Total Body Fitness, last Mon of month, 7:30pm            |