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Wren Pierson Building Welcomes Groups Back

The newly renovated Wren Pierson Community Center is truly a building to serve the whole Cheney community. Not only is the Wren home to outstanding city Parks and Recreation programs for residents of all ages, but it also serves a vital role in providing space for several high-demand community groups. These volunteer groups would face a major obstacle in providing their services without the Wren Pierson Community Center.



The lower level of the Wren on 3rd between C & D Streets.

Below is a list of operating hours and contact numbers for all of the groups operating out of the lower level of the building. Please stop by and welcome them back to their home in the lower level of the Wren, on 3rd Street between C and D Streets.

Group	Days & Hours Open	Contact
Clothing Exchange	Wed, noon-6:00 p.m.	235-2327
Food Bank	First 4 Weds of the month, 9:00 a.m.-noon	235-2325
Cheney Outreach	Tue & Wed, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Thur by phone only, 9:00-11:30 a.m.	235-8900
S.C.O.P.E.	Tue, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Thur, noon-4:00 p.m.	559-5679

Calendar of Events

- Nov 3 — Historic Preservation Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Council Chambers
- Nov 6 — Set Clocks Back / Change Smoke Detector Batteries
- Nov 7 — Cheney Merchants' Association, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Express
- Nov 8 — City Council, 6 p.m.
- Nov 10 — Park Board, 6:30 pm, Wren Pierson Community Center, 615 4th St
- Nov 11 — Veterans' Day, City offices closed
- Nov 22 — City Council, 6 p.m.
- Nov 24-25 — Thanksgiving holiday; City offices closed
- Nov 26 — Artists' Studio Tour

Snow Removal and Holiday Parking

The snowy season is right around the corner; 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 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 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.

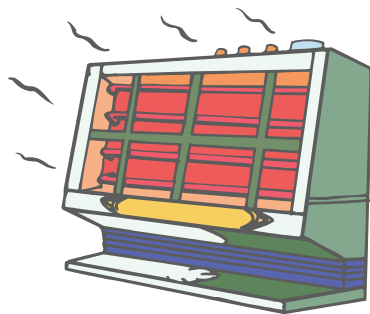
When the weather gets cold, it's especially important to plan ahead when you leave for the holidays, to make sure your vehicle doesn't block city plows while you're gone. Please check the City of Cheney website for more information on winter parking restrictions at www.cityofcheney.org, "Laws & Regulations," "Snow Removal Policy."



City crews had to use trucks to remove snow from the streets in 2007 because the plow berms had become too high.

Home Heating Safety Tips From the Cheney Fire Department

- For wood or coal stoves or fireplaces, have a professional inspect the chimney, chimney connector, and other related equipment every year, and have them cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.
- When burning wood in fireplaces or wood stoves, it's important to use properly seasoned wood. Green wood has more moisture and is likely to smolder, leading to more creosote buildup. We recommend a moisture content of 20-25%.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Turn off portable space heaters when you leave the room.



- Fuel portable kerosene heaters in a well-ventilated area away from flames or other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer, and never use gasoline.
- When turning a heating device on or off, follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying portable heaters, choose devices with automatic shutoff features.
- Make sure any gas-fueled heating device is adequately ventilated. Unventilated gas space heaters in bedrooms or bathrooms must be small and well-mounted. Never use liquefied-petroleum gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies in the home.
- When buying a new unit, make sure that a qualified technician installs it or checks that the unit has been installed properly.



Fall Leaf Disposal

Cheney's fall colors are pretty when they're in the trees, but are a major hassle when they drop. While you're clearing your leaves, please make sure they don't get into the streets. After the Cheney Street Department finishes its fall sweep, leaves can cause a major problem for storm drains if they accumulate and block stormwater runoff. Not only can this cause a flooding hazard in the fall, but leaves blocking drains can block big ice chunks from flowing down the drain when a winter storm is followed by a major thaw. Fortunately, the Cheney Recycling Center offers **free yard waste disposal**.

Yard Waste Disposal

Cheney Recycling Center
100 Anderson Road

Dawn-Dusk
Until Thanksgiving

(509) 498-9293



Artists' Studio Tour

Many people enjoy art but have no real talent for creating it. If this is you, then consider this your golden opportunity to visit the studios of a dozen or so amazingly talented local artists. The **Slightly West of Spokane Artists' Studio Tour** returns on **Saturday, November 26**, when 12 different artists in seven different studios invite the public to get a behind-the-scenes look at the places where they create their magic.



The studios will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mediums include pottery, functional glassware, oil, watercolor, acrylic, ink, charcoal, mixed media, wood turning, wood accent pieces and accessories, textile collage and gift items, and hand-dyed silk scarves.

For more information, please click on "City Calendar" at www.cityofcheney.org to download the brochure and map for the **free, self-guided tour**, and plan to visit all the stops on this 30-mile loop.

Upcoming Park & Rec Programs

Contact the Cheney Parks and Recreation office at (509) 498-9250, or visit www.cityofcheney.org.

- Nov. 1: Jazz I
- Nov. 1: Jazz II
- Nov. 1: Fitness Friendly Circuit Training
- Nov. 6: Art of Networking
- Nov. 7: Zumba
- Nov. 7: Hip Hop Dance
- Nov. 7: Ballet I
- Nov. 7: Ballet II

- Nov. 8: Intro to Yoga
- Nov. 9: Intermediate Yoga
- Nov. 12: First Aid / CPR Class
- Nov. 12: Mommy & Me Princess Tea Party
- Nov. 12: A Royal Tea Etiquette Class
- Nov. 18: Specialized Recreation Dinner & Movie
- Nov. 18: EWU Thanksgiving Lunch

