

WINTER 2024

Meet the New HOA President, Ethan Smith

My name is Ethan Smith and I am honored to be serving as your current HOA President. I grew up just around the corner from this neighborhood and have seen it grow from a single row of houses to what the West Plains has now become nearly 35 years later. My wife (Keri) and I both graduated from Cheney High School in 2003. We traveled together to the Palouse where we attended WSU (Go Cougs!) before getting married shortly after we graduated. We bounced around the country for a bit but made it back to this area in 2012. I work for the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory in Cheney as a Forensic Scientist and my wife works for CHAS in the valley as a Registered Dietitian. We have two beautiful girls that attend Snowdon Elementary. As a family, we love to watch movies together, go for bike rides and hikes, and play with our dog Rocky! We also love all things Disney. Here is a picture of us on a Disney Cruise we went on last summer. I look forward to getting to know you all better over the years. If you see me outside constantly doing yard work, don't hesitate to say hi!



Ethan, Keri and daughters Elise and Emmy

Here Comes the Snow!

As our homeowners work to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice, we often ask when will the County clear West Terrace--the main arterial through our development.

At a recent Spokane County Public Works news conference, County Commissioner Josh Kerns stated that Spokane County is responsible for more than 5,100 lane miles of paved, gravel, and dirt roads – making it the largest county road system in the state.

The county's equipment fleet includes 38 snow plows, 34 graders, and 4 deicing trucks. ***“During a major snow event, crews will first clear emergency routes and primary arterials, before moving on to secondary arterials and residential neighborhoods”***, Kerns said. For a map showing snowplow activity, go to www.spokanecounty.org/publicworks.

Santa is Coming!!

The schedule below shows when Fire District 3 will be escorting Santa through our neighborhood.

Watch for Santa this Monday, the 16th!

SCFD3'S ANNUAL: SANTA ESCORT

Save the dates!

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Station 34- Windsor Crossing, West Meadows, Aspen Park, Country View Meadows, Maple Terrace, Takoda Park and Thomas Manor

MONDAY, DEC. 16

Station 33- West Terrace

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Station 33- Needham Hill, Hayford Village, the Berry Patch, Crystal Meadows and Beau West Apartments

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Station 33- Big Sky, Foxtail Estates, Strathview

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

Station 31- Medical Lake west of Lefevre St & South of Lake St.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

Station 31- Medical Lake north of Lake St & east of Lefevre St



Project Update on the New Kamas Meadow Park on Melville



The Parks Department broke ground on the project on September 25th. The construction team has been busy working on the grading and utility work that is part of the early site package.

The design team is currently seeking input from neighbors regarding playground designs. The survey can be completed here: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8130193/New-Survey> until noon on Thursday, 12/19.

The park is scheduled to be completed in Fall, 2025.