

AWAKEN AIRWAY HEIGHTS



PROGRESS REPORT 2020

On the Journey to Improved Community Conditions ...

... and Increased Public Trust and Confidence



Kevin Richey
Mayor

The City of Airway Heights is especially proud of all that was accomplished this past year because it was the reflection of what is possible when you combine the confidence of forward-thinking citizens with a committed city council, the steadfast efforts of an exceptional staff, and a host of passionate partners in this endeavor we refer to as community!

It is an exciting time for the West Plains with a lot of things happening. I look forward to working together and encourage all of our citizens and stakeholders to engage as we continue celebrating success as a region rich in resources with strong cities and extraordinary employers.

Kevin Richey

AIRWAY HEIGHTS BY THE NUMBERS

1955

Year of incorporation

9,545

2019 population

112%

Population increase since Y2K

\$11,022,040.65

2020 City Budget

\$21,954,670.00

Value of new construction
added in 2019

\$49,844.00

Median income in 2017 dollars

Airway Heights City Council Members



Sonny Weathers
Deputy Mayor



Steve Lawrence
Position #2



Veronica Messing
Position #3



Larry Bowman
Position #5



Doyle Inman
Position #6



Jennifer Morton
Position #7

AIRWAY HEIGHTS ...

This is our story and we all need to tell it.

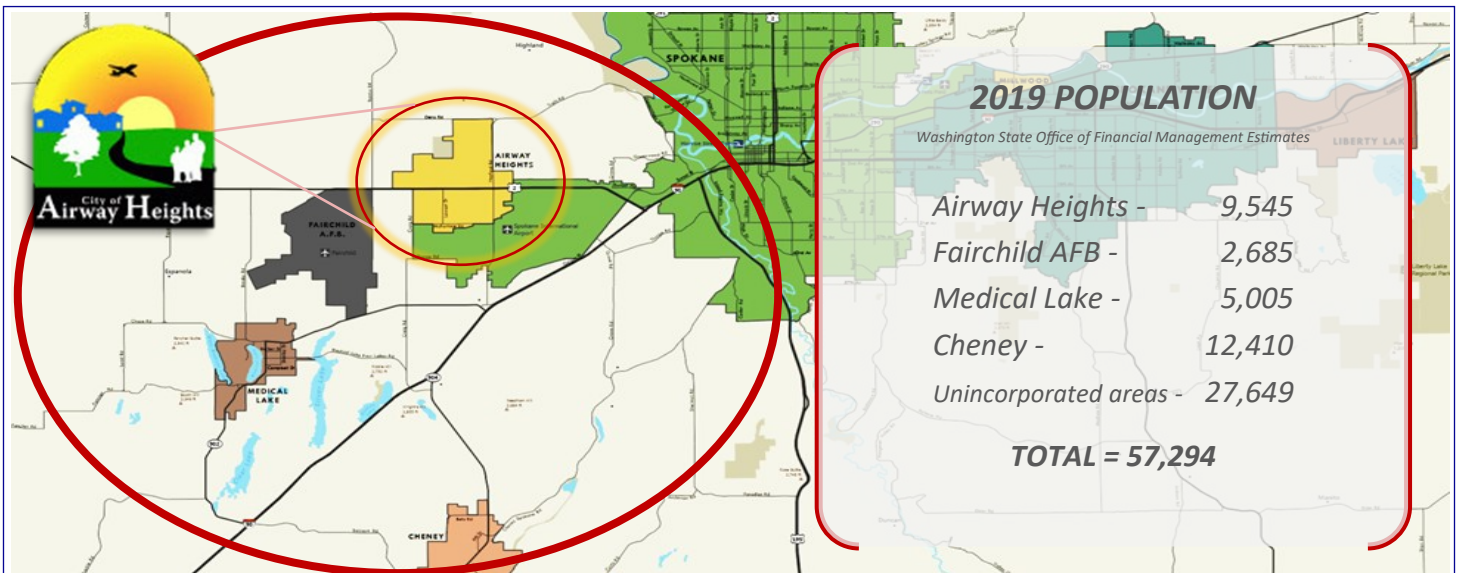
Airway Heights is ...

... **Continuously striving toward improved community conditions with a growing public trust and confidence** in the holistic approach to planning and placemaking that is deeply rooted in a desire to shape our City into the kind of community worth living, working, learning, and playing through retirement.

... **Creating an engaged community and enhancing quality of life** by empowering citizens to thrive in quality neighborhoods with great schools and useful parks while encouraging responsible and accountable government with appropriate infrastructure and fiscal responsibility.

... **growing places to live, work, learn, and play plus shopping, entertainment, and recreation** as the fastest growing municipality in Spokane County, surrounded by many of the largest employers in the region, and with nearly \$22 million worth of new construction value added in 2019.

... **connected to community, culture, transportation, employment, education, and nature** being situated between Spokane International Airport and Fairchild AFB, with Tribal Trust lands for the Kalispel and Spokane Tribes of Indians, and proximity to U.S. Highway 2 and I-90.



The Airway Heights trade area is estimated to include well over 57,000 residents coupled with an average of 36,000 car trips per day passing through town on U.S. Highway 2. Airway Heights serves as the central hub of commerce on Spokane's West Plains.

Airway Heights offers a full range of services, including ...

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services. Year-round recreational programs and events for youth, adults, and seniors. Maintenance of the five City parks with picnic areas, playgrounds, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer fields, and pavilions. Management of our newly opened Recreation and Aquatics Center with a variety of programs offered for youth, adults, and seniors in addition to space for family gatherings, parties, meetings, receptions, banquets, and other special occasions.

Public Works. The maintenance of all city owned streets, rights-of-way, trash removal service, water and sewer service, and wastewater treatment in addition to managing all Planning, Building, and Engineering services.

Public Safety. A fully funded Police Department, Fire Department, and Municipal Court.

City Support Services. Leadership/Administration, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communication, Financial services, and Legal services.

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



Airway Heights Public Art Plan Initiated

Airway Heights Recreation Center Grand Opening

Cheney Public Schools Announced 11.5 acre Purchase and Sale Agreement for Future School

Airway Heights Secured More Than \$7 Million From State Legislature

WSDOT Conducts West Plains Area Transportation Planning

STA Enabled Connections to AH, SIA, and Businesses Along Geiger Blvd Through West Plains Transit Center

Selection of Key Staff Positions

(Finance Director, Principal Planner, Police Chief, and Municipal Court Judge)

Notice of Claims Filed to Pursue Long-term Solution to PFOS/PFOA Water Contamination

Completed 14th Ave Phase 2 Resurfacing

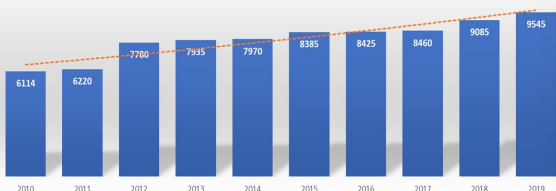
Awarded 3 WA Department of Commerce Grants Worth \$150,000

3,657 Total Housing Units

665

New Units Added in 2017-18

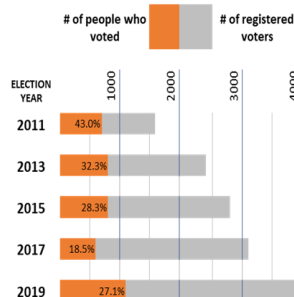
City Population



*Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM), 2019

Airway Heights VOTING Track Record

Voter turnout for the 5 most recent elections shows a startling trend in participation rates.



JUST SAYIN'

☒ SAY WHAT? ☐ KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN'? ☐ I'LL SAY

According to the Pew Research Center analysis of the 2016 Current Population Survey (November Supplement), the following % of "registered voters who did not vote" said the main reason was:

- 25% - Didn't like candidates or campaign issues
- 15% - Not interested, felt vote didn't matter
- 14% - Too busy

At current rates, just over 1 in 10 Airway Heights voters determine the outcomes on important issues affecting local school quality, policing and public safety, and roads/local infrastructure.

LOOKING AHEAD

Strategic priorities for 2020



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Draft and publish a Strategic Plan, performance based contracting with an ESCO, Opportunity Zone development and marketing, and targeted business recruitment.



HEALTHY LIVING/RECREATION

Recreation needs assessment survey, Recreation Center expansion planning, and playfield expansion planning.



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PFOS/PFOA contamination long-term resolution, pursue a complete K-12 school system for the City, sewer/water infrastructure and transportation plan expansion, and water reclamation plant expansion planning.



SAFETY & SECURITY

Rollout and promotion of Crime Check, partnership with Department of Corrections, and police and fire community outreach events.



MOBILITY

U.S. Highway 2 alternate routes public outreach and planning/development, US 2 Gap pathway project, meaningful expansion of transit services, and continued West Plains Subarea Transportation Management Planning.



EMPOWERMENT & INCLUSION

Complete Count Census 2020, comprehensive plan review and update, fiscal health contingency planning, and development impact planning and discussion.



Community Events You Won't Want to Miss

