



City of Milton-Freewater CITY NEWS

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NEW FEATURE in our CITY NEWS Newsletter!



Here in the City of Milton-Freewater, we believe that we have the best customers in the world. We are proud to serve them and happy to be of service!

It occurred to me, after hearing so many stories shared with me by our employees, that it would be fun to share them with the rest of the city!

We will be calling this feature – the CUSTOMER OF THE QUARTER, and each edition of the quarterly newsletter will have a feature on a customer or customers who are examples of why Milton-Freewater is a great place to live and do business.

Linda Hall, City Manager

SMART GRID DEMO WORK UPDATE

Work for the substation communications necessary for the smart grid project is almost complete. This power line carrier communication system will be the basis for all (water and electric) meter reading and smart grid activities for the City for many years to come.

All 50 pilot water meters have been installed and staff is currently working on installing an additional 600 meters. We are aiming to have half of the 2,400 meters installed by June 2011 and the other 1,200 by June 2012.

The installation of the 50 pilot electric meters has not begun yet due to delays in the manufacturing of the meters. We have been assured that the shipment of meters will arrive soon. Installation will begin upon the arrival of the meter shipment.

CUSTOMER OF THE QUARTER

Have you ever had one of those days?

I am talking about one of those days that you find someone that makes you smile and reminds you how much you enjoy your job. One of those days that nothing seems to go right or fall into place at just the right moment UNTIL you look up and see that customer smile at you and tell you thank you or that citizen sitting on their porch smiling and waving or those children at the bus stop that look forward to seeing the garbage truck each week.

This quarter we selected the sanitation truck driver, Tim Smock, to tell us a little about the people who make his week. Tim stated that no matter which day of the week it is, he has citizens that anxiously await his arrival and believe it or not, he can't wait to see them either!

This quarter Mardi and Andy Hagerman were chosen to be our customer's of the quarter. The Hagerman's are always appreciative of our services and genuinely care about their community. Mardi stated "We just love you guys and the service you provide". Each spring and fall Mardi and Andy request temporary 300 gallon garbage containers to prepare their picturesque lawn for the upcoming season. They are always polite with a please, thank you and don't forget to tell you how much they appreciate your help. We in turn appreciate them and are pleased to provide them with exemplary service. **THANK YOU MARDI AND ANDY HAGERMAN FOR MAKING MILTON-FREEWATER A GREAT PLACE TO WORK AND LIVE!**



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Veterans Day

11/11/10

Garbage Day: 11/12/10

Thanksgiving

11/25/10

Garbage Day: 11/24/10

Day after Thanksgiving

11/26/10

Garbage Day: 11/29/10

Christmas Eve

Observed 12/23/10

Garbage Day: 12/22/10

Christmas Day

Observed 12/24/10

Garbage Day: 12/27/10

New Year's Day

Observed

12/31/10

Garbage Day: 01/03/11

Fall Clean Up Event—City refuse customers are allowed one load of up to 800 pounds of waste to the bi-annual clean up event held at the landfill between October 13th – 16th. Remember to bring your ticket and most recent utility bill for admittance. Event hours and information is printed on your ticket as well as on our web site at www.mfcity.com

2010 Leaf Pick Up for City Residents

Leaves piled or bagged in the street near the curb will be picked up without charge by the City of Milton-Freewater crews starting Monday, November 15, 2010 through Friday, December 10, 2010.

Leaves will be picked up according to which "ZONE" your residence is located in. Dates for each "ZONE" are as follows:

- 🍁 Zone 1 11/15/10-11/19/10 - SW portion of town from S. Main west and south of Broadway
- 🍁 Zone 2 11/22/10-11/26/10 – SE portion of town from S. Main east and south of Broadway
- 🍁 Zone 3 11/29/10-12/03/10 – NE portion of town from N. Elizabeth east and north of Broadway
- 🍁 Zone 4 12/06/10-12/10/10 – NW portion of town from N. Elizabeth west and north of Broadway

Visit us online for a map at www.mfcity.com under Public Works.

Please do not put leaves out in the street after the above dates designated for your "ZONE".

If you want to burn leaves on your property, call the Police Department at 938-5511 for a burning permit. Please do not burn leaves on the pavement.

CONSERVATION CORNER

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – Customers Helping Customers!

City Light & Power's Energy Assistance Program is managed in cooperation with the Salvation Army to help the under privileged in our community pay their winter heating bills. The money received through this program stays in Milton-Freewater.

If you are a customer interested in helping others, simply mark one of the pledge options below and mail this insert back with your next payment. City Light and Power will add the amount to your bill each month for as long as you wish. Or you may send a check payable to "Energy Assistance Program" in the amount of your desired contribution. **ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE MATCHED BY CITY LIGHT & POWER (up to a total of \$3,000).** Your contribution is fully tax deductible. There is no obligation and you can cancel at any time.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

(check one)

One Dollars

Two Dollars

Dollars

(check one)

One Month

Six Months

Continuous

Signature

Date

Individuals interested in applying to receive Energy Assistance benefits may do so by calling the Salvation Army at 509-529-9470.

FLOOD INSURANCE & LEVEE REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE

Much progress has been accomplished by the five volunteer members of the Milton-Freewater Water Control Board and their dedicated assistant Vicki Lee.

The Board received the finalized levee inspection report from the Corp of Engineers in August. This report is a comprehensive list of all the minor and major repairs that are needed on the levee in order to bring it back into compliance with the Corp of Engineers as well as the FEMA certification we need to be removed from FEMA's flood zone maps.

The Board instructed their Engineer, John Wells of Anderson Perry and Associates to prepare construction and re-certification cost estimates. These estimates were presented to the Board at their August 24th meeting, and the total was \$2,854,900. The Board, after very careful consideration voted to place a bond measure for this amount on the November 2, 2010 ballot.

The proposed bond will cost 62 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This means the owner of a house assessed by the County Tax Assessor at \$100,000 would pay \$62 per year for the bond. A house assessed at less than \$100,000 would pay less than \$62 a year.

The average cost of flood insurance in Milton-Freewater is approximately \$300 per year under the preferred risk policy program. This discounted insurance rate will very likely not be available to us for more than 3 years. When it expires, standard flood insurance rates will take effect. These rates will likely be 10 times as expensive as the preferred risk policy rates, for an average of \$1,800 to \$3,000 a year for the same flood insurance policy.

The 62 cent per \$1,000 bond measure the District is placing on the ballot will pay for the repairs and recertification of our levee which is currently out of compliance, in need of repairs and the reason we have been placed in the FEMA flood zone. Without these repairs being made, we will not be able to apply to FEMA for removal from the flood zone maps and the mandate to purchase expensive flood insurance will not go away.

For more information, please contact any of the Water Control District Board members, Chairman Manford Anliker, Vice Chairman Sam Hopkins-Hubbard, Brad Humbert, Vern Rodighiero, and Roger Cosner.

DOG LICENSING

2011 tags available

Dog licenses are now available for purchase.

City code **REQUIRES** dog licensing for **ALL** dogs over six (6) months of age.

License tags help identify your animal in the case they wander off. If your dog has a license tag, they are much more likely to be returned to you rather than impounded.

To obtain your new license fill out the form below, get proof of valid rabies vaccination from your veterinarian and remit your fee of \$35 for unaltered and \$10 for altered dogs at the Police Department or mail them in to us. Fees after March 1st incur an additional \$10 charge.

PET INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Breed: _____

Sex: M/F Altered: Y/N DOB: _____

Color: _____

Rabies Expiration Date: _____

Vet to Confirm: _____

Microchip: Y/N Number: _____

OWNER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Em. Contact Number: _____

Make Checks Payable to: City of Milton-Freewater,
PO Box 6, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

Oregon Department of Energy

PROJECT COMPLETION UPDATE

The City of Milton-Freewater is proud to announce the completion of weatherization measures made to four city-owned buildings. We received \$158,900 from the Oregon Department of Energy as part of the American Recovery Reinvestment Act funding. City Hall received the bulk of the funding for HVAC upgrades, new windows, two new doors and lighting upgrades. The Saager Fire Station received funding for new windows and lighting upgrades. The South Fire Station and the city shop received funding for lighting upgrades. These weatherization measures saved \$450 in energy costs at City Hall alone during the first month since completion.

Do you have your 2011 Business License?

If your business is located in the city or you are doing business in the city you will need a City Business License. The fee is \$35.00 due by January 1st.

All licenses expire December 31st and renewal notices will be mailed in November.

To print a copy of the application from our web page go to www.mfcity.com.

Questions? Call the Planning Department at 541-938-8234.

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938.5531
Fire Business 938.8256
Golf Course 938.7284
Human Resources 938.8243
Library 938.8247
Municipal Court 938.8203
Planning & Zoning 938.8234 or 938.8235
Police Business 938.5511
Public Works 938.8270 or 938.8272

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

October 2010

City Council – 7 p.m.

Monday, October 11, 2010
Monday, October 25, 2010

Planning Commission – 7 p.m.

Monday, October 4, 2010

Recreation Committee – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Library Board – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

November 2010

City Council – 7 p.m.

Monday, November 8, 2010
Monday, November 22, 2010*

Planning Commission – 7 p.m.

Monday, November 8, 2010

Recreation Committee – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Library Board – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

December 2010

City Council – 7 p.m.

Monday, December 13, 2010

Planning Commission – 7 p.m.

Monday, December 6, 2010

Recreation Committee – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Library Board – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

- November 22nd City Council meeting may be cancelled.

All meetings are open to the public. The locations of the meetings are handicapped accessible. Please call City Hall 938-5531, or write the City of Milton-Freewater, PO Box 6, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 if you will need any special accommodations or an interpreter to attend or participate in the meeting.

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