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“Paul’s dedication to this community is apparent in a multitude of ways. He volunteers hundreds of hours to the betterment of our city and we want to thank him for his leadership and hard work. He is the first to thank others for jobs well done, and now it is his turn to be on the receiving end of the expression of gratitude.” – city Manager Linda Hall

CUSTOMER OF THE QUARTER

By: Krista Gannon



We have all been burdened with the FEMA Flood Plain determination for Milton-Freewater. Our community has struggled to find methods to resolve the “de-certification” of the levee. But without the leadership and guidance from a local citizen who spearheaded getting the bond promoted and passed, who knows where we would be right now?

We are pleased to recognize longtime citizen, business owner, civic volunteer and leader **Paul Seaquist** as our Customer of the Quarter. A citizen of Milton-Freewater since September 1966, Paul has served as President of our Community Development Partnership, Rotary, Umatilla County Board of Realtors, Walla Walla Alliance, Port of Umatilla County Budget Committee and several other groups. He has been instrumental in the flag pole on the traffic island at South Main and Highway 11; City signage at both entrances of town; along with the new south hill water tower signage; not to mention numerous other projects.

Paul is dedicated to his community and is always willing to step up and help in a kind courteous manner getting the task done no matter what it takes. Paul is always pleasant to do business with and there is always a *Please* followed by a *Thank you*.

It is officially our turn to say **THANK YOU PAUL**. Thank you for your dedication, loyalty, and compassion to our fine city. Thank you for your pleasant demeanor; for taking the reins and leading our community to successfully pass a bond to fix our levee; for your volunteerism and civic involvements and for choosing Milton-Freewater to be your hometown and your efforts to keep it a great place to live and do business. We are proud to recognize you as the **CUSTOMER OF THE QUARTER!**



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HOLIDAY CLOSURES



Independence Day
07.04.11

Observed:
Monday, July 4th
City Offices Closed

Refuse & Recycling Pick Up
Day: Tuesday, July 5th

Pool – OPEN regular hours

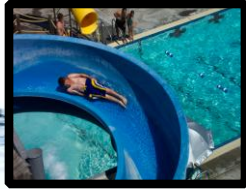
Labor Day
09.05.11

Observed:
Monday, September 5th
City Offices Closed

Refuse & Recycling Pick Up
Day: Tuesday, September 6th
Pool – CLOSED

Too Hot Outside? Make a Splash at the Milton-Freewater Aquatic Center!

By: Krista Gannon



Joe Humbert Family Aquatic Center 938-9166

200 DeHaven Street - Manager: Karen Shelton

Open: June 4th through August 21st.

For less than \$5.00 each for admission you can spend the day at the pool! Daily youth (17 & under) daily passes are \$3.00 and adults (18 & over) are \$4.50. Daily pass admission is valid for both sessions. Be sure to ask for your stamp upon exiting from Session 1.

The aquatic center is open daily for general swim. Session 1 is offered from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Session 2 is offered from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

We also offer season passes, swim lessons, private rentals, water aerobics and lap swim.

Better yet – Let us do the cooking! Come enjoy BBQ nights every Thursday beginning June 9th through August 18th.

For more information visit us online at www.mfcity.com under recreation.

Conservation Corner

REMINDER

City Light & Power Customers

Effective October 1, 2011 BPA will change the energy conservation funding levels. All programs (residential, commercial, industrial & agricultural) will still be available, but at different rebates! All energy conservation rebate projects MUST BE COMPLETED by August 15, 2011 to receive the current rebate levels. For more information contact Pat Didion at 541-938-8237.



To participate, please cut here and remit with your next payment.



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 or drop it by City Hall. 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 below)

(check one below)

One Dollars

One Month

Signature

Date

Two Dollars

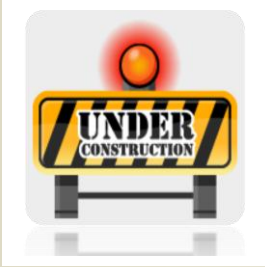
Six Months

Name & address (please print)

\$ Dollars

Continuous

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



UPDATE

Transportation and Pedestrian Improvements

By: Krista Gannon

It is official....construction has begun!

With a quite competitive bidding process under our belts, bids for all four transportation and pedestrian improvements funded by Oregon House Bill 2001 have been awarded. Construction officially began on June 1st for Key Boulevard and South Mill Street and June 13th for College Street. Construction on South Main Street is slated to begin August 15th.

Below is a summary of the work these projects will include:



College Street Sidewalk Improvements –

General Contractor: G. Lowell Lewis Construction, Inc., Joseph, OR

Contract Price: \$175,748.38

Project Start Date: June 13 **Project Completion Date:** August 31

Sidewalk is being constructed from SW 6th Avenue at Yantis Park south to Locust Street. Sidewalk ramps that are not currently ADA accessible will be upgraded from Locust Street to Maple Street along College Street.

South Mill Street –

General Contractor: Premier Excavation, Inc., Pasco, WA

Contract Price: \$799,062.00

Project Start Date: June 1 **Project Completion Date:** August 31

Construction on South Mill Street includes the widening of South Mill Street from SE 3rd to SE 14th to alleviate congestion. This has required city power and other utilities (phone, cable, etc.) to relocate their services prior to the commencement of work. Sidewalks are planned to be improved and ramps at all intersections will be replaced with ADA accessible ramps. An asphalt overlay will be the final portion of this project from SE 3rd to SE 15th.



South Main Street and Key Boulevard Extensions –

General Contractor: Premier Excavation, Inc., Pasco, WA

Contract Price: \$641,996.85

Project Start Date: June 1 **Project Completion Date:** October 31

This project focuses on improving the currently unimproved road surface of Key Boulevard and extending an access road northeast down to Nichols Canyon at the southernmost end of South Main finishing up with an asphalt overlay of South Main Street from Nichols Canyon, north to SE 14th Avenue.



South Main Street Improvements –

General Contractor: Taylor Northwest, LLC, Bend, OR

Contract Price: \$590,221.56

Project Start Date: August 15 **Project Completion Date:** October 31

Included will be the replacement of ADA accessible pedestrian ramps and sidewalks, water main replacement, bulb outs with four street crossings as well as overlaying the parking strip areas on both sides from SE 3rd Ave to SE 14th Ave.



We realize these projects may be at an inconvenience to our citizens but with patience they will be done and the improvements will be well worth it. Rest assured the city, along with our project engineering firm, Anderson-Perry & Associates will have staff on site throughout duration of the projects. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at 541-938-8270, 8272, 8274 or 8276. We are here to help!

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City Recorder	938.8233
Community Development	938.8236
Conservation	938.8237
Electric Department	938.8231 or 938.8232
Engineering	938.8230 or 938.8238
Finance Department (utility bill payments/taxi tickets)	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, 938.8272, 938.8274 or 938.8276

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

JULY 2011

City Council – 7 p.m.

Monday, July 11, 2011

Monday, July 25, 2011

Planning Commission – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Recreation Committee – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Library Board – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

AUGUST 2011

City Council – 7 p.m.

Monday, August 8, 2011

Monday, August 22, 2011

Planning Commission – 7 p.m.

Monday, August 1, 2011

Recreation Committee – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Library Board – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

SEPTEMBER 2011

City Council – 7 p.m.

Monday, September 12, 2011

Monday, September 26, 2011

Planning Commission – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Recreation Committee – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Library Board – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

All meetings are open to the public. The locations of the meetings are handicapped accessible. Please call City Hall 541-938-5531, or write 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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