

Fall 2016 City News

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Customer of the Quarter...



Please join me in congratulating Jerry Brannan as the City of Milton-Freewater's fall customer of the quarter! We received numerous nominations for Jerry to be honored with this designation as many folks around town have taken notice of Jerry walking all over town, picking up garbage and litter as he exercises. Jerry began doing this over a year ago, when he noticed as he walked how much litter was strewn about. He started walking with a garbage sack, filling the bag as he went with litter. When we called him to tell him he had been designated as the "Customer of the Quarter" he was at first reluctant to accept this—"I haven't done anything special" Jerry told us, "I just love Milton-Freewater and want to keep it clean! I was not doing this for recognition or a reward!" We told him that is EXACTLY the kind of self-less attitude that deserves to be honored as our fall "Customer of the Quarter!" Jerry has picked up over 500 bags of litter since he has been doing this! When asked what the strangest items he has picked up he replied "3 crushed cell phones, a Honda car key, 5 uneaten cooked pizzas, several tools, some lady's lingerie, and \$20 in cash!" Not all of those were found at the same time you understand... Thank you Jerry and congratulations on being Milton-Freewater's CUSTOMER OF THE QUARTER!

The Fire Department Insurance Service Office (ISO), Public Protection Classification (PPC) Insurance rating has been improved from a 4 to a 3. That is a big deal!!!



The City's rating of a "3" is indicative of a very high functioning fire suppression delivery system and therefore, conceivably a lower insurance risk for insurance companies to offer insurance coverage. The City's improved rating is a direct result of information gathered during an on-site inspection and the quality of our resources.

Taking the lead on the project for the City was Fire Chief Shane Garner, who received assistance from Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw, Public Works Technician Brian Steadman, Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer and Emergency Communication Specialist Lead Luz Garcia. This was an accumulation of over 10 years of work and consistent dedication to improvements .

Chief Garner said, "This was my goal when I first came to Milton-Freewater and I am so excited to see the City receive this high of an ISO rating—I want to thank the City Council for their continued support of improvement to our City's fire department, water utility and dispatch services that made this possible."

2016 FALL CLEANUP

October 20th—7:30am to 6:00pm

October 21st—7:30am to 6:00pm

October 22nd— 7:30am to 3:30pm

City Landfill off Tucholke RD—follow signs—need your ticket & most recent Utility bill for admittance.

NOT ALLOWED: auto batteries, tires on rim (only 4 tire off rim allowed/household), E-waste or hazardous materials.

See info online www.mfcity.com or call 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274.

800# of garbage or less is free. Additional fees for garbage weighing over 800# (see website or flyer).

City Council

Lewis S. Key, Mayor

Orrin Lyon, Ward 1

Bradley J. Humbert, Ward 2

Jeff Anliker, Ward 3

Steven Patten, At Large/Position 1

Steve Irving, At Large/Position 2

Edwin E. Chesnut, At Large/Position 3

City Manager

Linda Hall

Holiday Refuse Schedule...

		HOLIDAY	REFUSE PICK-UP
November	Veteran's Day	Friday, November 11, 2016	Monday, November 14, 2016
	Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24, 2016	Wednesday, November 23, 2016
	Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 25, 2016	Monday, November 28, 2016
December	Christmas Eve	Friday, December 23, 2016	Thursday, December 22, 2016
	Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2016	Tuesday, December 27, 2016
January	New Year's Day - 2017	Monday, January 2, 2017	Tuesday, January 3, 2017

MOBILE APP TO PAY UTILITIES

PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS WITH NEW iOS MOBILE APP!!!

Xpress Bill Pay is please to announce a new, free mobile app that is now available for download from the App Store. The new app has many of the same powerful features found on the www.xpressbillpay.com website. Currently, the app is available for the iPhone, iPad or iPod touch from the Apple App Store, and requires iOS 8.0 or later. An Android App may be available in early 2017 from Google Play. For more information, visit www.xpressbillpay.com or call 1.800.766.2350 or email support@xpressbillpay.com.



GO GREEN—WITH PAPERLESS UTILITY STATEMENTS

Every utility customer is eligible to Go Green with paperless statements. Just call 1.800.766.2350 and XpressBillPay tech support will walk you through the process of setting up an account. Customers will NOT have to set up AutoBill pay to go paperless, but they will need to have an email address to set up an online account.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

by Krista Gannon, Public Works Assistant & Project Aide

They say that “The job is not done until the paperwork is done” ...

While there has been plenty of paperwork, the construction “job” aspect of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements is substantially complete. After nearly 11 months of construction and five years of staff and our engineering firm Anderson-Perry and Associates’ time researching options; planning; de-signing and searching out funding our wastewater treatment facility improvements we are proud to announce we are nearly complete!

With the help of some remarkable employees at Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority we were generously granted \$2.75 million dollars grant money and another \$1,628,115 dollars in super low interest, long term loans. Our customers were only saddled with an additional \$1.00 per month rate increase! Even with such increase, our rates continue to remain at only a fraction of our neighboring communities!



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HOME WEATHERIZATION

Conservation

It's time to start preparing for winter! Remember to close your foundation vents around Thanksgiving to help protect your water pipes. If you want to upgrade your heating system, we have rebates for energy efficient heat pumps ranging from \$500 to \$1,200 depending upon the system. We also have rebates for insulation (\$0.25/sq ft), Energy Star Northern Climate windows \$3.00/sq ft), Energy Star Clothes Washers (\$30) and Energy Star Dryers (\$20).

PLEASE contact the Conservation Office BEFORE you make a purchase to ensure you are buying the correct product. It's most unfortunate, but a few requests for rebate have been turned down because customers had bought the wrong product. Don't let this happen to you!

Corner

CONTACT THE CONSERVATION OFFICE BEFORE purchasing rebate products by calling 541-938-8237. You'll be glad you did!

Continued from Page 2—TREATMENT With the common council and staff goal of improving infrastructure and enhancing service reliability well into the future we began construction last October. The intent of our \$4.3 million dollar improvements was to not only fix the failure of the digester that occurred in the fall of 2011 but improve the entire facility, for not only now but another handful of decades and then some. We are pleased to announce that this goal has been **ACHIEVED!**

For the past 11 months our contractor, Clearwater Management & Construction LLC based out of Spokane, Washington has been busy building a new primary digester and adding a new secondary digester; adding a new mechanical fine screen/washer/compactor unit in the headworks channel; installing a new automatic



scum removal system; replacement of the old tricking filter rotating distributor with a new motor driven rotary system; the addition of sludge dewatering system; and new sludge handling pumps. What this means in general terms – we have a system that operates more efficiently than before that brings us into compliance with our required permit to operate our sewer system issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Beginning July 15th this year, the City's bus program is **FARE FREE** thanks to our City Council and all the citizens that support our local option tax so the City has funds to leverage federal and state funding sources.

Check out our schedule at www.mfcity.com. There are many options and the schedule is in both English and Spanish.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

LOOKING AHEAD

Business licenses are due for renewal by January 1st of each year. The Planning Department is planning to mail renewal notices for 2017 in November.

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 \$5,000).** Your contribution is fully tax deductible. There is no obligation and you can cancel at any time.

	(check one below)		(check one below)		
	One Dollars		One Month	Signature	Date
	Two Dollars		Six Months		
\$	Dollars		Continuous	Name & Address (please print)	

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

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Community Development	938.8236
Conservation	938.8237
Electric Department	938.8232 or 938.8231
Engineering	938.8230 or 938.8238
Finance Department	938.5531
(Utility bill payments/taxi tickets)	
Fire Business	938.8235
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 or 938.8274

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Meetings & Closures

October 2016

- * 3 Planning Commission Meeting—7pm Albee Room
- * **10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**
- * **24 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room****

November 2016

- * 7 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * 11 VETERANS DAY - offices closed
- * **14 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**
- * 24 THANKSGIVING - offices closed
- * 25 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - offices closed

December 2016

- * 5 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * **12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**
- * 23 CHRISTMAS EVE Observed - offices closed
- * 26 CHRISTMAS DAY Observed - offices closed

****Tentative meeting date!**

Library Board meetings typically held last Wednesday of month, 4:00pm in the Monahan room. Please check with the library by calling 938-8247.

All meetings are open to the public. The locations of the meetings are handicapped accessible. Please call City Hall at 541.938.5531, 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.