



City of Milton-Freewater

2017 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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We Have a New City Councilor



We have a new City Councilor who was elected last fall. Verl Pressnall was sworn in on the 9th of January this year to the At Large Position No.1 seat.

Born in Clarkston, Washington, Verl's family lived on the mountain near Orofino, Idaho. He attended all eight primary grades in a two-room school house. Verl attended his freshman year of high school in St. Maries, Idaho before moving to Umapine, where he graduated from high school.

Verl earned an Associate in Applied Science Degree from Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, Oregon where he met Kandy Warren and they were later married.

Verl and Kandy have two daughters that live in the area, giving them four grandsons and one granddaughter.

Verl's interests include motor-

cycles, hunting and fishing. He also spent over seven years as Vice-president and President of the East End Rod & Gun Club.

Verl is very interested in local government and is looking forward to serving the citizens of Milton-Freewater.



What else is new at the City? Check out the City's new website at www.mfcity.com. It's user friendly with a click of the button. Also with a click of a button (lower right side) you have the ability to view the website in nine languages, including Chinese (simplified), French, German, Hindi, Italian, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Many of our staff have been working hard for several months to make this happen, and have hopefully made the site much more user friendly to navigate for our citizens. We believe it's user friendly, but if you have any questions, please contact us and staff will be happy to help you navigate our new site.

A Friendly Reminder

In the Oregon Driver Manual, it says, "You must yield right of way to emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks, police vehicles and ambulances, when they approach from any direction using a light or siren. When you see or hear an emergency vehicle warning, you must immediately drive as close as you safely can to the right side of the road and stop. Do not stop in an intersection. Do not drive or stop in a way that interferes with these vehicles. Stay stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed or until an officer tells you to move. After the emergency vehicle passes, you must stay at least 500 feet behind the vehicle."



Did you know that many emergency personnel are killed in avoidable accidents each year? Please share the road respectfully and help eliminate these avoidable, fatal accidents.

Further information may be found at the following website:

www.odot.state.or.us/forms/dmv/37.pdf

SPRING CLEAN-UP!!!

APRIL 13, 14 & 15

This event is for City refuse customers only. Please be watching your March utility statement for your ticket.

For more information, you can visit us online at www.mfcity.com under Public Works/Solid Waste or call the Public Works Department at 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274.

THE CITY'S EMERGENCY SIREN SOUNDS OFF EVERY 1ST THURSDAY & 3RD WEDNESDAY FOR FIRE TRAINING. IT'S A GREAT SYSTEM THAT IS TESTED TWICE MONTHLY.



IF YOU HEAR THIS SIREN SOUND OFF OTHER THAN THE TWO TEST TIMES, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. PLEASE TUNE INTO YOUR LOCAL RADIO AND/OR TELEVISION STATIONS FOR FURTHER, EMERGENCY INFORMATION!

You Make A Difference!!!

Last year your generosity helped to warm the homes and hearts of many underprivileged in our community. Our thanks go out to you!

Customers HELPING Customers



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

CUSTOMERS HELPING CUSTOMERS

Milton-Freewater City Light & Power's Energy Assistance Program is managed in cooperation with the Salvation Army to help the underprivileged 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 pledges options below and mail this insert back with your next payment. City Light & 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* for whatever amount you wish. **ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE MATCHED BY CITY LIGHT & POWER** (up to \$5,000). Your contribution is fully tax deductible. Of course, there is no obligation and you can cancel at any time.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

DONATION AMOUNT: (CHECK ONE) ONE DOLLAR TWO DOLLARS \$ _____ DOLLARS
DURATION: (CHECK ONE) ONE MONTH SIX MONTHS CONTINUOUS UNTIL CANCELLED

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Holiday Refuse Schedule...

		HOLIDAY	REFUSE PICK-UP
MAY 2017	Memorial Day 2017	Monday, May 29th	Tuesday, May 30th
JULY 2017	Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4th	Wednesday, July 5th

NEED HELP BUDGETING YOUR UTILITY BILL? Join our Equal Pay Plan—also known as Budget Plan. Here’s how it works We compute the that past 12 months of your utilities used (must live at current resident one year). The total of your previous year’s utilities with your account balance at the time of your May statement, are divided into 2 equal payments (NOTE: If your account balance at the time of your May statement is more than \$50, you may not qualify for the Equal Pay Plan). If you qualify, your first payment will be on your May statement. Each May, your budget amount will be recalculated. Adjustment may be made within the budget year should the budget amount not cover the increased usage. Budget amounts are required to be paid each month. Non-payment of a budget amount may cause you to lose the privilege of participating. Your final billing for the budget year will be issued in April and will need to be paid in full unless it is a **CREDIT**. **IMPORTANT!** If you were on last year’s EQUAL PAY PLAN, you will be put on the next year’s plan automatically, as long as your account balance at the time of your May statement is less than \$501.00. Should you NOT wish to continue on the plan, please note below.

PLEASE RETURN THE SIGNED FORM BELOW WITH NEXT PAYMENT. Direct questions to the Finance Department 541-938-5531

Please include me in the Equal Pay Plan
 I do not wish to continue with the Equal Pay Plan

Name: _____ Account Number: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Aquatic Center
 OPEN June 10th & 11th
 POOL WILL THEN OPEN FOR THE
 SEASON THE DAY AFTER THE
 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IN MILTON-
 FREEWATER, OREGON

Swim lessons, Water Aerobics, Private
Rentals & more!

City Council

- Lewis S. Key, Mayor
- Orrin Lyon, Ward 1
- Bradley J. Humbert, Ward 2
- Jeff Anliker, Ward 3
- Verl Pressnall, At Large/Position 1
- Steve Irving, At Large/Position 2
- Edwin E. Chesnut, At Large/Position 3

City Manager

Linda Hall



Conservation Corner

by Pat Didion

City Light & Power has energy efficiency rebates available for: **AGRICULTURE:** Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) on irrigation system, Scientific Irrigation Scheduling (SIS), Sprinkler and Pipe Repair/Upgrades & Refrigeration System upgrades. **COMMERCIAL:** LED

Lighting, HVAC, & Production Process Improvements. **INDUSTRIAL:** LED Lighting, HVAC, Pneumatic Systems upgrades, Refrigeration System upgrades. **RESIDENTIAL:** Energy Star Windows/Doors, Heat Pumps, Energy Star Clothes Washer/Dryer, Energy Star LED Lighting & Heat Pump Water Heaters.

REMEMBER to contact the Conservation Office at City Hall for approval

BEFORE STARTING ANY PROJECTS! Purchasing the wrong equipment may risk losing the rebate. Call 541-938-8237 or 541-938-8232 for more information.

TIPS: Change your furnace filter. Open your foundation vents around Easter. Clean your dryer vent screen after EVERY LOAD to improve efficiency and lower potential fire danger from lint buildup.

City of
Milton-Freewater

PRESORTED STANDARD
Non-profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
MILTON FREEWATER, OR
PERMIT #5

PO Box 6

Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

City Manager	938.8242
City Recorder	938.8233
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	938.8256
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 or 938.8274

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Check us out on Facebook - City of Milton-Freewater, Oregon

Meetings & Closures

April 2017

- * 3 Planning Commission Meeting—7pm Albee Room
- * **10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**
- * **27 City Budget Meeting - 7pm - Albee Room**

May 2017

- * 1 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * **8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**
- * 29 Memorial Day - offices closed

June 2017

- * 5 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * **12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**

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.