



City of Milton-Freewater

2017 WINTER NEWSLETTER

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PW Superintendent Dave Bradshaw

WHAT HAPPENED TO WELL #2?

Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw reported that from time to time, wells providing water to the citizens and businesses of Milton-Freewater require extensive maintenance. Well #2, one of four wells that serve the south side of the City, went through some extensive maintenance recently. The motor was completely rehabilitated along with the bowls assembly, and the pump was rebuilt and then reinstalled into the well. City staff re-plumbed from the pump to the transmission line and the old meter was replaced with a new one. A camera was sent down into the well to determine if there were any potential problems before the pump was re-installed and none were found. Water from Well #2 goes directly from the

well to the middle reservoir, a reservoir above City Hall.

CUSTOMER OF THE QUARTER by Teresa Dutcher

Bob Moon has been decorating for Christmas and putting on a display for sixteen years, since 2001. Bob works hard on the Jacquelyn Street Christmas display and each year the display is perfected from the last, and sometimes something new is added. But I understand that it takes hours to synchronize the music with the lights. I hope you didn't miss it, but if you did miss it, you can always catch it next year during the month of December.

Now what we really wanted to do is honor Bob and his wife, Janelle as Customer of the Quarter, for their exceptional service to the community in many ways. Christmas is just one of their activities they choose to serve the community, and in such a fun and joyful manner. But there's more!



Bob has lived here all of his life, 70 years, and his wife has been here since the mid 60s, after her family moved here from Minnesota. They are community driven. Bob worked for Bell Telephone Systems for forty years and Janelle worked for local banks, and also worked for Mac-Hi as volunteer staff. She made copies and worked in the store where students could purchase small items and food.

Bob and his wife love Christmas and it shows with the lovely display outside of their home.

They are both adamant about supporting veterans too. They just returned from a wonderful experience in Branson, Missouri where they both saw about twenty shows. Christmas and veterans are many of the themes for the shows and they both enjoyed themselves immensely.

Bob and Janelle are proud parents and have several grandchildren which they spend time with. Congrats to our customer of the quarter!

**IS YOUR POWER BILL HIGH?
ANSWER THESE
QUESTIONS:**

1. Do you have any electric heat in the home? What is the wattage and how many hours does it operate each day? A 1500-watt space heater in a poorly insulated pump-house can add up to \$50-\$60 per month depending upon how many hours it runs.
2. If you are not using your electric heat, is it turned off at the breaker panel? If not, it may be coming on at night without you knowing it.
3. If you heat with wood, have you been away from the home for more than a few days? If so, your electric heat probably ran unless it was turned off at the breaker.
4. If you have a forced air furnace, are there registers which deliver very little, or possibly even cold air? If so, you may have disconnected ductwork. If your home is a manufactured home, the crossover duct may be damaged or disconnected.
5. Have you added any new appliances or equipment such as a hot tub or engine block heater? These can add \$25 to \$40 per month.
6. Do you have more than one refrigerator or freezer? The average cost to run a refrigerator or freezer is \$10 to \$15 dollars.

Older models cost more.

7. Do you have electric heat tape on your pipes or roof? At 5-watts per foot, heat tape on 100 feet of pipe or roof can add more than \$20 per month.

8. Have you noticed any problems with your water heater? Too hot? Not enough hot water? Breaker or reset button tripping occasionally? This can be an indication of a problem with your water heater, which can cause higher power bills.

9. Have you checked under your home for water leaks? A leak in your pipes can cause your pump to run excessively, often resulting in a higher than average power bill. A leak in the hot water piping can cause your water heater to run continuously resulting in higher bills, which could be more than \$100 higher than normal. If you hear water running at times when the house is quiet, and no water is on, you should check your pipes for leaks.

**READY2LEARN LIBRARY
PROGRAM!**

Milton-Freewater library patron Clyde Calahan won a \$1,000 scholarship to an Oregon College Savings Plan just by using his library card. Clyde is one of four that has won this honor.

Each month three winners in the Ready2Learn program are randomly drawn to win college



scholarships and prizes. Ready2Learn sponsors are Oregon College Savings Plan, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. (GOBHI), Wildhorse Foundation and Ohana Frozen Yogurt. Ready2Learn is a program for children under six to ready them for kindergarten by incentivizing library use.

The City's library has many resources and programs for children of all ages. Check out the children's play area, teen room, and the thousands of children's books to check out. At 10:30am every Thursday, there is storytime for children under six. For children of all ages, there is Crafternoons every second Wednesday each month and YuGiOhClub every first and third Friday each month. Check these activities out plus special events at our library.

Holiday Refuse Schedule...

		HOLIDAY	REFUSE PICK-UP
JANUARY	New Year's Day 2017	Monday, January 2, 2017	Tuesday, January 3, 2017
	Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16, 2017	Tuesday, January 17, 2017
FEBRUARY	President's Day	Monday, February 20, 2017	Tuesday, February 21, 2017



Horizon Project Inc. Recycling is the contractor for the City of Milton Freewater... offering residents a convenient way to be environmentally friendly. We are a full service recycling center that offers curbside pickup, a drop off bin located behind the S. Fire Station on Mill Street, and a drop off site located on the side of our 608 N. Russell Street facility.

Recycling is as easy as taking out your garbage! Simply save your recyclables during the week and put them on the curb next to your trash can on your regular garbage day. We do the rest! The following tips will help us serve you better:

- *Have your recyclables at the curb by 8:00 AM
- *Rinse all food containers to reduce odors.
- *Make sure your recyclables are visible from the street.
- *Do not put your recyclables in a garbage bag, we may assume it is

garbage or yard debris and leave it.

***KEEP IT CLEAN!** If your recyclables contain hazardous materials or are not sanitary, we will leave it.

***No oil at the curb please!** Bring your used motor oil to our drop off depot located at 608 N. Russell in the back of the building.

HORIZON PROJECT TAKES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Plastic bottles, corrugated card-

board, glass bottles and jars (rinsed and lids removed), newspaper, magazines, tin cans, office paper, white and colored ledger paper, computer paper, junk mail and shredded paper.

HORIZON PROJECT DOES NOT TAKE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Plastic grocery bags, appliances, sheet glass, light bulbs, clothing, batteries, furniture, Styrofoam, tinfoil, cardboard with coating, yard clippings, and tarps.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

City crews will be picking up Christmas trees at no charge during the week of:

JANUARY 3-6, 2017

All lights, stands and decorations must be removed prior to trees being picked up. Trees must be placed along the curb within the dates shown above. Trees put out after the event may incur a fee for pick up.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE A TREE IN YOUR GARBAGE CAN!

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

Conservation Corner

by Pat Didion

Looking to purchase a new heating system for your home? Contract the Conservation Office about our rebates or loans for Ductless Heat Pumps or Central Air Heat Pumps.

We also have rebates for insulation and windows for electrically heated

homes.

Commercial Business Owners: BPA has just begun a rebate program for electric heat pump systems for your building. Call the Conservation Office for more information.

Preparing for winter tips for your home? Close or cover your foundation vents. Check the weatherstripping on your windows and

doors for a good seal. Replace energy to heat your home using an open fireplace.

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.

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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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Meetings & Closures

January 2017

- * 2 New Year's Day observed—offices closed
- * 3 Planning Commission Meeting—7pm Albee Room
- * **9 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**
- * 16 Martin Luther King Day—offices closed

February 2017

- * 6 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * **13 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**
- * 20 President's Day - offices closed

March 2017

- * 6 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * **13 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.