



*City of Milton-Freewater*

# 2018 Spring Newsletter

PO Box 6 – 722 S Main Street, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862



New Chevrolet Tahoe  
Police Pursuit Vehicle

This vehicle replaced the 1998 Chevrolet Lumina Sedan that previously served as an unmarked vehicle and has since been sold. This vehicle provides police officers access to places where a sedan would not be able to traverse due to inclement weather, and also helped phase out another 20-year old vehicle.

## THANK YOU City Council members...

For approving these purchases to update the City's fleet, saving down-time and added costs for repairs!

### No—not snow mowers!

The mower pictured on the left is a 2017 Toro Greensmaster 3250 that will be used on the golf course.

The mower on the right is a 2017 Toro Groundsmaster Mower 3500 and will be used on the golf course and also the city parks.

Both mowers replaced mowers that were over 20 years old. From March to early November, the mowers will be used on the City's approximately 52 acres of parks and also the golf course.



IMPORTANT! If you were on last year's EQUAL PAY PLAN, you will be put on next year's plan automatically, if your account balance at the time of your May statement is less than \$50.00. Should you NOT wish to continue on the plan, please note by checking below. Thanks!

\_\_\_\_\_ Please include me in the Equal Pay Plan  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to continue with the Equal Pay Plan  
 Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Questions may be directed to our Finance Department at 541-938-5531  
 PLEASE CUT THIS OUT OF YOUR NEWSLETTER AND RETURN THE FORM WITH YOUR NEXT PAYMENT. THANK YOU!

The City of Milton-Freewater is your recycling headquarters as of March 6, 2018.

With the increased costs of labor and doing business as well as the decreased marketability of recyclable materials and the termination of our service contract for curbside recycling we had no choice but to go back to the drawing board and start over to figure out... WHAT NEXT? We took into consideration first and foremost our citizens! We DID NOT want to increase fees so we took what we had to work with ---the current recycling rate at \$4.15 per customer, per month and built a program that meets the requirements of our solid waste permit, issued by the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

We have been asked “Why no plastic?” Well for starters our permit requires us to provide the opportunity for our customers to recycle --- newspaper, clean corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags, glass, tin, aluminum, used residential motor oil and miscellaneous scrap metal. No plastic? While we aim to be environmentally friendly and keep materials out of our landfill that are recyclable, we are not required to collect or recycle plastic. At this time plastic has become an expense to recycling programs. In order to build a sustainable program and keep our rates down, we have to comply with our permit as well as aim to minimize expenses and maximize revenues in order to balance our budget—this keeps us from having to increase your fees.

Our new recycling program is set up for our citizens to properly prepare, sort and haul their acceptable recyclable materials to one of our two depots. Both depots will be staffed during operating hours to ensure only the items listed below are deposited in the appropriate receptacles.

City of Milton-Freewater							
RECYCLING INFORMATION							
WHAT WE RECYCLE	Newspaper	Cardboard	Glass	Tin	Aluminum	Used Motor Oil	Scrap Metal/ Appliances
 Locations	 Newspaper, magazines and phone books ONLY! No string, plastic bags, boxes, etc.	 Corrugated Cardboard & brown paper bags ONLY! Flatten boxes. No waxed boxes, Styrofoam, plastic or packing materials.	 Glass jars and bottles ONLY. Labels are okay left on. Please rinse & remove lids. NO light bulbs, mirrors, ceramics, windows.	 Food containers ONLY. Empty & Rinse. No hazmat or non food tin cans. Labels are okay left on.	 Empty. May be brought to location in large plastic bags—no small bags. Clean foil and aluminum pie plates ok. Pop cans.	 RESIDENTIAL ONLY!!! Quart, gallon and up to 5 quart sized clear sealed plastic containers accepted for oil drop off ONLY. Motor Oil ONLY. No gasoline, diesel, solvents, antifreeze or other liquids.	Misc. Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metal. Hot water heaters, ranges, dishwasher, washing machines, and other metal appliances. Self haul - must haul and unload unassisted at site.
<b>640 County Rd</b> Open 12 Noon—4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 8a.m.—12 Noon Saturday	YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓
<b>13 SE 9th &amp; S Mill</b> Open 12 Noon—4 p.m. Wednesday & Friday	YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	NO X	NO X

Some customers have voiced that they want to ‘opt out’ and not recycle and not pay the fee. Unfortunately in order to have a solid waste utility we must have a recycling program. Here in Milton-Freewater we split your solid waste fees out on your bill to show you how much goes toward your trash collection service and how much goes toward our mandatory recycling program. In order to have the recycling program, we must have funding to operate the program. While the recycling fee is mandatory, participation is optional BUT comes highly recommended as it is also the environmentally responsible thing to do. If you choose to not participate, you will still be required to pay the monthly recycling fee. We caution our customers that we pay the DEQ for solid waste tonnage put in our landfill cell along with the costs of collecting waste and landfill operations. If our landfill tonnages go up, fees go up. When our operating fees go up, we have no other option than to increase our customers’ fees. Our goal is to NOT implement rate increases!

In order to have a more efficient drop off experience, please have all your items sorted separately before you arrive and only bring the accepted items prepared as outlined. For more information on our recycling program you can visit our web page at [www.mfcity.com](http://www.mfcity.com) under Public Works/Recycling or give us a call at 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274. We are here to serve our citizens!



*Holiday Refuse Schedule...*

		HOLIDAY	REFUSE PICK-UP
MAY 2018	Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2018	Tuesday, May 29, 2018

**Spring Cleanup  
APRIL 19th 20th 21st**

\*City refuse paying customers receive a ticket in their utility bill for ONE (1) free load at the City's landfill during the event. Tickets will be mailed in your utility statements from 3/13/2018 through 4/10/2018.  
\*Ticket must be presented at the site along with your most recent utility bill.

**MAXIMUM LIMITS:**

- \*800 pounds total. Weight in excess may be assessed additional fees.
- \*Maximum 4 passenger tires. ***TIRES MUST BE REMOVED FROM RIMS.***
- \*Loads must be covered or tarped to avoid additional fees.

**PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- \*E-waste—televisions and Computers (monitors & hard drives).
- \*Hazardous waste—Chemicals, batteries (including Car batteries), medically generated

**EVENT HOURS**

19th & 20th—7:30am to 6:00pm  
21st—7:30am to 3:30pm  
CLOSED DAILY FROM 11-12 FOR LUNCH!

Questions? Call 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274  
Or check out information on the City's website at [www.mfcity.com](http://www.mfcity.com)

In 2016, the City Council approved forming neighborhood associations which are free and open to all residents and businesses within the City limits. In order to establish a neighborhood association, ten petitioners are required within the association boundary. Last fall, the required number of petitioners in the Southwest and Southeast were received. The initial meeting of the Southwest and Southeast neighborhood associations should happen late spring or early summer. There is no deadline for filing a petition, so if there are ten residences in Northeast and Northwest areas of Milton-Freewater who would like to petition, contact MFDA at [mfda.director@gmail.com](mailto:mfda.director@gmail.com) or call 541-969-4485

There are more than 350,000 neighborhood associations in the US and over 300 in Oregon. Bend Oregon, which has 13 neighborhood associations, has agreed to guide us on the initial meeting and setup. Additionally, they have offered to be present at the meetings to answer questions. Bend's Lockspur Neighborhood Association said the benefits of a neighborhood association are crime prevention, community gardens, clean-up projects, traffic safety issues, sidewalk improvements, bicycle access ways, trails and parks, noxious weed abatement, and fire protection plans! Other associations have noted the benefit of input into land-use planning.

Notices of initial meeting dates will be provided well in advance. Tentatively they will be held at Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) so we can take advantage of video conferencing with experienced help. If you wish more information or want to be on the e-mail list please contact MFDA at [mfda.director@gmail.com](mailto:mfda.director@gmail.com) or call 541-969-4485.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Article submitted by David Shannon,



WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

*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

Spring is here! Time to open your foundation vents, and time to make upgrades to your home.

City Light & Power has rebates available for insulation, windows and heat pumps. Ductless Heat Pumps are here and saving our customers BIG MONEY on their heating and cooling bills.

Commercial/Industrial customers – BPA has made changes in the specifications for the lighting program. This makes the payback much more attractive for you to upgrade your lighting systems with LED lighting. We also have rebates for HVAC, insulation, windows and process improvements. Contact the Conservation Office for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT

THE CONSERVATION OFFICE BEFORE STARTING ANY ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. FAILURE TO CONTACT THE CONSERVATION OFFICE MAY VOID ANY POTENTIAL REBATE AVAILABLE TO YOU!

Let's work hard to—

**SAVE ENERGY!**

*City of  
Milton-Freewater*

PRESORTED STANDARD  
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

Visit us online at [www.mfcity.com](http://www.mfcity.com)

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

*City of Milton-Freewater  
Aquatic Center*

**Opens June 9th & 10th for the weekend, and then  
for the season after school lets out – June 13th.**

**Join the fun! Group rentals, Swim lessons, water  
aerobics, lap swims and a weekly BBQ!!!**

**Two sessions: 11:30am to 4pm & 5:30pm to 8pm**

**Check the City's website: [www.mfcity.com](http://www.mfcity.com)**



**FOOTGOLF** COME TRY IT OUT!!!

The game is played similar to golf. No need for golf clubs. Bring your ball or rent one from the Pro-Shop. Just kick a soccer ball toward a 21" cup. The player who finishes with the fewest shots—wins. All 18 holes are on the lower 9 of the golf course.

Tee times are required Friday-Sunday. Call 541-938-7284

**GOLF—Still a great game!**

April through August 2018—Hours  
Monday—Thursday 7am to dusk; Friday-Sunday 6am to dusk

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