



Since 1889



Construction news at City Hall

City Hall is getting an Elevator!

After 109 years, our city hall is getting an elevator to make it fully ADA accessible for folks who would have trouble with the steep steps to access the main second floor offices.

The elevator has been on several previous and current City Councils' goals lists for literally decades. For one reason or another, it was never able to be achieved.

Now, thanks in large part to a grant written by former Human Resource Officer Teresa Dutcher, we are on our way to realizing the dream of an elevator for our historic city hall! Teresa wrote grants that resulted in the City being awarded \$167,500 towards the elevator project, and the City secured a loan for the remainder of the project. The total cost of construction is expected to be approximately \$706,500.

McCormack Construction is the Construction Manager/General Contractor. The project has been proceeding on schedule and on budget since construction began this summer.

The elevator will be located on the south side of City Hall between City Hall and the Library building. The reason for this location is several fold. One, the City Hall building is on the National Historic Register and as such, is subject to strict specifications on what can affect the views and integrity of the original building from the outside. This meant the elevator could not be located on the north side or the front side as it would be too “noticeably distracting” from the building’s original looks. Also another reason it was located on this side of the building is that there is a requirement for a secondary safety staircase that can be used if the building were to catch on fire. There is room on the south side of the building to build the stair case but not on other sides of the building. The elevator will use an existing stairwell so disturbances of the building’s original design and architecture will be minimal.

The elevator will stop at all floors of City Hall, although for now, public access will be limited to the 1st and 2nd floors. Our future plans will be to open the 3rd floor up for public meetings and access, but we must first complete renovations to make them fully useable.

The elevator is expected to completed in late November so watch for a ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration when it is ready for use!



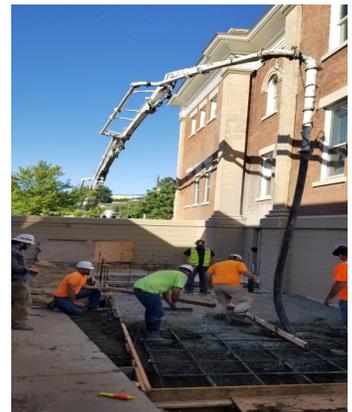
Excavation



Elevator foundation



Foundation



Concrete Pour

Photo credit: Brian Steadman—Public Works Superintendent

Fall Clean Up 2019

LOCATION: *City landfill off Tucholke Rd – Follow the signs.*



Event Rules:

Event dates:

October 18 & 19th ONLY



Hours:

Friday - 7:30 and to 6:00 pm
Saturday - 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
Closed from 11-12 DAILY

- Each Customer is allowed up to 800 lbs. with their ticket.
- Each Customer is allowed up to 4 tires.
- **TIRES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE RIM**—additional waste will be charged to your account.
- No E-waste accepted—(televisions, computers, etc.)
- All loads must be covered & secured. Fee may be charged on loads not secured or tarped.
- Customers must have a ticket and current utility bill.
- Event is for city refuse paying customers **ONLY!**
- One ticket will be issued per customer. No replacement tickets will be issued
- New refuse customers may be issued a ticket by contacting the Public Works Department at 541-938-8270 between the hours of 7am-12 noon & 1pm-4pm., Monday—Friday.

City Council

Lewis S. Key, Mayor

(vacant) , Ward 1

Bradley J. Humbert, Ward 2

Jose Garcia, 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

My power went out... What do I do?

We pride ourselves in the delivery of affordable and dependable power. On occasion the weather, accidents and other unpredictable situations occur that we can't control. Your safety is important to us.

Look around and see if the street lights are out and if your neighbors' lights are on.

If they are on it is most likely something at your home such as a circuit overload.

CHECK YOUR FUSES AND BREAKERS FIRST. If this is the cause of your power outage, contact an electrician. **DO NOT CALL 9-1-1.** If the problem is due to your private electrical components and it is after business hours that you call for a crew to come out you may be assessed a fee.

If the neighborhood lights are off and your circuit breakers are not tripped, it is most likely something outside your home. Stay inside unless you can visually inspect and see that there are no power lines down on the ground. Check with your neighbors on a landline phone and designate one household to call the outage in to the city. This helps to keep emergency phone lines open. During office hours you can contact us at 938-5531. After hours call police dispatch at 938-5511. This does not need to be a 9-1-1 call.



City of Milton-Freewater

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

**HAVE USED COOKING OIL?
OLD HOT WATER HEATER? OLD WASHER?
DRYER? REFRIGERATOR? BRING IT TO OUR
COUNTY RD DEPOT FREE!**

Please review all recyclable items listed on the website
www.mfcity.com

2019 Leaf Collection



Fall Leaf collection will be happening this year—check the city website for updates. Dates and zone information will be released as we get closer to the event!!

Always be willing to lend a helping hand to others. You may be the only person who cares enough to help.

Every year the City of Milton-Freewater, along with our amazing citizens, pull together to help those having hard times meeting their utility bill payments. The below voucher is all you need to fill out along with your one time donation, or continuing donation. Please consider donating to help our friends and neighbors needing a hand with utility payments.

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)

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One Dollars | <input type="checkbox"/> One Month | _____ Signature | _____ Date |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Dollars | <input type="checkbox"/> Six Months | _____ Name & address (please print) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ Dollars | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuous | | |

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



2019 Holiday Refuse & Recycling Schedule



| Month | Holiday | Date Observed | Alternate Collection Date | Recycling Depot Closures |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| November | Veteran's Day | Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 | Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 | |
| | Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 | Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019 | Closed Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 |
| | Day After Thanksgiving | Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 | Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 | Closed Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 |
| December | Christmas Eve | Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 | MONDAY Dec. 23 2019 | Closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 |
| | Christmas Day | Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019 | Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019 | Closed Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019 |
| January | New Year's Day | Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 | Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 | Closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 |

Please remember that if your regular collection day for refuse falls on one of the observed holidays, your refuse will be picked up on the alternate collection day. Please be sure your cans are out and clear for pick-up on the alternate collection day. Thank you for your help!!

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In Memory of our City Council President,

Orrin Lyon

Feb 14, 1937—August 26, 2019

Meetings and Closures

October 2019

- 7th—Planning Commission Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library
- 14th—City Council Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library

November 2019

- 4th—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library
- 11th—**Veteran's Day—Observed—City Offices Closed**
- 12th—City Council Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library
- 28th—**Thanksgiving Day—Observed—City Office Closed**
- 29th—**Day after Thanksgiving—Observed—City Offices Closed**

December 2019

- 2nd—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library
- 9th—City Council Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library
- 24th—**Christmas Eve—Observed—City Offices Closed**
- 25th—**Christmas Day—Observed—City Offices Closed**

January 2020

- 1st—**New Year's Day—Observed—City Offices Closed**

Library Board Meetings typically held the last Thursday of the month, 4pm in the Monahan room. Please check with the library by calling 541-938-8247.

Recreation Committee meetings typically held the first Tuesday of the month at 5pm in the Monahan Room. Please check with Public Works by calling 541-938-8270.

Please check the city's website calendar for any changes/cancellations to the schedule at www.mfcity.com

All meetings are open to the public. The locations of the meetings are handicapped accessible. Please call City Hall at 541-938-5531, if you will need any special accommodations or an interpreter to attend or to participate in the meetings.