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City of Milton-Freewater 2019 Spring Newsletter

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City Spotlight: Public Works Projects

Our Public Works crews are working hard for our community. In the first pictures, you will see the installation of a power screen. This screen was donated to us from the First Christian Church and has already been used at the Chamber Banquet this year.



David Loree working on installation of the power screen



The finished screen after installation.

In between shoveling snow and plowing streets, these hardworking and talented crew members are working hard on getting the aquatic center ready for the 2019 summer season. Renovations include fresh paint as well as many other projects to improve the aquatic center. Season will open on June 8, 2019.



Crew members Miguel Martinez and Jorge Estrada working on aquatic center upgrades



Craig Rouse sprucing up the aquatic center entrance.

Our 2019 Public Works Crew:

- Ryan Alden
- Mike Brannan
- Bryon Carson
- Matt Chesnut
- Bryan DeBeaumont
- Jorge Estrada
- Celso Flores
- Krista Gannon
- David Loree
- Nathan Lyon
- Miguel Martinez
- Levi Nored
- Sheldon Partney
- Steven Patten
- Martin Romero
- Craig Rouse
- Emilio Sandoval
- Ben Silva
- Tim Smock
- Brian Steadman
- Shane Wright

Holiday Refuse Schedule...

Month	Holiday	Date	Alternate Collection	Recycling Depot
		Observed	Date	Closures
May	Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2019	Tuesday, May 28, 2019	

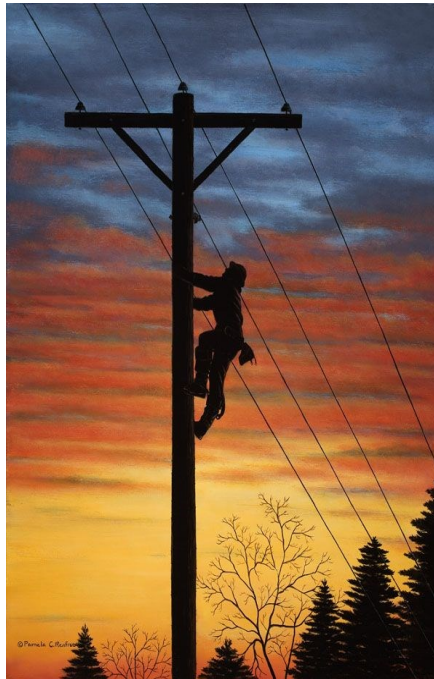
Scholarship Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 City Light & Power scholarship for individuals interested in the outside power lineman, electrical engineering or line staking trades.

Interested individuals can go to the city website for additional information and to download application forms at: www.mfcity.com.

You may also contact the electric department for applications and additional information at 541-938-8232 or 541-938-8277.

Completed applications are due no later than 4:00 pm on April 12, 2019.



BEFORE YOU DIG...

Calling 811 is the most important step!

Call 811 at least a few days before you start any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.

Ready to dig? We'll help you do it safely!



Conservation Corner

Spring is here and time for making your house or business more energy efficient. Meetings with BPA during the winter revealed that Insulation, Windows and Heat Pumps were their major focus for energy savings in the coming year.

We still have rebates available for insulation, windows, heat pumps and washer/dryers in homes that use electric heat and water heat. There is not a better way to save money on your utility bill and add value to your home than these measures.

Commercial business' can help their utility bill by installing new LED lighting. Rebates are \$0.18/ kWh saved for most projects.

As always, please contact the Conservation Office at City Hall or call 541-938-8237 **BEFORE STARTING YOUR PROJECT!**

Spring Clean Up –

City Refuse customers only!
April 26 & 27 Be watching for your ticket in your utility bill!



Are you planning a wedding, birthday party, or community event? The Milton-Freewater Community Building is available for your use! The building still has availability for this spring and summer.

For more information, please visit the Community Building's webpage on the City's website. The link is below and there you can find an availability calendar, photos, the application, and other information. <https://www.mfcity.com/cdp/webform/community-building-rental>



Community Crime Prevention

To start with, remember there is no magic formula that guarantees crime will stop. Society as a whole is the victim of drug driven crime, at the hands of perhaps the greatest cowards known: petty criminals. Police are only a part of the crime prevention equation. It really takes a more global, community oriented approach to make a noticeable and positive impact on crime. It takes people, both police and non-police, to truly make a difference.



Home safety is a major issue these days. There are some simple things you can do to lessen the possibility that your home will be next in line to be visited by the criminal element.

1. Exterior lighting. Cowards, like vandals, often need to do their cowardly deeds under the cover of darkness. By making sure your home has effective exterior lighting, you can greatly lessen your chances at becoming a victim of vandalism. Motion sensitive lighting is relatively inexpensive, and provides a deterrent to the criminal element.
2. The appearance and perception of being at home. Vandals, thieves, and burglars are the opportunists of the criminal world. They usually strike when they know or sense that no one is around to catch them in the act. By always giving the impression that you are home, you can minimize your likelihood of being victimized. Many people always have a television or a radio on in their home to give the impression of occupancy. Most burglars are reluctant to enter an occupied building or residence, so leaving such sound producing devices running can deter this type of crime. Another good "noise maker" is an alert dog left inside the residence while you're gone, or even in an attached garage. Many criminals don't savor the notion of being attacked by a four legged foe.
3. Watch out for each other. Nothing beats concerned and attentive neighbors looking out for one another. This concept is called neighborhood watch, and is a valuable tool at everyone's disposal.



Recycling Center

Change: Please sort your clean aluminum and tin separately. We now have containers specifically labeled for each item that will be required to be sorted at our locations. This change is due to mixed tin and aluminum not being marketable if not sorted. If we cannot find a market, then we are not able to complete the recycling process. Thank you!

Are you planning a home improvement project this spring or summer? If you are planning a fence, garden shed, or addition to your home, please call the Planning Department at (541) 938-8234 or 8235 for a Zoning Permit. Our helpful staff will be happy to assist you with the application process.



Electric Department

CUSTOMERS, City Light & Power needs your help! With the growing number of customers installing generators for use during power outages or solar panels to save energy, these products pose a VERY REAL DANGER to our linemen if they do not know they are installed on your home/business. City Light & Power asks all customers who have/use generators or solar power to notify us so we can note these products on our maps. By knowing where these systems are located allows our linemen to work on our power lines safely by isolating those electric service lines before they work on the distribution lines without 'back feed' of electricity from generators or solar panels. Unknown back feed of electricity on our distribution lines is very dangerous and can cause serious injury or death! Remember, we are not against the use of these products, we are only asking to know who is using them and where they are located so we can safely work to continue to provide you the best electric service possible.

If you use generators or solar panels on your home/business or plan to install either of these products, please contact the Electric Department at

541-938-8232, 541-938-8238 or 541-938-8230 as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help!!

Milton-Freewater City Light and Power.

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City Manager

Linda Hall

Meetings & Closures

April 2019

- * 1 Planning Commission Meeting—7pm Albee room
- * 8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room

May 2019

- * 6 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * 13 CITY COUNCIL MEETING—7pm—Albee Room
- * 27 Memorial Day—observed—Offices Closed

June 2019

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

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

Recreation Committee meetings typically held the first Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm 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 above 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, 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.