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Welcoming back our Flag Pole!

For several years our City's citizens and visitors have been greeted by the sight of our community's very large (10' x 15') American flag—flying proudly atop a 50 foot tall pole at the "Y" intersection in the center of town. The flag had been replaced 100's of times over the years, but the flag pole was the same one originally erected. Years of weather and buffeting high winds had taken their toll, and last spring our City crews noticed that the pole had become extremely compromised with large cracks in the metal. Experts evaluated the pole for safety and gave us the bad news—it must be taken down or risk injury to passersby. New poles to replace it were very costly—almost \$8,000 for the pole alone! The demolition of the old concrete base, reconstruction of the new concrete base, and replacement of the night time lights to keep the flag lit all added several more thousand dollars to the project cost. Due to our community support funding being given out in grants to our struggling businesses hit hard by COVID-19 closures, the City did not have extra funds for this project. But the community was really missing that flag!

So, we sought help through grants and were very grateful to receive financial support from MF AREA FOUNDATION (grant of \$6,500) and EURUS (grant of \$3,030) and help from Don Jackson Excavation (who helped us remove the multi-ton concrete ball of the former base!). These generous community donations, plus a lot of work by our dedicated city crew members all made this great project a reality!



Fall Clean Up 2020

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

Event Rules:



Event dates:

October 16 & 17th ONLY



Hours:

Friday - 7:30 and to 6:00 pm

Saturday - 7:30 am to 5:00 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.

Conservation Reminder



Time to prepare for winter...AGAIN!

City Light & Power has rebate and loan programs available to help customers with insulation, new windows and heating/cooling systems.

These programs are available for residential, commercial and industrial customers using electric heat and can help lower utility bills and make your home or business more comfortable.

Please contact the Conservation Office at 541-938-8237 BEFORE starting your upgrade.

Tips to help get your home ready for winter: **REMEMBER, DRAFTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALMOST 50% OF THE HEAT LOSS IN MOST HOMES/BUSINESS.**

Close your foundation vents around Thanksgiving. Check/adjust or replace the weather stripping on your entry doors. Caulk/seal all wall penetrations to the outside (TV/phone).

Use foam gaskets (available at most hardware stores) under all electrical switches and outlet covers and plastic safety plugs in electric plug outlets not being used to reduce drafts in the home. Replace furnace/heat pump filters.

Check caulking around window frames (inside and outside), replace if needed.

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2020 Leaf Collection



Fall Leaf collection 2020 will be happening this year and the planned schedule of leaf pick up follows:

Zone 1 –Week of November 16

Zone 2—Week of November 23

Zone 3—Week of November 30

Zone 4—Week of December 7

To locate your zone or with any additional questions, please contact our public works department at 541-938-8270, 541-938-8274 or 541-938-8272, or on the city website www.mfcity.com.

The City of Milton-Freewater bus and taxi are operating according to their normal schedules!

Passenger's requirements to ride the Milton-Freewater bus and taxi are:

**At least three (3) feet of physical distance between passengers.
Face covering are required (Exceptions allowed in document OHA 2355, 5/14/2020)**

Milton-Freewater Bus:

The Milton-Freewater Bus travels from Milton-Freewater to College Place, Walla Walla, and back, running Monday through Friday 7:50 a.m. to 2:40p.m. The bus is equipped with a bike rack, two wheelchair tie down stations, and is FREE for all patrons!

Milton-Freewater Taxi:

The taxi is a dial-a-ride transportation service for disabled individuals and people 60 years and older. The taxi travels inside and up to 5 miles outside Milton-Freewater city limits, running Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To sign up for the taxi program, please call 541-938-5531.

For bus schedule visit www.mfcity.com or for any additional bus or taxi information call our Planning office at 541-938-8235.



Month

2020 Holiday Refuse & Recycling Schedule



Recycling Depot Closures

Month	Holiday	Date Observed	Alternate Collection Date	Recycling Depot Closures
November	Veteran's Day	Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020	Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020	Closed Wednesday, November 11, 2020
	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020	Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020	Closed Thursday, Nov. 26 2020
	Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 27, 2020	Monday, Nov. 30, 2020	Closed Friday, Nov. 27, 2020
December	Christmas Eve	Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020	Wednesday Dec. 23 2020	Closed Thursday Dec. 24, 2020
	Christmas Day	Friday, Dec. 25, 2020	Monday, Dec. 28, 2020	Closed Friday, Dec. 25, 2020
January	New Year's Day	Friday, Jan. 1, 2021	Monday, Jan. 4, 2021	Closed Friday Jan. 1, 2021

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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Bradley J. Humbert, Ward 2
Jose Garcia, Ward 3
Verl Pressnall, At Large/Position 1
Steve Irving, At Large/Position 2
Edwin E. Chesnut, (*Council
President*) At Large/Position 3

City Manager

Linda Hall

Meetings and Closures

* meetings may be held virtually over Zoom (to be determined)

October 2020

- 5th—Planning Commission Meeting—7pm—Albee Room— City Library *
- 12th—City Council Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library*

November 2020

- 2nd—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 9th—City Council Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 11th—Veteran’s Day—Observed—City Offices Closed
- 26th—Thanksgiving Day—Observed—City Office Closed
- 27th—Day after Thanksgiving—Observed—City Offices Closed

December 2020

- 7th—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room— City Library*
- 14th—City Council Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 24th—Christmas Eve—Observed—City Offices Closed
- 25th—Christmas Day—Observed—City Offices Closed

January 2021

- 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.

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Due to ever changing COVID-19 restrictions, please check the city website: www.mfcity.com or call before the meeting date to verify any venue or date changes.