

Fall 2013

# City News

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**“True to the community of Milton-Freewater’s nature, we took on the problem together and together we prevailed!”**

*Linda Hall, City Manager*



## WE ARE OUT OF THE FLOOD ZONE!

*-by City Manager Linda Hall*

### Yes, it is true!

As of September 20<sup>th</sup> Milton-Freewater has revised flood risk maps that will not require flood insurance to be mandatorily purchased. For thousands of homeowners in our city that means approximately \$300 to \$500 less in bills for the family budget! Many commercial and business owners paid much more than that each year!



I am obligated to report that if people wish to continue paying flood insurance on their homes and buildings, they are still able to. However, if you do not wish to pay for flood insurance, you will no longer be required to by your mortgage lender.

If any question arises about proof that your home does not require flood insurance, please contact our planning department at (541) 938-8234 (City Planner Gina Hartzheim) or (541) 938-8235 (Planning Assistant Sharamé Marlatt) and ask for a copy of your property’s updated and revised flood risk map. This should be all you need to verify that your home no longer requires flood insurance to be mandatorily purchased.

A huge thank you goes out to the Milton-Freewater Water Control District Board: Chair Manford Anliker, Current Board Members Vern Rodighiero, Brad Humbert, Roger Cosner and new Board Member Donovan Phillips, as well as previous Board Member Sam Hopkins-Hubbard for their tremendous amount of dedication, perseverance, and hard work to get our flood control levee repaired, improved and recertified. Thank you to all those who voted for the Bond Measure to pay for these repairs as well.

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Levee photos courtesy of John Wells, P.E. Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc.

Before & After-  
Top left: Bridge at Couse Creek  
Bottom left: Levy access  
Top right: Bridge at SE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Bottom right: Nursery Bridge

## DOG LICENSING

2014 tags available November 1<sup>st</sup>

Help us to help you get your dog back!

Dog licenses will be available for purchase on November 1<sup>st</sup> for your canine pals!

City code **REQUIRES** dog licensing for **ALL** dogs over six (6) months of age.

License tags help identify your animal in the case they wander off. If your dog has a license tag, they are much more likely to be returned to you rather than impounded.

To obtain your new license fill out the form below, get proof of valid rabies vaccination from your veterinarian and remit your fee of \$35 for unaltered and \$10 for altered dogs at the Police Department or mail them in to us. Fees after March 1<sup>st</sup> incur an additional \$10 charge.

### PET INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M/F Altered: Y/N DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vet to Confirm: \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip: Y/N Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### OWNER INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Em. Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to:** City of Milton-Freewater,  
PO Box 6, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

## Do You Have Your 2014 Business License?

If you have a business location within the City or if you are doing business in the City, you will need a City Business License. The fee is \$35.00 and is due by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

All licenses expire December 31<sup>st</sup> and renewal notices will be mailed in November. To print a copy of the application from our web page go to [www.mfcity.com](http://www.mfcity.com).

## RECYCLE E- WASTE & PREVENT DATA THEFT!

Visit the DEQ web page at:  
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/consumers/index.htm> to get more information on how to ensure you take necessary precautions against data theft before disposing your old computers.

## Fall Clean Up Event

Our annual event will take place October 17 – 19. City refuse paying customers will once again be allowed to haul up to 800 lbs of waste to the City landfill at no charge.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED: automotive batteries, tires on the rim (we will accept up to four (4) tires off the rim per household), E-waste or hazardous materials **WILL NOT** be accepted. Please follow proper disposal methods for prohibited items.

Remember to bring your ticket and most recent utility bill for admittance. Event hours and information is printed on your ticket as well as on our web site at [www.mfcity.com](http://www.mfcity.com). Driving directions to the landfill are on our web page. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274.

## Has your phone number changed?

PLEASE Notify the Utility Billing Department or notate the number on your next billing remittance with your payment.

## 2013 Leaf Pick Up for City Residents

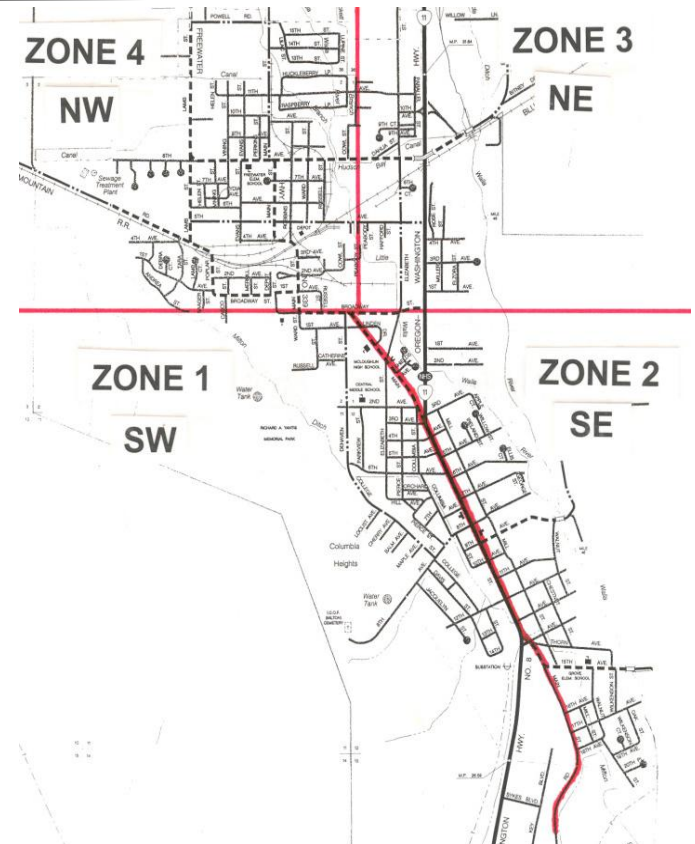
Leaves piled or bagged in the street near the curb will be picked up without charge by the City of Milton-Freewater crews starting Monday, November 18, 2013 through Friday, December 13, 2013. Please do not put lawn clippings, branches or other materials on the street or fees will be assessed. This event is to clean up **LEAVES ONLY**.

Leaves will be picked up according to which "ZONE" your residence is located in. Dates for each "ZONE" are as follows:

- 🍁 Zone 1 11/18/13-11/22/13 - SW portion of town from S. Main west and south of Broadway
- 🍁 Zone 2 11/25/13-11/29/13 - SE portion of town from S. Main east and south of Broadway
- 🍁 Zone 3 12/02/13-12/06/13 - NE portion of town from N. Elizabeth east and north of Broadway
- 🍁 Zone 4 12/09/13-12/13/13 - NW portion of town from N. Elizabeth west and north of Broadway

Visit us online for a map at [www.mfcity.com](http://www.mfcity.com) under Public Works. **Please do not put leaves out in the street after the above dates designated for your "ZONE".**

If you want to burn leaves on your property, call the Police Department at 938-5511 for a burning permit. Please do not burn leaves on the pavement. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 938-8270, 8272 or 8274.





Scan for the City's Bus Route

**HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

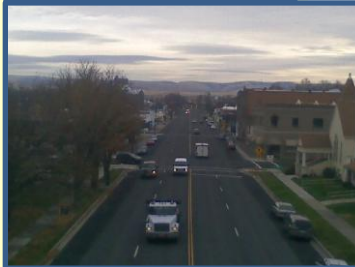
<b>November</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b> Observed: 11/11/13 Collection Day: 11/12/13	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Observed: 11/28/13 Collection Day: 11/27/13	<b>Day After Thanksgiving</b> Observed: 11/29/13 Collection Day: 12/02/13	
	<b>December</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Observed: 12/24/13 Collection Day: 12/23/13	<b>Christmas Day</b> Observed: 12/25/13 Collection Day: 12/26/13	<b>January</b>
			<b>New Year's Day</b> Observed: 01/01/14 Collection Day: 01/02/14	

**TREE TRIMMING**

The City of Milton-Freewater has an aggressive tree trimming policy with the intent of public safety and service reliability.

This past summer and fall we experienced a few windstorms that caused tree damage and power outages throughout our valley and region. Our public works crews were kept busy removing dangerous hanging limbs and cleaning up debris that was a hazard to the public. Our electric department responded to numerous down limbs on secondary house services but only had a few isolated outages and all customers had power restored within four (4) hours. Much of this was because of our winter tree trimming program. Winter tree trimming will be starting in December and continuing through March.

We encourage you to keep your trees and bushes trimmed, especially if you would like it done a specific way. Our goal is to make your City electric system safe with as few service interruptions as possible.



**CONSERVATION CORNER**

Current Residential Weatherization Programs

- Heat Pumps-Rebates range from \$500 to \$1,400.
- Windows-Rebates are \$3 per square foot of window area.
- Insulation-Rebates are available up to \$0.50 per square foot.
- Duct Sealing-Rebate is \$400 per system.

**Weatherization Tip:** Close your foundation vents during late fall and open them in early spring for added protection to help keep your water pipes from freezing. For more information please contact Pat Didion at Ext. 8237.



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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\_\_\_\_\_ **One Dollars**

\_\_\_\_\_ **One Month**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Two Dollars**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Six Months**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Name & address** (please print)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Dollars**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Continuous**

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

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U.S. POSTAGE  
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CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER INFORMATION

City Manager	938-8242
City Recorder	938-8233
Community Development	938-8236
Conservation	938-8237
Electric Department	938-8231 or 938-8232
Engineering	938-8230 or 938-8238
Finance Department (utility bill payments/taxi tickets)	938-5531
Fire Business	938-8256
Golf Course	938-7284
Human Resources/Public Transportation	938-8243
Library	938-8247
Municipal Court	938-8203
Planning & Zoning	938-8234 or 938-8235
Police Business	938-5511
Public Works	938-8270, 938-8272, 938-8274

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# Meetings & Events

## Meetings & Closures

### October 2013

- 7 Planning Commission Meeting – 7 pm. Albee
- 14 COLUMBUS DAY – offices closed
- 14 City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room
- 28 City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room \*
- 31 Library Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room

### November 2013

- 4 Planning Commission Meeting – 7 pm. Albee Room
- 11 VETERANS DAY – offices closed
- 12 City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room
- 28 THANKSGIVING - offices closed
- 29 Day After Thanksgiving – offices closed
- 21 Library Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – Monahan Room

### December 2013

- 2 Planning Commission Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room
- 9 City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE- offices closed
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY – offices closed

**\* TENTATIVE MEETING**

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.