



Fall 2014

City News



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Customer of the Quarter

On your trips to and from home each day do you ever wonder how that mess got cleaned up over there? Or how you never see litter stay along the gutter of your street for very long before it disappears? What about the people who take their personal time without pay or any recognition to step up and take over the care of a historic landmark such as the Old Pioneer Cemetery?

Good News Milton-Freewater! We are fortunate to be home to some dedicated, hardworking citizens who keep our neighborhoods and landmarks clean and maintained “behind the scenes”.

This quarter we are recognizing lifelong resident **Randy Reese** for being that person. Randy recently took over or rather “adopted” the maintenance of the Old Pioneer Cemetery from longtime volunteer and former Customer of the Quarter, Nancy Doherty. As Randy is well aware and has been from day one, this newly “adopted” task is going to be a hand’s on, get dirty job with some “big running shoes” to fill. Randy donates many hours of hard work throughout the year - mowing, cleaning up, fixing and maintaining the historic cemetery, which might I add is funded primarily by donation, volunteerism and grants. When Randy agreed to take over this task on his “off time” from his regular job, he knew it would require hard work and the physical act of asking for donations and volunteers – something he wasn’t exactly used to doing before. Well Randy, due to your hardworking, community-minded ethics your efforts of taking the time to stop and pick up trash and weeds in your neighborhood and wherever else your canine companions lead you on your walks - those “big running shoes” you are taking each stride forward in are fitting you quite well.

“Randy is always busy keeping the neighborhood cleaned up with a bucket, broom or rake in his hand. ”

Lewis Key, Mayor & neighbor



Mayor Lewis Key and Customer of the Quarter Randy Reese

Congratulations on being our Fall 2014 Customer of the quarter and **THANK YOU RANDY** for taking an active role in keeping our community clean and a great place to call home! Keep up the great work!

Fall Clean Up

Our annual event will take place October 16 – 18. City refuse paying customers will once again be allowed to haul up to 800 lbs of waste to the landfill at no charge with your ticket and most recent utility bill. BE WATCHING – TICKETS ARE MAILED ACCORDING TO YOUR BILLING CYCLE.

If your account starts with 1	Your ticket will be mailed the week of October 6 th
If your account starts with 2	Your ticket will be mailed the week of September 15 th
If your account starts with 3	Your ticket will be mailed the week of September 22 nd
If your account starts with 4	Your ticket will be mailed the week of September 29 th

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

Event hours and information will be printed on your ticket as well as on our website at www.mfcity.com. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274.

City Council

- Lewis Key, Mayor
- Orrin Lyon, Ward 1
- Brad Humbert, Ward 2
- Jeff Anliker, Ward 3
- Sam Hopkins-Hubbard – AL/Pos. 1
- Steve Irving – AL/Pos. 2
- Ed Chesnut – AL/Pos. 3

City Manager

Linda Hall

Tree Trimming

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

On occasion we experience windstorms that may result in tree damage and power outages throughout our valley and region. Our Public Works crews are kept busy removing limbs and cleaning up debris that may pose a hazard to the public on streets and other public areas. Our Electric Department responds to numerous down limbs mostly on secondary house services and on a rare occasion we may have a few isolated outages with power restored in no time at all. Much of this is because of our winter tree trimming program. Winter tree trimming will be starting in December and continuing through April.

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 streets and electric system safe with as few service interruptions as possible.



City Journeymen Linemen performing substation maintenance (left to right) – Rick Duede, Richard Jolly, Scott Graff & Shannon Brownie. Not pictured but also on job – Rich Gannon and Bill Daugherty.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

LOOKING AHEAD ...
Business licenses are due for renewal by January 1st of each year. Renewal notices for 2015 are planned to be mailed in November.

AVOID INACCESSIBLE METER FEES!

Keep water and electric meters clean and accessible at ALL times.

HELP! 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.

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 if it is after business hours that you call for a crew to come out, you may be assessed a fee.

If they 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.

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)

(check one below)

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.

Has your phone number changed?

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

<i>Holiday Refuse Schedule</i>	
<i>Observed</i>	<i>Collection Day</i>
<i>November</i>	
Thanksgiving	
Thur. 11/27	*Wed. 11/26*
Day after Thanksgiving	
Fri. 11/28	Mon. 12/1
<i>December</i>	
Christmas Eve	
Wed. 12/24	*Tue. 12/23*
Christmas Day	
Thur. 12/25	Fri. 12/26
<i>January 2015</i>	
New Year's Day	
Thur. 1/1	Fri. 1/2



Don't overload your garbage can!
Request an extra off-route pick up
for the same price - \$17.50



Public Works employees replacing alley approach (left to right) – Emilio Sandoval, Shane Wright & Levi Nored. Not pictured but also on the job – Dave Robertson & Dan Verkist



Recycling Services



Horizon Project, Inc. is the recycling contractor for the City of Milton Freewater offering residents a convenient way to be environmentally friendly. Horizon Project is a full service recycling center that offers curbside pickups, a community drop off bin located on South Main Street, and an additional drop off site at the Horizon Project Facility located at 608 N. Russell Street open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday- Friday.

We gladly accept the following items: plastic bottles, cardboard, aluminum cans, rinsed glass bottles and jars with lids removed, newspaper, magazines, miscellaneous office paper. Motor oil (residential only – no commercial) can be dropped off at the Horizon Project Facility on Russell Street **during business hours only.**



	Russell Street	Curbside Residential/Business	South Main Bin <small>Closed from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.</small>
Plastic	✓	✓	✓
Cardboard	✓	✓	✓
Aluminum cans	✓	✓	✓
Glass bottles/jars	✓	✓	✓
Newspaper/magazines	✓	✓	✓
Office paper	✓	✓	✓
Used motor oil <small>(residential use only)</small>	✓	Not accepted →	

If you have any questions about our services or need to have a blue recycle container delivered to your location please contact: LeAnn Nelson at 541-938-5658

HOME WEATHERIZATION

Conservation

Colder temperatures are on the way! It is time to think about home weatherization.

Warm up your home with insulation, new windows and/or a heat pump. We have rebates available to help with the cost of such improvements.

Contact the Energy Conservation Office at City Hall or call Pat Didion at 541-938-8237 for more details.

ENERGY TIP: Around Thanksgiving close and /or cover your foundation vents to protect your water pipes.

Contact us prior to committing to any upgrades to verify they qualify for rebates.

Corner

National Fire Prevention Week - Oct 5-11

Do your part to prevent fires before they start. With the upcoming cooler weather many will be turning on your heat source. BEFORE turning on your heat source be sure to:

- Clear all items that are within a three foot perimeter away and clean your stove and chimney.
- Inspect all fuel-burning equipment is properly vented to the outside.
- Each level of your home should have smoke detectors installed and if applicable carbon monoxide detectors as well. Replace your batteries and then give them a test to ensure they are working properly and if they are 8-10 years old replace them.

The costs associated with taking precautions for your household safety are worth saving lives.

For more fire safety tips visit the Oregon State Fire Marshal website at: www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM

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Milton-Freewater

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	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 or 938-8274

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Meetings & Closures

October 2014

- 13 COLUMBUS DAY – offices closed – solid waste collection on regular schedule
- **13 City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room**
- **27 City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room ***
- Planning Commission - no meeting for October

November 2014

- 3 Planning Commission Meeting – 7 pm. Albee Room
- 11 VETERANS DAY – offices closed
- **10 City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room**
- 27 THANKSGIVING - offices closed
- 28 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING – offices closed

December 2014

- 1 Planning Commission Meeting – 7 p.m. – Albee Room
- **8 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.