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Christmas Tree Removal



City residents may have their Christmas trees removed at no charge between January 2nd-4th, 2019.

All lights, stands and decorations must be removed and trees must be placed along curb within designated dates.

MFDA is looking for your input!

The Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance (MFDA) is requesting your input on the focus of our downtown. Should the focus be kids & family, art, antiques, food & entertainment, music, wine, or something else? What changes are needed for you to spend more time in our downtown? MFDA will be working diligently during the next few years to make downtown a place where our residents and visitors will want to hangout and enjoy themselves. Help us move forward by giving us your thoughts on seven questions which will take about 3 minutes to complete. The questionnaire may be completed online. Please go to www.mfdowntown.org and follow the link to the survey. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call Mark Driver at 509-386-2219 and request a copy be delivered to you.

Thank you for your help in completing this survey!!

The city is looking for your help!

This is a list of reminders and requests from your city staff as we head into 2019!

1. **Help us find you!!** Just a reminder that physical addresses need to be clear and visible to assist city staff and emergency personnel when responding to your home.
2. Electric meters must be clear and accessible at all times to electric staff.
If your meter is located inside of a fenced area or blocked, access fees may be charged should staff be unable to quickly and safely access your meter. Please contact the electric department at 541-938-8232 to make arrangements if necessary to insure access and avoid any penalties.
3. Attention dog owners of Milton-Freewater: 2019 dog licenses are for sale now at the Milton-Freewater Police Department. Dog licenses are \$10 if your pet is spayed or neutered and \$35 if not. Please bring proof of a current rabies vaccination with you from a licensed veterinarian. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed to each dog license purchased beginning March 1, 2019.
4. All business owners, just a reminder that 2019 business license renewals were due by January 1, 2019. Please contact the planning department at 541-938-8235 or 541-938-8234 to get your renewal processed by January 31, 2019 and avoid the additional \$10 late fee.
5. Water meters must be clear and accessible to Public Works staff at all times. Meter lids need to be clear of landscaping, yard debris and vehicle obstruction.



Holiday Refuse Schedule...

Month	Holiday	Date	Alternate Collection	Recycling Depot
		Observed	Date	Closures
January	New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2019	Wednesday, January 2, 2019	Closed Tuesday, January 1, 2019
	Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 21, 2019	Tuesday, January 22, 2019	
February	President's Day	Monday, February 18, 2019	Tuesday, February 19, 2019	

Tis the season to **RECYCLE!!**

Once the holidays are over many find themselves needing more space in their trash can. **STOP!** Consider recycling to save room in your trash can for those other non-recyclable items.

Recyclable items:

Glass
Scrap metal
Used Motor Oil
Christmas Trees
Appliances (metal)
Tin & Aluminum Cans
Corrugated Cardboard

All you need to do is sort it, prepare it & drop it by one of our

Recycling depot locations:

640 County Road

Open noon to 4pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

& 8am to noon Saturdays

13 SE 9th & S. Mill Street

Open noon to 4pm Wednesdays & Fridays

Save time and garbage overcharge fees!

1. Bag your garbage and tie the bags before disposing it in the trash can. This helps keep litter down and your personal business out of the neighboring lawns/properties.
2. Do not overload your garbage can or you may be subject to overcharge fees for overloading or quite possibly the trash can may not get dumped. If this happens the result is that you have to unload the overloaded waste and you'll be charged an off route fee for us to come back. If you overload your waste it will end up on the ground – save yourself time and added clean up.
3. If you find that you need an additional garbage can we have options that are better than overloading your can – both capacity and price wise! Call us for options. 541-938-8270, 541-938-8272 or 541-938-8274.



Conservation Corner

2019



Homeowner/Landlords: We still have rebate programs to help with replacing your heating system, windows or adding insulation to your house.

Business Owners: We have rebate programs to help you upgrade your lighting, HVAC, windows/insulation and certain process improvements that save electricity.

Agriculture/Irrigators: We have rebate programs for improving the efficiency of your pumps, sprinklers and sprinkler pipes.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSERVATION OFFICE AT CITY HALL OR BY PHONE 541-938-8237 BEFORE STARTING ANY PROJECT!!!!

Winter tips to save energy:

Open South facing window blinds/curtains when the sun is out, close them at night or cloudy days.

Close your foundation vents, open them in the spring.

Clean your clothes dryer vent of lint after EVERY load of clothes. This also reduces the chance of a fire in the dryer.

Set back your thermostat when you are not home and at night. Programmable or web enabled thermostats are great for this.

Check entry door weather stripping, caulk around windows frames and doors, seal all penetrations through walls ceiling and floors (TV, Phone, Electrical Plumbing), especially electrical outlets and switches (even on interior walls).

This is a great low cost/no cost way to save energy. Remember that drafts in a house can cause as much heat loss as having poor insulation. If your home was built before 1991, it is a known fact that if you were to add up all the air leaks in your home it would equal a 2 foot by 2 foot hole in your wall. It will also reduce the dust entering your home.

Pat Didion, M-F City Light & Power 541-938-8237

Editor's Note: As promised—more information on this wonderful new program

Mac-Hi's new attendance campaign Strive for 5 is in full swing, this campaign encourages students to miss no more than five school days. The school is partnering with parents and businesses providing "talking points". These talking points give opportunities for both to visit with school aged children about the importance of school and graduation. Mac-Hi is finishing the first semester in the next six weeks and staff will be reviewing attendance improvements over the past year. Last year 72% of Mac-Hi students were regular attenders, the other 28% were chronically absent. The state considers any student who misses more than two days a month for any reason to be chronically absent. Being chronically absent has a high correlation with dropout rates and Mac-Hi's goal is graduate students with a good, well rounded education and to be college and career ready. The Strive for 5 campaign was introduced to students in September and it has been promoted through pep assemblies and class competitions. Currently the junior class is leading the November competition with attendance at 89%. The freshmen class won September and October and had a Cheeto and Root Beer Float party respectively. Go Pioneers.

McLOUGHLIN HIGH SCHOOL



- ✓ Miss no more than five days this school year.
- ✓ On time, in class, every day.
- ✓ Better attendance leads to better graduation rates.
- ✓ Lost class time, are lost opportunities.
- ✓ No se pierda más de cinco días este año escolar.
- ✓ A tiempo, en clase, todos los días.
- ✓ Mejor asistencia conduce a mejores tasas de graduación.
- ✓ Tiempo de clase perdido, se pierden oportunidades.

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Linda Hall

Meetings & Closures

January 2019

- * 1 **New Year's Day**—observed— Offices Closed.
- * 7 Planning Commission Meeting—7pm Albee room
- * **14 CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7pm - Albee Room**
- * 21 **Martin Luther King Day**—observed—Offices Closed

February 2019

- * 4 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * **11 CITY COUNCIL MEETING—7pm—Albee Room**
- * 18 **President's Day**—observed—Offices Closed

March 2019

- 4 Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm Albee Room
- * **11 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.