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Graffiti and Our City

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Graffiti is a blight on society. Cities and counties across the United States are plagued by this reprehensible way of violating the peace and quality of life all law abiding citizens want. The financial costs associated with acts of graffiti are astonishing, and often prohibit government entities from addressing the problem adequately. This is where community, and community partnerships and volunteerism enter this quality of life equation.

Here are some proven techniques and methods for addressing and removing graffiti, as well as some ways in which citizens can band together, through volunteerism and partnering, to help take back their town.

HOW DO I REMOVE GRAFFITI?

The most common ways of removing graffiti are sanding or scraping it off, painting over it, or removing it with solvents. The method selected will depend on the type of surface involved, and the substance to be removed.

WHAT IF I AM PHYSICALLY OR FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO REMOVE GRAFFITI MYSELF?

If you live in the city limits of Milton-Freewater you may contact:

A participant with the Milton-Freewater Graffiti Busters program---a local community based group of volunteers who are diligently striving to obliterate existing graffiti, and discourage future occurrences by timely removal.

If unsure how to contact Graffiti Busters, phone the Milton-Freewater Code Enforcement officer, and he can put you in contact with an appropriate Graffiti Buster. That phone number is: (541) 938-5511. Just ask for the Code Enforcement Officer.

HOW CAN OUR COMMUNITY PREVENT GRAFFITI?

Graffiti prevention efforts involve a combination of community education and citizen involvement, efficient removal methods, laws and ordinances that are strictly enforced, and a commitment to engage at-risk youth in positive activities and pursuits within the community.

Become educated, and in turn, help educate others about the importance of both reporting and removing graffiti.

Adopt a spot in your community and help ensure it stays clean and free of graffiti.

Become a volunteer with the Milton-Freewater Graffiti Busters.

Find ways to engage at-risk youth in positive activities. Become a role model, such as a coach, youth leader, or school volunteer.

Learn, understand, and utilize the "Practice Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategy. This model uses the physical environment to reduce incident and fear of crime. Five main elements of CPTED are:

Territoriality---The use of fences, signs, landscaping, and good maintenance to convey ownership of the property.

Natural Surveillance---The purposeful placement of physical features and activities that maximize the ability of people in the area to see what is going on around them.

Activity Support---Encouraging positive, legitimate activities in public spaces, thereby discouraging criminal activity.

Access Control: The proper placement of entrances, exits, fencing, landscaping, and lighting to discourage criminal activity.

Join or start a Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood Watch helps to strengthen communities by encouraging residents to look out for one another and to work closely with law enforcement to address crime and livability issues in their area.

HOW CAN BUSINESSES HELP?

Since businesses are a vital, important part of any community, they can follow all of the above mentioned guidelines to discourage and remove graffiti from their property.

Merchants can also respond to the graffiti problem by making it harder to get the paint or markers used by taggers. By making these products less accessible, stores can make a big impact.

WHO ARE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS?

The Milton-Freewater Unified School District

The City of Milton-Freewater

The Milton-Freewater Graffiti Busters volunteer organization

The Milton-Freewater Chamber of Commerce

The Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance

The citizens of our local faith community

All law abiding, citizens interested taking back the quality of life they deserve

Recycle your Christmas Tree

City crews will be picking up Christmas trees at **NO CHARGE** during the period of:

January 2-10, 2020



All lights, stands and decorations must be removed prior to trees being picked up.

Trees must be placed along the curb within the dates shown above. Trees put out after the event may incur a fee for pick up.

Please do not put your tree in your garbage can.

Reminder

Burn barrels are **prohibited** in the City Limits at all times.



Attention dog owners of Milton-Freewater:

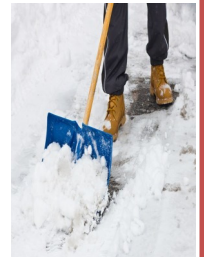
2020 dog licenses are for sale now at the Milton-Freewater Police Department. The dog licenses are \$10 if your pet is spayed or neutered and \$35 if not. Please bring proof of a current rabies vaccination with you from a licensed veterinarian. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed to each dog license purchased beginning March 1, 2020

DOG LICENSING



REMINDER!!

As we move into the winter months, please remember to shovel and remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Lets work together to keep all residents safe!



Upcoming changes and upgrades to keep our students safe!

Figure 1 - Crosswalk at South Main (OR 11) and SE/SW 10th Ave where a new rapid flashing beacon will be installed this winter or spring. This project is funded by the Safe Routes to School program from ODOT with match funding coming from the City of Milton-Freewater.

The City of Milton-Freewater, in partnership with the Milton-Freewater School District and Oregon Department of Transportation, was awarded a Safe Routes to School grant from the ODOT to install a new rapid-flashing beacon at the intersection of South Main Street (OR 11) and SE/SW 10th Ave and install a new sidewalk along SW 12th Ave. The rapid-flashing beacon will be very similar to those installed at SE/SW 4th Ave by McDonald's and SE/SW 12th Ave by Fresenius. The City funded and installed a new sidewalk along SW 12th Ave last summer to allow students to safely walk or bike to school. The crosswalk and sidewalk are located on a Walking School Bus route for Gib Elementary School. The crosswalk portion of the project is currently being design by ODOT engineers and is scheduled to be constructed this winter/spring. If you have questions about the project, please contact Steven Patten at 541-938-8274 or steven.patten@milton-freewater-or.gov.

Want to go



? Then



sign up for E-STATEMENTS.

Call (541-938-5531) or visit City Hall – Finance Department and get signed up. If you already pay your utility bill on-line through Xpress BILL PAY, you can sign up to go paperless there as well.

2020 CENSUS

WHAT IS THE CENSUS?

Required by the U.S. Constitution, the Census is a count that is taken once every decade of each person living within the United States. Every household will be sent a survey, which will ask who is living at your address as of April 1st, 2020. You will have the chance to respond online, by phone, or by mail. Federal law always keeps responses safe and secure.

WHY IS THE CENSUS SO IMPORTANT?

Having an accurate count of people living in our community is very important, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect our community funding, congressional reputation, and more. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to schools, roads, hospitals, fire departments, and other resources based on the census data.

By each person being accounted for in these surveys, it equates to \$3,200 per person.

The Milton-Freewater Library will be a resource center for the 2020 Census. Beginning March 1, 2020, a computer will be available during open hours Monday-Wednesday 11am to 7pm, Thursday-Friday 10am to 6pm, and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

A translator will be available to help.

YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS!!



Reminder business owners!

Business License renewal for 2020 was due January 1st!

Please contact the planning department at 541-938-8235 or 541-938-8234 to get your license renewal today!!

Conservation Corner

Homeowners, we still have rebates available for Heat Pumps, Insulation, Windows and Energy Star Rated Clothes Washer/Dryer.

Commercial Building Owners, we have rebates for heat pumps and LED lighting.

Ag/Industrial Business Owners, rebates are available for irrigation or manufacturing process improvements.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSERVATION OFFICE BEFORE STARTING YOUR PROJECTS!!! Call 541-938-8237 for more information.

Winter Tips:

Now is the time to close your foundation vents and replace the filter on your heating system.

Check/replace the weather stripping on your entry doors and caulk around your windows.

Holiday Refuse Schedule:

Month	Holiday	Date Observed	Alternate Collection Date	Recycling Depot Closures
January	New Year's Day	Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020	Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020	CLOSED Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020
	Martin Luther King Day	Monday, Jan. 20, 2020	Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020	
February	President's Day	Monday, Feb. 17, 2020	Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020	

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Steve Irving, At Large/Position 2

**Edwin E. Chesnut, (Council
President) At Large/Position 3**

City Manager

Linda Hall

Meetings and Closures

January 2020

- **1st—New Year's Day—Observed—City Offices Closed**
- 6th—Planning Commission Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library
- 13th—City Council Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library
- **20th—Martin Luther King Day—Observed—City Offices Closed**

February 2020

- 3rd—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library
- 10th—City Council Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library
- **17th—President's Day—Observed—City Offices Closed**

March 2020

- 2nd—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library
- 9th—City Council Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library

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.