



City of Milton-Freewater 2021 Fall Newsletter

Meet your new City Councilor

Wes Koklich

Article by City Manager Linda Hall

We are pleased to introduce our newest city councilor, Wes Koklich. He was sworn into office on August 9, 2021 at the City Council's regular meeting. Wes will serve the remaining term of office; City Councilor At Large Position #3, which will terminate December 31, 2022. The council seat was vacated when Ed Chesnut announced his resignation due to moving outside city limits. Ed served on the city council for 14 years. Wes has served on the City's Planning Commission and Budget Committee. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and also serves on the Milton-Freewater Ambulance Board. Wes was born and raised in Milton-Freewater and is a graduate of Mac-Hi.



Photo Credit:
Leanne Steadman, City Recorder



Pamela R. Hays

04/09/1970—08/27/2021

Lifelong City of Milton-Freewater resident and City of Milton-Freewater Municipal Court Clerk, Pam Hays, passed away on August 27, 2021. Her bright smile, contagious laughter, and positive attitude will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and co-workers. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to her husband Scott and their children Cody and Cassidy as well as to their entire family.



**10/15/21
&
10/16/21
HOURS:**

City of Milton-Freewater – Public Works Department –

PO Box 6, 501 Lamb St., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

LOCATION:

City landfill off Tucholke Rd – Follow the signs.

Please go to the city website: www.mfcity.com to access the full flyer for additional event rules, fees, as well as a map to the landfill.

Friday

**7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. &
12 p.m.(Noon) to 6 p.m.**

Saturday

**7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. &
12 p.m. (Noon) to 5 p.m.**

Stay Safe When a Power Line Is Down

Know What to Do When Hazards Strike

Be aware of hazards presented by downed power lines. Your life or the life of someone else depends on it.

Never Touch a Downed Power Line

Never touch anything or anyone in contact with a power line. You could be shocked by contact with the line or a secondary object or person.

When a live wire touches the ground, electricity fans out through the ground, similar to when a pebble hits water. You could be shocked when in the area of a downed power line. The minimum safe distance from a downed power line is 35 feet.

- **Consider all wires energized and dangerous.** Even de-energized lines may become energized at any time.
- **Stay at least 35 feet away from downed lines.**
- **Electricity can travel through the ground, fences, hoses, and playscapes.** A live wire, either on the ground or in trees, can harm you, even if you don't directly touch the line.
- **Electricity can also travel through tree limbs.** Never remove tree limbs or other items touching or near a downed wire. Call **City Light & Power at 541-938-5531** to report the tree limb.
- **Never use any object to move a downed wire.**
- **Rubber gloves and rubber-soled shoes will not protect you from electrocution.**

Do not try to rescue someone who makes contact with a downed power line.

You risk becoming a victim yourself. Call **9-1-1**.





REMINDER BUSINESS OWNERS

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2022 WILL BE SENT OUT IN NOVEMBER AND ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2022.

PLEASE CONTACT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT 541-938-8235 FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

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.



CORRECT DRIVER ACTIONS AT STOP SIGNS

By Chief Doug Boedigheimer

An aspect of traffic safety that seems to be greatly misunderstood or perhaps even overlooked by drivers is the correct response and action at stop signs.

This article cannot address every conceivable scenario, so let's concentrate on probably the most obvious: a stop sign where there is a clearly drawn line, or marked crosswalk present.

The ONLY legal and safe driver response to this situation is to stop the vehicle completely BEHIND either a clearly drawn line if present, or, BEHIND a marked crosswalk when present.

After doing this, and if visibility is not clear, then a driver has a legal right to safely pull forward until they can see whether or not it is safe to proceed.

Be reminded that if any part of a motor vehicle initially stops over a clearly marked stop line at a stop sign, or over a crosswalk, this is a citable offense. Only after a driver performs the stop described above can he or she then proceed over a line or crosswalk.

The above also applies at four way stops, but, the correct responses to those traffic situations require adherence to another set of the rules of the road for drivers, to be covered in a later article.

SAFETY ALERT FROM CITY LIGHT & POWER:

If you use (or plan to use) a generator in your home or business during a power outage, City Light & Power reminds you to **PLEASE:**

Open the Main Breaker on your electrical panel before starting your generator! If you plug in a generator into your home with the Main Electric Breaker closed you will back feed power onto our powerlines making a dangerous situation for our linemen trying to restore power..

Please keep your generator outside and downwind of your house at least 20 feet to prevent harmful exhaust gases from entering your home. **No, running a generator inside the garage is not a good idea.**

Before refueling your generator, shut off the engine and let the engine cool off for at least 5 minutes.

Make sure the electrical cord connecting the generator to the house is rated to carry the electrical load.

Put these reminders where you can see and use them for future reference.

HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Month	Holiday	Date Observed	Alternate Collection Date
Nov. 2021	Veteran's Day	Thursday Nov. 11, 2021	Friday, Nov. 12, 2021
	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021	Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021
	Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 26, 2019	Monday, Nov. 29, 2021
Dec. 2021	Christmas Eve	Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021	Wednesday Dec. 22, 2021
	Christmas Day	Friday, Dec. 24, 2021	Monday, Dec. 27, 2021
January 2022	New Year's Day	Friday, Dec. 31, 2021	Monday, Jan. 3, 2022

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Wes Koklich At Large/Position 3

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Linda Hall

Meetings and Closures

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

October 2021

- 4th—Planning Commission Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 11th—City Council Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library*

November 2021

- 1st—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 8th—City council Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 11th—Veteran's Day Holiday—Observed—City Offices Closed
- 25th—Thanksgiving Holiday—Observed—City Offices Closed
- 26th—Day after Thanksgiving—Observed—City Offices Closed

December 2021

- 6th—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 13th—City Council Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 23rd—Christmas Eve Holiday—Observed—City Offices Closed
- 24th—Christmas Day Holiday—Observed—City Offices Closed
- 31st—New Years 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.