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Stop Signs and Turns



An informational article by Chief of Police Doug Boedigheimer

A common driving/traffic issue deals with a driver's response to being stopped at a stop sign. In the previous article, the issue of WHERE drivers are supposed to stop at a stop sign was addressed, i.e., behind a marked line, or, behind a crosswalk.

A closely related issue, is the question of HOW LONG must I remain stopped at a stop sign? Now to speak of situations where a stop sign is present for drivers on one roadway, and where there are no stop signs for drivers on an intersecting/crossing roadway.

For drivers who are facing a stop sign, merely stopping is not enough. Drivers who have stopped at a stop sign must remain stopped until it is safe to move onward away from the stop sign, whether turning right or left, or proceeding straight. This means drivers at stop signs must wait for all other traffic on the uncontrolled roadway to safely pass, since those drivers do not have stop signs. Those drivers always have the right of way.

Barely stopping at a stop sign, then abruptly pulling out, cutting off other drivers and causing them to have to slow down and apply braking to avoid a collision is unlawful, and is a citable offense. It's a simple concept: drivers at stop signs must wait and be sure that all other traffic on an uncontrolled roadway is not so close so as to constitute an immediate safety conflict.

Regarding turns from one street or roadway onto another, or into a driveway, or into the parking lot of a local business. The legal requirement is drivers must signal for at least 100 feet BEFORE making a turn. This is a matter of both safety, and courtesy, to let other drivers on the road know what you're intending to do. The same 100 foot rule applies to changing lanes: the law requires at least 100 feet of signal BEFORE moving from one lane into an adjacent lane.

At the end of the day, the above laws are intended to provide safety to drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians. At the heart of these laws lies the idea of driver patience, attentiveness, and diligence. If drivers exercise these three attributes, keeping in mind the above laws and rules of the road, it helps make everyone safer on our streets.



Recycle your Christmas Tree

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

January 3-7, 2022

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.



DECEMBER 2021 RECYCLING

Now more than ever we are counting on our recyclers to recycle right!

WISHFUL RECYCLING IS NOT RECYCLING! Some items are trash please dispose of them before you come to the drop off locations. If they are too large for your trash container please give us a call. We have other options available to help you dispose of those items properly.
Public Works Department 541-938-8270, 8272 or 8274 or at www.mfcity.com

DROPPING OFF NON-RECYCLABLES
IS CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE LITTERING (ORS 164.805)

MAXIMUM FINE \$1,250.00

If you see someone disposing of non-recyclable materials we urge you to report them to our Police Department by calling 541-938-5511 with a vehicle license plate and description.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT UPON YOURSELF TO APPROACH SOMEONE LITTERING.

Recycling saved nearly 232 tons of recyclable materials from being put in the landfill in 2020!

Milton-Freewater G.C.

DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022

PUNCH CARD SPECIALS The more you play, the more you save!

12 ROUNDS – 9 HOLES OR 18 HOLES

SAVE 25% on ADULT PUNCH CARDS SAVE 35% on SENIOR PUNCH CARDS

	Active Military / Student	ADULT SAVE 25%	Senior SAVE 35%
12 Rounds, 9 holes per round	\$100.75 per punch card Ends up costing about \$8.40 per round & \$0.93 per hole!	(Regularly \$181.50) \$136.00 per punch card Ends up costing about \$11.13 per round & \$1.26 per hole!	(Regularly \$148.00) \$96.00 per punch card Ends up costing about \$8.00 per round & \$0.89 per hole!
12 Rounds, 18 holes per round	\$167.00 per punch card Ends up costing about \$13.92 per round \$ 40.77 per hole!	(Regularly 269.25) \$202.00 per punch card Ends up costing about \$16.83 per round & \$0.94 per hole!	(Regularly \$215.25) \$140.00 per punch card Ends up costing about \$11.67 per round & \$0.65 per hole!

We are open! Please call the Pro Shop at 541-938-7284 for information. Due to COVID-19 tee times are mandatory seven (7) days a week to allow for social distancing. Please visit www.mfgolfcourse.com for COVID-19 rules, regulations and protocols.

Milton-Freewater Municipal Golf Course - 301 Catherine, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 541-938-7284

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 streetlights are out and if your neighbors' lights are on.

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

If the neighborhood lights 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.

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



Attention dog owners of Milton-Freewater: 2022 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, 2022.

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.

Holiday Refuse Schedule:

Month	Holiday	Date Observed	Alternate Collection Date	Recycling Depot Closures
January	New Year's Day	Friday, Dec. 31, 2021	Monday, Jan. 3, 2022	CLOSED Friday, Dec. 31, 2021
	Martin Luther King Day	Monday, Jan. 17, 2022	Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022	
February	President's Day	Monday, Feb. 21, 2022	Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022	

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Steve Irving, (*Council President*)
At Large/Position 2
Wes Koklich, At Large/Position 3

City Manager
Linda Hall

Meetings and Closures

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

January 2022

- 3rd—Planning Commission Meeting—7pm—Albee Room— City Library*
- 10th—City Council Meeting—7pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 17th—Martin Luther King Day—Observed—City Offices Closed

February 2022

- 7th—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 14th—City Council Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 21st—President’s Day—Observed—City Offices Closed

March 2022

- 7th—Planning Commission Meeting—7 pm—Albee Room—City Library*
- 14th—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.

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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.