

Welcome!

Dear Readers:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of the City of Milton-Freewater's city wide, all customer newsletter.

This newsletter is being launched in the spirit of transparency and open communications between citizens and their local government.

The Council, city staff and I hope you will look forward to reading this quarterly newsletter. Our hope is that you come to depend upon its contents for information on everything from city committee meeting schedules to lucrative grant programs for Milton-Freewater businesses and homeowners.

We are open to suggestions! We want you to tell us what you want to know and we will print the answers here. Please, give us some feedback and drop us a line:

E-mail: linda.hall@milton-freewater-or.gov or krista.oliver@milton-freewater-or.gov

Traditional mail: PO Box 6, Milton-Freewater

Phone: 938-8242 or 938-8270

We look forward to your questions and comments.

We are here to serve,

Linda Hall

City Manager



A Message From

Mayor Key



On behalf of the Council it is my pleasure to introduce our newest Councilor, Jeff Anliker. Councilor Anliker was voted into office during the past general election and was sworn in at the January 12th meeting to serve the At Large #1 position. Councilor Anliker first moved to Milton-Freewater in 1974 and continuing education took him out of the area for about 15 years. Upon returning to our community in 2006 he brought with him his wife, Robyn and daughter, Jocelynn. When asked why he ran for his council position, he stated:

"I saw things that I wanted to happen in the community and the only way that can be achieved is not through complaining, but, instead, by becoming a part of the process in developing solutions."

We also have a new Council President. Councilor Orrin Lyon was voted in as well at the January 12th meeting. Apparently public service in local government runs in Councilor Lyon's blood, as he is the brother of former late Councilor Mel Lyon, who served on the council for over 30 years! Orrin has served consecutive terms since 2002.

New Opportunity!

Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation

The City of Milton-Freewater is applying for a Community Development Block grant through the State of Oregon, which will fund a maximum of \$400,000 to be used to fix up homes within the City. Information about the program was mailed out in early February and several homeowners have signed up for the program.

What does this mean for you as a resident? Well, if you own or are buying your own home inside the city limits of Milton-Freewater, and are of low to moderate income, you could be eligible to receive up to \$30,000 to fix up your home. The grant program will pay for a wide variety of improvements such as new heating units, foundation, siding, structural walls, electrical wiring, porches, windows, doors, plumbing, etc.

Homeowners who are awarded these grants will not be required to make any payments at all on the improvements that are done. Sell the house or until they pass away.

For more information on this program, please check out our website at www.mfcity.com.

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HOLIDAY CLOSURES
Memorial Day
 Observed:
 Monday 5/25
 City Offices Closed

Pool Open -Sat, Sun & Mon 11:30 - 4 & 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Refuse & Recycling Pick Up Day: Tuesday, 5/26

New "Green Power"
 from City Light & Power

Customers who wish to do their part in protecting the environment are soon to be offered two new alternatives.

The first available November 2008 offers customers the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates from the non-profit Bonneville Environmental Foundation. The certificates do not actually purchase any renewable energy, but provide funding for the research and development of renewable energy sources.

The second option will be available in early 2009. This option will commit to actual purchases of blocks of "green power" at a small premium over the normal cost of power.

Oregon Senate Bill 838, implemented in July 2007 required all electric utilities in the state to offer a "green power" rate. Milton-Freewater qualifies as a "small" utility, which must have 5% of their power resource portfolio in renewable resources by 2025.

This program is completely voluntary. For more information visit us online at www.mfcity.com or contact Pat Didion at 541-938-8237.

Did you know?

The electrical utility owned by the City of Milton-Freewater is the oldest municipality-owned electric utility in Oregon!

Our Electric Crew maintains:
80 miles of overhead electric lines = distance between M-F & Boardman
14 miles of underground electric lines = distance between M-F & Adams

**Need help budgeting your utility bill?
 Join our Equal Pay Plan also known as budget plan.**



Here is how it works...

We compute the amount of your utilities used the previous 12 months (you must have lived at the residence one year). The total of your previous year's utilities along with your account balance at the time of your May statement are divided into 12 equal payments. (NOTE: If your account balance at the time of your May statement is more than \$50.00 you may not qualify for the Equal Pay Plan.) Your first payment will be on your May statement. Each May your budget payment amount will be recalculated. Adjustments may be made within the budget year (May-April) should the budget amount not cover increased usage. The budget amount is required to be paid each month. Non-payment of a budget amount may cause you to lose the privilege of participating. Your final billing for the budget year will be issued in April and will need to be paid in full unless it is a CREDIT.

IMPORTANT! If you were on last year's EQUAL PAY PLAN, you will be put on next year's plan automatically, if your account balance at the time of your May statement is less than \$50.00. Should you NOT wish to continue on the plan please note below.

HOW TO JOIN

Please include me in the Equal Pay Plan I do NOT wish to continue with the Equal Pay Plan

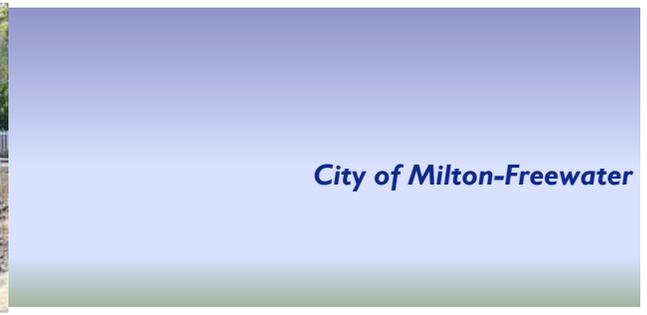
Name: _____ Account Number: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM WITH YOUR NEXT PAYMENT

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN 4/25/09



City of Milton-Freewater

Check Out *YOUR* Public Library

"Your public library is still about books, but now it's also about a whole lot more!" - Bob Jones, Library Director

A library card is your key to many services. A key to knowledge, adventure, relaxation...the possibilities are there! A library card provides you with services of borrowing books locally and throughout the 76 Eastern Oregon *Sage Libraries*; internet access; genealogy and local history; children's summer reading program; story hour and much, much more. The best part of all...as a resident of Milton-Freewater, your library card is FREE! If you are not a resident of the 97862 zip code a card only costs \$25.00.

NEW! Need help with homework? Thanks to Libraries of Eastern Oregon and a grant from The Chalkboard Project, you can get live online help from real tutors for homework in math, science, English and social studies, plus access to a writing center. Help is available for grades K-12 as well as adult learners of all ages from 2-9 p.m. every day in English & Spanish. Visit www.milton-freewater-or.gov/library and follow the link to live homework help at tutor.com. Don't have a computer at home? Come on down to the library and use one of ours! Hours: Mon-Wed 12 to 8 p.m., Thur & Fri 10-6 p.m. & Sat 10-2 p.m.

8 SW 8th Avenue Phone: 938-8247

OPPORTUNITIES

JOBS
Lifeguards
Concession Staff

Applications are available online at www.mfcity.com or at City Hall 722 S. Main. Contact Teresa Dutcher, Human Resource Officer at 938-8243.

PROGRAMS: RUOK Welfare Check 938-5511
Taxi Tickets 938-5531 Conservation 938-8237
Swim Lessons 938-9166 Summer Reading 938-8247

A COUPLE ONLINE SERVICES @ www.mfcity.com:

Bill Pay - "PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE".
Auto Bill Pay - Allows you to set up your account to be automatically paid on a specific day each month or if you want, you can set it up to pay just once.

A FEW OTHER PAYMENT SERVICES:

Payment drop boxes are located at the traffic island by the Post Office, City Hall back parking lot and the Milton-Freewater Baker Boyer Bank lobby.

We Hope you enjoyed the first issue of "City News". Many thanks go out to the contributors of this edition. The next issue will be out around July 1st, be watching.
- Krista Oliver, Publisher/Editor

HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Milton-Freewater has been selected to host a Hazardous Waste Collection Event sponsored by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. This event is open to EVERYONE!

The City of Milton-Freewater and Humbert Refuse and Recycling are working together to encourage all Umatilla County citizens to come dispose of their hazardous waste, customer or not. Information can be obtained online at www.mfcity.com, Humbert Refuse & Recycling 938-4188, City of Milton-Freewater 938-5531. Both events will be held adjacent to the Sewer Treatment Plant at 640 County Rd.

Farm or Small Business Hazardous Waste
FRIDAY, April 24th ONLY
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Call 1-800-819-5912 x 6555 to find out how to register. Registration is required 2 weeks prior to event. Charge is \$0.85 - \$3.10 per pound depending on waste type (Charge for most pesticides is \$1.45 per pound). Mercury-containing waste will be accepted at no charge.

Household Hazardous Waste
SATURDAY, April 25th ONLY - This event is FREE!
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING: (either event)

Aerosol Cans	Antifreeze	Brake Fluid
Degreasers	Engine Cleaner	Furniture Stripper
Herbicides	Kerosine/Gas	Paints
Paint Thinner	Pesticides	Pool Chemicals
Rust Remover	Solvents	Thermometers
Wood Preservatives		

FARM OR SMALL BUSINESS EVENT ONLY: (in addition to above)

Dry Cleaner Solvents	Photographic Waste
Printer Inks & Solvents	School Lab Chemicals

HOUSEHOLD EVENT ONLY: (in addition to above)

Fluorescent Tubes	Household Batteries	Lab Sets
Lighter Fluid	Mercury	Motor Oil
Rose Dust	Sharps Containers	Slug Bait
Spot Removers	Thermostats	Transmission Fluid
Turpentine	Weed Killers	

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Explosives, Latex Paint & Radioactive Waste.

Questions? Call us. Humbert Refuse 938-4188
M-F Public Works 938-5531

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Milton-Freewater
 PO Box 6
 Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

PRESORTED
 STANDARD
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 M-F, OR
 PERMIT

CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER INFORMATION
 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 & 938-8238
 Finance Department
 (Utility Bill Payments/Taxi Tickets) 938-5531
 Fire Business 938-8256
 Human Resources 938-8243
 Municipal Court 938-8203
 Planning & Zoning 938-8234 & 938-8235
 Police Business 938-8258
 Public Works 938-8270, 938-8272 or 938-8274

ECRWSS
 Postal Customer



MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 2009

City Council 7 p.m.

Albee Room, 8 SW 8th
 Monday, April 13th
 Monday, April 27th

Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Farm & Small Business
 Friday, April 24th 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 Household - Residential
 Saturday, April 25th 10 a.m.- 2p.m.

Planning Commission 7 p.m.

Monday, April 6th

Recreation Committee 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1st

Library Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28th

May 2009

City Council 7 p.m.

Albee Room, 8 SW 8th
 Monday, May 11th
 Monday, May 25th

Budget Committee

Thursday, May 7th

Planning Commission 7 p.m.

Monday, May 4th

Recreation Committee 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6th

Library Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28th

June 2009

City Council 7 p.m.

Albee Room, 8 SW 8th
 Monday, June 8th
 Monday, June 22nd

Budget Committee

Monday, June 22nd

Planning Commission 7 p.m.

Monday, June 1st

Recreation Committee 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3rd

Library Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30th