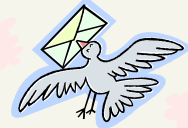


# The Mill City Messenger



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MILL CITY

### FOR WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES CALL US *FIRST*

- Monday - Friday  
7:30AM-4:30PM  
(503) 897-2302
- Public Works Supervisor  
John Dickinson  
(503) 930-8256
- Public Works Maintenance  
Worker Jerry Curtis  
(503) 897-2565

### SE FAIRVIEW STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BEGINS

Work on the SE Fairview Street Improvement Project, which is partially funded by a Special City Allotment (SCA) grant, commenced on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. North Santiam Paving (NSP) is an experienced contractor and plans to keep a tight schedule for the project.

During the month of May you can potentially expect short delays or a detour if traveling along SE Fairview Street. If you need to visit City Hall for any reason during the construction project please plan to find an alternate location to park your vehicle as access to the building off of

SE Fairview Street may be restricted.

Weather permitting, the street improvement project is planned for a mid to late May completion date. However, periods of rain or unexpected circumstances may push this date out further.

Upon completion of the project pedestrians will have a safe route via a new sidewalk on the north side of the street.

If you have questions regarding this project or would like more information call City Hall at 503-897-2302.

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### MILL CITY COUNCIL FILING OPENS JUNE 4, 2014 FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

Three city councilor positions and the position of Mayor for the City of Mill City will be up for election during the General Election to be held on November 4, 2014. Councilor positions have a term of four years and the Mayor's position has a term of two years. All persons who are reg-

istered voters (electors) and who have resided within the city limits of the City of Mill City during the twelve months preceding the election are eligible to be candidates for these positions. Election petitions, required forms, and further information are available at City Hall, 444 S 1st Avenue, Mill City, Oregon, during regular business hours beginning Wednesday, June 4, 2014. All required paperwork including completed petitions must be filed with the City of Mill City before 4:00 p.m. PST on August 26, 2014.

**ANNUAL CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY  
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014; 9 AM - 3 PM**

The City of Mill City, in cooperation with the Linn County Sheriff's Department, Pacific Sanitation and STR Towing are sponsoring a "CLEAN AND SAFE" program. City officials, Linn County Sheriff's Deputies and volunteers are working together to improve the appearance and safety in our community.

Pacific Sanitation and the City of Mill City are sponsoring our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual "Spring Cleaning Day" for residents and property owners inside the city limits of Mill City. You will be asked to show a driver's license or ID to verify you live inside the city. Landlords and commercial businesses will be allowed one free drop off of items from their properties located *inside* the City. Each additional drop by landlords and commercial businesses will be \$10.00 per load. Only items from properties inside the City qualify for dumping.

**Junk & Debris:** Dumpsters will be available at the east end of Fairview Street (past Kimmel Park) for city residents to dump accumulated junk and debris. Pacific Sanitation is providing the dumpsters at a discounted charge to the community. No daily household garbage will be accepted.

**Large Appliance Recycling:** A \$30.00 fee will be charged for freezers, refrigerators and Freon units (air conditioners).

**Metal Recycling:** Bring miscellaneous metal to Kimmel Park and place it in the metal recycling dumpster. Pacific Sanitation will haul metal to a metal recycler.

**Tires:** Bring old tires for recycling. A \$3.00 per tire fee will be charged for each tire. Tires with rims will be \$4.00 per tire. Larger tires (20" or larger \$6.00, w/rim \$10.00).

**Yard Debris:** Yard debris will be collected in a separate bin. Please make sure to place in proper area.

**Junk Cars & Auto Parts:** Junk cars will not be accepted. Auto parts, such as doors, hoods or engine blocks, may

be recycled by putting them in the metal recycling dumpster. If you have junk cars or large auto parts for recycling or disposal – contact Santiam Towing and Recovery (STR).

**Junk Car Removal**

Santiam Towing and Recovery (STR) will work with local residents to remove abandoned vehicles and car parts from your yard. STR will remove abandoned or inoperable vehicles from your yard at a nominal charge or no charge if you can provide a valid title to the vehicle. STR cannot take a vehicle if it has garbage, debris or tires inside the car. Metal car parts are acceptable if they are placed inside the car. Call STR at 503-897-5757 for assistance.

Information on other potential companies for car removal is available by contacting City Hall.

**Code Enforcement**

The Linn County Sheriff's Office and the City of Mill City are actively enforcing the city's nuisance ordinances. Mill City Municipal Code, Section 8.04 identifies the following items as nuisances and states property owners are responsible for their removal:

**1. Junk:** Accumulated rubbish and debris on private property.

**2. Abandoned Appliances & Machinery** Abandoned appliances, machinery and/or equipment that is attractive, dangerous and/or accessible to children.

**3. Inoperable & Abandoned Vehicles in Streets or Alleys:** Inoperable, discarded, unregistered or abandoned vehicles found in the public right-of-way (normally a 50' to 60' wide area which includes the paved street plus the gravel or dirt shoulder) will be tagged and towed in accordance with state law. Towing can occur 24 hours after the vehicle is tagged.

**4. Abandoned vehicles on private property:** No person may store any

abandoned, inoperable vehicle, unregistered vehicles or vehicle parts on private property unless it is stored inside an enclosed garage or building.

**5. High Grass:** The Mill City Fire Department encourages you to reduce fire hazards by cutting back high grass. Property owners inside the city limits are required to mow high grass (over 10" high) and cut back blackberries and noxious weeds between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

Most property owners do a great job of cooperating with the City. Over the past 14 years more than 200 abandoned or inoperable vehicles have been removed. If you receive a written notice or are personally contacted by a Sheriff's Deputy, we will first look for you to voluntarily comply and abate the nuisance. However, if the property owner does not remove the nuisance, the city and Sheriff's Department will enforce the ordinance. A property owner may be cited into Municipal Court and the City may abate the nuisance and bill the cost, plus 20% administrative fee to the property owner. Any unpaid costs will be placed as a lien against the property. Enforcement action takes considerable time and money. We would prefer to work with citizens and property owners to improve the appearance of the neighborhood. For more information call City Hall at 503-897-2302.



**PUBLIC NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN MILL CITY  
CONTROL OF NOXIOUS VEGETATION REQUIRED**

Mill City Municipal Code Section 8.04.080 requires property owners to control and eliminate noxious vegetation on property within the city limits from May 15 to September 30 each year. No owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right of way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property. An owner or person in charge of property shall cut down or destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, bushes, weeds or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming unsightly, from becoming a fire hazard, or, in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation, from maturing or from going to seed. The term "noxious vegetation" includes,

- (a) Weeds or grass more than 10 inches high.
  - (b) Poison oak or poison ivy.
  - (c) Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line.
  - (d) Vegetation that is either a health hazard, fire hazard, or a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.
- The control of noxious vegetation is the property owner's responsibility. However, the city is willing to abate the nuisance on a particular parcel of property at the request of the owner or person in charge of the property for a fee sufficient to cover the city's abatement costs. Even in the absence of such requests, the

city may abate all such nuisances 10 or more days after publication of this notice and charge the cost to the property owner or to the person in charge of the property or to the property itself.

The purposes of the city's ordinance are to encourage property owners to eliminate fire hazards which can be caused when high grass and noxious vegetation is close to combustible structures buildings and to improve the appearance of the city's residential neighborhoods. Mayor Kirsch and the City Council thank you in advance for complying with the city ordinance.



**Planning Commission Members:**

**Nancy Kelle, Chair**  
**Gay Stuntzner, VC**  
**Dennis Chamberlin**  
**David Leach**  
**Frances Villwock**  
**Cheryl Lundquist**  
**Ann Carey**

**4TH OF JULY EVENT SIGN UPS  
OPENING SOON!**

**Did you know:**

Can't make it to City Hall between 9AM and 4PM? We may be able to help! Give us a call at (503) 897-2302. to schedule a special payment drop-off or assistance with other City business.

The annual 4th of July Celebration is nearing and event sign-ups are opening! Does your child wish to participate in the Coronation? Have a favorite pie recipe or just love eating 'em? Or how about entering the second annual horseshoe tournament

which is set for Saturday, July 5th at Kimmel Park? Registration forms will be available soon at City Hall as well as on the City website; [www.ci.mill-city.or.us](http://www.ci.mill-city.or.us). Also, watch for a possible Dodge Ball Tournament sponsored by SCSD base-

ball! Between Thursday, July 3 and Saturday, July 5, plan to attend the annual Mutt Show, Old Fashion Family Games, visit the vendors in Kimmel Park and enjoy great music while waiting for the fireworks display sponsored by the Mill City Volunteer Fire Department.

**LOCAL MEETINGS / EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR MAY**

5-1 7:00p.m.	Historical Society Gates Fire Hall	5-9 9:30a.m.	Planning Commission Mill City City Hall	5-16 8:00a.m.	Community Roundtable Mill City City Hall	5-26 7:00p.m.	Community Chorus MC Christian Church
5-3 9:30a.m.	Hearts 2 Arts Mill City City Hall	5-12 7:00p.m.	Fire Board Meeting Mill City Fire Hall	5-17 9:00a.m.	City-Wide Clean Up Day SE Fairview Street	5-27 9:30a.m.	Municipal Court ) Mill City City Hall
5-5 6:30p.m.	SCSD PTO Santiam Elem School	5-12 7:00p.m.	Community Chorus MC Christian Church	5-17 10:00a.m.	Bake Sale & Can Drive J&S Deli & Pub	5-27 6:30p.m.	Council Meeting Mill City City Hall
5-5 7:00p.m.	Community Chorus MC Christian Church	5-13 9:30a.m.	Municipal Court Mill City City Hall	5-19 7:00p.m.	Community Chorus MC Christian Church	5-28 6:30p.m.	Lions Club Meeting Mtn. Edge Cafe
5-7 7:00p.m.	4th of July Committee Mill City City Hall	5-13 6:30p.m.	Council Meeting Mill City City Hall	5-22 8:30a.m.	Chamber of Commerce Green Mountain R.E.		
5-8 6:00p.m.	MCGRA Board Meeting Mill City City Hall	5-14 6:30p.m.	Lions Club Meeting Mtn. Edge Café	5-23 9:00a.m.	Planning Workshop Mill City City Hall		
5-8 6:30p.m.	Skate Park Meeting Mill City City Hall	5-14 6:30p.m.	SCSD Board Meeting SCSD District Office	5-23 8:00p.m.	Free Drive-In Movie Night MC Baptist Church		

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**  
**CITY OF MILL CITY, OREGON**  
**AND**  
**MILL CITY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**



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Office Hours: M-F 9AM to 4PM

Council Meetings, Second and Fourth Tuesday of Each  
 Month, 6:30PM

Planning Meetings, Second Friday of Each Month, 9AM

4th of July Meetings, Rotates; First Wednesday, 10AM /  
 Second Wednesday, 7PM (check calendar for correct  
 time), Beginning December

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**DOG DAZE IS COMING!**  
**START GATHERING YOUR SALE ITEMS NOW.**  
**LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN COMING**  
**MONTHS ON HOW TO SIGN UP TO BE ON THE MAP**

**Notice of Public Hearing before the Mill City Planning Commission**  
**Site Plan Review**

The City has received a land use application from Tom Blaylock requesting the City approve a site plan for the construction of 25 mini-storage units on a vacant parcel in the 200 block of NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Mill City. The property is located behind 264 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will be accessed via a 25' wide driveway easement from NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The mini-storage units will abut Hwy 22 but will not have driveway access to Hwy 22. Mini-storage units are a permitted use in the Highway Commercial (CH) zone but must comply with the site plan review criteria for commercial buildings. The Mill City Zoning Code requires submittal of a site plan for any new commercial building in the CH zone to the Planning Commission for review and approval before a building permit may be issued.

Marion County Assessor's Map T09S R3E Section 30DA, Tax Lot 02701.

A public hearing concerning the matter will be held before the Planning Commission on Thursday, May 8, 2014 beginning at 9:30 a.m. -at the City Hall, 444 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Mill City. The proposed mini-storage units are a permitted commercial use in the Highway Commercial (CH) zone but must comply with the site plan review criteria for commercial developments. The Planning Commission will make its decision based on site plan review criteria. Decision criteria for a commercial building site plan review are found in Section 17.24.050 of the Mill City Zoning Code. The Searchable City Code can be viewed under "Documents" at the City of Mill City website:

<http://www.ci.mill-city.or.us/>. The zoning code is Title 17.

The application, decision criteria and staff report will be available at City Hall seven days prior to the hearing. The Planning Commission may either approve, deny or approve the application with conditions or modifications. Any person wishing to provide testimony must address the decision criteria. Failure to raise an issue precludes appeal and failure to specify to which criterion the comment is directed precludes appeal based on that criterion. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please call City Hall (503.897.2302) by noon the day before the meeting if you need an interpreter for the hearing impaired or any other special accommodation or if you have any questions related to the application.