



# City of Medford

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Continuous Improvement ~ Customer Service

## National PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month, a great time for all of us to plan for an emergency.

### How is the City Preparing for a Disaster?

In January of last year, the City hired Larry Masterman, our first full-time emergency management coordinator. He brings more than 40 years of emergency service experience to the job, including first-hand experience with earthquakes, storms, floods, wildfires, and the Mount St. Helens eruption. He has studied and taught emergency management throughout the United States and seven foreign countries.

During the past year alone, the City:

- Provided more than 4,500 hours of training to emergency services personnel, potential responders, government leadership, and the general public.
- Established a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which held three basic training courses.
- Participated in exercises to hone responders' individual skills and abilities, to better work with local agencies in the event of an area crisis.
- Created a Crisis Management Team to lead and support the City during major response operations.

- Worked with local agencies and organizations to update emergency plans, test capabilities, and position emergency response resources on both sides of I-5 and Bear Creek.

All City employees study and learn the National Incident Management System through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These live and online trainings set forth processes that will be used when an emergency occurs.

When Medford suffers a major event, power and water may be compromised for several days. Roads may be inaccessible and stores and gas stations could close or be limited to cash transactions. Local agencies will work diligently to restore utilities, but supplies and personnel are limited. Citizens should prepare an emergency kit, including a supply of food, water, medications and supplies necessary to care for themselves, their children and their pets for a minimum of 14 days.

To learn more about our CERT program or other preparedness trainings offered by the City of Medford, please contact Emergency Management Coordinator Larry Masterman at (541) 774-2091 or the CERT Program Coordinator Nicolas Petersen at (541) 774-2090.

Click the new Emergency Preparedness link on Medford's homepage! You will find upcoming class information, emergency preparedness tips, CERT updates, and more! [www.ci.medford.or.us](http://www.ci.medford.or.us)

**Coming in September: How to prepare your family for an emergency and handy items to include in a preparedness kit.**

✓ **GET PREPARED**

August 2015

# SAVE THE DATE!

Rogue Valley Business Resource Forum

**OCTOBER 17**  
**9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

RCC/SOU Higher  
Education Center  
101 S. Bartlett Street  
Medford



The thirteenth annual Rogue Valley Business Resource Forum is a free informational event for small business owners and those thinking about becoming entrepreneurs. This is a special opportunity to get free consultations and attend seminars on topics critical to small businesses. Exhibitors from banking, insurance and federal, state, and local government as well as various non-profit and business organizations, will also be available to provide one-on-one consultations.

*This event has been sponsored by local businesses and government organizations.*

**For more information, visit**

**[www.sou.edu/bizfair](http://www.sou.edu/bizfair)**

## **Utility Fee Rate Changes**

As reported last month, the City's sewer, storm drain and street utility fees change with **this month's billing**.

A single family, residential customer should see an increase of approximately \$3.87 for additional sewer storm drain and street fees.

Public Works uses a "lowest life-cycle cost" strategy, meaning small increases paid now will keep existing infrastructure from deteriorating and will also avoid large increases or bond issues in the future.

If you have questions regarding these fee changes, please contact our Utility Billing Services Department directly at (541) 774-2140. We typically have very large call volumes when rates change and there may be a long wait to reach a representative.

## **Public Participation Sought**

Each September, Medford City Council begins recruitment for the terms expiring on our various Boards and Commissions.

Volunteers are needed for the following expiring positions:

### **Arts Commission**

3 positions

### **Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

3 positions

### **Cemetery Commission**

2 positions

### **City Budget Committee**

2 positions

### **Hospital Facilities Advisory Board**

2 positions

### **Housing & Community Development Commission**

4 positions

### **Joint Transportation Sub-Committee**

3 positions

### **Parks & Recreation Commission**

3 positions

### **Police Advisory Committee**

4 positions

### **Unified Appeal Board**

5 positions

### **Medford Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee**

2 positions

### **Water Commission**

1 position

After the recruitment period begins September 1, the City Manager's Office will post additional details of these positions to the *Get Involved* page of the City's website.

To apply, visit the City of Medford's website at [www.ci.medford.or.us](http://www.ci.medford.or.us) or you may pick up an application in the City Manager's Office.

Please call (541) 774-2000 for more information.