



City of Medford

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National PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is right around the corner, which means National Preparedness Month. The City of Medford has been working to make our community safer and more resilient when disaster strikes.

During the past year, the City brought more than 2,500 hours of training to the Rogue Valley's emergency responders, leadership, and the public. Community members directly received 78% of that training. Training was provided for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), general emergency preparedness, earthquake awareness, and more. We held two movie nights in cooperation with Jackson County Library Services, "San Andreas" starring Dwayne Johnson and "Always" starring Richard Dreyfuss. Each movie was preceded by emergency preparedness information and concluded with contests and prizes.

September will once again bring opportunities for individuals and families to learn more about preparedness. Our biggest event will be the Rogue Valley Preparedness and Safety Fair to be held at the Rogue Valley Mall on Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Displays, demonstrations, and information will be available throughout the mall and in the parking lot, just off of North Riverside. Exhibitors are expected to include area fire and police departments, air and ground ambulances, the American Red Cross, CERT the Oregon National Guard, and many others.

Medford and neighboring cities have continued to offer CERT training. These hands-on 24-hour courses are provided at no charge, and graduates come away with skills in small fire fighting, light rescue, casualty care,

search and rescue, disaster psychology, and other subjects.

Keep an eye on ReadyMedford.org for more events as they develop.

The new and improved [Jackson County Family Emergency Preparedness Handbook](#) is available online. You can find it at ReadyMedford.org. Click on Emergency Preparedness Guide and click on the link.

We are grateful for the enthusiasm the Medford community is showing for emergency readiness information and training. We invite those interested in future preparedness information to contact our Emergency Management Coordinator, Larry Masterman at Larry.Masterman@cityofmedford.org or call (541) 774-2091.

Watch for emergency preparedness tips in next month's newsletter. Until then, be safe—be ready!



✓ **GET PREPARED**

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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 **Arts Commission, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Cemetery Commission, City Budget Committee, Housing & Community Development Commission, Joint Transportation Sub-Committee, Landmarks & Historic Preservation Commission, Multicultural Commission, Parking Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Police Advisory Committee, Site Plan & Architectural Commission, Tree Committee,**

Medford Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee, and the Water Commission.

Beginning September 1, additional details of the positions will be posted on the City's website on the *Get Involved* page.

To apply, visit the City of Medford's website at www.ci.medford.or.us or pick up an application in the City Manager's Office. Please call (541) 774-2000 for more information.

Utility Fee Rate Changes **Sewer, Storm Drain & Street**

The City's sewer, storm drain and street utility fees have changed. The fees were adjusted effective July 15, 2016 and are reflected on this bill.

water you use, which affects the sewer rate.

Sewer	\$1.28	7.2%
Storm Drain	\$0.62	7.0%
Street	\$0.38	5.9%

will increase in total by 5.24%. These adjustments were approved by the City Council on November 20, 2014 by Ordinance Number 2014-144 and on May 7, 2015 by Ordinance Number 2015-48.

The monthly fees for an average single-family home increased by \$2.28 as shown below; please be aware that your amount may be different depending on how much

There are no changes to the Parks and Public Safety fees. If you are a non-residential customer, your Sewer, Storm Drain and Street Fees

If you have any questions regarding your City utility bill, please call Utility Billing Services at (541) 774-2140.

Council Forum **Ward 4—September 22, 2016**

Ward 4 residents that would like to speak with your Councilmembers, Daniel Bunn and Michael Zarosinski, may do so on September 22, 2016. Councilmembers from Ward 4 will hold a call-in forum. They will be available to take your calls from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The forum will be televised live on Charter Channel 181.

To speak with Mr. Bunn and Mr. Zarosinski, call (541) 552-6079 during the Forum.



Daniel Bunn



Michael Zarosinski

