



# City of Medford

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### **Greenway Sweeps Results in Housing for 50 Homeless Veterans**

Homeless veterans are now off the street and living in homes thanks to a working partnership between the Medford Police Department and Rogue Valley Veterans Community Outreach. Both organizations have had the opportunity to offer assistance to homeless individuals while performing regularly scheduled sweeps along the Bear Creek Greenway.

Greenway sweeps are conducted to improve safety, security and cleanliness of the area as well as to provide help to homeless individuals. Before each sweep, 24-hour notices are posted alerting citizens about the operation. On average, two tons of trash are removed from the targeted area.

“The public needs to know that MPD [Medford Police Department] has an amazing team of compassionate officers, who are not only trying to help make the greenway safer and cleaner, but are always trying to problem solve through different resources from community organizations,” said Mike Whitfield, Outreach Specialist for the Rogue Valley Veterans Community Outreach organization. “Through our partnership, we’ve been able to provide housing to 50 homeless veterans we’ve connected with through these Greenway Sweeps, I’d say that’s pretty incredible.”

Whitfield joins MPD and other local organizations during Greenway sweeps to offer services to every individual they come into contact with. “Sometimes these veterans don’t want or accept help from us; other times we’re able to find a home for them and get them off the street,” continued Whitfield.

For more information on Greenway sweeps, please visit [www.cityofmedford.org](http://www.cityofmedford.org).

### **New City Council Meeting Time**

The City Council approved changes to the Council meeting times effective September 7, 2017. There will no longer be noon Council meetings and the evening meetings will be extended one hour to begin at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. The changes allow for more citizens to participate by not having to take time away from work during the workweek. It also assists our current Councilmembers who work and provides an opportunity to recruit potential future candidates who may not otherwise seek election due to time constraints.

We hope these changes encourage our citizens to be more involved.

**August, 2017**

## **Public Participation Sought**

Each September, Medford City Council begins recruitment for expiring terms on various Boards and Commissions. Volunteers are needed for the **Arts Commission, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Cemetery Commission, City Budget Committee, Hospital Facilities Authority Board, Housing & Community Development Commission, Landmarks & Historic Preservation Commission, Multicultural Commission, Parking Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Police Advisory Committee, Site Plan & Architectural Commission, Tree Committee, Unified Appeal Board, 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.cityofmedford.org](http://www.cityofmedford.org) or pick up an application in the City Manager's Office. Please call (541) 774-2000 for more information.

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

The City's sewer, storm drain and street utility fees have changed. The fees were adjusted effective July 15, 2017 and are reflected on this month's bill.

The monthly fees for an average single-family home increased by \$2.42 as shown below; please be aware your individual water usage impacts your sewer rate.

Sewer	\$1.37	7.2%
Storm Drain	\$0.66	7.0%
Street	\$0.39	5.6%

There are no changes to the Parks and Public Safety fees. If you are a non-residential customer, your total bill will increase by approximately 5.27%.

These adjustments were approved by the City Council on November 20, 2014, Ordinance Number 2014-144 and on May 7, 2015, Ordinance Number 2015-48.

If you have any questions regarding your City utility bill, please call Utility Billing Services at (541) 774-2140 or email them at [utilities@cityofmedford.org](mailto:utilities@cityofmedford.org).