



City of Medford

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Stocking Stuffers for Emergency Preparedness

This holiday season consider giving small gifts that can make a large difference for friends and loved ones during an emergency. Below are a few ideas that could help:

- **A good headlamp or flashlight:** The LED variety will run for days before needing a battery change. Consider a model that uses AA or AAA batteries, since these are the most common. Cost: \$10 and up
- **An LED lantern:** These allow you to illuminate an entire room or area. Cost: \$20 and up
- **A personal water filter:** Small, lightweight, and easy to keep in an emergency kit or “go” bag, these can make almost any water supply safe to drink. Cost: \$15 and up
- **Backup smart phone battery:** These can be as small as a lipstick and power your smart phone during sustained power failures. Some can be recharged by the sun. Cost: Some are provided for free with a phone purchase, others from \$10 up
- **Small, portable radio:** Many models are now available, including some that can be recharged by a hand crank or the sun. Consider one with a weather radio or flashlight. Cost: \$15 and up
- **Emergency supplies for pets:** Collapsible food and water bowls, long shelf-life foods, an emergency leash, and baby socks to protect their paws. Cost: \$1 and up
- **A gift card or shopping spree at a dollar store or secondhand shop:** It may surprise you how many items you can find for an emergency kit just by prowling the aisles, such as:
 - Bottled water (gallon jugs can be less expensive than small bottles)
 - First aid supplies
 - Hygiene items like soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
 - Small tools and utility items (you might be surprised by how much you can do with a box of large trash bags)
 - Comfort items
 - A backpack or duffel bag to contain your emergency kit

Emergency Management wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The City of Medford Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. co-sponsored by the Medford School District, will be held on Sunday, January 15 at the Medford School District Auditorium, at 815 South Oakdale Avenue. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. This free community event, hosted by DJ Gemineye, will run from 2:00-3:00 p.m., will feature live music, dance performances, speeches and more. ACCESS will collect nonperishable food donations.

If you would like more information or wish to volunteer, contact Michelle Zundel at michelle.zundel@medford.k12.or.us. Please include Medford MLK in the subject line of your email.



New City Manager

The Medford City Council selected Brian Sjothun as City Manager on September 1, 2016. After conducting interviews, it was clear to the entire Council and the Mayor that Mr. Sjothun has the local knowledge to make an immediate impact, as well as the experience and leadership to guide the City through current and future challenges.

Brian has served the City of Medford since March of 2004. He served as the Recreation Superintendent for five months prior to becoming the Parks and Recreation Director in August 2004. Prior to coming to the City of Medford, Brian spent 16 years with the Woodburn (Oregon) Recreation & Parks Department.

Mr. Sjothun received his Bachelor's degree from Warner Pacific College and completed his Master's degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

Brian and his wife René have been married for 21 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Sjothun is a former chair of the Local Government Grant Program, which distributes state lottery funds in the form of grants to municipalities, counties, and park districts.

"I am honored to be selected and look forward to continue serving the residents of Medford," stated Brian.

