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Newly Elected Councilmembers

Every two years, residents vote to elect City Councilmembers. The November 2016 election brought three new Councilmembers to the City Council. Tim D'Alessandro, Kay Brooks and Kim Wallan were sworn into office January 5, 2017.

Tim D'Alessandro was elected to fill the Ward 2 vacancy. Tim has been a resident of the Rogue Valley since 1979 and enjoys volunteering in the community. "I am honored to take part in the process that will craft and protect our City's future." Prior to his Council appointment, he served on the City's Planning Commission, Site Plan and Architectural Commission and the Joint Transportation Subcommittee. He currently works for Rogue Valley Transportation District as the Operations Manager and serves as a board member of the Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition and Living Opportunities.

Kay Brooks was elected to fill the Ward 3 vacancy. Kay has lived in Medford for five years. As Councilmember, her goal is to represent the issues that matter to the citizens, while improving the public's relationship with the City Council. She will make every effort to respond to the requests and concerns she receives. Kay has previously served the City as a member of the Housing and Community Development Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Tree Committee. She currently is employed in Workforce and Economic Development at Work-Source Rogue Valley.

Kim Wallan was elected to fill the Ward 4 vacancy. Kim has lived in Medford for the past 30 years. She and her husband, Jim, moved to Medford after they completed law school at Willamette University. She practiced law for four years at the local firm of Cowling and Heysell (now known as Hornecker, Cowling) until choosing to stay home to raise their three children. She has served as a Family Connection President, Hoover Elementary PTO treasurer, South Medford Booster Club board member and School District Boundary Committee co-chair and has also been a 4H leader for 18 years. Kim was elected to the Medford School Board and served from 2011 to 2015.

The City of Medford is proud to welcome these Councilmembers and appreciates their commitment to the betterment of the community.

We also want to thank outgoing Councilmembers Daniel Bunn, Eli Matthews and Chris Corcoran for their years of service. The City of Medford is grateful for their dedication to the City of Medford.



Let it Snow!

One of the great things about Medford is that it snows in the mountains all around us, but generally doesn't accumulate on the valley floor. However, Medford Public Works Department must be prepared to respond to snowstorms at any time. They have four fixed-mounted sanders, one drop-in sander (drops into a dump truck bed), two road graders (for plowing) and one plow attachment that mounts to a front end loader. There really are no "snow plows" in the fleet.

When it snows in Medford, our Public Works Department sands streets to provide traction for motorists. It is rarely necessary to plow snow, which is why they utilize existing equipment (road graders) versus purchasing snowplows. Barring some extenuating circumstance, sanding is conducted on arterial and collector streets only. Response is prioritized into specific sanding routes based on previous experience. For instance, Sanding Route 1 begins on East McAndrews Road at Brookdale Avenue and continues to Hillcrest, up Hillcrest to Cherry Lane, turns around at Cherry Lane and comes back down Hillcrest to Pierce Road. These higher elevation streets are historically the hardest hit when the snow falls. There are four designated sanding routes in descending order of priority. The first sanding truck will work Sanding Route 1, the second to Sanding Route 2, etc. Once a route is sanded, that crew is instructed by supervisors in direct contact with the emergency services dispatch center to sand arterial and collector streets in their area.

The process of applying sand to streets for traction, while somewhat hazardous duty, is a relatively simple one. Cleaning it up in the spring is the challenging part. It can take months to clean up the sand that is placed in response to one storm. Sand is detrimental to street sweepers, painted lines, and storm drains. Accordingly, it is a goal of Public Works to provide streets that are safe for the travelling public, with as little sand as possible.

As always, your patience is appreciated as Public Works responds to snow and cleaning up the mess.