



# City of Medford

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## Summer Street Improvement Projects

On April 16, 2015, the City Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$767,067 to Knife River Materials to perform asphalt pavement overlays on various City streets. These overlays will be scheduled this summer and the abutting properties will be notified individually when their street is scheduled to be done.

Timely repair of streets decreases long-term maintenance costs by postponing the need for more costly reconstructions. Overlays are a cost-effective option for enhancing structural integrity to an otherwise sound street section. Overlays are one method utilized by the City of Medford to maintain our street infrastructure.

Knife River Materials will be performing the overlays on the following streets.

- N. Central Ave. - Court St. to E. Jackson St.
- Garfield St. - S. Holly St. to Railroad Tracks
- S. Oakdale Ave. - Stewart Ave. to W. 11th St.
- Stewart Ave. - City Limits to Lozier Lane
- Stewart Ave. - Lozier Lane to S. Columbus Ave.

For a complete listing of all the street overlay and maintenance projects, visit the City's website and click on the Public Works Department page.



2014 Roberts Road Overlay

## Parks Leisure Services Plan Survey

The Parks and Recreation Department has begun the process to update our Leisure Services Plan. This update will provide an opportunity for all residents of Medford to help shape the future of parks and recreation services for the next two decades.

The process for this update is completed primarily through a Community Needs Assessment Survey. There are several ways for you to participate in this survey:

- Contact the Parks & Recreation Department to have a paper survey sent to you.
- Stop by the Santo Community Center and receive/submit a copy.
- Go on-line at [www.playmedford.com](http://www.playmedford.com) to complete the survey.

Early survey results indicate that Medford residents feel unsafe within Hawthorne Park. We're going to change that perception when the "new" Hawthorne Park is completed and open to the public sometime later this summer.

This rehabilitated 13-acre park will feature the following improvements:

- Dog Park
- Water Splash Pad
- Basketball and Futsal Courts
- Natural and traditional playgrounds
- Expanded parking areas
- New paths
- Plenty of new LED lighting throughout the park

All of these improvements have been designed in order to increase the enjoyment of the park for those that visit this new facility as well as provide for additional gathering places for community events and programs. The Recreation Division is planning expanded programming at Hawthorne Park that will be geared towards fun and families.

## Emergency Preparedness Tip of the Month



Make sure your pet is included as part of your emergency plan. Our pets are a part of our families and we need to include them in preparing before, during, and after emergencies.

The American Humane Society offers several tips and some of them are included here.

Before an emergency or disaster, please take the following steps: 1) make sure your pet has a collar and tags with your phone number and is chipped if possible; 2) make sure your emergency kit has at least three days worth of food, water, and medications for your pet; 3) know which hotels/motels are pet friendly and talk to any friends or family that will take your pet. Some shelters may not allow you to take your pet, so you need to have options ahead of time.

During an emergency evacuation, take your pets. They may be hurt or killed by debris, predators, or bad water if they are left behind alone. You have no idea how long you will be away from your home. You should also evacuate early, as officials may not allow you to take your pet during a mandatory evacuation. If you choose to stay at home, close off any hiding places for your pet, move any dangerous items or chemicals, and come up with a "safe room" for your pet.

After the emergency is over, keep your pets from roaming loose by leashing them or keeping them confined, get them back into normal situations as soon as it is safe, and search for any wild animals that may have hidden nearby.

For more pet emergency planning tips, please visit the American Humane Society's website at [http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal\\_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html).

## Illegal Parking in Bike Lanes

With the upcoming summer season and increased usage of our parks and school playgrounds, citizens are reminded that parking in a marked bicycle lane is illegal.

The Medford Police Department has had an increasing number of complaints for vehicles illegally parked within marked bicycle lanes. Bicycle lanes can be designated by painted white lines on the ground, with painted bicycle symbols or posted signs along the curb.

While it is legal for a vehicle to stop for the purpose of immediately loading and unloading passengers, this does not mean a driver can park and wait for their passenger to arrive (exiting a school or finishing a sporting event for example).

Remember that vehicles are required to share the road with bicycle riders. Medford PD will be stepping up enforcement for vehicles illegally parking in all bicycle lanes. Fines for the citations can be up to \$110.00 per violation. Please help us keep our bicycle riders safe by not parking in their travel lanes.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2015 PROPERTY TAXES

All unpaid sewer and late fees from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 will be included on property taxes unless paid by June 25, 2015.

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